

KING'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

At the Ordinary Congregation
held on Monday 21 October 2024
at 18:00 in the SCR and via Zoom

Present (starred names attended on Zoom)

Dr Zoe Adams*	Dr David Good	Professor Cam Middleton
Dr Ronojoy Adhikari	Professor Henning Grosse Ruse-Khan	Dr Fraz Mir
Professor Anna Alexandrova	Professor Ross Harrison	Dr Perveez Mody
Professor John Arnold	Dr Tiffany Harte	Professor Geoff Moggridge
Professor Mike Bate	Mr Api Hasthanasombat	Dr Kamiar Mohaddes
Dr Marcus Böick	Dr Katie Haworth	Dr Ken Moody
Dr Giulia Boitani	Mrs Lorraine Headen	Professor Rosanna Omitowoju
Dr Mirjana Bozic*	Dr Felipe Hernandez	Professor Robin Osborne
Professor Jude Browne	Dr Kate Herrity	Dr Sophie Pickford
Professor Nick Bullock	Dr Ryan Heuser	Professor Chris Prendergast*
Dr Keith Carne	Dr Myfanwy Hill	Professor Mike Proctor*
Dr Ivan Collister	Dr David Hillman	Professor Surabhi Ranganathan
Professor Francesco Colucci	Professor Dame Carrie Humphrey DBE	Dr Angus Russell
Dr Laura Davies	Dr Said Reza Huseini	Professor Hamid Sabourian
Professor Anne Davis	Professor Martin Hyland	Dr Andjela Sarkovic
Professor Pete de Bolla	Ms Polly Ingham	Dr Sharath Srinivasan
Dr James Dolan	Mr Peter Jones	Dr Gillian Tett
Professor John Dunn	Dr Patrycja Kozik	Mr Jim Trevithick
Dr Mark Dyble	Professor Richard Lambert*	Dr Sophie Turenne
Professor George Efstathiou	Dr Zhuangnan Li*	Professor Caroline Van Eck
Professor Elisa Faraglia*	Professor Charlie Loke*	Dr Rob Wallach
Professor Rob Foley	Professor Alan Macfarlane	Dr Tom White
Professor Chryssi Giannitsarou*	Professor Nick Marston	Professor Nicolette Zeeman
Professor Simon Goldhill	Professor Jean Michel Massing*	

101. Apologies

Dr Tess Adkins	Dr Tim Flack	Dame Judith Mayhew Jonas
Dr Sebastian Ahnert	Professor Lord Tony Giddens	Professor Dan McKenzie
Dr Nick Atkins	Professor Ingo Gildenhard	Dr Jonah Miller
Dr Seda Basihos	Professor Chris Gilligan CBE	Dr Gabriela Montejo-Kovacevich
Dr Francesco Bianchini	Professor Caroline Goodson	Dr Basim Musallam
Dr Shannon Bonke	Professor Gillian Griffiths	Professor John Perry
Professor Richard Bourke	Professor Mark Gross	Professor Robert Rowthorn
Professor Angela Breitenbach	Professor John Henderson	Professor Paul Ryan
Ms Berenice Bulteel	Dr Stephen Hugh-Jones	Dr Georgia Seabra Nesseh
Dr Katie Campbell	Professor Herbert Huppert	Dr Mira Siegelberg
Professor Matei Candea	Mr Daniel Hyde	Dr Mike Sonenscher
Professor Richard Causton	Professor Ian James	Dr James Taylor

Rev Dr Stephen Cherry	Professor Mark Johnson	Professor Nick Tosca
Dr Alexandra Clarà Saracho	Dr Dale Kedwards	Dr Marco Tripodi
Dr Sarah Crisp	Dr Aileen Kelly	Professor Bert Vaux
Professor Ayttek Erdil	Professor Barry Keverne	Professor Jamie Vicary
Dr Sebastian Eves-Van den Akker	Dr Phil Knox	Professor Darin Weinberg
Professor James Fawcett	Professor James Laidlaw	Professor Godela Weiss-Sussex
Professor Iain Fenlon	Dr Cicely Marshall	Professor John Young

On Leave

Professor Matthew Gandy	Professor Sarah Lummis	Professor Thomas Roulet
Professor Chez Hall	Dr Rory O'Bryen	Professor Jason Sharman
Professor Alice Hutchings	Dr Ben Ravenhill	Dr Dror Weil
Dr Malar Jayanth		

Open Business Only

Mx Teddy Graham	Mr Spencer Lee Boya	Mr Luca Limocelli
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OPEN BUSINESS

102. Declarations of Interest

None.

103. Minutes of Open Business of the Ordinary Congregation held on 24 June 2024

Approved.

104. Matters arising from the Minutes

None.

105. Oral Reports

Arts Theatre

The First Bursar reported on a refurbishment project being undertaken by the Arts Theatre which requires the College's permission, as the Theatre's landlord. The First Bursar notified Governing Body that he will seek Council's approval for the works via the same mechanisms that were used for King's College School's recent project, and that Governing Body will receive further information in due course.

Governing Body thanked the First Bursar for his report.

Post-graduate part-time admissions

The Senior Tutor provided Governing Body with an update on further post-graduate part-time admissions made for the 2023 – 2024 academic year. Governing Body had approved a proposal to admit a number of additional part-time post-graduate students in Easter Term 2023. She highlighted, in particular, the intakes' positive impact upon the diversity of disciplines studied by the College's postgraduate students.

Governing Body thanked the Senior Tutor for her update.

Bodley's Court Beech Tree

Professor Moggridge, Chair of the Gardens Committee, reported on a decision by the Gardens Committee to authorise the removal of the beech tree in Bodley's Court. Expert advisors had assessed the tree and recommended its removal on safety grounds.

Governing Body expressed support for the decision of the Gardens Committee, and for the replacement of the tree with a native species in due course.

Principal Business

106. Second King's Parade Shop

The Domus Bursar proposed that the College should take a lease of a second shop on King's Parade to establish a second visitor centre and retail unit. The Finance Committee had supported the business case for the proposal and the Domus Bursar sought Governing Body's views in advance of the matter going to Council for decision.

Whilst cautioning against the College significantly increasing its retail-focussed activities on King's Parade, and noting potential reputational and financial risks, Governing Body offered support for the proposal.

The Domus Bursar thanked Governing Body for their views.

107. Anonymous Voting

The Vice-Provost asked Governing Body to consider whether they were in favour of making anonymous voting available at Congregations when appropriate circumstances arise.

Governing Body expressed a range of views about the advantages and disadvantages of both open and anonymous voting systems, and the impact voting systems might have upon the dynamic of the Fellowship community.

The Provost emphasised that Governing Body were not being asked whether they supported transitioning to anonymous voting at all times; the proposal was to make anonymous voting, already used for committee elections, available for a wider range of issues.

The First Bursar highlighted comments made during the discussion about how the Governing Body interacts and suggested that a group undertook some work to better understand these issues.

Governing Body suggested simplifying the proposed vote to clarify that use of anonymous voting would be at the Chair's discretion and could not be demanded by a Fellow.

Governing Body used an online voting tool to vote on the proposal.

Governing Body agreed to adopt anonymous voting for any decisions of Governing Body for which the Provost or other Fellow presiding considers anonymous voting to be appropriate.

Governing Body considered how the Provost, or other Fellow presiding, would use their discretion in future. Governing Body discussed how the Fellowship might develop guidance on this.

Governing Body considered whether the Caucus convenors might take this, and the work suggested by the First Bursar, forward. Governing Body supported the Vice Provost's suggestion that the Fellowship Committee should progress this.

Governing Body asked the Fellowship Committee to:

- a) *Explore Governing Body culture and how it might be improved; and*
- b) *To draft guidance for Governing Body chairpersons on when it might be appropriate to use anonymous voting.*

108. **Research Committee – Terms of Reference**

Dr Good, Research Manager, presented a proposal on behalf of the Research Committee to amend the Committee's terms of reference.

Governing Body agreed to alter the terms of reference of the Research Committee as suggested in the paper to allow the Committee to elect more than three stipendiary Research Fellows in any one year with prior permission of Governing Body and to elect more than one non-stipendiary Research Fellow, should the field and the needs of the College make that desirable.

Routine Papers (for report only)

None.

109. **Any Other Business**

None.