



## DOMESTIC CALENDAR 2025-2026

This Calendar indicates the principal Christ Church and Common Room events open to Members of Common Room during the academic year. Details of additional events to which Members are warmly invited – such as special Cathedral services, exhibitions in the Picture Gallery and the Upper Library, Christ Church Music Society concerts, and lectures organised by Members – will be circulated by email.

Please note that some events are by invitation only and are not open to all Members.

### Michaelmas Term 2025

MT.-1 Friday  
3 October 2025

#### **Autumn Gaudy** (by invitation)

The Governing Body invites old members who matriculated between 2001 and 2003, together with members of the Governing Body and Lecturers of that period, to a Gaudy programme including tours, lectures, a special choral Evensong, a sparkling wine reception and dinner in Hall. Members' participation in the Gaudy as hosts is warmly encouraged. A seating plan is prepared.

*Details are indicated on the invitation.*

MT.0 Monday  
6 October 2025

#### **Graduate Freshers' Dinner** (by invitation)

The Governing Body of Christ Church invites incoming graduate Freshers to dinner, together with new Junior Research Fellows, Visiting Fellows and Lecturers. Drinks at 18.30 hrs is followed by dinner in Hall at 19.20, for which a seating plan is prepared. The Buttery is open for about half an hour after dinner.

*Dress: smart (gowns are not worn); other details are indicated on the invitation.*

MT.0 Wednesday  
8 October 2025

#### **Undergraduate Freshers' Dinner** (by invitation)

The Governing Body of Christ Church invites incoming undergraduate Freshers to dinner, together with new Junior Research Fellows, Visiting Fellows and Lecturers. Drinks at 18.45 hrs are followed by dinner in Hall at 19.20 hrs, for which a seating plan is prepared. The Buttery is open for about half an hour after dinner.

*Dress: smart (gowns are not worn); other details are indicated on the invitation.*

MT.0	Friday 10 October 2025 <i>and</i> Saturday 11 October 2025	<p><b>Dean's Welcome Dinner for New Senior Members</b> (by invitation)</p> <p>Over two evenings before the start of Full Term, the Dean invites new and existing senior members and their partners to an informal welcome dinner in the McKenna Room.</p> <p><i>Dress: smart (gowns are not worn); other details are indicated on the invitation.</i></p>
MT.0	Saturday 11 October 2025	<p><b>SCR Wine Tasting</b></p> <p>This event will take place from 11am to 3pm in the Friend Room with lunch. Please book in as normal if lunch is required. Details to follow.</p>
MT.1	Sunday 12 October 2025	<p><b>Freshers' Evensong</b></p> <p>Members and their guests are invited to join other members of the Christ Church community in the chancel (the seats beyond the lectern at the eastern end of the Cathedral) for the first Sunday Evensong of the academic year, at which, in particular, we welcome new members to the House.</p> <p><i>Dress: members of the House wear gowns in the Cathedral.</i></p>
MT.1	Wednesday 15 October 2025	<p><b>Welcome Dinner with Ringing of the Bells</b></p> <p>A relaxed and informal evening is envisaged to welcome Members joining the Common Room at the start of the academic year. Dinner in Hall is followed by informal dessert in the Common Room, and the bells are rung in welcome from c. 21.00 hrs.</p> <p><i>Dress: smart; members of the House and members of Congregation wear gowns in Hall.</i></p> <p><i>This is a Domestic Evening: guests other than partners are discouraged</i>  <i>Booking closes at 14.00 hrs. on Tuesday 14 October (i.e. the day before).</i></p>
MT.2	Thursday 23 October 2025	<p><b>Tudor Dinner</b></p> <p>The second of the Tudor dinner celebration and High Table Dinner. A maximum of 50 places prioritised to those SCR Members who could not attend previously. No guests allowed on this occasion. Further details to follow.</p>
MT.2	Friday 24 October 2025	<p><b>Diwali Dinner</b></p> <p>A college-wide dinner in Hall to celebrate Diwali (details to follow).  (JCR/GCR &amp; SCR – <i>no high table</i>)</p>

- MT.2    Saturday  
25 October 2025                      **SCR Family Exit Games Dinner**
- Halloween escape room family event from 2pm to 5pm, details to be sent out closer to the time.
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- MT.3    Tuesday  
28 October 2025                      **Alumni Attendance at High Table**
- Alumni will be hosted by members of the Development Department, to attend a High table dinner and Formal Dessert either in the Dodgson Room or Friend Room dependant on numbers. SCR members are encouraged to attend and support hosting of OM's.
- Booking closes as normal.
- Dress: Smart; members of the House and members of Congregation wear gowns in Hall.
- Please indicate when booking whether Formal Dessert is required.
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- MT.3    Wednesday  
29 October 2025                      **Games Night**
- At c. 19.30 hrs., following dinner in Hall, members are invited to play board games in the Freind Room. To aid planning, members are asked to register their interest with Prof. Chris Breward (breward@maths.ox.ac.uk) by Thursday of the preceding week. Game players are welcome to bring their own refreshments (glasses will be provided).
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- MT.3    Saturday  
1 November 2025                      **Formal Guest Night**
- A special four-course menu is served in Hall, with an informal dessert in the Common Room or Freind room dependent on numbers dining. A seating plan is prepared for dinner.
- Dress: black tie; members of the House and members of Congregation wear gowns in Hall.*
- Each of the following may invite up to three guests: members of the Governing Body, Honorary and Emeritus Students, Lecturers, Research Fellows, the College Chaplain and the Curator of the Picture Gallery.*
- Booking closes at 14.00 hrs on the preceding Friday, 24 October. Please indicate when booking whether you and your guest(s) wish to take dessert. To assist in compiling the seating plans, please indicate when booking the title, first name and surname of each guest and any dietary requirements.***

MT.4 Wednesday  
5 November 2025

### **Mid-week Guest Night**

A special three-course menu with cheese is served in Hall.

While all Members are welcome to dine and take dessert at any time, on this evening, Junior Research Fellows, Lecturers, Senior Scholars, Senior Associate Research Fellows and Postdoctoral Research Fellows are particularly encouraged to sign in.

*Dress: smart; members of the House and members of Congregation wear gowns in Hall.*

*Booking closes at 14.00 hrs. on Tuesday 4 November (i.e. the day before).*

*Please indicate when booking whether you and your guest(s) wish to take Formal dessert.*

MT.4 Thursday  
6 November 2025

### **House Communion**

Members and their guests are warmly invited to attend the special termly House Communion service in the Cathedral, followed by dinner in the body of the Hall.

*Dress: smart; members of the House wear gowns in the Cathedral and in Hall; members of Congregation wear gowns in Hall.*

*There is no need to sign in for dinner. The College Chaplain will circulate further details, including a reply form, by email in Michaelmas Term.*

MT.4 Saturday  
8 November 2025

### **Degree Day Lunch**

Following the morning ceremony in the Sheldonian Theatre, the Censors of Degrees invite new graduates to afternoon tea in the Research Centre from 15.30 hrs. Members are warmly invited to join graduates and their families and friends. A list of graduands is circulated in advance to members of the Governing Body.

*Dress: there is no dress code for this event, though graduates attend in full academic dress and family members often wear smart clothing.*

MT.5 Thursday  
13 November 2025  
(Provisional)

### **Joint GCR/SCR After-Dinner Talks**

At c. 20.45 hrs, following dinner in Hall, the Curator and the Graduate Common Room's SCR Liaison Officers invite members of both common rooms to attend informal dessert in the Graduate Common Room, with after-dinner talks by a Member and by a graduate student on topics of general interest or aspects of their research. On this evening, the costs of wine at informal dessert and after dinner drinks are met out of the Stahl Bequest. Further details will be circulated by email in Michaelmas Term.

*Dress: smart; members of the House and members of Congregation wear gowns in Hall.*

*This is a Domestic Evening: guests other than partners are discouraged. Booking closes at 10.00 hrs. on Wednesday 12 November.*

MT.4 Friday  
14 November 2025

### **Alumni Attendance at High Table**

Alumni will be hosted by members of the Development Department, to attend a High table dinner and Formal Dessert either in the Dodgson Room or Friend Room dependant on numbers. SCR members are encouraged to attend and support hosting of OM's.

Booking closes as normal.

Dress: Smart; members of the House and members of Congregation wear gowns in Hall.

Please indicate when booking whether Formal Dessert is required.

MT.6 Monday  
17 November 2025

### **SCR Detective Dinner**

The dinner will take place in the Keene Room and will run concurrently with High Table (normal rules for dining and wine apply; no gowns). There will be spaces for 6-14 members and guests, and there will be a separate online sign up for the evening.

Further details circulated closer to the time.

MT.6 Tuesday  
18 November 2025

### **Alumni Attendance at High Table**

Alumni will be hosted by members of the Development Department, to attend a High table dinner and Formal Dessert either in the Dodgson Room or Friend Room dependant on numbers. SCR members are encouraged to attend and support hosting of OM's.

Booking closes as normal.

Dress: Smart; members of the House and members of Congregation wear gowns in Hall.

Please indicate when booking whether Formal Dessert is required.

- MT.6 Saturday  
22 November 2025
- Formal Guest Night**
- A special four-course menu is served in Hall, with an informal dessert in the Common Room or Freind room dependent on numbers dining. A seating plan is prepared for dinner.
- Dress: black tie; members of the House and members of Congregation wear gowns in Hall.*
- Each of the following may invite up to three guests: members of the Governing Body, Honorary and Emeritus Students, Lecturers, Research Fellows, the College Chaplain and the Curator of the Picture Gallery.*
- Booking closes at 14.00 hrs on the preceding Friday, 14 November.** Please indicate when booking whether you and your guest(s) wish to take dessert. To assist in compiling the seating plans, please indicate when booking the title, first name and surname of each guest. Please select any dietary requirements on the booking system.
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- MT.7 Friday  
28 November 2025
- SCR High Table Dinner for Retirees/Leavers**
- A Dinner to mark retirees and leavers at High Table.
- Booking closes at 14.00 hrs. on Thursday 27 November. Please indicate when booking whether you and your guest(s) wish to take dessert. Please select any dietary requirements on the booking system.*
- All members are welcome to dine.
- Dress: smart; members of the House and members of Congregation wear gowns in Hall.*
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- MT.8 Sunday  
30 November 2025
- College Advent Carol Service (by application)**
- Members, together with their families and other guests, are invited to a service of seasonal lessons read by members of the House and of music for Advent sung by the Cathedral Choir and Frideswide Voices. This is a ticketed event but there is no charge for tickets. Further details will be circulated by email in Michaelmas Term.
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- MT.8 Friday  
5 December 2025
- Senior Common Room Christmas Dinner**
- At pre-dinner drinks in the Common Room, suitably festive headgear is distributed to Members; a special Christmas dinner in Hall is followed by carols in the Common Room or Freind room dependent on numbers dining.
- Dress: smart (seasonal attire is encouraged); members of the House and members of Congregation wear gowns in Hall.*
- This is a Domestic Evening: guests other than partners are discouraged. Booking closes at 14.00 hrs. on Monday 1 December.*

- MT.8 Saturday  
6 December 2025
- SCR Christmas Wine Tasting**
- The Wine Committee offers Members the opportunity to taste (and to purchase) wines from the Common Room cellar. Members may wish to sign up for a buffet lunch in the Freind Room at 13.00hrs, by 14.00 hrs. on Friday 5 December. *More details to follow.*
- MT.9 Friday  
19 December 2025
- Rent Audit Dinner**
- The Treasurer invites members of the Governing Body, Emeriti and Lecturers to the annual reception for the House's tenant farmers, including a lecture, drinks in the McKenna and lunch in Hall. A seating plan is prepared.
- Dress: smart; members of the House and members of Congregation wear gowns in Hall.*
- MT.9 Saturday  
13 December 2025
- SCR Christmas Family Lunch**
- Members, together with up to three family guests (partners and children), are invited to enjoy aperitifs in the Common Room before a Christmas roast lunch in the Freind Room. Meet at 12.30 hrs. in the Common Room for pre-lunch drinks followed by lunch at 13.15 hrs. in the Friend Room.
- Dress: smart casual.*
- Booking closes at 10.00 hrs. on Wednesday 10 December. Please note there is no High Table this evening.*
- MT.10 Wednesday  
17 December 2025
- All staff and SCR Members pre-Christmas buffet lunch in Hall**
- Members are invited to join all staff for a buffet lunch in Hall.
- There is no dress code book for this event.*  
*Booking closes at 10.00 hrs. on Friday 12 December.*
- MT.11 Saturday 20 &  
Sunday 21  
December 2025  
College Closed
- Frideswide Voices Carol Service** (by invitation)
- The Chapter and Censors invite members of Governing Body to attend the Cathedral's Frideswide Voices Carol Service. Further details will be circulated by email in Michaelmas Term.
- MT.11 Sunday 21,  
Monday 22 &  
Tuesday 23 &  
Wednesday 24  
December 2025
- Service of Nine Lessons and Carols** (by invitation)
- The Chapter and Censors invite members of Governing Body to attend the Cathedral's annual service of Nine Lessons and Carols sung by the Cathedral Choir. This is a ticketed event but there is no charge for tickets. Further details will be circulated by email in Michaelmas Term.

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Meal services are suspended during the Christmas/New Year closed period, provisionally from Saturday 20 December 2025 to Thursday 1 January 2026 inclusive. Details will be circulated by email before the end of Michaelmas Term.

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## Hilary Term 2026

HT.-1	Friday 9 January 2026	<b>Staff Christmas Party</b> (by invitation)  Members and, subject to space, their partners are invited to join members of staff in welcoming in the New Year at a Christmas Party. This event is organised by the Staff Entertainment Committee, featuring dinner, dancing and drinks.  <i>Details are indicated on the invitation.</i>
HT.0	Friday 16 January 2026	<b>Domus Dinner</b> (by invitation)  Members of the Governing Body and their partners are invited to a special four-course dinner with dessert in the Freind Room (in Hall if numbers above 60). Seating plans are prepared for dinner and dessert.  <i>Dress: black tie (gowns are not worn); other details are indicated on the invitation.</i>
HT.1	Wednesday 21 January 2026	<b>Welcome Dinner with Ringing of the Bells</b>  A relaxed and informal evening is envisaged to welcome Members joining the Common Room at the start of Hilary Term. Dinner in Hall is followed by informal dessert in the Common Room, and the bells are rung in welcome from c. 21.00 hrs.  <i>Dress: smart; members of the House and members of Congregation wear gowns in Hall.</i>  <i>This is a Domestic Evening: guests other than partners are discouraged. Booking closes at 10.00 hrs. on Tuesday 20 January.</i>
HT.1	Friday 23 January 2026	<b>Burns Night Dinner</b>  In celebration of the Bard of Ayrshire, dinner in a specially decorated Hall is accompanied by the piping of the haggis, the <i>Ode to a Haggis</i> and a suitably Scottish menu, with the option of informal dessert and whisky in the Common Room.  <i>Dress: smart or highland dress; members of the House and members of Congregation wear gowns in Hall.</i>  <i>This is a Domestic Evening: guests other than partners are discouraged. Booking closes at 14.00 on Thursday 22 January.</i>
HT.3	Monday 2 February 2026	<b>Scholars Dinner</b> (by invitation)  The Censors, on behalf of the Governing Body, invites students, lecturers and certain other members of the House to drinks in the ante hall and dinner in Hall with the House's Scholars. A seating plan will be prepared.



- HT.3      Wednesday  
4 February 2026      **Games Night**
- At c. 19.30 hrs., following dinner in hall, members are invited to play games in the Freind Room. No previous experience is necessary. To aid planning, members are asked to register their interest with Prof. Chris Breward (breward@maths.ox.ac.uk). Poker players are welcome to bring their own refreshments (glasses will be provided).
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- HT.3      Saturday  
7 February 2026      **Formal Guest Night**
- A special four-course menu is served in Hall with an informal dessert in the Common Room or in the Freind room dependent on numbers dining. A seating plan is prepared for dinner.
- Dress: black tie; members of the House and members of Congregation wear gowns in Hall.*
- Each of the following may invite up to three guests: members of the Governing Body, Honorary and Emeritus Students, Lecturers, Research Fellows, the College Chaplain, the Sub-Organist and the Curator of the Picture Gallery.*
- Booking closes at 14.00 hrs. on the preceding Friday, 30 January.***  
*Please indicate when booking whether you and your guest(s) wish to take dessert. To assist in compiling the seating plans, please indicate when booking the title, first name and surname of each guest and any dietary requirements.*
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- HT.4      Wednesday  
11 February 2026      **Mid-week Formal Guest Night**
- A special three-course menu with cheese is served in Hall.
- While all Members are welcome to dine and take dessert at any time, on this evening, Junior Research Fellows, Lecturers, Senior Scholars, Senior Associate Research Fellows and Postdoctoral Research Fellows are particularly encouraged to sign in.
- Dress: smart; members of the House and members of Congregation wear gowns in Hall.*
- Booking closes at 14.00 hrs. on Tuesday 10 February. Please indicate when booking whether you and your guest(s) wish to take dessert.*
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- HT.4      Thursday  
12 February 2026      **House Communion**
- Members and their guests are warmly invited to attend the special termly House Communion service in the Cathedral, followed by dinner in the body of the Hall.
- Dress: smart; members of the House wear gowns in the Cathedral and in Hall; members of Congregation wear gowns in Hall.*
- There is no need to sign in for dinner: the College Chaplain will circulate further details, including a reply form, by email in Hilary Term.*

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| HT.5 | Tuesday<br>17 February 2026 | <p><b>Shrove Tuesday – Pancake Race</b></p> <p>Pancake racing in Tom Quad from 13.00hrs to 14.00hrs. Teams from the JCR/GCR, SCR and Staff compete in pancake races round Tom Quad.</p> <p>Money is raised for a local charity.</p>   |
| HT.5 | Friday<br>20 February 2026  | <p><b>Censors' Dinner</b> (by invitation)</p> <p>The Censors host members of the Governing Body and certain other members of the House to a special four-course dinner with dessert in the Freind Room. Seating plans are prepared for dinner and dessert.</p> <p><i>Details are indicated on the invitation.</i></p>   |
| HT.6 | Monday<br>23 February 2026  | <p><b>SCR Exit Games Dinner</b></p> <p>The dinner will take place in the Keene Room and will run concurrently with High Table (normal rules for dining and wine apply; no gowns). There will be spaces for 6-14 members and guests, and there will be a separate online sign up for the evening.</p> <p>Further details circulated closer to the time.</p>  |
| HT.6 | Tuesday<br>24 February 2026 | <p><b>St Frideswide Commemoration Reception</b></p> <p>Following the annual St Frideswide Civic Service in the Cathedral, Members are invited to join in extending the hospitality of the House to participating dignitaries and community representatives at the St Frideswide Commemoration reception in the McKenna Room at c.1900 hrs., following which the bells are rung in celebration of the patron saint of the city and the University from c. 21.00.</p> |

- HT.6      Saturday      **Formal Guest Night**  
28 February 2026
- A special four-course menu is served in the Freind Room with an informal dessert in the Common Room or Freind room dependent on numbers dining. Numbers will be limited. A seating plan is prepared for dinner.
- Dress: black tie; members of the House and members of Congregation wear gowns in Hall.*
- Each of the following may invite up to three guests: members of the Governing Body, Honorary and Emeritus Students, Lecturers, Research Fellows, the College Chaplain, the Sub-Organist and the Curator of the Picture Gallery.*
- Booking closes at 10.00 hrs. on the preceding Friday, 20 February.***  
*Please indicate when booking whether you and your guest(s) wish to take dessert.*
- To assist in compiling the seating plans, please indicate when booking the title, first name and surname of each guest and any dietary requirements.*
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- HT.7      Thursday      **Common Room After-Dinner Talk**  
5 March 2026
- At c. 20.45 hrs., following dinner in Hall, the Curator invites a Member to address the Common Room on a topic of general interest or an aspect of his or her research. On this evening, the costs of wine at informal dessert and after dinner drinks are met out of the Stahl Bequest. Further details will be circulated by email in Hilary Term.
- Dress: smart; members of the House and members of Congregation wear gowns in Hall.*
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- HT.7      Friday      **SCR High Table Dinner for Retirees/Leavers**  
6 March 2026
- A dinner to mark retirees and leavers at High Table.  
All Members are welcome to dine.
- Dress: smart; members of the House and members of Congregation wear gowns in Hall.*
- Booking closes at 10.00 hrs. on Thursday prior. Please indicate when booking whether you and your guest(s) wish to take dessert, which may be formal or informal dependent on the numbers of those booked in.*

HT.7	Saturday 7 March 2026	<p><b>Degree Day Afternoon Tea</b></p> <p>Following the afternoon ceremony in the Sheldonian Theatre, the Censors of Degrees invite new graduates to afternoon tea in the Research Centre from 13.30 hrs. Members are warmly invited to join graduates and their families and friends. A list of graduands is circulated in advance to members of the Governing Body.</p> <p><i>Dress: there is no dress code for this event, though graduates attend in full academic dress and family members often wear lounge suits or smart.</i></p>
HT.8	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	<p><b>Iftar Dinner</b></p> <p>A college wide dinner in Hall to break the Ramadan fast (no alcohol in Hall). Further details to follow.</p>
HT.8	Wednesday 11 March 2026	<p><b>Mid-week Formal Guest Night</b></p> <p>A special three-course menu with cheese is served in Hall.</p> <p>While all Members are welcome to dine and take dessert at any time, on this evening, Junior Research Fellows, Lecturers, Senior Scholars, Senior Associate Research Fellows and Postdoctoral Research Fellows are particularly encouraged to sign in.</p> <p><i>Dress: smart; members of the House and members of Congregation wear gowns in Hall.</i></p> <p><i>Booking closes at 14.00 hrs. on Tuesday 10 March. Please indicate when booking whether you and your guest(s) wish to take dessert.</i></p>
HT.9	Thursday 19 March 2026	<p><b>College-Wide Staff Lunch</b></p> <p>This is an event for <b>ALL college staff</b>, and it is hoped that staff from across the college will attend.</p> <p>We hope that there will be a good turn-out from the SCR as well as from the non-academic staff. In order to accommodate our housekeeping team, lunch will commence at the <b>earlier time of 1130 hrs and will finish at the earlier time of 1330 hrs.</b></p> <p>We have engaged outside caterers so that all the catering staff can attend and no other meals will be provided.</p> <p><i>The deadline for signing up is two weeks before as required by the outside caterer</i></p>

HT.10    Saturday  
28 March 2026

### Family Easter Egg Hunt

Members, together with up to three family guests (partners and children), are invited to enjoy afternoon tea and an Easter egg hunt in the Masters Garden (or in the Lee Building, in the event of inclement weather).

*Booking for this event will be online. Dress: smart casual.  
Booking closes at 10.00 hrs. on Monday.*

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Meal services are suspended during the Easter closed period, from after lunch on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April** to **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2026** inclusive. Details will be circulated by email before the end of Hilary Term.

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## Trinity Term 2026

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| TT.0 | Tuesday<br>21 April 2026                         | <b>101 Gaudy</b> (by invitation)<br><br>The 101 Gaudy is the House's principal annual feast and offers an opportunity to entertain a wide circle of guests, including University dignitaries, the Master and Fellows of Trinity College, Cambridge, and certain benefactors. Members of the House receiving an invitation to the 101 Gaudy are strongly encouraged to invite a guest from the University community or the wider world, or to attend and act as hosts. A special four-course menu is served in Hall, followed by formal dessert in the Freind Room. Seating plans are prepared for dinner and dessert, and short biographies of guests are circulated in advance.<br><br><i>Details are indicated on the invitation.</i> |
| TT.0 | Wednesday<br>22 April 2026<br>(Provisional date) | <b>Tower Poetry Prize Presentation</b> (by invitation)<br><br>Members are invited to join judges and students for the award of prizes in the <b>24<sup>th</sup></b> Christopher Tower Poetry Competition, the most prestigious poetry prizes open to 16-18 year-olds in full- or part-time education.<br><br><i>Details are indicated on the invitation.</i>  |
| TT.2 | Tuesday<br>5 May 2026<br>(Provisional date)      | <b>CCR Officers at High Table</b><br><br>Members are invited to join the Censors in entertaining the CCR Officers at High Table and, afterwards, at dessert.<br><br><i>Booking closes at 14.00 hrs. on Monday 4 May.</i>  |
| TT.3 | Friday<br>8 May 2026                             | <b>Games Night</b><br><br>At c. 19.30 hrs, following dinner in Hall, members are invited to play board games in the Bayne Room. To aid planning, members are asked to register their interest with Prof. Chris Breward (breward@maths.ox.ac.uk) by Thursday of the preceding week. Game players are welcome to bring their own refreshments (glasses will be provided).   |

TT.2	Saturday 9 May 2026	<p><b>Formal Guest Night</b></p> <p>A special four-course menu is served in Hall with an informal dessert in the Common Room or the Freind room dependent on numbers dining. A seating plan is prepared for dinner and dessert.</p> <p><i>Dress: black tie; members of the House and members of Congregation wear gowns in Hall.</i></p> <p><i>Each of the following may invite up to three guests: members of the Governing Body, Honorary and Emeritus Students, Lecturers, Research Fellows, the College Chaplain, the Sub-Organist and the Curator of the Picture Gallery.</i></p> <p><i>Booking closes at 14.00 hrs. on Friday 1 May. Please indicate when booking whether you and your guest(s) wish to take dessert. To assist in compiling the seating plans, please indicate when booking the title, first name and surname of each guest and any dietary requirements.</i></p>
TT.3	Saturday 16 May 2026	<p><b>Degree Day Lunch</b></p> <p>Following the morning ceremony in the Sheldonian Theatre, the Censors of Degrees invite new graduates to a drink's reception in Tom Quad from 12.15 hrs., followed by a served lunch in Hall. Members are warmly invited to join graduates and their families and friends at either or both parts of the celebration. Members may sign in for lunch in the usual way. A list of graduands is circulated in advance to members of the Governing Body.</p> <p><i>Dress: there is no dress code for this event, though graduates attend in full academic dress and family members often wear lounge suits or smart.</i></p> <p><i>Booking for lunch closes at 10.00 hrs. on Friday 15 May.</i></p>
TT.4	Sunday 17 May 2026 to Saturday 23 May 2026 (provisional)	<p><b>College Summer Play</b></p> <p>The Christ Church Dramatic Society presents the first of two summer plays to be held in the Cathedral Garden. Further details will be circulated by email in Trinity Term.</p>
TT.4	Wednesday 20 May 2026	<p><b>Mid-week Formal Guest Night</b></p> <p>A special three-course menu with cheese is served in Hall.</p> <p>While all Members are welcome to dine and take dessert at any time, on this evening, Junior Research Fellows, Lecturers, Senior Scholars, Senior Associate Research Fellows and Postdoctoral Research Fellows are particularly encouraged to sign in.</p> <p><i>Dress: smart; members of the House and members of Congregation wear gowns in Hall.</i></p> <p><i>Booking closes at 14.00 hrs. on Tuesday 19 May. Please indicate when booking whether you and your guest(s) wish to take dessert.</i></p>

- TT.4 Thursday  
21 May 2026
- House Communion**
- Members and their guests are warmly invited to attend the special termly House Communion service in the Cathedral, followed by dinner in the body of the Hall.
- Dress: smart; members of the House wear gowns in the Cathedral and in Hall; members of Congregation wear gowns in Hall.*
- There is no need to sign in for dinner: the College Chaplain will circulate further details, including a reply form, by email in Trinity Term.*
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- TT.5 Tuesday  
26 May 2026
- Annual Dinner for Graduates** (by invitation)
- The Tutor for Graduates, on behalf of the Governing Body, invites Students, Lecturers and certain other members of the House to drinks in the Ante-Hall and dinner in Hall with the House's graduate students. A seating plan is prepared.
- Dress: smart (gowns are not worn); other details are indicated on the invitation.*
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- TT.5 Wednesday  
27 May 2026  
to  
Saturday  
30 May 2026
- Summer Eights – Bumps**
- The Christ Church Boat Club invites Members to support the House's crews on the Isis and to join in the celebration of the year's most prestigious rowing regatta. In particular, a fundraising barbecue and glasses of Pimms are usually on offer at the clubhouse on the Saturday.
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- TT.5 Thursday  
28 May 2026
- Common Room After-Dinner Talk**
- At c. 20.45 hrs, following dinner in Hall, the Curator invites a Member to address the Common Room on a topic of general interest or an aspect of his or her research. On this evening, the costs of wine at informal dessert and after dinner drinks are met out of the Stahl Bequest. Further details will be circulated by email in Trinity Term.
- Dress: smart; members of the House and members of Congregation wear gowns in Hall.*
- This is a Domestic Evening: guests other than partners are discouraged. Booking closes at 14.00 hrs. on Wednesday 27 May.*
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- TT.6 Monday  
1 June 2026
- SCR Detective Dinner**
- The dinner will take place in the Keene Room and will run concurrently with High Table (normal rules for dining and wine apply; no gowns). There will be spaces for 6-14 members and guests, and there will be a separate online sign up for the evening.
- Further details circulated closer to the time.



TT.6	Monday 1 June 2026 to Saturday 6 June 2026 (provisional)	<p><b>College Summer Play</b></p> <p>The Christ Church Dramatic Society presents the second of two summer plays to be held in the Cathedral Garden. Further details will be circulated by email in Trinity Term.</p>
TT.6	Saturday 6 June 2026	<p><b>Formal Guest Night</b></p> <p>A special four-course menu is served in Hall with an informal dessert in the Common Room or the Freind room dependent on numbers. A seating plan is prepared for dinner and dessert.</p> <p><i>Dress: black tie; members of the House and members of Congregation wear gowns in Hall.</i></p> <p><i>Each of the following may invite up to three guests: members of the Governing Body, Honorary and Emeritus Students, Lecturers, Research Fellows, the College Chaplain, the Sub-Organist and the Curator of the Picture Gallery.</i></p> <p><i><b>Booking closes at 10.00 hrs on the preceding Friday.</b> Please indicate when booking whether you and your guest(s) wish to take dessert. To assist in compiling the seating plans, please indicate when booking the title, first name and surname of each guest and any dietary requirements.</i></p>
TT.7	Thursday 11 June 2026	<p><b>Through the King Charles Gate (hosted by Corpus Christi)</b></p> <p>The Governing Body of Christ Church invites the President and Fellows of Corpus Christi College to come through the King Charles Gate and join them for drinks in the Deanery Garden or Corpus Christi (alternative years hosted by Corpus Christi), in celebration of the first meeting of King Charles I and Queen Henrietta Maria as husband and wife, on 13 June 1625.</p> <p><i>Dress: smart casual.</i></p>
TT.7	Friday 12 June 2026	<p><b>SCR High Table Dinner for Retirees/Leavers</b></p> <p>A dinner to mark retirees and leavers at High Table.</p> <p>All Members are welcome to dine.</p> <p><i>Dress: smart; members of the House and members of Congregation wear gowns in Hall.</i></p> <p><i>Booking closes at 14.00 hrs. on Thursday prior. Please indicate when booking whether you and your guest(s) wish to take dessert, which may be formal or informal dependent on the numbers of those booked in.</i></p>

TT.8	Sunday 14 June 2026 (TBC)	<p><b>Leavers' Evensong</b></p> <p>Members and their guests are invited to join other members of the Christ Church community in the chancel (the seats beyond the lectern at the eastern end of the Cathedral) for the last Sunday Evensong of the academic year, at which we offer our thanks and good wishes, in particular, to those who are leaving.</p> <p><i>Dress: members of the House wear gowns in the Cathedral.</i></p>
TT.8	Tuesday 16 June 2026 (provisional date)	<p><b>JCR Officers at High Table</b></p> <p>Members are invited to join the Censors in entertaining the JCR Officers at High Table and, afterwards, at dessert.</p> <p><i>Booking closes at 14.00 hrs. on Monday 15 June.</i></p>
TT.8	Thursday 18 June 2026	<p><b>Going Down Party</b> (by invitation)</p> <p>The Dean and Censors invite Members to farewell drinks in the Masters' Garden (tbc) with junior members who have reached the end of their studies.</p> <p><i>Dress: smart (gowns are not worn); other details are indicated on the invitation.</i></p>
TT.9	Friday 26 June 2026	<p><b>Summer Gaudy</b> (by invitation)</p> <p>The Governing Body invites old members, together with members of the Governing Body and Lecturers of that period, to a Gaudy programme including tours, lectures, a special choral Evensong, a sparkling wine reception and dinner in Hall. Members' participation in the Gaudy as hosts is warmly encouraged. A seating plan is prepared.</p> <p><i>Details are indicated on the invitation.</i></p>
TT.10	Monday 29 June 2026	<p><b>Staff Croquet &amp; BBQ</b></p> <p>Members are invited to join present and retired members of staff for croquet in the Masters' Garden, followed by an evening barbecue in the Masters' Garden. Both players and spectators are welcome, as are Members' partners and families. Further details will be circulated by email in Trinity Term.</p>

TT.10	Friday 3 July 2026	<p><b>Common Room Summer Event</b></p> <p>A relaxed and informal evening to mark the end of the academic year, the Summer Event begins with drinks in the Common Room Garden, followed by a relaxed dinner service in the Freind Room. No seating plan is prepared. This evening affords an opportunity for the Common Room to extend its thanks and good wishes to departing Members.</p> <p><i>Dress: smart (gowns are not worn).</i></p> <p><i>This is a Domestic Evening: guests other than partners are discouraged. Booking closes at 14.00 hrs. on Wednesday</i></p>
TT.12	Saturday 18 July 2026 (Provisional)	<p><b>Degree Day Afternoon Tea</b></p> <p>Following the afternoon ceremony in the Sheldonian Theatre, the Censors of Degrees invite new graduates to an afternoon tea and drinks reception in the Freind Room from 15.30 hrs. Members are warmly invited to join graduates and their families and friends. A list of graduands is circulated in advance to members of the Governing Body.</p> <p><i>Dress: there is no dress code for this event, though graduates attend in full academic dress and family members often wear lounge suit or smart.</i></p>
TT.14	Tuesday 28 July 2026 (Provisional)	<p><b>Degree Day Afternoon Tea</b></p> <p>Following the afternoon ceremony in the Sheldonian Theatre, the Censors of Degrees invite new graduates to an afternoon tea and drinks reception in the Research Centre from 15.30 hrs. Members are warmly invited to join graduates and their families and friends. A list of graduands is circulated in advance to members of the Governing Body.</p> <p><i>Dress: there is no dress code for this event, though graduates attend in full academic dress and family members often wear lounge suit or smart.</i></p>
TT.14	Friday 31 July 2026 (Provisional)	<p><b>Degree Day Afternoon Tea</b></p> <p>Following the afternoon ceremony in the Sheldonian Theatre, the Censors of Degrees invite new graduates to afternoon tea in the Research Centre from 15.30 hrs. Members are warmly invited to join graduates and their families and friends. A list of graduands is circulated in advance to members of the Governing Body.</p> <p><i>Dress: there is no dress code for this event, though graduates attend in full academic dress and family members often wear lounge suits or smart.</i></p>

## Meals Arrangements

Full details of meals arrangements are set out in the *Domestic Information for Senior Members Handbook*. For Members' convenience, we note here that:

**Lunch** is usually served in the Freind Room from 12.45 hrs. during the week and from 13.00 hrs. at weekends, followed by coffee in the Kidd Room or the Old Common Room.

*It is customary only to invite lunch guests for professional purposes on weekdays, due to limited space.*

**Afternoon tea** is served in the Common Room from 15.45 hrs to 16.45 hrs. on weekdays from Monday of noughth week to Friday of ninth week of each term and to Friday of 10th week in Michaelmas Term (i.e., during the admissions interview period).

*It is customary not to invite more than one guest to afternoon tea and only to invite a guest on professional business.*

**Dinner** is served at high table in Hall from Thursday of noughth week to Friday of ninth week each term. Members gather in the Common Room no later than 19.10 hrs. for 19.20 hrs. (19.15 hrs. Oxford time), where drinks are available from 18.45 hrs. and where coffee is served after the meal. Members of the House and of Congregation wear the appropriate black gown when dining in Hall. From Sunday of tenth week to Wednesday of noughth week, dinner is served in the Keene Room or the Freind Room, except during closed periods. Outside of term, Members gather in the Common Room for pre-drinks and return to the Common Room for coffee; gowns are not worn.

*By custom, Tuesday and Friday evenings are guest nights, though Members entitled to invite dinner guests are welcome to do so at any time – save for Domestic Evenings, when guests other than partners are discouraged.*

*With the exception of Formal Guest Nights, it is customary not to invite more than two dinner guests on any given evening. However, it is possible to invite an additional guest or guests, when numbers permit: Members should consult the Steward as far as possible in advance.*

**Dessert**, a separate course of fruit, chocolates and dessert wines, is served after dinner on Tuesdays – Fridays inclusive between noughth and ninth weeks of term, if six or more diners request it when signing in. A small additional charge is levied. At 'formal' dessert, which may only take place when there are at least *two full Members* of Common Room present and a *minimum of six people*. The custom is for the president to seat the party around the table in the Dodgson Room or the Freind Room (according to numbers) and for the decanters to be circulated twice. Dessert is 'informal' when served in the Common Room, without formalities. Gowns are not worn at dessert, whether it be formal or informal.

The Common Room provides tea, coffee and hot chocolate in the Common Room at other times, where a selection of newspapers and magazines is also available.

Mr Mark Kerrigan  
The Steward of Christ Church

Professor Kevin McGerty  
Professor Stephanie Cragg  
The Curators of Common Room