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 Mondays and 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 normally at 5.45pm on Sunday. Alternating between Choral Evensong and a Choral Eucharist (Holy Communion), the College Choir sings at this candlelit service, which 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 Children Heard and Seen, an Oxfordshire charity supporting children, young people and their families impacted by parental imprisonment.

WEEKDAY SERVICES

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LIVESTREAMING All of our choral services and the Thursday lunchtime organ recital are livestreamed on the College Choir’s YouTube channel.

ALL SOULS’ At 5.30pm on Sunday 30 October (4th week) the College Choir will sing the Mozart Requiem as we commemorate the departed. Please email the Chaplain with the names of anyone you would like to be remembered.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY In addition to the 9.00am and 5.45pm services on 13 November (6th 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.

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.
SERVICES AND PREACHERS
SUNDAYS AT 5.45PM

9 October
Trinity 17
Freshers’ Service
The Revd Canon Dr Simon Jones
Chaplain

16 October
Trinity 18
Eucharist with Baptism and Confirmation
The Rt Revd Olivia Graham
Bishop of Reading
(5.30pm)

23 October
Last Sunday after Trinity
Evensong and Conmemoration of Benefactors
Prof Irene Tracey CBE
Warden

30 October
4 before Advent
Eucharist
Mozart Requiem
(5.30pm)

6 November
Feast of Dedication
Evensong
The Revd Canon Matthew Vernon
Canon Pastor, St Edmundsbury Cathedral

13 November
Remembrance Sunday
Evensong
The Revd Canon Dr Rachel Mann
Area Dean of Bury and Rossendale

20 November
Christ the King
Corporate Communion
The Revd Lyndon Webb
Associate Chaplain

27 November
Advent Sunday
Advent Carol Service
(5.30pm)

CAROL SERVICES This year’s candlelit Advent Carol Services will take place at 4.00pm on Saturday 26 November and 5.30pm on Sunday 27 November. There will also be a traditional Christmas Carol Service at 8.30pm on Thursday 1 December.

CHRISTIAN UNION & CATHSOC This term’s CU reps are Jonny Rugg (Merton) and Josh Williams (Oriel). Carl Haller is this term’s RC rep. The termly RC Mass is at 6.00pm on Friday 18 November (6th week).

LYNDON’S BOOK GROUP If you can’t get enough of books and baked goods, join us from 3pm to 4pm on Fridays in the Hawkins Room for free-wheeling discussion and plenty of refreshments. This term’s book is ‘Entangled Life’ by Merlin Sheldrake, exploring the weird and wonderful world of fungi, and their unexpectedly central place in human cultures. Free copies are available for anyone interested; contact Lyndon for more information. All welcome!
THURSDAY NIGHT PRAYER Gather in Chapel at 9.30pm on Thursdays for hot chocolate followed by a short reflective service with candles, incense and sung chants. Each week we will offer prayers for a different issue of justice facing the world today.

WEEKLY CLIMATE VIGIL Join us in Chapel at 12.15pm on Fridays as we offer 15 minutes of silent prayer for the ecological crisis in fellowship with XR, Christian Climate Action, and other faith groups around the world. All are welcome, as are any ideas about how we might turn prayer into action as Merton seeks to become increasingly sustainable. Further details from Lyndon.

CHAPEL TEAM

Student Chapel Officers

George Adams  Roheena Buckland  Francesca Lovell-Read
Ebube Akojie  Eleanor Clark  Jared Martin
Tom Allen  Marcus Gamble  Camilo Mosquera
Antonia Anstatt  Ellie Garrigan Mattar  Jana Nedelkoska
Benjamin Atkinson  Hollie Goodwin  Lukas Ruediger
Susie Barrows  Carl Haller  Audrey Southgate
Luke Bateman  Elisabeth Ilgner  Michael Zajac
Alex Brown  Rachel Jung

Pastoral Assistant  Josie Godfrey
Livestreaming Technicians  Sebastian Dows-Miller
Joseph Clarke
Ruby Doran Meira
Penny Hilder Jarvis
Shiv Mandal

Reed Rubin Organist  Benjamin Nicholas  Organ  Owen Chan
and Director of Music  Scholars  François Cloete

Chapel Administrator  Lizzie Casey
Verger  Jen Crompton

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 Lyndon Webb (Fellows’ 3.9, lyndon.webb@merton.ox.ac.uk) is the Associate Chaplain. Lyndon 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 jennifer.crompton@merton.ox.ac.uk

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