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

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-Saëns
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
9 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

10 Wednesday

St Paulinus 8.15am Morning Prayer
of York 6.15pm Choral Evensong
Prelude Voluntary in D from Fourteen Short Pieces Wesley
Responses Byrd
Psalm 119.145-152
Canticles Sumision in A
Anthem Blessed be the God and Father Wesley
Hymn ‘Father, we praise you’
Voluntary Prelude in C BuxWV 137 Buxtehude
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

Friday

St Wilfrid of Ripon 8.15am Morning Prayer

6.15pm Roman Catholic Mass

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
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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
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*St Alfred*  8.15am  Morning Prayer

*the Great*

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
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    Benedectus in F  Elgar
Hymn      ‘The great forerunner of the morn’
Voluntary  Chorale-Prelude on the ‘Old 100th’
           Iain Farrington

31      Wednesday
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

Cirencester Parish Church

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 Blatchly
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
  6.15pm 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*

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*

16  Friday

8.15am  Morning Prayer

*St Margaret of Scotland*
### The Second Sunday before Advent (7th week)

- **9.00am** Morning Prayer
- **5.45pm** Corporate Communion

**Prelude**  ‘Closing’ *from ‘Satyagraha’* Glass
**Setting** Missa Sancti Nicolai Haydn
**Motet** Laudate Dominum Mozart
**Hymns** 476, ‘There is a hope’, 271, 362
**Preacher** The Revd Canon Dr Simon Jones

**Chaplain**

**Voluntary** Toccata *from Deuxième Symphonie* Dupré

### Monday

*St Hilda of Whitby*
- **8.15am** Morning Prayer
- **6.30pm** Evening Prayer

### Tuesday

*St Edmund, king & martyr*
- **8.15am** Morning Prayer
- **12.30pm** Eucharist
- **6.15pm** Choral Evensong

**Prelude** Toccata Cromatica Frescobaldi
**Responses** Radcliffe
**Psalms** 67, 72
**Canticles** Sumption in G
**Anthem** Sing, my soul, his wondrous love Rorem
**Hymn** 219
**Voluntary** Riercar Nono Frescobaldi
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 Dupré*

25 **Christ the King** (8th week)

9.00am  **College Eucharist**

5.45pm  **Advent Carol Service II**

(for music, see above)

26 Monday

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          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

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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The Revd Canon Dr Simon Jones

Associate Chaplain
The Revd Dr Jarred Mercer

Reed Rubin Organist and Director of Music
Benjamin Nicholas

Assistant Organist
Alex Little

Organ Scholar
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Verger
Leah Collins

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