



MERTON
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CHAPEL

MICHAELMAS TERM 2019

MERTON COLLEGE CHAPEL is open to all as a place of worship and quiet reflection. Members of the College, as well as visitors, are welcome to join us at all our services. The Chapel is part of the Church of England but the daily offering of worship is sustained by Christians 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, often with Lay Clerks, sing on Wednesdays. The choristers are drawn from a number of local schools across Oxford. This term's Services Booklet contains details of the music. It can be found on the Chapel and Choir pages of the College website (www.merton.ox.ac.uk) and copies are available in the Ante-Chapel.

WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS The main service of the week is at **5.45pm** on **Sundays**. Alternating between Evensong and the College Eucharist (Holy Communion), the College Choir sings at this candlelit service, which is followed by drinks and finishes in time for Formal Hall. 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 donated to the Mathieson Music Trust in Calcutta, India.

WEEKDAY SERVICES

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| 8.15am | Morning Prayer | (Monday-Friday) |
| 12.30pm | Eucharist | (Tuesday) <i>followed by lunch</i> |
| 6.15pm | Choral Evensong | (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday) |
| 6.30pm | Evening Prayer | (Monday) |

ALL SOULS At 5.30pm on Sunday 3 November (4th week) the College Choir will sing the Mozart *Requiem* as we commemorate the departed. A list will be placed in the Ante-Chapel for the names of friends and family to be remembered.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY In addition to the 9.00am and 5.45pm services on 10 November (5th week), there will be a short Act of Remembrance at 10.50am at the College War Memorial under the Fitzjames Arch. This will include the laying of wreaths and two minutes' silence.

BOOKS WITH CAKE On Fridays from 5.00pm-6.00pm (2nd to 7th weeks) in the Hawkins Room (Fellows' 3.7) we gather for our book group: great discussion, friends, and yes, delicious cake! This term we will be reading *The New York Times* and *Sunday Times* bestselling book *On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous* by Ocean Vuong. Books are provided for free to anyone who would like to join us. Contact Jarred for more information.

SERVICES AND PREACHERS SUNDAYS AT 5.45PM

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| 13 October <i>Trinity 17</i> | Freshers' Service | The Revd Dr Jarred Mercer <i>Associate Chaplain</i> |
| 20 October <i>Trinity 18</i> | Eucharist with Baptism and Confirmation | The Rt Revd Tim Thornton <i>Bishop at Lambeth</i> |
| 27 October <i>Last Sunday after Trinity</i> | Evensong and Commemoration of Benefactors | Professor Irene Tracey <i>Warden</i> |
| 3 November <i>4 before Advent</i> | Eucharist (5.30pm) | Mozart Requiem |
| 10 November <i>Remembrance Sunday</i> | Evensong | The Revd Dr Hugh Jones <i>Vicar, St Nicholas, Lincoln</i> |
| 17 November <i>2 before Advent</i> | Evensong | The Revd Prof Robert Gilbert <i>Fellow and Tutor in Biochemistry, Magdalen College</i> |
| 24 November <i>Christ the King</i> | Corporate Communion | The Revd Canon Dr Simon Jones <i>Chaplain</i> |
| 1 December <i>Advent Sunday</i> | Advent Carol Service | |

CORPORATE COMMUNION - Sunday 24 November

At this service all members of College are invited to worship together. The service is followed by the termly Chapel Dinner in the Savile Room.

ADVENT CAROLS This year's candlelit Advent Carol Services will take place at 4.00pm on Saturday 30 November and 5.45pm Sunday 1 December.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS There will be a traditional Christmas Carol Service at 8.30pm on Thursday 5 December.

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

CHRISTIAN UNION & CATHSOC This term's reps are Alex Beukers and Joseph Rhee (CU) and Matteo Baccaglini (RC). The termly RC Mass is at 6.15pm on Friday 18 October (1st week).

MERTON FAITH FORUM: living the questions – a relaxed and open space in which to discuss issues of faith, doubt, belief, unbelief, and everything in between. Wherever you find yourself, if you would be interested in getting together with others to think about what faith might look like in our world today, this group is for you. All are welcome. Let Jarred know if you are interested and look out for times and dates.

THE GATEHOUSE We're joining in with the work of The Gatehouse (oxfordgatehouse.org) which provides meals and support to the homeless in Oxford. This is an amazing organisation, and a particularly good way to volunteer and give back in our city. A representative from The Gatehouse will be coming to Merton to talk about their work and how to get involved on Monday of 2nd week from 7pm-8pm in Fitzjames I. Contact Julia Willemyns or Adrian Burbie for more information.

CHAPEL TEAM

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| <i>Student Chapel Officers</i> | Victor Ajuwon Molly Clark Henry Grub Tom Lousada Oliver Pateman Rowan Wilson | Alex Beukers Tim Foot Jamie Judd Gian Piero Milani Colin Robertson | Adrian Burbie Margaret Frainier Rob Lentz Thomas Nightingale Audrey Southgate |
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| <i>Reed Rubin Organist and Director of Music</i> | Benjamin Nicholas | <i>Assistant Organist</i> | Alex Little |
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| <i>Organ Scholar</i> | Kentaro Machida | <i>Administrator</i> | Lizzie Casey |
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| <i>Pastoral Assistant</i> | Catherine Haydon | <i>Verger</i> | Leah Collins |
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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 Dr **Jarred Mercer** (Fellows' 3.9, jarred.mercer@merton.ox.ac.uk) is the **Associate Chaplain**. Jarred 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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