

*On Cultivating Community'* Choral Contemplations Term Card Somerville Chapel Trinity Term, 2025

**Introduction:** How can we cultivate community in times of division and despair, but with a sense of real hope, vision and commitment for *what could be* as well as a belief in the beauty of life *already here*? And what might community mean beyond relationships with social institutions and people, to also embrace our relationships with the land and the wildlife we're embedded within? Can a spirit of care and belonging permeate all of our interactions, human and non-human? Come and join us for our weekly Choral Contemplations on Sundays at 5:30pm to gently and creatively reflect on these questions with speakers Dr. Lisa Cherry, Tanaya Nair, Helen Edwards and Principal Jan Royall. With choral music from Somerville College Choir, poetry and writings in multiple languages which draws inspiration from our natural landscape, and explores our sense of home within a family of wild things.



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1<sup>st</sup> Week, Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April *Community; Ways of Belonging* By Dr. Lisa Cherry, Author, Speaker, Trainer, Consultant *Choral works by Britten, Hawley & Howells* 

> 2<sup>nd</sup> Week, Sunday 4th<sup>th</sup> May *Our Species'* Choral works by Arbo, MacMillan, Croce

3<sup>rd</sup> Week, Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May **"Our feet, wet" an Immersion in Savanna Grasses** By Tanaya Nair, DPhil Amansa Scholar, Ecologist & Artist Choral works by Churcher & Dove

> 4<sup>th</sup> Week, Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May **'The Earth is a Living Thing'** Choral works by Clemens, Walker, Churcher & Quartel

5<sup>th</sup> Week, Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May **'Being with the Land Together' By Helen Edwards, Integrative Arts Psychotherapist** *Choral works by Shaw, Bruckner & Bernstein* 

> 6<sup>th</sup> Week, Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June **'Solidarity and Kinship'** Choral works by Andrew, Todd, Ireland & Arlen

> > 7<sup>th</sup> Week, Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June **Pride Contemplation**' Choral works by Churcher & Twist

> > > 8<sup>th</sup> Week, Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June *Leavers Contemplation*' By Principal Jan Royall

Choral works by Balfour Gardiner, Quartel, Churcher & Erb