

Cambridge Choral Academy Singing Renaissance Retreat

7-11 April 2026
at St Catharine's College

Time	Activity	Place
1400	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rooms available Chapel is a good central meeting point if you want to find us in the afternoon 	Porters' Lodge (Chapel)
1700-1800	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome Reception: meet the team over a glass of sparkling wine Make your own badge 	St Catharine's SCR
1800-1900	Supper	St Catharine's Dining Hall
1900-2045	Rehearsal with Edward Wickham	St Catharine's College Chapel
2100-2130	Compline with Edward Wickham Psalm 136 (plainchant) Holst Nunc dimittis	St Catharine's College Chapel
2130-2200	Desert Island Discs	St Catharine's College Chapel
2200	Drinks (optional if you're ready for bed!)	Ante chapel

Wednesday 8 April

Time	Activity	Place
0800-0845	Breakfast served	St Catharine's College Dining Hall
0900-1000	Notices Vocal health session with Edward and Helen Groves	St Catharine's College Chapel
1000-1100	Choral rehearsal with Edward and Helen Allocate small groups	St Catharine's College Chapel
1100-1145	Break/Coffee + and welcome Dr David Skinner	Garden Room Walking bus departs 1145 at Porters' Lodge
1200-1300	Private viewing of Caius Choirbook 3 groups 20 mins each Return to Catz after your viewing for lunch	Gonville & Caius College Library
1300-1400	Lunch (cafeteria serves til 1.30pm)	St Catharine's Dining Hall
1400-1530	Free time: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore Cambridge/punting Rest & relaxation 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Try out some repertoire with your small group Walk to Sidney Sussex College 	Walking bus departs 1510 from Porters' Lodge
1530-1700	Choral rehearsal for Evensong with David Skinner	Sidney Sussex College Chapel
1715-1800	Evensong with Dr David Skinner (featuring the chamber organ with Norden temperament) Smith Responses Byrd 2nd Service (at 'original' pitch) John Taverner: Dum transisset Sabbatum (down a tone from notated pitch) Hymn: The strife is o'er (REH 158)	Sidney Sussex College Chapel
1830-1930	Supper (served until 7pm)	St Catharine's College Dining Hall
1930-2030	Small groups	Chapel, Music Room, A2
2030-2130	Pint at The Eagle or bed!	The Eagle

Thursday 9 April

Time	Activity	Place
0800-0845	Breakfast served	St Catharine's Dining Hall
0900-1000	Notices Vocal health session with Helen Groves	St Catharine's Chapel
1000-1100	Choral rehearsal with Edward and Helen	St Catharine's Chapel
1100-1130	Break/Coffee	Garden Room
1130-1200	Small groups sessions with Edward and organ scholar	St Catharine's College Chapel
1215-1300	Behind the Music: "Rediscovering Tudor Church Music" with Sally Dunkley	SCR
1300-1400	Lunch - (cafeteria served until 1.30pm)	St Catharine's College Dining Hall
1400-1600	Free time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore Cambridge/punting Rest & relaxation Try out some repertoire with your small group Walk to Queens' College 	Walking bus departs Porters' Lodge at 3.50pm
1600-1740	Choral rehearsal for Vespers with Sally Dunkley	Queens' College Chapel
1800-1845	Vespers with Sally Dunkley Psalms 133 & 136 (1-9) Antiphons: Ecce quam bonum & Confitemini Domino Tallis Latin Magnificat Parsons Ave Maria	Queens' College Chapel

1900-2130	Drinks reception Formal Hall (with sung Grace)	Queens' College Old Hall
2130...	Nightcap & "Bangers" (optional)	St Catharine's college chapel

Friday 10 April

Time	Activity	Place
0800-0845	Breakfast	St Catharine's College Dining Hall
0900-1000	Notices Vocal health session with Helen Groves	St Catharine's College chapel
1000-1100	Choral rehearsal with Edward and Helen Group photo	St Catharine's College chapel
1100-1130	Break/Coffee	Garden Room
1130-1300	Small groups sessions with Edward, Organ Scholar and Helen	Chapel, choir room and A2
1300-1400	Lunch (served until 1.30pm)	St Catharine's College Dining Hall
1400-1545	Free time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore Cambridge/punting • Rest & relaxation • Try out some repertoire with your small group • Walk to Pembroke College 	Walking bus departs Porters' Lodge at 3.30pm
1545-1715	Choral rehearsal for Evensong with Luke Fitzgerald	Pembroke College Chapel
1730-1815	Evensong with Luke Fitzgerald Smith Responses Psalm 107.1-7 (Parish Psalter) Stainer in B flat Hubert Parry: Never weather-beaten sail Hymn: This joyful Eastertide (REH 160)	Pembroke College Chapel
1830-1930	Supper (served until 6-7pm)	Pembroke Dining Hall
1930-2030	Small groups "Sharing"	Pembroke Chapel
2100	Nightcap & "Bangers" (optional)	St Catharine's college chapel

Saturday 11 April

Time	Activity	Place
0830-0930	Breakfast Check out, hand in key and leave luggage in designated room	St Catharine's College Dining Hall
0930-1000	Notices Vocal health session with Helen Groves	St Catharine's College chapel
1000-1100	Choral rehearsal with Edward and Helen (including some partbook reading)	St Catharine's College chapel

1100-1130	Break/Coffee	Garden Room
1130-1230	Behind the Music with Nick Walters : <i>'A Whole Dossen of Notes': English Polyphony Before the Reformation</i>	Chapel
1230-1330	Lunch (served until 1.30pm)	St Catharine's College Dining Hall
1330-1430	Free time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore Cambridge/punting • Rest & relaxation • Try out some repertoire with your small group 	
1430-1545	Rehearsal with Edward Wickham	St Catharine's College Chapel
1600-1700	Mass with Edward Wickham Kyrie from Vaughan Williams Mass in G minor Gloria from Sheppard Plainsong mass Gradual hymn: The Lord is risen indeed (REH 157) Credo to Merbecke Offertory hymn: O thou, who at thy eucharist didst pray (REH 396) Sanctus/Benedictus from Wood in the Phrygian Agnus Dei from Byrd Mass for four voices Parsons : Ave Maria Final hymn: Thine be the glory (REH 159)	St Catharine's College Chapel
1715-1800	Closing drinks	The Anchor Pub
1800	END Collect luggage from the Porters Feel free to stay on for supper at The Anchor	St Catharine's College