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- If there are any changes to the amount, date or frequency of your Direct Debit, Merton College will notify you 10 working days in advance of your account being debited or as otherwise agreed. If you request Merton College to collect a payment, confirmation of the amount and date will be given to you at the time of the request.
- If an error is made in the payment of your Direct Debit, by Merton College or your bank or building society, you are entitled to a full and immediate refund of the amount paid from your bank or building society.
- If you receive a refund you are not entitled to, you must pay it back when Merton College asks you to.
- You can cancel a Direct Debit at any time by simply contacting your bank or building society. Written confirmation may be required. Please also notify us.

Thank you to all the Friends of the Choir who make being involved in Merton College Choir possible. Being able to sing in such a beautiful Chapel with the finest acoustics in Oxford is a real pleasure and an incredible experience. Despite being Oxford's youngest choir, we definitely have the most ambitious programme of tours, concerts and recordings. It's a very exciting time to be a choral scholar here.

Olivia Williams
(BA Modern Languages, 2014)
Choral Scholar



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The Choir of Merton College, Oxford (page)
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Merton Chapel is the most perfect place to be – singing in the choir was an absolute thrill.

Dame Emma Kirkby
Soprano

Friends of the
Choir of Merton College



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One of the UK's finest
choral ensembles
Gramophone

Merton College is synonymous with the highest quality music, not least because the College Chapel is one of the greatest spaces in the city for choral music. The Choir of Merton College now boasts an international reputation as one of Oxford's best mixed-voice choirs, and it has been a joy and a privilege to play a role in its burgeoning success.

Thanks to the support of the Friends, the Choir is able to undertake a busy and exciting programme of concerts, both in the UK and abroad, and to continue to record for the award-winning record label Delphian Records. The Friends have helped us to hold regular workshops with visiting singing teachers, and have enabled our Choral Scholars to receive regular singing lessons throughout their time in the Choir. The support of the Friends is crucial to the experience we can offer our students.

Thank you to all of you who have given your support to the Choir over the years, and welcome to new members of the Friends of the Choir. Your generosity is crucial to our success.

Benjamin Nicholas
Reed Rubin Organist & Director of Music

Being a choral scholar at Merton allowed me to be part of a tradition stretching back centuries, but one very much living and evolving. It was an opportunity to work with wonderful musicians in an exceptionally lovely space, creating music of the highest possible quality. I cannot stress too strongly how significant the opportunities it offered me were, and how important the Friends are to ensuring that students continue to benefit from those.

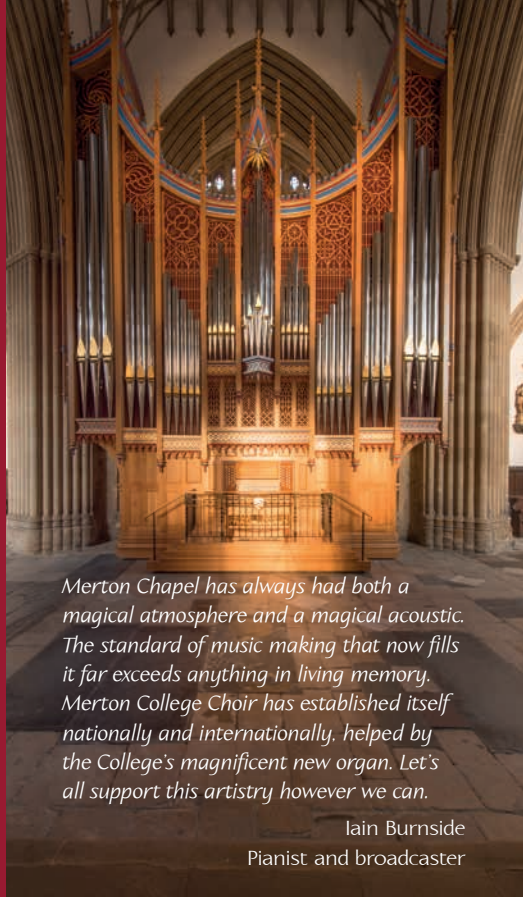
Alexandra Coghlan (member of the Merton Choir, 2008-09)
Classical Music Critic for *New Statesman*

Merton College Choir is one of Oxford's leading mixed-voice choirs and sings services, during term-time, in the thirteenth century chapel. Through regular international tours, broadcasts and recordings, the choir is steadily building a reputation throughout the world. Recent innovations such as the annual Passiontide at Merton festival, the Merton Choirbook compositions and the installation of the Dobson Organ have established the Chapel as home to a vibrant musical life.

The Friends of Merton College Choir was established in 2008 to support both choirs' activities, and to enable the students who make up the choir to enjoy a unique musical experience. The Friends play a valuable role in supporting the work and profile of the Choir both in Oxford and further afield. With the support of the Friends, Merton College Choir is able to provide singing lessons and masterclasses for members of the Choir, support non-choral scholars, pay for music and recruit the very best talent.

The Merton College Girls' Choir

In September 2016 Merton College Girls' Choir was established, giving girls aged 10 to 16 from many different schools across Oxford the opportunity to sing in the College Chapel. The girl choristers sing Evensong every Wednesday during University term.



Merton Chapel has always had both a magical atmosphere and a magical acoustic. The standard of music making that now fills it far exceeds anything in living memory. Merton College Choir has established itself nationally and internationally, helped by the College's magnificent new organ. Let's all support this artistry however we can.

Iain Burnside
Pianist and broadcaster

HOW TO JOIN

A single donation of £60 will allow you to become a Friend of the Choir of Merton College, or a recurring gift of £60 every year will ensure your membership for years to come.

Joining is quick and easy:

Online:

www.merton.ox.ac.uk/friends-of-the-choir

By post: Using the donation form.

If you have any questions about becoming a Friend of the Choir of Merton College, please email the Chapel Administrator at chapel.administrator@merton.ox.ac.uk or call on 01865 616724.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Friends of the Choir receive:

- A termly newsletter and regular email updates of special services, concerts and recordings
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- Invitations to exclusive events for Friends
- Reserved seating for special services and the Passiontide Festival
- Reduced ticket prices on selected concerts
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