

MERTON COLLEGE OXFORD CHAPEL

SERVICES and MUSIC HILARY TERM 2024

Merton College Chapel

Merton College was founded by Walter de Merton in 1264. Worship has been offered in the College Chapel for over seven hundred years. Today the Chapel is home to a lively and diverse community which continues this faithful offering of worship with daily services during term. Visitors are welcome to join members of the College at all our services.

The Chapel is part of the Church of England, within the worldwide Anglican Communion, and the Archbishop of Canterbury is the College's Visitor. All those who are communicant members of their own church are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us.

A Choral Foundation was established at Merton in 2008. The College Choir, directed by Benjamin Nicholas, sings on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Its patron is Peter Phillips, the founder and director of *The Tallis Scholars*. Girl choristers from a variety of local schools were admitted to the Choral Foundation in 2016, and normally sing Vespers on Mondays and Evensong on Wednesdays.

Members of College and Friends of the Choir can purchase the College Choir and Choristers' recordings and Benjamin Nicholas' organ discs at a discounted price from the Verger (jennifer.crompton@merton.ox.ac.uk). Copies are also available from the Porters' Lodge and the online shop on the College website (www.merton.ox.ac.uk).

The Chapel supports a number of charities. Our collections this term will be given to Wolvercote Young People's Club, a local charity engaging and supporting young people through dynamic and creative youth work.

On March 22—24 the College will hold its Passiontide Festival. *Passiontide at Merton* will include services and concerts in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. Further information is available from Lizzie Casey, the Chapel Office & Choir Manager, and the College website.

Simon Jones Chaplain

HILARY TERM 2024

JANUARY

14 The Second Sunday of Epiphany (1st week)

9.00am Eucharist

5.45pm Epiphany Carol Service
Preludes La vierge et l'enfant Messiaen

Le verbe *Messiaen*Les mages *Messiaen*

Introit O magnum mysterium Lauridsen

Carols The Gallery Carol Gardner

The Three Kings Cornelius arr. Atkins

Omnes de Saba *Lassus*Tribus miraculis *Jackson*A New Year Carol *Britten*Benedicamus Domino *Warlock*

Hymns 30 (omit 2 & 3), 'We three kings', 466, 58,

56 (omit *), 52

Homily The Revd Canon Dr Simon Jones

Chaplain

Voluntary Dieu parmi nous Messiaen

15 Monday

8.15am Morning Prayer **6.00pm** Choral Vespers

Prelude Christum wir sollen loben schon BWV 611

JS Bach

Responses Plainsong

Hymn 46 Psalm 71

Magnificat Short Service *Gibbons*Anthem A New Year Carol *Britten*

Voluntary Von Himmel hoch, da komm ich her Zachau

16 Tuesday

8.15am Morning Prayer

12.30pm Eucharist

6.15pm Choral Evensong

Prelude Landscape in Mist Op. 96 No. 2 Karg-Elert

Responses *Byrd*Psalm 89.1–36
Canticles *Sumsion* in G

Cartificies Sumsion in G

Anthem The Lamb Tavener

Hymn 58

Voluntary The Legend of the Mountain Op. 96 No. 2 Karg-Elert

17 Wednesday

St Antony 8.15am Morning Prayer of Egypt 6.15pm Choral Evensong

Prelude Noël Nouvelet Lloyd Webber

Responses *Byrd*Psalm 97, 98

Canticles Stanford in B flat

Anthem In the bleak midwinter Darke

Hymn 'As longs the deer'

Voluntary God rest you merry, gentlemen Lloyd Webber

18 Thursday

Week of 8.15am Morning PrayerPrayer 6.15pm Choral Evensong

for Prelude Chorale Prelude on "Christe, redemptor omnium"

Christian Parry

Unity Responses Byrd

Psalms 99, 100, 111

Canticles Second Service Byrd

Anthem See, see the word is incarnate Gibbons

Hymn 51

Voluntary Marche des Rois Mages Dubois

19 Friday

St Wulfstan 8.15am Morning Prayer

of Worcester

21 The Third Sunday of Epiphany (2nd week)

9.00am Eucharist

5.45pm Choral Evensong

Prelude Pastorale BWV 590 JS Bach

Introit Dormi Jesu Rubbra

Responses *Byrd*Psalm 33.1-12

Canticles Collegium Magdalenae Oxoniense Leighton

Anthem Ascribe unto the Lord Wesley

Hymns 55, 48, 477

Preacher The Revd Dr Mariama Ifode-Blease

Assistant Curate, St James's, Piccadilly

Voluntary Vivo, energico ed agitato (Organ Sonata No. 2)

Howells

22 Monday

8.15am Morning Prayer **6.00pm** Choral Vespers

Prelude Der Tag, der ist so freudenreich Pachelbel

Responses Plainsong

Hymn 46 Psalm 138

Magnificat (Merton Service for Trebles)

Frances-Hoad

Anthem Peace on earth Wallen

Voluntary Jesus Christus, unser Heiland BWV 688 JS Bach

23 Tuesday

8.15am Morning Prayer

12.30pm Eucharist

6.15pm Choral Evensong Prelude Preludium *Gibbons*

Responses *Clucas*Psalm 145

Canticles Magnificat (Merton Service) Ešenvalds

Nunc Dimittis Lukaszewski

Anthem Almighty and everlasting God Gibbons

Hymn 483

Voluntary Fantazia of foure parts Gibbons

24 Wednesday

St Francis 8.15am Morning Prayer de Sales 6.15pm Choral Evensong

Prelude Desseins éternels Messiaen

Responses *Clucas*Psalms 21, 29

Canticles Noble in B minor

Anthem How lovely are the messengers *Mendelssohn*

Hymn 221

Voluntary Les anges Messiaen

25 The Conversion of St Paul (Thursday)

8.15am Morning Prayer6.15pm Choral Evensong

Prelude Intermezzo (Organ Sonata No. 8) Rheinberger

Responses *Clucas*Psalm 119.41-56

Canticles Rubbra in A flat

Anthem Beati quorum via Stanford

Hymn 155

Voluntary Fiat lux Dubois

26 Friday

Ss Timothy 8.15am Morning Prayer

& Titus

27 Saturday

4.00pm **Choral Evensong** sung by

James Allen Girls' School

28 The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)

(3rd week)

9.00am Morning Prayer5.45pm Choral EucharistPrelude Improvisation on

"Lumen ad revelationem gentium"

Eumen au revelationem

Introit O nata lux Tallis

Setting Missa Rigensis *Praulins*

Psalm 24

Motet Senex puerum portabat a 4 *Byrd*Canticle Nunc Dimittis *Lukaszewski*

Hymns 33 (omit*), 'Angels from the realms of glory',

'New light has dawned'

Preacher The Revd Canon Peter Moger

Sub Dean, Christ Church, Oxford

Voluntary Illuminare Allain

29 Monday

8.15am Morning Prayer **6.00pm** Choral Vespers

Prelude O lux beata Trinitatis Scheidemann

Responses Plainsong

Hymn 'We bless you, Father, Lord of life'

Psalm 127

Magnificat Magnificat in C minor *Dyson*Anthem A grateful heart *Plumstead*Voluntary Praeludium in D minor *Scheidt*

30 Tuesday

Charles, 8.15am Morning Prayer

King & 12.30pm Eucharist

martyr 6.15pm Choral Evensong

Prelude The Sun's Evensong Op. 96 No. 5 Karg-Elert

Responses *Clucas*Psalms 134, 135

Canticles Oriel Service Bingham

Anthem O thou that art the light Jackson

Hymn 218

Voluntary Hymn to the Stars Op. 96 No. 7 *Karg-Elert* **9.30pm Messiaen's La Nativité du Seigneur**

with readings and prayer

31 Wednesday

8.15am Morning Prayer6.15pm Choral Evensong

Prelude Dies sind die heil'gen zehn Gebot BWV 678 JS Bach

Responses *Clucas* Psalm 136

Canticles Collegium Regale *Howells*Anthem The spirit of the Lord *Elgar*

Hymn 342

Voluntary Marche héroïque Brewer

FEBRUARY

1 Thursday

8.15am Morning Prayer6.15pm Choral EvensongPrelude Evening song Bairstow

Responses Clucas

Psalm 138, 140, 141 Canticles *Brewer* in D

Anthem How beautiful upon the mountains Stainer

Hymn 484

Voluntary Postlude in D Smart

2 Friday

8.15am Morning Prayer

4 The Second Sunday before Lent (4th week)

9.00am Eucharist

5.45pm Choral Evensong

Prelude Prelude in E flat major BWV 552i JS Bach

Introit To thee, O Lord Rachmaninov

Responses Clucas
Psalm 65

Canticles St Paul's Service Howells

Anthem O be joyful *Walton* Hymns 263 (omit*), 267, 427

Preacher The Rt Revd Dr Nicholas Chamberlain

Bishop of Grantham

Voluntary Tanz-Toccata "I Love The Colourful World"

Hakim

5 Monday

8.15am Morning Prayer6.00pm Choral Vespers

Prelude Meine Seele erhebt den Herren Weckmann

Responses Plainsong

Hymn 'We bless you, Father, Lord of life'

Psalm 4

Magnificat Fauxbourdons Owens

Anthem Prayer of St Richard Allain

Voluntary Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr Buttstett

6 Tuesday

8.15am Morning Prayer

12.30pm Eucharist

6.15pm Choral Evensong Prelude Preludium *Byrd*

Responses Ayleward

Psalms 9, 10

Canticles Magnificat Pärt

Nunc Dimittis Esquivel

Anthem Prevent us, O Lord Byrd

Hymn 240

Voluntary Pavana "The Earle of Salisbury" Byrd

7 Wednesday

8.15am Morning Prayer6.15pm Choral Evensong

Prelude Andante (Sonata in C# Minor) Harwood

Responses Ayleward
Psalms 11, 12, 13
Canticles Sumsion in A

Anthem Save us, O Lord Bairstow

Hymn 239

Voluntary Chanson de Matin Elgar

8 Thursday

8.15am Morning Prayer6.15pm Choral Evensong

sung by the College Choir &

participants in the Merton Choral Day

Prelude Psalm Prelude Set 1 No 2 Howells

Responses Ayleward

Psalm 18

Canticles Stanford in A

Anthem Te lucis ante terminum Martin

Hymn 475

Voluntary Fanfare Whitlock

9 Friday

8.15am Morning Prayer

11 The Sunday next before Lent (5th week)

9.00am Morning Prayer5.45pm Choral Eucharist

Prelude Livre d'Orgue *Du Mage* Setting Messe cum jubilo *Duruflé*

Psalm 50.1-6

Motet O sacrum convivium Messiaen

Hymns 351, 271, 394

Preacher The Revd Luke Larner

Assistant Curate, St Paul's, Bedford

Voluntary Improvisation sur le "Te Deum" Tournemire

12 Monday

8.15am Morning Prayer6.30pm Evening Prayer

13 Shrove Tuesday

8.15am Morning Prayer

12.30pm Eucharist

6.15pm Choral Evensong

and Commemoration of the Founder

and Benefactors of the College

Prelude Allabreve BWV 589 JS Bach

Introit Locus iste Bruckner

Responses Clucas Psalm 146

Canticles Stanford in C

Anthem The Twelve Walton

Hymns 436, 333

Voluntary Paean Howells

14 Ash Wednesday

8.15am Morning Prayer & Litany

5.45pm Choral Eucharist with

Imposition of Ashes

Setting Mass for Four Voices Byrd

Motets Miserere mei Allegri

Civitas sancti tui Byrd

Hymns 63, 383 (omit*)

15 Thursday

8.15am Morning Prayer6.30pm Evening Prayer

16 Friday

8.15am Morning Prayer

18 The First Sunday of Lent (6th week)

9.00am Eucharist

5.45pm Choral Evensong

Prelude Improvisation on "Aus tiefer Not"

Introit Hear my prayer Purcell

Responses Smith
Psalm 119.17-32
Canticles Jackson in G

Anthem The Wilderness *Wesley* Hymns 67, 353 (omit*), 252

Preacher The Revd Lyndon Webb

Associate Chaplain

Voluntary Toccata and Fugue in D minor (Dorian)

BWV 538 JS Bach

19 Monday

8.15am Morning Prayer6.00pm Choral Vespers

Prelude Christe, der du bist Tag und Licht Scheidt

Responses Plainsong

Hymn 59 Psalm 13

Magnificat Primi toni

Anthem Teach me, O Lord Byrd

Voluntary In nomine Bull

20 Tuesday

8.15am Morning Prayer

12.30pm Eucharist

6.15pm Choral Evensong

Prelude Canzon dopo l'Epistela Frescobaldi

Responses *Smith* Psalms 46, 49

Canticles Magnificat quarti toni *Palestrina*Anthem Nunc Dimittis octavi toni *Torrentes*

Hymn 74

Voluntary Recercar dopo il Credo Frescobaldi

21 Wednesday

Ember 8.15am Morning Prayer & Litany

Day 6.15pm Choral Evensong

Prelude Voluntary in D Minor Op. 6 No. 1 Stanley

Responses *Byrd* Psalms 9, 28

Canticles Short Service Weelkes

Anthem Call to remembrance, O Lord Farrant

Hymn 382

Voluntary Praeludium in F# minor Buxtehude

22 Thursday

8.15am Morning Prayer6.15pm Choral Evensong

Prelude Cornet voluntary in A minor Blow

Responses Smith

Psalms 137, 138, 142

Canticles Fifth Service *Tomkins*Anthem Out of the deep *Rutter*

Hymn 64

Voluntary Aus tiefer Not schrei ich zu dir BWV686 JS Bach

23 Friday

St Polycarp 8.15am Morning Prayer

of Smyrna 6.00pm Roman Catholic Mass

25 The Second Sunday of Lent (7th week)

9.00am Morning Prayer5.45pm Choral Eucharist

followed by Chapel Supper

Prelude Allegro Assai (Organ Sonata No. 2) Howells

Setting Mass for Double Choir Martin

Psalm 22.23-end

Motet Salvator mundi Howells

Hymns 376, 76, 461 Address Eve Poole OBE

Writer and Interim CEO of the

Carnegie Trust for the Universities of Scotland

Voluntary Prelude and Fugue in B minor BWV 544 JS Bach

26 Monday

8.15am Morning Prayer6.00pm Choral Vespers

Prelude Pavan "Sr. Wm. Petre" Byrd

Responses Plainsong

Hymn 59 Psalm 74

Magnificat (Fauxbourdons) Moore

Anthem Te lucis ante terminum *Tallis* Voluntary Galiardo "Sr. Wm. Petre" *Byrd*

27 Tuesday

George 8.15am Morning Prayer

Herbert, 12.30pm Eucharist

priest & 6.15pm Choral Evensong

poet Prelude Præludium "I Love The Colourful World" Hakim

Responses *Smith*Psalms 52, 53, 54

Canticles Short Service *Hooper*Anthem The Call *Randle*

Hymn 456

Voluntary Rapid Growth and Decay Yablans

28 Wednesday

8.15am Morning Prayer6.15pm Choral Evensong

Prelude Toccata per l'Elevatione Frescobaldi

Responses *Plainsong*Psalms 3, 51

Canticles Berkshire Service Archer

Anthem Litany to the Holy Spirit Hurford

Hymn 70

Voluntary Preludium and Fuga Op. 16 No. 3

Clara Schumann

29 Thursday

8.15am Morning Prayer6.15pm Choral Evensong

Prelude Prelude Dyson

Responses *Smith* Psalm 71

Canticles Dyson in F

Anthem Geistliches Lied Brahms

Hymn 75

Voluntary Postlude Dyson

MARCH

1 Friday

St David 8.15am Morning Prayer of Wales

3 The Third Sunday of Lent (8th week)

9.00am Eucharist

5.45pm Music and Readings for Lent

Prelude Quasi lento, tranquillo (Organ Sonata No. 2)

Howells

Introit It was in that train Ferguson

Motets Salvator mundi Howells

Psalm 23 Howells

I heard a voice from heaven Howells

Crucifixus a 8 Lotti

Address Dr Cecilia Deane-Drummond

Director of the Laudato Si' Institute, Oxford

Voluntary Fugue on "Ad nos, ad salutarem undam"

Liszt

4 Monday

8.15am Morning Prayer6.00pm Choral Vespers

Prelude Andante quasi allegretto Franck

Responses Plainsong

Hymn 59 Psalm 79

Magnificat Tonus peregrinus

Anthem Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace *Boyle* Voluntary Christus, der uns selig macht BWV 620

IS Bach

5 Tuesday

8.15am Morning Prayer

12.30pm Eucharist

6.15pm Choral Evensong

Prelude Pavana "St Thomas Wake" Bull

Responses *Martin*Psalms 61, 62, 64

Canticles Short Service *Byrd*Anthem In manus tuas *Tallis*

Hymn 337

Voluntary Galiardo Secundo "Mris Marye Brownlo"

Byrd

6 Wednesday

8.15am Morning Prayer6.15pm Choral Evensong

Prelude Andante in E minor Wesley

Responses *Smith*Psalms 36, 39
Canticles *Wood* in D

Anthem I love all beauteous things Weir Hymn 'O love that wilt not let me go'

Voluntary Con moto maestoso (Sonata III) Mendelssohn

7 Thursday

Ss Perpetua, 8.15am Morning Prayer Felicity & 6.15pm Choral Evensong

companions Prelude Voluntary in A minor Croft

Responses *Martin* Psalm 59, 60

Canticles Second Service *Leighton*Anthem Emendemus in melius *Byrd*

Hymn 219

Voluntary Allegro (Organ Symphony No. 2) Vierne

8 Friday

8.15am Morning Prayer6.00pm Choral Evensong

Prelude Chorale Prelude "O Traurigkeit, O Herzeleid"

Smyth

Responses Martin

Psalm 69

Canticles Oriel Service *Bingham*Anthem Like as the hart *Howells*

Hymn 'God of mercy and compassion'

Voluntary Toccato Price

EASTER VACATION

MARCH

11 Monday

6.00pm Choral Vespers

Prelude O Lamm Gottes unschuldig Pachelbel

Responses Plainsong

Hymn 59 Psalm 25

Magnificat Octavi toni

Anthem Brother James's Air Bain arr. Jacob

Voluntary En forme de canon Salomé

13 Wednesday

6.15pm Choral Evensong

Prelude Ach Herr, mein armen Sünder Buxtehude

Responses *Smith* Psalm 52, 91

Canticles Third Service Moore

Anthem Wash me throughly Wesley

Hymn 414

Voluntary Soll es sein Sweelinck

16 Saturday

6.00pm Choral Evensong

for the College Gaudy

Prelude An Wasserflüssen Babylon BWV 653 JS Bach

Introit Call to remembrance Farrant

Responses Smith

Psalms 140, 141, 142

Canticles Collegium Regale *Howells*Anthem A New Song *MacMillan*

Hymns 377, 333

Voluntary Allegro giocoso (Sept Improvisations) Saint-Saëns

17 The Fifth Sunday of Lent 9.00am Eucharist

Regular choral services resume at 5.45pm on Sunday 21 April

PASSIONTIDE AT MERTON

22-24 March 2024

22 Friday

1.15pm Organ Recital: Matthew Martin plays Bach

5.00pm Choral Evensong

Prelude O Gott du frommer Gott Smyth

Responses Martin Psalm 31

Canticles Magnificat Pärt

Nunc Dimittis Lukaszewski

Anthem Svyati Tavener

Hymn 84

Voluntary Toccata and Fugue in D minor BWV 565 JS Bach

7.30pm The Cardinal's Musick

Spem in alium

23 Saturday

11.00am Matins (Choristers & Lower Voices)

Prelude Chorale Prelude on "Rockingham" Leighton

Responses Byrd

Canticles The Lamentation Bairstow

Benedictus in C Stanford

Anthem Wash me throughly Wesley

Hymn 83

Voluntary Improvisation (Organ Sonata No. 2) Reger

2.00pm Biber's Rosary Sonatas

Bojan Cicic, violin

5.30pm Organ Recital:

Howells' Second Organ Sonata

6.00pm Choral Evensong

Introit It was in that train Ferguson

Responses Martin

Psalms 128, 129, 130

Canticles Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis in A flat Rubbra

Anthem Requiem Howells

Hymns 439, 79, 95

Voluntary Psalm-Prelude Set 1, No. 3 Howells

9.30pm Compline

24 Palm Sunday

10.30am Procession and

Choral Eucharist of the Lord's Passion

Introit Hosanna to the Son of David Gibbons

Setting Missa Sancti Dominici Rubbra

Psalm 31.9-16

Motets Ave verum corpus Byrd

Hymns 509, 511, 94, 90, 86, 'Lift high the cross' Voluntary Fugue sur le nom d'Alain Op. 7 *Duruflé*

5.00pm Passio Arvo Pärt

Merton College Choir

Oxford Contemporary Sinfonia Benjamin Nicholas *conductor*

FRIENDS OF THE CHOIR OF MERTON COLLEGE

The Friends of the Choir of Merton College support the current and future activities of the College Choir and the Girl Choristers.

Friends receive regular newsletters from the Organist and Director of Music, reduced ticket prices on selected concerts and invitations to Friends' events.

For further details, contact the Chapel Office & Choir Manager, (chapel.administrator@merton.ox.ac.uk), or go to the website: https://www.merton.ox.ac.uk/chapel-choir/friends-of-the-choir.

CHAPEL SERVICES

Sundays

followed by breakfast in Hall

5.45pm Choral Evensong / Choral Eucharist

followed by drinks in the Ante-Chapel

Weekdays

8.15am	Morning Prayer (Monday to Friday)
12.30pm	Eucharist (Tuesday) followed by lunch

6.00pm Choral Vespers (Monday)

6.15pm Choral Evensong (Tuesday, Wednesday

and Thursday)

CHAPEL TEAM

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The Revd Canon Dr Simon Jones

Associate Chaplain

The Revd Lyndon Webb

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Benjamin Nicholas

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