



Common Threads

Wednesday evenings

5.45–6.25pm

Harris Manchester College
Chapel

Common Threads is our Hilary Term 2023 chapel theme, with contributions from poet Romola Parish, from Rania Hafez, founder of Muslim Women in Education and from visiting Unitarian Universalist Minister Dr Oscar Sinclair as well as our Chaplain, Rev Dr Claire MacDonald. Hosted by Claire with Musical Director James Whitbourn, our mid-week gatherings are short, simple and contemplative with readings from across faiths and music sung by our college choir and played by organ scholar Alastair Stone. This term includes reflections for Holocaust Memorial day, a special service for Candlemas Eve, a contemplative service for LGBTQ+ History Month and a service for International Women's Day. We look forward to welcoming you – and we are actively looking for readers, singers, musicians and performers as we start this new college term and a new year, so do get in touch.

Hilary Term 2023

18 January Epiphany

Rev Dr Claire MacDonald

25 January Holocaust Memorial

Rev Dr Claire MacDonald

1 February Eve of Candlemas

Rev Dr Claire MacDonald with speaker Romola Parish (artist, poet and lawyer)

8 February A service of readings and silence for LGBTQ+ History Month

Rev Dr Claire MacDonald with Ashley Walters and members of the college community

15 February Love

Rev Dr Claire MacDonald with speaker Rania Hafez (Founder, Muslim Women in Education)

22 February Ash Wednesday

Rev Dr Claire MacDonald

1 March St David's Day

Rev Dr Claire MacDonald with speaker Rev Oscar Sinclair (Unitarian Church of Lincoln, USA)

8 March Common Threads: a service for International Women's Day

Rev Dr Claire MacDonald with the Principal, Professor Jane Shaw

People

The Rev Dr **Claire MacDonald** is Harris Manchester College's Chaplain: claire.macdonald@hmc.ox.ac.uk

Dr **James Whitbourn** is Harris Manchester College's Director of Music.

Alastair Stone is Harris Manchester College's organ scholar (2022-23)