



THE EMMANUEL COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the Emmanuel College Newsletter, which brings you the latest news and information from all areas of College life.

NEWS

Fellows

We are very sorry that **Professor Sir Geoffrey Hill**, Fellow of Emmanuel 1981–88 and Honorary Fellow since 1990, died on 30 June 2016.

One of the greatest English poets of the post-war era, he came from a chair at Leeds to a teaching Fellowship in English at Emmanuel from 1981 until 1988, when he left for a post at Boston University. Already celebrated for his early collections – *For the Unfallen* (1959), *King Log* (1968), *Mercian Hymns* (1971) and *Tenebrae* (1978) – he published while at Emmanuel his *Mystery of the Charity of Charles Peguy* (1983). To a Fellow who politely enquired if he'd written it that summer he replied with feeling that he'd been writing that poem for ten years. From his later years in America and since came a great flowering of collections, gathered in his *Broken Hierarchies 1952–2012* (2013). Also a remarkable critic and thinker about poetry, his collected critical writings were published in 2008. Winner of numerous prizes and awards, Geoffrey Hill was awarded honorary doctorates by both Oxford and Cambridge, elected Professor of Poetry at Oxford, 2010–15 and knighted in 2012. It was at Oxford that he had gone to study English – from humble origins in Worcestershire which he never forgot – and he would recall being viva'd for a First by Tolkien.

Elected an Honorary Fellow of Emmanuel from 1990, Geoffrey Hill always retained the greatest affection for the College and preached memorably at the Commemoration of Benefactors in 2010. He was an electrifying reader of poetry, and those who heard him read Vaughan's 'They are all gone into a world of light' at the memorial service for Derek Brewer will never forget it. Only in April of this year Geoffrey Hill gave a memorable reading in Emmanuel, the latest of a number. On the day of his death he was buying books in Heffers, and the same day saw publication by Penguin of his new English version of Ibsen's *Peer Gynt*.

We are delighted to announce that **Dr Robert Macfarlane** (2002) has been promoted to a Readership in English, **Dr Christopher Tout** (1982), Fellow of Churchill has been promoted to a Professorship in Astronomy and **Dr Nathan Macdonald** (1993), Fellow of St John's a Readership in Theology.

Conservation Statement

The College's Conservation Statement is now available on www.emma.cam.ac.uk/about/conservation, where Members have been choosing whether Front Court, the Paddock, or another area best represents the spirit of Emmanuel, and posting memories: 'Emmanuel was... the best days of my life. I... still look back on those golden years (in rooms looking out on the Paddock) as the best'; 'a welcoming environment'; 'a peaceful and elegant place'. Do please add your thoughts and memories too.

COLLEGE EVENTS

Thursday 22 September – Alumni Weekend High Table

Members are invited to dine at High Table on the Thursday before the University's Alumni Weekend.

Saturday 24 – Sunday 25 September – Gathering of Members

Members who matriculated in 1994 to 1996 have been sent an invitation to the Gathering of Members in September. Please contact the Development Office if you matriculated in those years and have not received your invitation.

Thursday 3 November – All Souls Service

A Requiem is held each year in our College Chapel on or near All Souls Day at which Members of the College whose deaths we have learned about in the preceding year are remembered along with others. This year we will also be remembering those who lost their lives in the First World War in 1916.

The service will be on Thursday 3 November at 6pm and will be led by the Choir.

Thursday 17 November – Emmanuel Choir at the Brandenburg Choral Festival

Following the great success of their performance of Mozart's *Requiem* last term, Queens' and Emmanuel Choirs are joining up again, with the Brandenburg Sinfonia, for a performance of Haydn's *Creation* by Candlelight, conducted by Edward Reeve, as part of the Brandenburg Choral Festival, at St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square on Thursday 17 November at 7pm.

To book, please visit <http://www.brandenburg.org.uk/bcf-concerts/2016/4/15/mozart-by-candlelight>

Friday 18 November – Concert for Dr Ron Gray

A memorial concert will be held on Friday 18 November for Dr Ron Gray (1938), Emmanuel's longest-serving Fellow, who died aged 96 in November 2015.

At 5pm there will be talks about Ron and his work, followed by a concert at 6pm. Dr Chris Whitton and Richard Latham will perform songs for baritone and piano by Schubert, Duparc and Finzi, and will include readings of two sonnets by Shakespeare. Drinks will be served at 6.45pm, with a display about Dr Gray's life; afterwards Members are very welcome to dine at High Table.

Tuesday 6 December – Emmanuel College and Society Carol Service

Following the great success of the previous Carol Services led by the Chapel Choir, this year's Emmanuel Carol Service for Members will be held at the Temple Church, London EC4Y 7BB, at 6.30pm.

Enjoy an evening of carol singing, readings and reflections with fellow Members of the College, with drinks afterwards. Booking is not essential, but please do so if you can.

EMMANUEL SOCIETY

Events for the next few months are listed in the Society's newsletter and on www.emma.cam.ac.uk/members/events. Highlights include:

- Friday 27 October – Dinner at the Ulster Reform Club, Belfast
- Saturday 28 October – Visit to Hillsborough Castle, Belfast
- Saturday 19 November – Emmanuel Society's Geography day and AGM
- Tuesday 6 December – Emmanuel Society & College Carol Service at St Mary-le-Bow, London

CAREERS

To update your entry or join the register, please visit: www.emma.cam.ac.uk/careers. There is also a facility to contact Members for networking purposes.

If you can help at annual careers workshops organised with ECSU and the MCR, either to give general advice or to talk about CV writing, filling in application forms and interview skills, please contact: emmanuel-society@emma.cam.ac.uk.

VISITING EMMANUEL

The College has student guest rooms available for booking by Members. They are not en-suite or of hotel standard, but if you would like to book one, go to www.emma.cam.ac.uk/guestrooms or telephone (01223) 334255 (mornings only).

All Members of MA status are invited to dine up to twice a year at High Table as guests of the College and may bring a guest at their own expense. Book at www.emma.cam.ac.uk/dining or contact the Development Office.

The College welcomes private bookings of its rooms for meetings, meals and conferences. Contact: conferences@emma.cam.ac.uk or telephone (01223) 762099.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

College and Society E-News

If our monthly e-newsletter is not reaching you and you would like a copy, please contact the Development Office.

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College Updates

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