



MERTON
COLLEGE
OXFORD

CHAPEL

HILARY TERM 2024

MERTON COLLEGE CHAPEL is open to all 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 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 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 at **5.45pm** on **Sundays**. Alternating between Choral Evensong and a Choral Eucharist (Holy Communion), the College Choir sings at this candlelit service. 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 the Wolvercote Young People's Club (wypc.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)

SHROVE TUESDAY Tuesday 13 February (5th week) is Shrove Tuesday, when we commemorate the College's Founder, Walter de Merton.

12.30pm	Eucharist <i>followed by lunch</i>
6.15pm	Choral Evensong and Commemoration of Benefactors <i>followed by drinks and the finalists' dinner</i>

ASH WEDNESDAY Lent begins on Wednesday 14 February (5th week).

5.45pm	Sung Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes <i>at which the College Choir will sing Allegri's 'Miserere'</i>
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SERVICES AND PREACHERS SUNDAYS AT 5.45PM

14 January
Epiphany 2

**Epiphany
Carol Service**

The Revd Canon Dr Simon Jones
Chaplain

21 January
Epiphany 3

Evensong

The Revd Dr Mariama Ifode-Blease
Assistant Curate, St James's, Piccadilly

28 January
Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Eucharist

The Revd Canon Peter Moger
Sub Dean, Christ Church, Oxford

4 February
2 before Lent

Evensong

The Rt Revd Dr Nicholas Chamberlain
Bishop of Grantham

11 February
Next before Lent

Eucharist

The Revd Luke Larnier
Assistant Curate, St Paul's, Bedford

18 February
Lent 1

Evensong

The Revd Lyndon Webb
Associate Chaplain

25 February
Lent 2

Eucharist

Eve Poole OBE
*Writer and Interim CEO of the
Carnegie Trust for the Universities of Scotland*

3 March
Lent 3

**Music & Readings
for Lent**

Dr Cecilia Deane-Drummond
Director of the Laudato Si' Institute, Oxford

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

CHRISTIAN UNION & CATHSOC This term's CU rep is Charis Patterson. Carl Haller is this term's RC rep. The termly RC Mass is at 6.00pm on Friday 23 February (6th week).

LYNDON'S BOOK GROUP This term we are reading *Babel* by R. F. Kuang. We will meet in the **Hawkins Room from 3-4pm on Fridays in weeks 1-7**; and yes, there will be cake! For more information, and to order your free copy of the book, contact Lyndon.

CHAPEL TEAM

Student Chapel Officers

George Adams	Ellie Garrigan Mattar	Kelly McClinton
Tom Allen	Georgia Hall	Ella McLoughlin
Antonia Anstatt	Carl Haller	Gregory Middleton
Benjamin Atkinson	Wilfred Lamont	Camilo Mosquera
Alex Brown	Asha Levy	Jana Nedelkoska
Eleanor Clark	Francesca Lovell-Read	Oscar Patton
Sacha Fairweather	Jared Martin	Lukas Ruediger
Marcus Gamble	Harmony Matheson	

<i>Pastoral Assistant</i>	William Allen	<i>Livestreaming Technicians</i>	Sebastian Dows-Miller
<i>Reed Rubin Organist & Director of Music</i>	Benjamin Nicholas		Joseph Clarke
			Mattie Sutton
			Finn Emmens-Green
<i>Chapel Office & Choir Manager</i>	Lizzie Casey		Antonia Johnson
			Hope Clarke
			Emily Slade
<i>Verger</i>	Jen Crompton	<i>Organ Scholars</i>	Owen Chan
			François Cloete

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.

To join the Chapel email list, send a message to
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