



Travelling Light

Wednesday evenings 5.45–6.25pm

The Chapel

Harris Manchester College

Trinity Term 2026: The Growing Edge

Words, music and silence with prayers, blessings and reflections across faiths.

This term's theme, 'the growing edge' takes a term coined by the theologian Howard Thurman for the persistent creative force at work in the natural and human social worlds, even in the hardest of times. It relates directly to growing and the natural world as well as metaphor and practical everyday experience.

This Trinity term we explore themes around the times in which we live, the natural world we inhabit and our own hopes, dreams and purposes with Rev Dr Claire MacDonald, in her final term as Chaplain, and four visitors to the college chapel: Unitarians Rev Dr Colin Bossen and Rev Tina Gandhi, who will each lead a service, Buddhist Unitarian Grace Graham, who will co-lead with Rev Dr Claire MacDonald at the Chaplain's last service. Harris Manchester research fellow Dr Bev Clack will be our first visitor in early May. Music this term includes hymns, songs and psalms sung by our choir and written and arranged by composers including Bob Chilcott, Alec Roth, Graham Howell and Eleanor Daley with new music by Lucy Walker and HMC's Sanders Director of Music, Stephen Taylor.

29 April (Week 1): *The Growing Edge* Rev Dr Claire MacDonald

6 May (Week 2) Dr Bev Clack, Visiting Fellow

13 May (Week 3): Rev Tina Gandhi, Unitarian Minister

20 May (Week 4): *Habitat for Humanity: how we live now* Rev Claire MacDonald

27 May (Week 5): Rev Dr Colin Bossen, Visiting Fellow

3 June (Week 6): *For Gardeners* Rev Dr Claire MacDonald

10 June (Week 7): *Melted into Air* Rev Dr Claire MacDonald with visiting speaker Grace Graham

17 June (Week 8): No service

People

Chaplain: The Rev Dr **Claire MacDonald**,
Sanders Director of Music: **Stephen Taylor**
Organ Scholar: **Alfred Kelsey**



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