SERVICES and MUSIC
HILARY TERM 2020
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 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 online shop on 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 normally sing Evensong on Wednesdays.
The Chapel supports a number of charities. Our collections this term will be given to SolidariTee (www.solidaritee.org.uk), a student-run charity working for change in the refugee crisis.

On 3–5 April the College will hold its eleventh Passiontide Festival. *Passiontide at Merton* will include services and concerts in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. Further information is available from the Chapel Administrator and the College website.

*Simon Jones*

*Chaplain*
HILARY TERM 2020

JANUARY

16   Thursday
      5.30pm   Eucharist

19   The Second Sunday of Epiphany (1st week)
      9.00am   College Eucharist
      5.45pm   Epiphany Carol Service
      Preludes  Dans une douce joie  Langlais
                  The Holy Boy  Ireland
                  Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern
                  BuxWV 223  Buxtehude
                  Das alte Jahr vergangen ist BWV 614  Bach
      Introit   O magnum mysterium  Victoria
      Carols   Christmas Welcome  Whitbourn
                The Wise Men and the Star  Tarney
                The Three Kings  Cornelius arr. Atkins
                A Song of Ephrem the Syrian  Muhly
                  (first performance)
                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

20   Monday
      8.15am   Morning Prayer
      6.30pm   Evening Prayer
21 Tuesday

*St Agnes*

8.15am Morning Prayer

12.30pm **Eucharist**

6.15pm **Choral Evensong**

Prelude  
*Von Himmel hoch, da komm ich her*  
BWV 700  *Bach*

Responses  *Byrd*

Psalm  89.1–36

Canticles  *Sumsion in G*

Anthem  
*The Lamb*  *Tavener*

Hymn  ‘Let us raise high our songs of joy’

Voluntary  
*Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam*  
BWV 684  *Bach*

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22 Wednesday

8.15am Morning Prayer

6.15pm **Choral Evensong**

Prelude  
*Weihnachten (Op. 145 No. 3)*  *Reger*

Responses  *Plainsong*

Psalms  97, 98

Canticles  Second Service  *Moore*

Anthem  
*A New Year Carol*  *Britten*

Hymn  258

Voluntary  
*Les Enfants de Dieu*  *Messiaen*
23 Thursday
8.15am  Morning Prayer
6.15pm  **Choral Evensong**
Prelude  Preludio ‘Sine Nomine’ *Howells*
Responses  *Byrd*
Psalms  99, 100, 111
Canticles  Magnificat quarti toni *Palestrina*
           Nunc Dimittis quarti toni *Torrentes*
Anthem  *Gloria Weelkes*
Hymn  51
Voluntary  *Paean Howells*

24 Friday
*St Francis*  8.15am  Morning Prayer
*de Sales*  **6.15pm**  **Roman Catholic Mass**

26 **The Third Sunday of Epiphany** (2nd week)
9.00am  **College Eucharist**
5.45pm  **Choral Evensong**
Prelude  Prelude and Fugue in G minor BWV 535 *Bach*
Introit  Almighty and everlasting God *Gibbons*
Responses  *Rose*
Psalms  33
Canticles  St Paul’s Service *Howells*
Anthem  Give unto the Lord *Elgar*
Hymns  55, 48, 477
Preacher  The Revd Canon Dr Jennifer Strawbridge
           *Associate Professor of New Testament*
           *GB Caird Fellow, Mansfield College*
Voluntary  Con moto maestoso (Sonata No. 3 Op. 65) *Mendelssohn*
27  Monday
   8.15am  Morning Prayer
   6.30pm  Evening Prayer

28  Tuesday
   St Thomas  8.15am  Morning Prayer
   Aquinas 12.30pm  Eucharist
   6.15pm  Choral Evensong
   Prelude  Le Dieu caché (Livre du Saint Sacrement)
            Messiaen
   Responses  Byrd
   Psalm  145
   Canticles  Fauxboudons  Byrd
   Anthem  Adoro te devote  McDowall
   Hymn  269 (part i)
   Voluntary  Adoro te (Livre du Saint Sacrement)
            Messiaen

29  Wednesday
   8.15am  Morning Prayer
   6.15pm  Choral Evensong
   Prelude  Andante & Moderato (Vesper Voluntaries)
            Elgar
   Responses  Ayleward
   Psalm  29
   Canticles  Wood in D
   Anthem  Angelus  Elgar
   Hymn  49
   Voluntary  The Angel’s Farewell
              (The Dream of Gerontius)  Elgar
30 Thursday
Charles, king 8.15am Morning Prayer
& martyr  6.15pm Choral Evensong
Prelude Méditation Dubois
Responses Byrd
Psalms 24, 33
Canticles Second Service Byrd
Anthem How are the mighty fallen Ramsey
Hymn 493
Voluntary Prelude and Fugue in C minor BWV 549 Bach

31 Friday
8.15am  Morning Prayer

FEBRUARY
2 The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)
(3rd week)
9.00am Morning Prayer
5.45pm College Eucharist
Preludes Mit Fried und Freud ich fahr dahin BuxWV 76
Buxtehude
Mit Fried und Freud ich fahr dahin BWV 616
Bach
Introit O nata lux Tallis
Setting Mass for Five Voices Byrd
Psalms 24
Motet Senex pueram portabat Byrd
Canticle Nunc Dimittis (Great Service) Byrd
Hymns 33 (omit*), ‘Angels from the realms of glory’,
‘New light has dawned’
Preacher The Rt Revd Mark Davies
Bishop of Middleton
Voluntary Toccata (Suite Op. 5) Duruflé
3 Monday
St Anskar 8.15am Morning Prayer
of Sweden 6.30pm Evening Prayer

4 Tuesday
8.15am Morning Prayer
12.30pm Eucharist
6.15pm Choral Evensong
Prelude Choral (24 Pièces en style libre Op.31) Vierne
Responses Leighton
Psalms 9, 10
Canticles Chichester Service Berkeley
Anthem Ubi caritas et amor Duruflé
Hymn ‘Love is the touch of intangible joy’
Voluntary Fuga (Sonata II) Hindemith

5 Wednesday
8.15am Morning Prayer
6.15pm Choral Evensong
Prelude Dies sind die heiligen zehn gebot BWV 678 Bach
Responses Plainsong
Psalms 12, 13
Canticles Magnificat tonus peregrinus
Nunc Dimittis Burgon
Anthem Eternal source of light divine Handel
Hymn 45
Voluntary Ciacona in C minor BuxWV 159 Buxtehude
6 Thursday

Accession of Elizabeth II 8.15am Morning Prayer
6.15pm Choral Evensong
(1952) sung by the College Choir and participants in the Merton Choral Day
Prelude Prelude in C BWV 545 Bach
Responses Rose
Psalms 20, 101, 121
Canticles Dyson in D
Anthem Zadok the Priest Handel
Hymn The National Anthem
Voluntary Imperial March Elgar arr. Martin

7 Friday

8.15am Morning Prayer

9 The Third Sunday before Lent (4th week)

9.00am College Eucharist
5.45pm Choral Evensong
Prelude No. 5 from Six Short Preludes and Fugues Stanford
Introit Lord, for thy tender mercies sake Hilton
Responses Rose
Psalm 4
Canticles Stanford in G
Anthem Bring us, O Lord Harris
Hymns 351, 481, 339
Preacher The Revd Canon Imogen Nay Canon for Evangelism and Discipleship, Chelmsford Cathedral
Voluntary Toccata in F BWV 540 Bach
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13 Thursday

8.15am Morning Prayer

6.15pm **Choral Evensong**

Prelude Lento (Sonata in G BWV 530) *Bach*

Responses *Smith*

Psalms 39, 40

Canticles Short Service *Gibbons*

Anthem The spirit of the Lord *Elgar*

Hymn ‘O Child of promise, come’

Voluntary Allegro (Sonata in G BWV 530) *Bach*

14 Friday

*Ss Cyril & Methodius*

8.15am Morning Prayer

16 The Second Sunday before Lent (5th week)

9.00am Morning Prayer

5.45pm **College Eucharist**

*with Baptism and Confirmation*

Prelude Sicilienne (Suite Op. 5) *Duruflé*

Setting Missa Sancti Nicolai *Haydn*

Motets Ubi caritas et amor *Duruflé*

Ave verum corpus *Mozart*

Hymns 476, 431, 296, 394

Preacher The Rt Revd Nigel Stock

*formerly Bishop of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich and Bishop at Lambeth*

Voluntary Fugue sur le thème du Carillon des Heures de la Cathédrale de Soissons Op. 12 *Duruflé*

17 Monday

*Janani* 8.15am Morning Prayer

*Luwum* 6.30pm Evening Prayer
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The Sunday next before Lent (6th week)

9.00am College Eucharist

5.45pm Choral Evensong & University Sermon
on the Grace of Humility

Prelude Prélude (Suite Op. 5) Duruflé

Introit Hymn to the Mother of God Tavener

Responses Rose

Psalm 84

Canticles Dyson in D

Anthem Bogorodite Dyevo Rachmaninov

Hymns 478, 182, 335

Sermon The Rt Revd Dr Martin Warner
Bishop of Chichester

Voluntary Prelude and Fugue in G minor Op. 7 No. 3 Dupré

Monday

8.15am Morning Prayer

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Shrove Tuesday

8.15am Morning Prayer

12.30pm Eucharist

6.15pm Choral Evensong and Commemoration of the Founder and Benefactors of the College

Prelude Légende (24 Pièces en style libre Op.31) Vierne

Responses Rose

Psalm 146

Canticles Stanford in C

Anthem Jubilate Walton

Hymns 436, 333

Voluntary Toccata (Pièces de Fantaisie Op. 53) Vierne
26  Ash Wednesday

8.15am  Morning Prayer & Litany

5.45pm  Sung Eucharist with  
         Imposition of Ashes  

         Setting  Mass for Four Voices  Byrd
         Motets  Miserere mei  Allegri
         Motets  Civitas sancti tui  Byrd
         Hymns  63, 383 (omit*)
         Homily  The Revd Canon Dr Jennifer Strawbridge  
                 Associate Professor of New Testament  
                 GB Caird Fellow, Mansfield College

27  Thursday

George  8.15am  Morning Prayer

Herbert 6.15pm  Choral Evensong  

         Prelude  Chorale Prelude on ‘Rockingham’  Leighton
         Responses  Plainsong
         Psalm  74
         Canticles  Tonus peregrinus & tone vi
         Anthem  A grateful heart  Plumstead
         Hymn  456
         Voluntary  Prelude in C minor BWV 546  Bach

28  Friday

8.15am  Morning Prayer
29 Saturday

4.00pm **Choral Evensong**
sung by Lichfield Cathedral Youth Voices & Salisbury Cathedral Youth Choir

Responses *Halls*
Psalm 55.1-15
Canticles *Aston in F*
Anthem King of glory *Bach arr. Harris*
Hymn 74

MARCH

1 The First Sunday of Lent (7th week)

9.00am **Morning Prayer**

5.45pm **Corporate Communion**

followed by Chapel Supper

Prelude Lied (24 Pièces en style libre Op.31) *Vierne*
Setting Messe Solennelle *Vierne*
Psalm 32
Motet Emendemus in melius *Byrd*
Hymns 67, ‘Praise to you, O Christ our Saviour’, ‘Behold the Lamb’, 368
Preacher The Revd Dr Jarred Mercer
Associate Chaplain
Voluntary Allegro (Symphonie No. 6) *Widor*

2 Monday

*St Chad of* 8.15am **Morning Prayer**

*Lichfield* 6.30pm **Evening Prayer**
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6     Friday
Ember  8.15am  Morning Prayer
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8  The Second Sunday of Lent (8th week)
  9.00am  College Eucharist
  5.45pm  Choral Evensong
Prelude   Voluntary in D minor  Boyce
Introit    Jesu, grant me this I pray  Gibbons arr.
           Bairstow
Responses  Smith
Psalm      135
Canticles  Second Service  Gibbons
Anthem     Warum ist das Licht gegeben?  Brahms
Hymns      376, 76 (omit*), 461
Address    Mark Easton
           Home Editor, BBC News
Voluntary  Fugue on ‘Ad nos, ad salutarem undam’
           Liszt

9     Monday
  8.15am  Morning Prayer
  6.30pm  Evening Prayer
10  Tuesday
   8.15am  Morning Prayer
   12.30pm Eucharist
   6.15pm  Choral Evensong
       Prelude  Freu dich sehr, o meine Seele Op. 65, No. 5  
                Karg-Elert
       Responses  Byrd
       Psalms  52, 53, 54
       Canticles  Short Service Byrd
       Anthem  Remember not, O Lord  Purcell
       Hymn  382
       Voluntary  Prelude in F minor BWV 534  Bach

11  Wednesday
   8.15am  Morning Prayer
   6.15pm  Choral Evensong
       Prelude  Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten
                BWV 690 & BWV 691  Bach
       Responses  Ayleward
       Psalms  3, 51
       Canticles  Noble in B minor
       Anthem  O for a closer walk with God  Stanford
       Hymn  64
       Voluntary  Valet will ich dir geben BWV 736  Bach

12  Thursday
   8.15am  Morning Prayer
   6.15pm  Choral Evensong
       Prelude  Psalm Prelude Set 1, No. 2  Howells
       Responses  Smith
       Psalm  71
       Canticles  Chichester Service  Berkeley
       Anthem  O vos omnes  Casals
       Hymn  75
       Voluntary  Psalm Prelude Set 1, No. 3  Howells
EASTER VACATION

MARCH

18 Wednesday

6.15pm Choral Evensong
Prelude
Prelude in D minor Op. 37 No. 3
Mendelssohn
Responses Plainsong
Psalms 36, 39
Canticles Second Service Moore
Anthem Stabat Mater (i) Pergolesi
Hymn 72
Voluntary Fugue in D minor Op. 37 No. 3 Mendelssohn

21 Saturday

6.00pm Choral Evensong
for the College Gaudy
Prelude O Mensch, bewein' dein' Sünde gross
BWV 622 Bach
Introit Call to remembrance Farrant
Responses Aylward
Psalms 116, 130
Canticles Stanford in B flat
Anthem Evening Hymn Balfour Gardiner
Hymns 376, 333
Voluntary Final (Symphone No. 3) Vierne
The Fourth Sunday of Lent
9.00am College Eucharist

APRIL

1 Wednesday
3.30pm Choral Evensong
*broadcast live on BBC Radio 3*

Introit O vos omnes Casals
Responses Byrd
Psalms 56, 62
Canticles Short Service Byrd
Anthem Warum ist das Licht gegeben? Brahms
Hymns 79, 95
Voluntary Prelude in C minor BWV 546 Bach

PASSIONTIDE AT MERTON
3-5 April 2020

4 Saturday
6.00pm Choral Evensong
Prelude Suite Op. 5 Duruflé (from 5.35pm)
Introit O vos omnes Casals
Responses Leighton
Psalms 128, 129, 130
Canticles St Paul’s Service Howells
Anthem Christus factus est Bruckner
Hymns 439, 79, 75
Voluntary Choral in A minor Franck

9.30pm Compline
Palm Sunday

10.30am Procession and Sung Eucharist of the Lord's Passion

Blessing of Palms
Hosanna to the son of David  *Gibbons*

Setting
Mass for Five Voices  *Byrd*

Psalm
31.9-16

Motet
Adore te devote  *McDowall*

Hymns
509, 511, 86, ‘Lift high the cross’

Preacher
The Revd Dr Jarred Mercer
*Associate Chaplain*

Voluntary
Valet will ich dir geben BWV 736  *Bach*

*Choral services resume at 5.45pm on Sunday 26 April*
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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)

6.15pm Choral Evensong (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday)

6.30pm Evening Prayer (Monday)
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