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
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  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
  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)
          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
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* 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
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
3 Tuesday

8.15am Morning Prayer
12.30pm Eucharist
6.15pm Choral Evensong
Prelude Psalm Prelude Set 1, No.1 Howells
Responses Smith
Psalms 46, 49
Canticles Truro Service Jackson
Anthem Evening Prayer Marsh
Hymn 74
Voluntary Rhapsody in D flat Howells

4 Wednesday

Ember 8.15am Morning Prayer
Day 6.15pm Choral Evensong
Prelude Romanza Vaughan Williams
Responses Ayleward
Psalms 9, 28
Canticles Short Service Weelkes
Anthem Call to remembrance Farrant
Hymn 70
Voluntary Toccata in C BWV 564i Bach

5 Thursday

8.15am Morning Prayer
6.15pm Choral Evensong
Prelude Durch Adams Fall ist ganz verderbt
BWV 637 Bach
Responses Smith
Psalms 137, 138, 142
Canticles Walmisley in D minor
Anthem Like as the hart Howells
Hymn 62
Voluntary Fugue in G minor BWV 578 Bach
6  Friday
Ember  8.15am  Morning Prayer
Day

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

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

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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