

*The Honourable Society of*  
**Lincoln's Inn**

## **CHAPEL CALENDAR**

**MICHAELMAS TERM 2026**



### **Treasurer**

Elspeth Talbot Rice KC

### **Dean of the Chapel**

Dame Susanna McGibbon DCB KC (Hon.)

### **Preacher**

The Ven Sheila Watson

## MICHAELMAS TERM 2026

WELCOME to Chapel – here to serve the whole community of the Inn, members, staff, visitors, and those who live and work here. A special welcome to all newcomers. Our aim is to provide quiet amidst the clamour; music for the soul; stimulation for the intellect; support under pressure. Do contact us if we can assist in any way. As well as events this Term – to which everyone is welcome – the Chapel and the Preacher are available for baptisms, marriages and memorial services.

Our building, at the historic heart of the Inn, is a significant renaissance Chapel. Many windows contain the 'Treasurers' shields from over the centuries so we are very much a family chapel. The largest of these windows is currently in York for restoration. Information on that project and the needs of the Heritage Fund for such work are available here: <https://www.lincolnsinn.org.uk/about-us/the-inns-charities/lincolns-inn-heritage-fund/>

In the vestibule is a portrait of John Donne, the seventeenth century poet, a student and former Preacher of Lincoln's Inn. His well-known lines, 'never send to know for whom the bell tolls: it tolls for thee', were inspired by the bell of the old chapel. The bell still tolls today – for services and to mark the death of a Bencher. Each time it reminds us of Donne's words: 'No man is an island entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main ... any man's death diminishes me.' It's the African insight, Ubuntu, that my life is inextricably bound up with yours – 'I am, because we are'. A reminder of our need to look out for each other today.

Do note the two Wigs and Mitres Sermons, by The Rt Revd John Inge, formerly Bishop of Worcester, and by The Rt Hon the Baroness Scotland of Asthall PC KC, former Attorney General, Advocate General, and General Secretary of the Commonwealth. Details of these and other special events – Remembrance Sunday and the Carol Services – follow in this Calendar.

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## MICHAELMAS TERM SERVICES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

**SUNDAY SERVICES** take place **weekly from Sunday 4 October until Sunday 6 December, at 11:30** (sung according to the *Book of Common Prayer*), as in the Chapel Calendar on pp. 6–7 of this booklet. Details of our forthcoming special services and events are below:

### **THE FIRST SUNDAY SERVICE OF MICHAELMAS TERM**

**Sunday 4 October | 11:30**

**Choral Matins & Sermon**

Theme: William Tyndale, Translator & Martyr, 1536

### **WIGS & MITRES SERMONS**

*The Wigs & Mitres Sermons are preached twice a year, by a bishop and a judge, usually on a subject relating to the connection between Christian Faith and the Law.*

#### **WIGS & MITRES 1:**

**Sunday 18 October | 11:30**

*with* **The Rt Revd John Inge KCVO,**  
**formerly Bishop of Worcester**

*Followed by a Drinks Reception & Lunch – please book your place at Sunday Lunch via the [Members Portal](#) no later than **Monday 12 October at 10:00**. Please book by Wednesday 7 October if possible.*



#### **WIGS & MITRES 2:**

**Sunday 22 November | 11:30**

*with* **The Rt Hon the Baroness  
Scotland of Asthal PC KC**

*Followed by a Drinks Reception & Lunch – please book your place at Sunday Lunch via the [Members Portal](#) no later than **Monday 16 November at 10:00**. Please book by Wednesday 11 November if possible.*



## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

### ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

*followed by* **CHAPEL SERVICE**

on the 108<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the  
end of the First World War

**Sunday 8 November | 10:50**

*(starting at the War Memorial on New Square)*



*Followed by a Drinks Reception & Lunch – please book your place at Sunday Lunch via the [Members Portal](#) as soon as possible, and no later than by Monday 2 November at 10:00. Please book by Wednesday 28 October if possible.*

## CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICES

### MIDWEEK CAROL SERVICE

**Wednesday 2 December | 17:30**

*Followed by mulled wine and  
mince pies in the Old Hall.*



### FAMILY CAROL SERVICE

**Sunday 6 December | 11:30**

*Followed by a Drinks Reception &  
Lunch in the Great Hall – Followed by a*

*Drinks Reception & Lunch – please book your place at Sunday Lunch via the [Members Portal](#) no later than Monday 2 December at 10:00. This is a very popular event, so please book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment!*

## SPECIAL SERMONS DURING MICHAELMAS TERM

On certain Sundays during Michaelmas Term, the Preacher will preach about some of the lesser-known figures who appear in the Church's Calendar, including **William Tyndale** (4 October), **Florence Nightingale** (25 October) and **Maximilian Kolbe** (15 November).

## WEDNESDAY HALF HOUR DISCUSSIONS



7, 14 & 21 October | 11, 18 & 25 November  
13:00–13:30 (*in Chapel*) & 17:30–18:30 (*via Zoom*)

All are welcome to join us for these half-hour discussions at the heart of the week. Email [chapelclerk@lincolnsinn.org.uk](mailto:chapelclerk@lincolnsinn.org.uk) for more information.

## TUESDAY LUNCHTIME RCM CONCERTS

*with Musicians from the Royal College of Music – details to follow in the Autumn*

6 October & 3 November | 13:05 – 13:45 | Free of Charge

## SUNDAY LUNCHES

All members of the Inn and their guests are welcome to attend the Sunday Lunches which follow Chapel Services; as are Chapel Associates. To enquire about joining the Chapel Associates List, please email [chapelclerk@lincolnsinn.org.uk](mailto:chapelclerk@lincolnsinn.org.uk). If you are already a member or a Chapel Associate, please book using the [Members Portal](#). The **deadline** for making your booking is **always 10:00 on the preceding Monday**, but please book by the Wednesday ten days before the Lunch if possible.

## SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS

Coffee is available in the Old Hall Crypt **from 10:30** before – **as well as after** – all Sunday services. All are welcome. Whenever Sunday Lunch is served, there is always a **Drinks Reception** (usually in the Old Hall Crypt) after the service. All members of the congregation and visitors are welcome to join us at these: you do not have to be booked Sunday Lunch in order to do so.



## MICHAELMAS TERM CALENDAR

*Sundays with Lunch are marked\*. Book via the Members' Portal by 10:00 the Monday prior.*

### October

4	Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	11:30 14:00	Choral Matins: The Preacher Wedding: Alastair Prince & Lee Dongeun
6	Tuesday	13:05 16:30	RCM Lunchtime Concert Call Day Service
7	Wednesday	13:00 17:30	Lunchtime Half Hour Evening Half Hour via Zoom
8	Thursday	16:30	Call Day Service
10	Saturday	14:30	Wedding: Philip Ashley & Pikwah Juliana Ng
11	Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	11:30 12:30	Choral Matins: The Preacher Baptism of Elizabeth Dunning
14	Wednesday	13:00 17:30	Lunchtime Half Hour Evening Half Hour via Zoom
18*	Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	11:30	Wigs & Mitres 1: The Rt Revd John Inge KCVO <i>followed by Drinks &amp; Lunch in Hall</i>
21	Wednesday	13:00 17:30	Lunchtime Half Hour Evening Half Hour via Zoom
25	Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> after Trinity	11:30	Choral Matins: The Preacher

### November

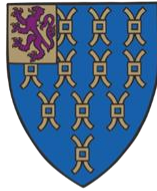
1	Sunday All Saints' Day	11:30	Sung Eucharist: The Preacher
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3	Tuesday	13:05	RCM Lunchtime Concert
8*	Sunday Remembrance Sunday	<b><u>10:50</u></b>	Remembrance Sunday Service <i>followed by Drinks &amp; Lunch in Hall</i>
11	Wednesday	13:00 17:30	Lunchtime Half Hour Evening Half Hour via Zoom
14	Saturday	TBC	Wedding: Max Jones and Lotta Rantanen
15	Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	11:30	Choral Matins: The Preacher
18	Wednesday	13:00 17:30	Lunchtime Half Hour Evening Half Hour via Zoom
22*	Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	11:30	Wigs & Mitres 2: The Rt Hon the Baroness Scotland of Asthal PC KC <i>followed by Drinks &amp; Lunch in Hall</i>
24	Tuesday	16:30	Call Day Service
25	Wednesday	13:00 17:30	Lunchtime Half Hour Evening Half Hour via Zoom
26	Thursday	16:30	Call Day Service
29	Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> in Advent	11:30	Sung Eucharist: The Preacher

### December

2	Wednesday	17:30	Midweek Carol Service <i>followed by mulled wine &amp; mince pies</i>
6*	Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> in Advent	11:30	Family Carol Service <i>followed by Drinks &amp; Christmas Lunch</i>

*Services resume with the Inauguration of the Treasurer on Monday 11 January at 18:00.*



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**The Chapel is open to the public daily from Monday to Friday, 09:00 to 17:00, as a place of calm, reflection and personal prayer.**

**To find out more about the life of the Chapel visit**

<https://www.lincolnsinn.org.uk/about-us/chapel/>

**or email [communications@lincolnsinn.org.uk](mailto:communications@lincolnsinn.org.uk) to be added to our Mailing List.**



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**Call 999 if someone is at immediate risk.**