

Student Exec

We are the Student Exec. Below you can find out all about who we are and what we do in the team!

James Ellin – President

I'm a second-year ordinand student, originally from Worcestershire, but have to come to college via the Guildford Diocese. I am married to Emma, who serves on the Connect Exec as treasurer. We live out in the 'Shire' towards Avonmouth and have a dog called Harris who has a few party tricks (for treats of course!). We love hanging out and enjoying some good food with people, so please invite yourself to dinner any time! It's great to be serving on the exec this year with such a great team! I never thought I would love coming to college so much, with such a fantastic community. Trinity gets under your skin, and the Jesus-focused, sacrificial community is a joy to be part of!



The President leads and chairs the Student Executive in faithfully and accurately representing the student body and is the key point of contact between them and the faculty and staff of the college. Speak to me about:

- The shape, running and activities of the Student Executive
- Matters to be raised corporately with the college staff and faculty
- Any missional activity you think we could be involved in
- Concerns you don't know who to talk to about.



Nic Harris - Secretary

I am an ordinand in my second year and final year at Trinity, living with my family about 30-minute walk from the college so you may see me getting a little exercise in the mornings walking up Stoke Hill, helping me to work off the glorious Trinity food!

Our girls (aged 11 and 8) are currently being home schooled with my husband Matt as part of a wider Home Ed community in Bristol which has been a learning curve for all of us and a lot of fun. This means they can come in for lunch most Wednesdays with some of the other Trinity families and has been a great way for them to get connected to the community too.

Before I was at Trinity I was wife, mum and self-employed as an Occupational Therapist for Children and Young People so I have not worked for a church before. Being part of the exec has already helped me learn about being part of a team who can openly pray and worship together, seeking His kingdom and His will together and having a lot of fun in the process!

My role as Secretary involves supporting the President in the running of the Student Executive and administers the smooth running of certain tasks. You can speak to me about:

- Student Exec elections,
- Study room allocations, and the pastoral group rota for lunchtime and chapel duties,
- Lunchtime notices.

Jack Williams - Treasurer

Having completed my first year at Trinity I wanted to increase my involvement with college life going forward. I am married to Charley and we have a son called Caleb and a dog called Echo. Before coming to Trinity, I had been a Police officer in Hampshire for 9 years. I look forward to seeing you all around college this year and if you ever fancy a chat or a coffee I'm always up for a break from studying.

The Treasurer is responsible for the Common Room Fund, and therefore co-ordinates the budget, purchasing and giving of the student body.

Speak to me about:

- Purchasing and giving on behalf of the student body
- Student grants
- The student stocked 'Tuck Shop.



Emily Charkham – Learning & Education Rep

This will be my second and final year training as an ordinand at Trinity.

I moved to Trinity from Exeter but I'm not really a Devonian. I have actually lived in 7 cities so far including Edinburgh for University, London - training as an accountant (good luck Jack) and Cambridge – for my teenage grump!

I'm on the Exec as a result of a rather bumpy beginning at Trinity. I struggled to get through the first term, but I'm so pleased I'm still here and some of what God stirred in me at that time has led me to want to serve this community as it learns to support, value and enable individuals (that includes you!) to become all God has made us to be.

The Learning and Education Rep is the representative for the student body concerning the standards of teaching and student engagement in regard to academic and context-based learning. My role includes:

- Representing the student body at various academic meetings.

Speak to Emily about:

- The quality of teaching and learning,
- Common Awards,
- Academic studies and workload,
- Context-based training and placements.
- Additional academic support

Emma Kendall - Pastoral and Community Rep

I am a second year ordinand, I am married to James and we live in Henleaze. I enjoy cooking, watching classic films, reading autobiographies and celebrating Eurovision! My time at Trinity has been a great blessing so far and I pray that this will be true for you.

The Pastoral and Community Rep is responsible for the student body concerning the quality and integrity of community life at Trinity College.

My role includes:

- Helping the chaplains, pastoral groups, pastoral team and all of us make the Trinity community a supportive, caring and inclusive environment
- Liaising with relevant staff and students to organise community times
- Allocating 'buddies' for new students
- Allocating student college jobs alongside the Secretary



David Roberts – Worship & Prayer Rep

My name is David, and this will be my second of three years as an ordinand here at Trinity. So far, I have loved being part of this encouraging, fun and Jesus-centered community and am so excited to see what God has in store for this next year. I love having a laugh with friends and enjoying the outdoors (especially involving water sports) and anything with good food is a win!

My role as worship and prayer rep is the representative for the student body concerning the intentional discipleship of the college and looking at how we live as a worshipping community- keeping the conversation alive with Jesus and setting good foundations for partnership with him in future ministry.

My role includes:

- Encouraging and resourcing the prayer and worship life of the student body
- Organization of prayer triplets
- Whole college worship/prayer events

Leah Thompson – Spirituality & Leadership Rep

This is my second of three years training as an ordinand. I've been sent by Leeds diocese but grew up in Worthing on the South Coast. I live onsite at Trinity though am out and about enjoying Bristol a lot of the time. I am the leadership and spirituality rep for the student exec, which basically means I get a say in a lot of the non-assessed stuff at college.

My role includes:

- Liaising with Howard about the weekly Spirituality sessions
- Liaising with Sean about leadership sessions
- Overseeing extra and optional workshops to cover any topics you want to learn more about (e.g. co-ordinating our November workshop week)
- Collecting ideas – if you have any ideas of things you'd like to see happen, let's have a chat!



Amy White - Independent and Health & Wellness Rep

I have been at Trinity for two years, first completing the GradDip programme then embarking on a Masters. I am entering the second year of the Masters and will be mainly focusing on my dissertation this year, as well as trying to learn Hebrew! I hope to then go on to complete a PhD at Trinity, focusing on leadership theology and biblical studies. I love being at Trinity and am so grateful to be a part of such a life-giving, caring and challenging community.

When my nose is not in a book, you will usually find me doing something creative. I love Bible Journaling and have really enjoyed running a few workshops at Trinity where I can teach my love of this form of creative meditation to others. I also enjoy card making and run craft classes once a month in my home. Over the past couple of years, I have become increasingly more aware of the importance of whole-life health, including emotional and mental health and physical fitness. I am certainly not an expert in any of these things but I am committed to learning and growing in these areas.

The Independent Rep is the representative for the student body concerning those who are not (currently) training for ordained ministry in the Church of England/Wales. I will represent the student body for those in independent study at Trinity. My role includes:

- Representing all Independent students
- Developing and promoting health and wellness opportunities within the community

Speak to me about:

- Independent study, including vocational options and opportunities
- The awesomeness that is the Independent Hub on a Friday morning!
- Requests, thoughts or concerns in the area of health and wellness, either personally or for the college community
- Creativity
- Integration in college life

Tom Hodkinson – Social & Events Rep

My name is Tom and I'm a second year ordinand on the MA programme. Before moving to Bristol I was a youth pastor in Hertfordshire having moved up 'north' from Devon. One of the best things about being in Bristol is that we're much closer to the beach! I'm married to Katie and we've got a 3-year-old Labrador called Millie so spend a lot of time walking the dog at Blaise Castle. You'll most likely find me dodging essays by playing pool in the common room, accidentally speaking too loudly in the library or planning one of the legendary Trinity parties!



The Social and Events Rep is the representative for the student body concerning the social life, celebration and promoting fun as part of community life at Trinity College.

My role includes:

- Organising social events and competitions
- Formal events e.g. Academic Awards, Valedictory