



MERTON
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CHAPEL

TRINITY TERM 2024

MERTON COLLEGE CHAPEL is open to all as a place of worship and quiet reflection. Members of the College, as well as visitors, are welcome to join us at all our services. The Chapel is part of the Church of England but the daily offering of worship is sustained by people 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 schools across Oxford. This term's Services Booklet contains details of the music. It can be found on the Chapel and Choir pages of the College website.

WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS The main service of the week is at **5.45pm** on **Sundays**. Alternating between Choral Evensong and Choral Eucharist (Holy Communion), the College Choir sings at this service, which is followed by drinks and 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 given to **Christian Aid** (www.christianaid.org.uk).

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)

ASCENSION DAY

Wednesday 8 May	6.15pm	Choral Evensong
Thursday 9 May	12 noon	Singing from the Tower
(3rd week)	6.00pm	Choral Eucharist <i>attended by members of the congregation of the University Church</i>

CORPUS CHRISTI (Day of Thanksgiving for the Institution of the Eucharist)

Wednesday 29 May	6.15pm	Choral Evensong & Benediction
Thursday 30 May	6.00pm	Choral Eucharist
(6th week)		

SERVICES AND PREACHERS - SUNDAYS AT 5.45PM

21 April <i>Easter 4</i>	Choral Eucharist	The Revd Canon Dr Simon Jones <i>Chaplain</i>
28 April <i>Easter 5</i>	Choral Evensong	The Very Revd Michael Tavinor <i>Dean Emeritus of Hereford</i>
5 May <i>Easter 6</i>	Choral Eucharist	The Revd Dr Melanie Harrington-Haynes <i>Vicar, St Philip & All Saints and St Luke's, Kew</i>
12 May <i>Easter 7</i>	Choral Evensong	The Revd Canon Prof Mark Chapman <i>Vice-Principal & Academic Dean, Ripon College, Cuddesdon</i>
19 May <i>Pentecost</i>	Choral Eucharist	The Rt Revd Dr Steven Croft <i>Bishop of Oxford</i>
26 May <i>Trinity Sunday</i>	Choral Evensong	The Revd Canon Leanne Roberts <i>Dean of Clergy Well-being, Diocese of Southwark</i>
2 June <i>Trinity 1</i>	Choral Eucharist	The Revd Lyndon Webb <i>Associate Chaplain</i>
9 June <i>Trinity 2</i>	Leavers' Service	The Revd Canon Dr Simon Jones <i>Chaplain</i>

FAITH DISCUSSION GROUP

Do you have questions about faith and what happens in Chapel? Are you interested in baptism and/or confirmation? If so, you are welcome to join the informal discussion group, meeting at **10am every Friday** in Holywell Street. For more information, or to sign up, email lyndon.webb@merton.ox.ac.uk.

CHRISTIAN UNION & CATHSOC This term's CU rep is Annabel Philp. Carl Haller is the RC rep. The termly RC Mass is at 6.00pm on Friday 24 May (5th week).

*To join the Chapel email list, send a message to
jennifer.crompton@merton.ox.ac.uk*

LYNDON'S BOOK GROUP This term we will be reading *Victory City*, the most recent work by Salman Rushdie. This novel traces the rise of a fictional empire at the hands of a goddess seeking to create a society where women are empowered and patriarchy turned on its head, but whose creation soon grows beyond her control. The group will meet in weeks 1-7 at **3pm on Fridays in the Hawkins Room**, and of course there will be cake! For more information, or to order your free copy of the novel, email lyndon.webb@merton.ox.ac.uk. All welcome!

CHAPEL TEAM

Student Chapel Officers

George Adams	Alexandre Guilloteau	Gregory Middleton
Tom Allen	Georgia Hall	Camilo Mosquera
Antonia Anstatt	Carl Haller	Jana Nedelkoska
Benjamin Atkinson	Wilfred Lamont	Oscar Patton
Alex Brown	Asha Levy	Lucia Ross
Eleanor Clark	Jared Martin	Lukas Ruediger
Sacha Fairweather	Harmony Matheson	Cara Treacy
Marcus Gamble	Kelly McClinton	Dylan Turner
Ellie Garrigan Mattar	Ella McLoughlin	Zoe Wilkinson

Reed Rubin Organist and Director of Music Benjamin Nicholas Verger Jen Crompton

Chapel Office & Choir Manager Lizzie Casey *Livestreaming Technicians* Sebastian Dows-Miller Joe Clarke Finn Emmens-Green Mattie Sutton Hope Clarke Antonia Johnson Emily Slade

THE CHAPLAINS

The **College Chaplain**, the Revd Canon Dr **Simon Jones** (Fellows' 3.2, simon.jones@merton.ox.ac.uk), is happy to speak in confidence with any member of College (regardless of religious affiliation) concerning any matter. As well as being responsible for the Chapel, Simon also co-ordinates the welfare provision in College and chairs the Student Support Committee.

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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