Merton College Chapel

Merton College was founded by Walter de Merton on 14 September 1264. Worship has been offered in the College Chapel for over seven hundred years. Today the Chapel is home to a lively and diverse Christian 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. Members of College and Friends of the Choir can purchase the College Choir’s recordings and Benjamin Nicholas’ organ discs at a discounted price from the Verger (leah.collins@merton.ox.ac.uk). Copies are also available from the Porters’ Lodge and the College website (www.merton.ox.ac.uk).

Girl choristers from a variety of local schools were admitted to the Choral Foundation in 2016, and sing Evensong on Wednesdays.
The Chapel supports a number of charities throughout the year. Our collections this term will be donated to the Oxford Winter Night Shelter, the Charlie Waller Memorial Trust (www.cwmt.org.uk), and the Oxford Parent Infant Project (www.oxpip.org.uk).

Simon Jones
Chaplain
MICHAELMAS TERM 2018

SEPTEMBER

12 Wednesday

3.30pm Choral Evensong

_**broadcast live on BBC Radio 3**_

Introit Libera nos _Tallis_

Responses _Radcliffe_

Psalms 65, 66, 67

Canticles Merton Service _Ešenvalds_

Anthem Geistliches Lied _Brahms_

Hymns ‘Christ, mighty Saviour’, ‘Your voice, O God’

Voluntary Paean _Howells_

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13 Thursday

1.30pm Choral Evensong

_to be recorded for broadcast on BBC Radio 3_

_on the feast of St Stephen (26 December)_

Introit Welcome Yule! _Parry_

Responses _Radcliffe_

Psalms 57, 86

Canticles _Dyson_ in D

Anthem And I saw a new heaven _Bainton_

Motet In the bleak midwinter _Holst_

Hymns ‘Jesu, the Father’s only Son’, 29

Voluntary Sinfonia (Cantata 29) _Bach arr. Guilmant_
15    Saturday
St Cyprian    6.00pm     Choral Evensong    for the College Gaudy
of Carthage
Prelude     Slow Air No. 1 in G    Howells
Introit     Lord, for thy tender mercies’ sake    Hilton
Responses    Byrd
Psalms       45
Canticles    Wood in D
Anthem       Evening Hymn    Gardiner
Hymns        436, 252
Voluntary    Toccata in F major BWV 540    Bach

OCTOBER

7    The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity (1st week)
9.00am     College Eucharist
5.45pm     Freshers’ Service
Prelude     Prelude in E major Op.99 No. 1    Saint-Säens
Introit     Sunset and Evening Star    Parry
            (Parry died 7 October 1918)
Responses    Radcliffe
Psalms       125, 126
Canticles    Wood in E flat
Anthem       Give unto the Lord    Elgar
Hymns        ‘O God, beyond all praising’, 353, 408
Preacher     The Revd Dr Jarred Mercer
            Associate Chaplain
Voluntary    Pomp and Circumstance March No. 3
            Elgar arr. Farrington

8    Monday
8.15am     Morning Prayer
Tuesday

8.15am  Morning Prayer

12.30pm  Eucharist

6.15pm  Choral Evensong
  Prelude  Voluntary No. 7 in E flat  Green
  Responses  Smith
  Psalm  107
  Canticles  Second Service  Gibbons
  Anthem  Prevent us, O Lord  Byrd
  Hymn  ‘Jesus, Lord, we look to thee’
  Voluntary  Allegro in C  Arne

Wednesday

St Paulinus of York 8.15am  Morning Prayer

6.15pm  Choral Evensong
  Prelude  Voluntary in D from Fourteen Short Pieces  Wesley
  Responses  Byrd
  Psalm  119.145-152
  Canticles  Sumsion in A
  Anthem  Blessed be the God and Father  Wesley
  Hymn  ‘Father, we praise you’
  Voluntary  Prelude in C BuxWV 137  Buxtehude
11 Thursday
  8.15am  Morning Prayer
  1.15pm  Organ Recital
          by Katherine Dienes-Williams
          Guildford Cathedral
  6.15pm  Choral Evensong
          Prelude  Consolation No. 4 in D flat major  Liszt
          Responses  Smith
          Psalms  114, 116, 117
          Canticles  Second Service  Byrd
          Anthem  Ubi caritas et amor  Duruflé
          Hymn  269 (i)
          Voluntary  Ciaconna in E minor BuxWV 160  Buxtehude

12 Friday
  St Wilfrid  8.15am  Morning Prayer
  of Ripon  6.15pm  Roman Catholic Mass

14 The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity (2nd week)
  9.00am  Morning Prayer
  5.45pm  College Eucharist
          Prelude  Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr BWV 662
                   Bach
          Setting  Missa Brevis  Kodaly
          Psalm  127
          Motet  O sacrum convivium  Messiaen
          Hymns  351, 296, 420 (omit v2)
          Preacher  The Revd Claire Robson
                     Director of Ordinands, Diocese of Newcastle
          Voluntary  Fugue from Sonata on the 94th Psalm
                     Reubke
15  Monday

St Teresa  8.15am  Morning Prayer
of Avila   6.30pm  Evening Prayer

16  Tuesday

8.15am  Morning Prayer
12.30pm  Eucharist
6.15pm  Choral Evensong

_sung jointly with the choir of_
Cheltenham College
Prelude  Ubi Caritas  Demessieux
Responses  Smith
Psalms  134, 135
Canticles  Dyson in D
Anthem  O pray for the peace of Jerusalem  Howells
Hymn  424
Voluntary  The dancing pipes  Dove

17  Wednesday

St Ignatius  8.15am  Morning Prayer
of Antioch  6.15pm  Choral Evensong

Prelude  Largo _from_ Trio Sonata No. 2 BWV 526  Bach
Responses  Plainsong
Psalms  136
Canticles  Berkshire Service  Archer
Anthem  The Call  Vaughan Williams
Hymn  ‘O martyrs of the living Lord’
Voluntary  Allegro _from_ Sonata 4 in F major  C.P.E Bach
18  **St Luke the Evangelist** (Thursday)
   8.15am  Morning Prayer
   **1.15pm**  **Organ Recital by Huw Williams**
   *Bath Abbey*
   **6.15pm**  **Choral Evensong**
   Prelude  Voluntary  *Cosyn*
   Responses  *Smith*
   Psalm  103
   Canticles  Short Service  *Weelkes*
   Anthem  *O quam gloriosum*  *Victoria*
   Hymn  401 (omit vv 2 & 3)
   Voluntary  Prelude and Fugue in C minor BWV 549  *Bach*

19  **St Frideswide, Patron of Oxford** (Friday)
   8.15am  Morning Prayer

21  **The Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity** (3rd week)
   9.00am  **College Eucharist**
   **5.45pm**  **Choral Evensong and**
   **Commemoration of Benefactors**
   Prelude  Fantasie in E-flat major  *Saint-Saëns*
   Introit  Almighty Father  *Bernstein*
   Responses  *Ayleward*
   Psalm  145
   Canticles  *Stanford* in G
   Anthem  *Wie lieblich sind deine Wohnungen*  *Brahms*
   Hymns  440 (omit*), 391, 427
   Address  Dr Rachel Buxton  *Senior Tutor*
   Voluntary  March on a Theme by Handel  *Guilmant*
22  Monday
  8.15am  Morning Prayer
  6.30pm  Evening Prayer

23  Tuesday
  8.15am  Morning Prayer
  12.30pm  Eucharist
  6.15pm  Choral Evensong
  Prelude  Aria Berkeley
  Responses  Ayleward
  Psalms  9, 10
  Canticles  Magnificat Pärt
             Nunc dimittis Tone I
  Anthem  Sing joyfully Byrd
  Hymn  378
  Voluntary  Aubade Berkeley

24  Wednesday
  8.15am  Morning Prayer

25  Thursday
  8.15am  Morning Prayer
  1.15pm  Organ Recital by David Maw
           Oriel College
  6.15pm  Choral Evensong
  Prelude  Vater unser im Himmelreich Op. 67 No.41
           Reger
  Responses  Ayleward
  Psalm  18
  Canticles  Walmisley in D minor
  Anthem  Crucifixus a 8 Lotti
  Hymn  89
  Voluntary  Vater unser im Himmelreich Böhm
26  Friday  
*St Alfred the Great*  
8.15am  Morning Prayer

27  Saturday  
**12.15pm**  Eucharist  
**4.00pm**  Choral Evensong  
*sung by the choir of St Paul’s, Chichester*  
Responses  *Ferial*  
Psalms  124, 125, 126  
Canticles  The song of Mary and Simeon  *Shephard*  
Anthem  Jesu, the very thought of thee  *Lole*  
Hymn  195

28  St Simon and St Jude, Apostles (4th week)  
**9.00am**  College Eucharist  
**5.45pm**  Choral Evensong  
Prelude  Communion *from* Messe de la Toussaint  
*Gaston Litaize*  
Introit  Holy is the true light  *Harris*  
Responses  *Leighton*  
Psalms  119.1-16  
Canticles  Second Service  *Leighton*  
Anthem  And I saw a new heaven  *Bainton*  
Hymns  478, 225, 381  
Preacher  The Revd Canon Dr Judith Maltby  
*Chaplain, Corpus Christi College*  
Voluntary  Pièce Héroïque  *Franck*

29  Monday  
**8.15am**  Morning Prayer  
**6.30pm**  Evening Prayer
30 Tuesday

8.15am Morning Prayer

12.30pm Eucharist

6.15pm Choral Evensong
Prelude Herr Gott, dich loben alle wir Pachelbel
Responses Leighton
Psalm 33
Canticles Magnificat quarti toni Palestrina
Nunc dimittis Torrentes
Anthem Benedictus in F Elgar
Hymn ‘The great forerunner of the morn’
Voluntary Chorale-Prelude on the ‘Old 100th’ Iain Farrington

31 Wednesday

8.15am Morning Prayer

6.15pm Festal Evensong
on the eve of All Saints’ Day
Prelude Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele BWV 180 Bach
Responses Byrd
Psalm 1
Canticles Noble in B minor
Anthem O for a closer walk with God Stanford
Hymns ‘Rejoice with all the saints this day’, 224
Voluntary Prelude and Fugue in C BWV 545 Bach
NOVEMBER

1  All Saints’ Day (Thursday)
   8.15am  Morning Prayer
   1.15pm  Organ Recital by Tom Fetherstonhaugh
           Organ Scholar
   6.00pm  Sung Eucharist
           Prelude  St Bride, assisted by angels  Judith Bingham
           Setting  Mass in G minor  Vaughan Williams
           Motet  Justorum animae  Stanford
           Hymns  231, 197
           Voluntary  Toccata in F major BWV 540(i)  Bach

2  All Souls’ Day (Friday)
   8.15am  Requiem Eucharist

4  The Fourth Sunday before Advent (5th week)
   9.00am  Morning Prayer
   5.30pm  Requiem Eucharist
           Prelude  Larghetto from Serenade for Strings  Elgar
           Setting  Requiem Mass  Mozart
           Hymns  ‘Be still my soul’, 331

5  Monday
   8.15am  Morning Prayer
   6.30pm  Evening Prayer
6  **Feast of Dedication** (Tuesday)

8.15am  Morning Prayer

12.30pm  **Eucharist**

6.15pm  **Festal Evensong**

Prelude  At the Castle Gates

   *from ‘Pelleas et Melisande’* Sibelius

Responses  Leighton

Psalm  132

Canticles  Great Service  *Parry*

Anthem  My soul, there is a country  *Parry*

Hymns  206, 208

Voluntary  Tu es Petrus  *Mulet*


7  **Wednesday**

*St Willibrord of York* 8.15am  Morning Prayer

6.15pm  **Choral Evensong**

Prelude  Le Jardin Suspendu  *Alain*

Responses  *Byrd*

Psalm  111

Canticles  *Wise in F*

Anthem  The Lord bless you and keep you  *Rutter*

Hymn  ‘Hope of our calling’

Voluntary  Plainte  *Langlais*

10.00pm  **Compline**

Prelude  Postlude pour l’Office de Complies  *Alain*

Hymn  Te lucis ante terminum  *Tallis*

Canticle  Nunc Dimittis (Short Service)  *Gibbons*

Motet  Ave Maria  *Parsons*
8 Thursday

Saints and Martyrs of England

8.15am Morning Prayer

1.15pm Organ Recital by Anthony Hammond

6.15pm Choral Evensong

Prelude O Gott du frommer Gott Smyth
Responses Leighton
Psalm 118
Canticles Fauxbourdons Byrd
Anthem Justorum animae Byrd
Hymn 199
Voluntary Canon on ‘O Gott du frommer Gott’ Smyth

9 Friday

8.15am Morning Prayer

10 Saturday

St Leo the Great

4.00pm Choral Evensong

sung by the Girl Choristers of Merton College and the Rochester Cathedral Girls’ Choir

Prelude Prelude in C minor BWV 546(i) Bach
Responses Plainsong
Psalm 145
Canticles Magnificat in C minor Dyson
Nunc Dimittis Burgon
Anthem For the fallen Blatchley
Hymn ‘Lord, for the years’ (omit v2)
Voluntary Introduction and Passacaglia in D minor Reger
11 Remembrance Sunday (6th week)
   9.00am College Eucharist
   10.50am Act of Remembrance
       at the Fitzjames Arch
   5.45pm Choral Evensong
       Preludes Cyprès Op. 156 Saint-Saëns
       Introit Agnus Dei from War Requiem Britten
       Motet Kyrie from Requiem Duruflé
       Responses Leighton
       Psalms 46, 82
       Canticles Collegium Regale Howells
       Anthem Valiant for truth Vaughan Williams
       Hymns 377, 461, 252
       Preacher The Revd Canon Dr Philip Anderson
           Vicar of Pemberton and Area Dean of Wigan
       Voluntary Fugue sur le nom d’Alain Duruflé

12 Monday
   8.15am Morning Prayer
   6.30pm Evening Prayer

13 Tuesday
   8.15am Morning Prayer
   12.30pm Eucharist
   5.30pm Choral Evensong
       Prelude Arabesque Vierne
       Responses Radcliffe
       Psalms 36, 40
       Canticles Merton Service Ešenvalds
       Anthem Christe Jesu, pastor bone Taverner
       Hymn 77
       Voluntary Toccata Vierne
14 Wednesday

8.15am Morning Prayer

6.15pm **Choral Evensong**

Prelude Prelude in E flat *from* Set 1 Op. 101 *Stanford*

Responses *Plainsong*

Psalm 37

Canticles *Sumson* in G

Anthem A grateful heart *Plumstead*

Hymn ‘I, the Lord of sea and sky’

Voluntary Trio super ‘Herr Jesu Christ dich zu uns wend’ BWV 655 *Bach*

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15 Thursday

8.15am Morning Prayer

1.15pm **Organ Recital by Iestyn Evans**

*St James’, Spanish Place, London*

6.15pm **Choral Evensong**

*sung with the choir of Sherborne School*

Prelude Prelude in E minor BWV 548(i) *Bach*

Responses *Radcliffe*

Psalms 42, 43

Canticles Gloucester Service *Howells*

Anthem For lo, I raise up *Stanford*

Hymn 189

Voluntary Fugue in E minor BWV 548(ii) *Bach*

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16 Friday

*St Margaret of Scotland*

8.15am Morning Prayer
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21 Wednesday
  8.15am Morning Prayer
  6.15pm Choral Evensong
    Prelude Kommst du nun, Jesu, vom Himmel herunter BWV 650 Bach
    Introit He delivereth the poor Parry
    Responses Plainsong
    Psalm 73
    Canticles Dyson in C minor
    Anthem Long since in Egypt’s plenteous land Parry
    Hymn 239
    Voluntary Fugue in G minor BWV 542 Bach

22 Thursday
  St Cecilia of Rome
  8.15am Morning Prayer
  1.15pm Organ Recital by Benjamin Nicholas
    Reed Rubin Organist & Director of Music
  6.15pm Choral Evensong
    Prelude Fugue in A flat minor Brahms
    Responses Radcliffe
    Psalms 74, 76
    Canticles Great Service Parry
    Anthem Ihr habt nun Traurigkeit Brahms
    Hymn 477
    Voluntary Praeludium in A minor BWV 551 Bach

23 Friday
  St Clement of Rome
  8.15am Morning Prayer
24  Saturday

**5.45pm**  **Advent Carol Service I**

Preludes  Ancient Sunlight *Judith Bingham*

Prelude and Fugue in B major Op. 99 No. 2

*Saint-Saëns*

Fugue in G minor BWV 542(ii)  *Bach*

Introit  This is the truth from above

*Trad. arr. Vaughan Williams*

Carols  Twas in the year King Uzziah died

*M. Nicholas*

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day

*Gardner*

Laetentur coeli  *Byrd*

E’en so Lord Jesus  *Manz*

Benedictus in F  *Elgar*

Alma redemptoris mater  *Tabakova*

Voluntary  Le monde dans l'attende du Sauveur  *from Symphonie-Passion Dupré*

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25  Christ the King  (8th week)

**9.00am**  **College Eucharist**

**5.45pm**  **Advent Carol Service II**

(for music, see above)

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26  Monday

**8.15am**  **Morning Prayer**

**6.30pm**  **Evening Prayer**
27 Tuesday

  8.15am   Morning Prayer
  12.30pm  Eucharist
  6.15pm   Choral Evensong

Prelude  Dies sind die heiligen zehn Gebot BWV 678
         Bach
Responses  Smith
Psalms   99, 101
Canticles  Short Service  Byrd
Anthem   God so loved the world  Stainer
Hymn     371
Voluntary  Fugue in C minor BWV 575  Bach

28 Wednesday

  8.15am   Morning Prayer
  6.15pm   Choral Evensong

Prelude  Pavana Sir William Petre  Byrd
Responses  Byrd
Psalms   121, 122
Canticles  Short Service  Gibbons
Anthem   O thou, the central orb  Gibbons
Hymn     ‘Praise th0e One who breaks the darkness’
Voluntary  Fantasy in Foure Parts  Gibbons
29  Thursday

8.15am  Morning Prayer

1.15pm  Organ Recital by Alex Little
  Assistant Organist

8.30pm  Christmas Carol Service
  Preludes  Adeste Fideles  *Ives*
  Fantasy on Two Well-Known Christmas
  Carols  *West*
  Noëls  *Daquin*

  Introit  Silent Night  *Trad. arr. Rutter*

  Carols  In dulci jubilo  *Trad German arr. Pearsall*
  A Spotless Rose  *Howells*
  De Virgine Maria  *Rütti*
  O Holy Night!  *Adam arr. Rutter*
  Shepherd’s Carol  *Chilcott*
  A Gallery Carol  *Gardner*

  Voluntary  Final  *from Symphonie VI  Vierne*

30  St Andrew the Apostle  (Friday)

8.15am  Morning Prayer
CHRISTMAS VACATION

DECEMBER

19 Wednesday
6.00pm A Service of Lessons and Carols for Christmas
sung by the Girl Choristers and lower voices

The first Choral Service of the Hilary Term will be the Epiphany Carol Service at 5.45pm on Sunday 13 January sung by the College Choir and the Girl Choristers.

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CHAPEL SERVICES

Sundays
9.00am College Eucharist / Morning Prayer
followed by breakfast in Hall
5.45pm Choral Evensong / College Eucharist
followed by drinks in the Ante-Chapel

Weekdays
8.15am Morning Prayer (Monday to Friday)
12.30pm Eucharist (Tuesday) followed by lunch
6.15pm Choral Evensong (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday)
6.30pm Evening Prayer (Monday)
CHAPEL TEAM

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Associate Chaplain
The Revd Dr Jarred Mercer

Reed Rubin Organist and Director of Music
Benjamin Nicholas

Assistant Organist
Alex Little

Organ Scholar
Tom Fetherstonhaugh

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Tim Foot (Head Server), Margaret Frainier,
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