

## KING'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

At the Ordinary Congregation held on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026  
at 2:00pm in the SCR and via Zoom

### **Present** (starred names attended on Zoom)

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| Dr Zoe Adams                  | Professor Iain Fenlon*             | Professor Nick Marston        |
| Dr Tess Adkins                | Revd Dr Hueston Finlay             | Professor Jean Michel Massing |
| Dr Sebastian Ahnert*          | Professor Chryssi Giannitsarou*    | Dr Kamiar Mohaddes*           |
| Professor John Arnold*        | Dr Steven Gratton*                 | Professor Rory O'Bryen*       |
| Professor Nick Atkins*        | Professor Henning Grosse Ruse-Khan | Professor Rosanna Omitowaju   |
| Professor Gareth Austin       | Dr Sophie Harbour                  | Professor Robin Osborne       |
| Dr Umang Bhatt*               | Professor Ross Harrison            | Professor Tina Phillips*      |
| Dr Marcus Böick               | Mrs Lorraine Headen                | Professor Mike Proctor        |
| Dr Giulia Boitani*            | Dr Christoph Hess                  | Professor Thomas Roulet       |
| Dr Mirjana Bozic              | Dr Ryan Heuser                     | Dr Angus Russell              |
| Professor Angela Breitenbach* | Dr Myfanwy Hill                    | Professor Hamid Sabourian*    |
| Professor Nick Bullock        | Dr David Hillman                   | Dr Andjela Sarkovic           |
| Dr Katie Campbell             | Professor Dame Carrie Humphrey DBE | Professor Jason Sharman*      |
| Professor Richard Causton     | Professor Alice Hutchings          | Dr Nile Stephenson            |
| Dr Ivan Collister             | Professor Martin Hyland            | Dr Gillian Tett               |
| Professor Francesco Colucci   | Ms Polly Ingham                    | Professor Nick Tosca*         |
| Dr Laura Davies*              | Professor Mark Johnson             | Dr Marco Tripodi              |
| Professor Janet Davis         | Mr Peter Jones                     | Dr Sophie Turenne             |
| Professor Pete de Bolla       | Professor Barry Keverne            | Professor Bert Vaux*          |
| Dr James Dolan                | Dr Phil Knox*                      | Dr Rob Wallach                |
| Professor John Dunn           | Dr Harin Lee*                      | Dr Dror Weil                  |
| Dr Mark Dyble                 | Professor Sarah Lummis*            | Professor Darin Weinberg*     |
| Professor George Efstathiou   | Professor Alan Macfarlane*         | Dr Ruiyi Zhu*                 |
| Professor Aytek Erdil*        |                                    |                               |

### 109. **Apologies**

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| Dr Anna Allen   | Professor Mark Gross | Dr Minjung Park      |
| Dr Seda Basihos | Professor Chez Hall  | Professor John Perry |

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| Professor Mike Bate                    | Dr Iris Hardege           | Dr Sophie Pickford             |
| Dr Shannon Bonke                       | Dr Tiffany Harte          | Professor Chris Prendergast    |
| Professor Richard Bourke               | Professor John Henderson  | Professor Surabhi Ranganathan  |
| Professor Jude Browne                  | Dr Felipe Hernandez       | Dr Ben Ravenhill               |
| Professor Matei Candea                 | Dr Stephen Hugh-Jones     | Dr Paul Rimmer                 |
| Dr Keith Carne                         | Mr Daniel Hyde            | Professor Robert Rowthorn      |
| Professor Anne Davis                   | Professor Ian James       | Professor Paul Ryan            |
| Professor Sebastian Eves-Van den Akker | Dr Dale Kedwards          | Dr Georgia Seabra Nasseh       |
| Professor Elisa Faraglia               | Professor James Laidlaw   | Dr Mike Sonenscher             |
| Professor James Fawcett                | Dr Zhuangnan Li           | Professor Sharath Srinivasan   |
| Dr Tim Flack                           | Professor Charlie Loke    | Professor Gareth Stedman Jones |
| Professor Rob Foley                    | Dame Judith Mayhew Jonas  | Dr James Taylor                |
| Professor Lord Tony Giddens            | Professor Dan McKenzie    | Professor Jamie Vicary         |
| Professor Ingo Gildenhard              | Dr Fraz Mir               | Professor Godela Weiss-Sussex  |
| Professor Chris Gilligan CBE           | Dr Perveez Mody           | Professor John Young           |
| Professor Simon Goldhill               | Professor Geoff Moggridge | Professor Nicolette Zeeman     |
| Dr David Good                          | Dr Ken Moody              | Mr Sabeeh Ahmad                |
| Professor Caroline Goodson             | Dr Rebecca Orr            | Ms Olivia Sally                |

### **On Leave**

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| Professor Anna Alexandrova | Professor Matthew Gandy | Professor Gillian Griffiths |
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### **Open Business Only**

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| Ms Sophia O'Callaghan | Mr John Teare |
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## **OPEN BUSINESS**

### **110. Declarations of Interest**

None.

### **111. Minutes of Open Business of the Ordinary Congregation on 29 June 2026**

Approved.

### **112. Matters arising from the Minutes**

With the improved clarity of the budget and as this is one of the main opportunities for Governing Body to discuss the direction of the College, the

importance of having a Congregation entirely devoted to the Planning Round and Budget was stressed.

113. **Oral Reports**

None.

**Principal Business**

114. **Examinations Report**

The Provost reminded the Congregation that this report was provisional, with some results still outstanding and appeals still to be resolved. The Senior Tutor then spoke about the positive trend in King's students' results, with the highest number of firsts achieved since 2019, increasing by 7% compared with last year. She thanked all those involved in teaching for their efforts to achieve this improvement but stressed that further efforts were necessary. A full report on the results would be brought to Governing Body in Michaelmas, when all results would be available and there had been time to analyse them.

Governing Body accepted the summary report of undergraduate examination results and thanked the Senior Tutor for her work in leading these improvements.

115. **In-Year Budget Revision**

The First Bursar introduced this paper, noting the proposals withdrawn from the budget at the request of the Governing Body and with the recommendation from Council to continue with the proposal of moving students during vacations. Council recommended the use of expendable restricted funds to achieve a surplus budget, but given its terms the First Bursar suggested not to use the Beves Fund for this purpose. This would leave the College with a deficit budget of approximately £30k. The First Bursar noted the very dynamic external environment and high likelihood that further in-year changes would be required if the College wished to maintain a breakeven budget.

Governing Body agreed to approve in-year changes to the budget through use of expendable restricted funds, with these amendments.

116. **Chestnut Tree Lawn**

The First Bursar asked Governing Body to delegate authority to him to negotiate with the University a deed of grant relating to chestnut tree lawn with escalation to Council if the University sought to extend terms beyond access rights relating to emergency situations.

Governing Body agreed to delegate to the First Bursar authority to affix the College Seal to a deed of grant for Chestnut Tree lawn.

**Papers for report only**

None.

**Minutes**

117. **Minutes of the Investment Committee meeting on 12 June 2026**

Noted.

118. **Any Other Business**

None.

The Congregation ended at 15:53.