



MERTON
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CHAPEL



MICHAELMAS TERM 2020

MERTON COLLEGE CHAPEL is open to all members of the College community as a place of worship and quiet reflection. 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 sing on Wednesdays. The choristers are drawn from a number of local schools across Oxford. This term's music can be found on the Chapel and Choir pages of the College website.

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 will finish in time for the second sitting of dinner. 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 Armonía, a service-based Mexican NGO (www.armoniamx.org).

WEEKDAY SERVICES

8.15am	Morning Prayer	(Monday–Friday)
6.15pm	Choral Evensong or Sung Eucharist	(Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday)
6.30pm	Evening Prayer	(Monday)

COVID-19 Services will take place in accordance with government regulations and Church of England Covid-19 guidelines. Because of the need to maintain social distancing, our seating capacity is significantly reduced. For this reason, Sunday services will only be open to members of College and, on some occasions by invitation, *Friends of the Choir*. Other members of the University and the public are welcome to join us on weekdays. There will be an online booking system, details of which will be published on the Chapel pages of the College website together with a list of services and music. Services and the weekly Thursday lunchtime organ recital will be livestreamed through the College Choir's YouTube account.

FRESHERS' SERVICE There will be two Freshers' Services this year—at 5.00pm on Saturday 10 October and 5.45pm on Sunday 11 October. There will be a booking system for places with priority given to freshers, and the Sunday service will be livestreamed.

ALL SOULS At 5.45pm on Sunday 1 November (4th week) the College Choir will sing the Fauré *Requiem* as we remember those who have died. This year we will commemorate in particular those who have died from Covid-19.

SERVICES AND PREACHERS SUNDAYS AT 5.45PM

11 October <i>Trinity 18</i>	Freshers' Service	The Revd Canon Dr Simon Jones <i>Chaplain</i>
18 October <i>St Luke the Evangelist</i>	Eucharist	The Revd Canon Dr Stephen Edwards <i>Residentiary Canon, Worcester Cathedral</i>
25 October <i>Last Sunday after Trinity</i>	Evensong and Commemoration of Benefactors	Andrew Mackie <i>Fellow, Director of Legal Services & General Counsel, University of Oxford</i>
1 November <i>All Saints' Day</i>	Eucharist	Fauré Requiem
8 November <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	Evensong	Oliver Wright <i>Pastoral Assistant</i>
15 November <i>2 before Advent</i>	Evensong	Dame Cressida Dick <i>Metropolitan Police Commissioner</i>
22 November <i>Christ the King</i>	Corporate Communion	The Revd Dr Melanie Marshall <i>Associate Chaplain</i>
29 November <i>Advent Sunday</i>	Advent Carol Service	

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY In addition to the 9.00am and 5.45pm services on 8 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.

ADVENT CAROLS This year's candlelit Advent Carol Services will take place at 5.45pm on Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 November. The Sunday service will be livestreamed.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS There will be a traditional Christmas Carol Service at 8.30pm on Thursday 3 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 Baccaglioni (RC). The termly RC Mass is at 6.00pm on Friday 20 November (6th week).

MEL'S BOOK GROUP This term's book group, led by Mel Marshall, our new Associate Chaplain, will meet in person from 3.30pm–4.30pm on Fridays in the Chestnut Hall (the new temporary building on the Chestnut Lawn). It will also meet weekly online (time tbc). This term we will be reading Hannah Fry's, *Hello World: How to be Human in the Age of the Machine*. Free copies of the book are available for anyone who would like to take part. Contact Mel for more information.

CHAPEL TEAM

Student Chapel Officers

Victor Ajuwon
Antonia Anstatt
Luke Bateman
Pax Butchart
Molly Clark
Lizzy Down
Maggie Frainier

Henry Grub
Lucas Haugeberg
Tom Heywood
Lachlan Hughes
Liv Jenkins
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Rachel Jung

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Beth McCullaugh
Gian Piero Milani
Ollie Shaw
Audrey Southgate
Charlie Tolkien-Gillett
Silvia Trinczek
Rowan Wilson

Pastoral Assistant Oliver Wright

Livestreaming Technicians Sebastian Dows-Miller
Henry Grub

Reed Rubin Organist and Director of Music Benjamin Nicholas

Organ Scholars Kentaro Machida
Owen Chan

Chapel Administrator Lizzie Casey

Verger Leah Collins

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 **Melanie Marshall** (Fellows' 3.9, melanie.marshall@merton.ox.ac.uk) is the **Associate Chaplain**. Mel 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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