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
of Rome 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

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   Morning Prayer
   **5.45pm**   Choral Evensong
     Prelude   Prelude and Fugue in G minor BWV 535 Bach
     Introit   Almighty and everlasting God Gibbons
     Responses   Rose
     Psalm   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)
           Messiah
Responses  Byrd
Psalm      145
Canticles  Fauxboudons Byrd
Anthem     Adore te devote McDowall
Hymn       269 (part i)
Voluntary  Adore te (Livre du Saint Sacrement)
           Messiah

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
Psalm 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 6.15pm Choral Evensong
(1952) sung by the College Choir and participants in the Merton Choral Day
Morning Prayer

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
10  Monday
   8.15am  Morning Prayer
   6.30pm  Evening Prayer

11  Tuesday
   8.15am  Morning Prayer
   12.30pm Eucharist
   6.15pm  Choral Evensong
Prelude  Meditation  Duruflé
Responses  Rose
Psalm  33
Canticles  Brewer in D
Anthem  O pray for the peace of Jerusalem  Howells
Hymn  250
Voluntary  Master Tallis’s Testament  Howells

12  Wednesday
   8.15am  Morning Prayer
   6.15pm  Choral Evensong
Prelude  Adagio (Sonata in E flat BWV 525)  Bach
Responses  Ayleward
Psalm  119.33–56
Canticles  Sumsion in A
Anthem  Save us, O Lord  Bairstow
Hymn  ‘When I needed a neighbour’
Voluntary  Allegro (Sonata in E flat BWV 525)  Bach
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
18	Tuesday
   8.15am  Morning Prayer
   12.30pm  Eucharist
   6.15pm  Choral Evensong
   Prelude  Voluntary in G minor *Depuis*
   Responses  *Byrd*
   Psalm  50
   Canticles  *Purcell* in G minor
   Anthem  Diliges Dominum  *Byrd*
   Hymn  ‘How beauteous are their feet’
   Voluntary  Pièce d’orgue BWV 572  *Bach*

19	Wednesday
   8.15am  Morning Prayer
   6.30pm  Evening Prayer

20	Thursday
   8.15am  Morning Prayer
   6.15pm  Choral Evensong
   Prelude  O wie selig seid ihr doch, ihr Frommen
   *Brahms*
   Responses  *Smith*
   Psalms  61, 62, 64
   Canticles  Watson in E
   Anthem  Geistliches Lied  *Brahms*
   Hymn  487
   Voluntary  Prelude and Fugue in A BWV 536  *Bach*

21	Friday
   8.15am  Morning Prayer
23 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 Bogoroditse 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

24 Monday

8.15am Morning Prayer
6.30pm Evening Prayer

25 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
          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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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
          BWV690 & 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
Psalms    71
Canticles Chichester Service  Berkeley
Anthem    O vos omnes  Casals
Hymn      75
Voluntary Psalm Prelude Set 1, No. 3  Howells
13  Friday
  8.15am  Morning Prayer

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  
           BWV622  Bach
  Introit  Call to remembrance  Farrant
  Responses  Ayleward
  Psalms  116, 130
  Canticles  Stanford in B flat
  Anthem  Evening Hymn  Balfour Gardiner
  Hymns  376, 333
  Voluntary  Final (Symphone No. 3)  Vierne
22 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
5  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
FRIENDS OF THE CHOIR
OF MERTON COLLEGE

The Friends of the Choir of Merton College support the current and future activities of the College Choir and the Girl Choristers.

Friends receive regular newsletters from the Organist and Director of Music, reduced ticket prices on selected concerts and invitations to Friends’ events.

For further details, contact the Chapel Administrator, (chapel.administrator@merton.ox.ac.uk), or go to the website: https://www.merton.ox.ac.uk/chapel-choir/friends-of-the-choir.

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)
CHAPEL TEAM

Chaplain
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
Kentaro Machida

Student Chapel Officers
Victor Ajuwon, Alex Beukers, Adrian Burbie, Molly Clark, Tim Foot, Margaret Frainier, Henry Grub, Jamie Judd, Rob Lentz, Tom Lousada, Gian Piero Milani, Thomas Nightingale, Oliver Pateman, Colin Robertson, Audrey Southgate & Rowan Wilson

Pastoral Assistants
Catherine Haydon & Andrew Bailey

Verger
Leah Collins

Chapel Administrator
Lizzie Casey