



MERTON
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CHAPEL

MICHAELMAS TERM 2025



MERTON COLLEGE CHAPEL is open to all members of the College community as a place of worship and quiet reflection. The Chapel is part of the Church of England but the daily offering of worship is sustained by Christians from many different traditions. If you would like to read or serve in the Chapel, please contact one of the Chaplains or another member of the Chapel Team.

CHORAL FOUNDATION The College Choir sings on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and our Choristers sing on Mondays and Wednesdays. The Choristers are drawn from a number of local schools across Oxford. This term's music can be found on the Chapel and Choir pages of the College website.

WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS The main service of the week is normally at **5.45pm** on **Sunday**. Alternating between Choral Evensong and a Choral Eucharist (Holy Communion), the College Choir sings at this candlelit service, which finishes in time for Formal Hall. The Sunday morning service begins at **9.00am** and lasts about half an hour. This quieter, more reflective service alternates between the Eucharist and Morning Prayer, and is followed by breakfast. Our Chapel collections this term will be donated to *Wolvercote Young Peoples' Club*, a charity engaging and supporting young people in North Oxford through dynamic and creative youth work.

WEEKDAY SERVICES

8.15am	Morning Prayer	(Monday - Friday)
12.30pm	Eucharist	(Tuesday)
6.00pm	Choral Vespers	(Monday)
6.15pm	Choral Evensong	(Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday)
9.00pm	Compline	(Tuesday)

LIVESTREAMING A selection of our choral services and the Thursday lunchtime organ recital are livestreamed on the College Choir's YouTube channel.

ALL SOULS' At 5.30pm on Sunday 2 November (4th week) the College Choir will sing the Mozart *Requiem* as we commemorate the departed. Please email the Acting Chaplain with the names of anyone you would like to be remembered by Saturday 1st November.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY In addition to the 9.00am and 5.45pm services on 9 November (5th week), there will be a short Act of Remembrance at 10.50am at the College War Memorial under the Fitzjames Arch. This will include the laying of wreaths and two minutes' silence.

CAROL SERVICES This year's candlelit Advent Carol Services will take place at 4.00pm on Saturday 29 November and 5.30pm on Sunday 30 November. There will also be traditional Christmas Carol Services at 8.30pm on Thursday 4 December and at 6.00pm on Friday 5 December.

SERVICES AND PREACHERS SUNDAYS AT 5.45PM

12 October <i>Trinity 17</i>	Freshers' Service	The Revd Justin White <i>College Chaplain</i>
19 October <i>Trinity 18</i>	Eucharist	The Revd Lyndon Webb <i>Associate Chaplain</i>
26 October <i>Last Sunday after Trinity</i>	Evensong and Commemoration of Benefactors	Dr Ted Tregear <i>Fellow & Tutor in English, Merton College</i>
2 November <i>Feast of All Souls'</i>	Eucharist <i>(5.30pm)</i>	<i>Setting: Requiem in D minor, Mozart</i>
9 November <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	Evensong	Fred Thomas MP <i>Member of Parliament for Plymouth Moor View</i>
16 November <i>2 before Advent</i>	Evensong	The Revd Lucy Winkett <i>Rector of St James's Church, Piccadilly</i>
23 November <i>Christ the King</i>	Eucharist	The Very Revd Professor Sarah Foot <i>Dean of Christ Church</i>
30 November <i>Advent 1</i>	Advent Carol Service II <i>(5.30pm)</i>	<i>See previous page for other carol services</i>

CHRISTIAN UNION & CATHSOC This term's CU reps are Robyn Hayward & Emily Yates and the CathSoc Rep is Henry Colegate. The termly RC Mass is at 6.00pm on Friday 14 November (5th week).

BAPTISM and CONFIRMATION If you would like to discuss the possibility of being baptized and / or confirmed in the Chapel, have a word with one of the Chaplains.

CHAPEL TEAM

Student Chapel Officers

Eleanor Clark
Rohan Crowe
Sacha Fairweather
Lilli Ganzer
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Chapel & Choir Manager

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THE CHAPLAINS

The **College Chaplain**, The Revd Canon **Justin White** (Fellows' 3.2, justin.white@merton.ox.ac.uk), is happy to speak in confidence with any member of College (regardless of religious affiliation) concerning any matter.

The Revd **Lyndon Webb** (Fellows' 3.9, lyndon.webb@merton.ox.ac.uk) is the **Associate Chaplain**. Lyndon has particular responsibility for pastoral care within the Chapel community, for leading the discussion groups, and developing new initiatives.

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