Merton College Chapel

Merton College was founded by Walter de Merton on 14 September 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 (jennifer.crompton@merton.ox.ac.uk). Copies are also available from the Porters’ Lodge and 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 sing Vespers on Mondays and Evensong on Wednesdays.
The Chapel supports a number of charities throughout the year. 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.

*Simon Jones*

*Chaplain*
MICHAELMAS TERM 2022

SEPTEMBER

24 Saturday

6.00pm Choral Evensong

for the College Gaudy

Prelude Allein Gott in der Höh sei ehr BWV 676 Bach

Introit To thee. O Lord Rachmaninov

Responses Ayleward

Psalms 24, 25

Canticles Dyson in D

Anthem How lovely are thy dwellings Brahms

Hymns 476, 252

Voluntary Final (Symphonie No. 4 in G minor, op. 32) Vierne

28 Wednesday

Ember Day 6.00pm Choral Evensong and

Licensing of the Revd Lyndon Webb

as Associate Chaplain

on the eve of the feast of

St Michael & All Angels

Prelude Organ Sonatine No. 1 "Allegretto" Koechlin

Introit My guardian angel Weir

Responses Clucas

Psalms 91

Canticles Noble in B minor

Anthem Michael, coeli signifier Handl

Hymns 475, 431, ‘Glory to God’

Preacher The Rt Revd Dr Steven Croft Bishop of Oxford

Voluntary Toccata Gigout
OCTOBER
3 Monday

6.00pm Choral Vespers
Prelude Vater unser in Himmelreich BuxWV219
Buxtehude
Responses Plainsong
Hymn 152
Psalmm 47
Magnificat Tone i
Anthem A Prayer of St Richard Allain
Voluntary Praeludium in D Major BuxWV139
Buxtehude

9 The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity (1st week)
9.00am College Eucharist

5.45pm Freshers’ Service
Prelude Sonata I BWV 525 Bach
Introit Steal away trad. arr. Tippett
Responses Ayleward
Psalm 144
Canticles Collegium Regale Howells
Anthem Blest pair of sirens Parry
Hymns ‘O God beyond all praying’, 353, 408
Preacher The Revd Canon Dr Simon Jones
Chaplain
Voluntary Creation Dance Cox
10  Monday
St Paulinus  8.15am  Morning Prayer
of York

11  Tuesday
8.15am  Morning Prayer
12.30pm  Eucharist
6.15pm  Choral Evensong
Prelude  Volo Pater  d’Indy
Responses  Ayleward
Psalm  74
Canticles  Fauxbourdons  Byrd
Anthem  Prevent us, O Lord  Byrd
Hymn  373
Voluntary  à Magnificat  d’Indy

12  Wednesday
St Wilfrid  8.15am  Morning Prayer
of Ripon  6.15pm  Choral Evensong
Prelude  Sarabande for the 12th Day of any October
Howells
Responses  Clucas
Psalm  119.81-104
Canticles  Noble in B minor
Anthem  Cantique de Jean Racine  Fauré
Hymn  225
Voluntary  Largo Sostenuto from "A Sea Symphony"
  Vaughan Williams arr. Ley
13 Thursday
St Edward 8.15am Morning Prayer
the Confessor 1.15pm Organ Recital by Francesca Massey
6.15pm Choral Evensong
Prelude Song 13 from Six Hymn Preludes Whitlock
Responses Ayleward
Psalm 78.41-end
Canticles Dyson in F
Anthem Os justi Bruckner
Hymn 220
Voluntary Postlude in G op. 105/2 Stanford
9.30pm Night Prayer

14 Friday
8.15am Morning Prayer

16 The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity (2nd week)
9.00am Morning Prayer
5.30pm Choral Eucharist
with Baptism and Confirmation
Prelude Sonata VI BWV 530 Bach
Setting Gloria (Missa Brevis) Dove
Sanctus & Agnus (Mass in G minor) Vaughan Williams
Motets Ubi caritas Duruflé
O taste and see Vaughan Williams
Hymns 476, 431, 296, 420
Preacher The Rt Revd Olivia Graham Bishop of Reading
Voluntary Les Cloches de Hinckley Vierne
17 Monday

**St Ignatius of Antioch**

8.15am Morning Prayer

**6.00pm Choral Vespers**

Prelude Qui sequitur me non ambulat in tenebris d’Indy

Responses Plainsong

Hymn 217

Psalm 85

Magnificat Tone i

Anthem Litany to the Holy Spirit Hurford

Voluntary Allegro Moderato from Organ Sonata No. 2 in G minor CPE Bach

18 St Luke the Evangelist (Tuesday)

8.15am Morning Prayer

12.30pm Eucharist

**6.15pm Choral Evensong**

Prelude Canzona in D Minor BuxWV168 Buxtehude

Responses Byrd

Psalm 103

Canticles Fifth Service Tomkins

Anthem The spirit of the Lord Elgar

Hymn 401 (omit verses 3 & 6)

Voluntary Pièce d’Orgue BWV 572 Bach

19 St Frideswide, Patron of Oxford

8.15am Morning Prayer

**6.15pm Choral Evensong**

Prelude Adagio from Organ Sonata No. 1 Mendelssohn

Responses Plainsong

Psalm 45

Canticles Sumsion in G

Anthem How beautiful are the feet Handel

Hymn ‘As longs the deer’

Voluntary Fuga from Organ Sonata No. 2 Mendelssohn
20 Thursday
8.15am Morning Prayer
1.15pm Organ Recital by Stephen Darlington
6.15pm Choral Evensong
Prelude Fantasie in C major, op. 16 Franck
Responses Byrd
Psalm 94
Canticles Second Service Byrd
Anthem Diliges Dominum Byrd
Hymn 245
Voluntary Prelude and Fugue in G BWV 541 Bach
9.30pm Night Prayer

21 Friday
8.15am Morning Prayer

23 The Last Sunday after Trinity (3rd week)
9.00am College Eucharist
5.45pm Choral Evensong and
Commemoration of Benefactors
Prelude Sonata II BWV 526 Bach
Introit Holy is the true light Harris
Responses Byrd
Psalm 145
Canticles Purcell in G minor
Anthem Te Deum (Collegium Regale) Howells
Hymns 440 (omit*), 391, 427
Address Professor Irene Tracey CBE
Warden
Voluntary Choralfantasie über "Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott" op. 27 Reger
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|        |       |                       | Frescobaldi                                    |
|        |       | Responses: Radcliffe  |                                               |
|        |       | Psalm: 107            |                                               |
|        |       | Canticles: Magnificat (Fauxbourdons) Andreas | Magnificat (Fauxbourdons) Andreas |
|        |       | Anthem: Benedictus Elgar | Benedictus Elgar                             |
|        |       | Hymn: ‘Sing we the praises of the great forerunner’ | ‘Sing we the praises of the great forerunner’  
|        |       |                       | Lekeu arr. Owen Chan                           |
| Wednesday| 8.15am| Morning Prayer        |                                               |
|        | 6.30pm| Evening Prayer        |                                               |
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|        | 1.15pm| Organ Recital by Owen Chan | Organ Recital by Owen Chan |
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|        |       | Responses: Radcliffe  |                                               |
|        |       | Psalms: 114, 116, 117 |                                               |
|        |       | Canticles: Sumption in G | Canticles: Sumption in G |
|        |       | Anthem: Strengthen ye the weak hands Harris | Strengthen ye the weak hands Harris |
|        |       | Hymn: 12              |                                               |
|        |       | Voluntary: Naïades op55/4 Vierne | Voluntary: Naïades op55/4 Vierne |
|        | 9.30pm| Night Prayer          |                                               |
28  St Simon and St Jude, Apostles (Friday)
     8.15am  Morning Prayer

30  The Fourth Sunday before Advent (4th week)
     9.00am  Morning Prayer
     5.30pm  Requiem Eucharist
     Prelude  Larghetto (Serenade for Strings)  Elgar
     Setting  Requiem Mass  Mozart
     Motet    Sospiri  Elgar
     Hymns    ‘Be still my soul’, 331
31     Monday

   8.15am  Morning Prayer
   6.00pm  Choral Vespers

   on the eve of All Saints’ Day

Prelude  Te lucis ad terminum  Dupré
Responses Plainsong
Hymn     'Rejoice with all the saints this day'
Psalm    1
Magnificat Fauxbourdons  Moore
Anthem    Gaudent in caelis  Dering
Voluntary Wir glauben all an einen Gott BWV680  Bach

NOVEMBER

1     All Saints’ Day (Tuesday)

   8.15am  Morning Prayer
   12.30pm Eucharist
   6.15pm  Choral Evensong

Prelude  Chanson de nuit op.15/1  Elgar arr. Brewer
Responses Smith
Psalms   148, 150
Canticles Brewer in D
Anthem    O quam gloriosum  Victoria
Hymn     231
Voluntary Placare christe servulis  Dupré

2     All Souls’ Day (Wednesday)

   8.15am  Morning Prayer
   6.15pm  Choral Evensong

Prelude  Canzon Quarti Toni  Frescobaldi
Responses Clucas
Psalm    23
Canticles Short Service  Weelkes
Anthem    In paradisum  Fauré
Hymn     462
Voluntary Organ Sonatine No. 2 "Tranquille"  Koechlin
3 Thursday

8.15am  Morning Prayer
1.15pm  Organ Recital by Mark Shepherd
6.15pm  Choral Evensong
Prelude  Canzon dopo l'Epistola  Frescobaldi
Responses  Smith
Psalm  118
Canticles  Short Service  Gibbons
Anthem  Lux aeterna  Venables
Hymn  396
Voluntary  Organ Sonatine No. 3 "Pastorale"  Koechlin
9.30pm  Night Prayer

4 Friday

8.15am  Morning Prayer

6 Feast of Dedication  (5th week)

9.00am  College Eucharist
5.45pm  Choral Evensong
Prelude  Sonata V BWV 529  Bach
Introit  We wait for thy loving kindness  McKie
Responses  Smith
Psalm  132
Canticles  Rubbra in A flat
Anthem  How lovely are thy dwellings  Brahms
Hymns  205, 208, 413
Preacher  The Revd Canon Matthew Vernon
  Canon Pastor, St Edmundsbury Cathedral
Voluntary  Toccata and Fugue in D minor, op. 129  Reger
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<td>Voluntary: Vater unser im Himmelreich BWV682 <em>Bach</em></td>
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10 Thursday

St Leo the Great

8.15am Morning Prayer
1.15pm Organ Recital by Daniel Cook
6.15pm Choral Evensong
Prelude Rhosymedre Vaughan Williams
Responses Leighton
Psalms 42, 43
Canticles Stanford in G
Anthem Valiant for truth Vaughan Williams
Hymn ‘Jesu, our master and our only saviour’
Voluntary Chorale Prelude on Croft's 136th Parry
9.30pm Night Prayer

11 Friday

St Martin of Tours

8.15am Morning Prayer
7.30pm Concert in Merton College Chapel
An Oxford Elegy:
Celebrating the 150th Birthday of Ralph Vaughan Williams

13 Remembrance Sunday (6th week)

9.00am College Eucharist
10.50am Act of Remembrance
5.45pm Choral Evensong
Prelude Sonata III BWV 527 Bach
Introit Sunset and evening star Arbo
Responses Leighton
Psalm 97
Canticles Gloucester Service Howells
Anthem Lord, thou hast been our refuge Vaughan Williams
Hymns 377, ‘Eternal God’, 252
Preacher The Revd Canon Dr Rachel Mann
Area Dean of Bury and Rossendale
Voluntary Passacaglia in C minor BWV 582 Bach
Monday

8.15am  Morning Prayer
6.00pm  Choral Vespers
Prelude  Dalby’s Fancy  Howells
Responses  Plainsong
Hymn  152
Psalm  71
Magnificat  Fauxbourdons  Owens
Anthem  For the fallen  Blatchly
Voluntary  Elegy for April 7 1913  Parry

Tuesday

8.15am  Morning Prayer
12.30pm  Eucharist
6.15pm  Choral Evensong
Prelude  Canzonetta in E Minor BuxWV169  Buxtehude
Responses  Shephard
Psalms  67, 72
Canticles  Magnificat (Merton Service)  Frances-Hoad
           Nunc Dimittis  Esquivel
Anthem  Bring us, O Lord  Harris
Hymn  250
Voluntary  Rhapsody in C# Minor op. 17/3  Howells

Wednesday

St Margaret of Scotland

8.15am  Morning Prayer
6.15pm  Choral Eucharist
Prelude  Prelude op. 66  d’Indy
Seting  Missa Sanctae Margaretae  Gabriel Jackson
Anthem  Ave verum corpus  Elgar
Hymns  478, 381
Voluntary  Romance from Symphony No. 4 in G minor, op. 32  Vierne
17  Thursday

St Hugh of Lincoln

8.15am  Morning Prayer
1.15pm  Organ Recital by Colin Walsh
6.15pm  Concert at the Sheldonian Theatre with the Oxford Philharmonic
9.30pm  Night Prayer

18  Friday

St Elizabeth of Hungary

8.15am  Morning Prayer

20  Christ the King (7th week)

9.00am  Morning Prayer
5.45pm  Choral Eucharist
Prelude  Sonata IV BWV528  Bach
Setting  Messe Solennelle  Briggs
Psalm  46
Hymns  ‘Christ triumphant’, ‘In Christ alone’, 271, 394
Motet  Christus vincit  arr. Baker
Preacher  The Revd Lyndon Webb
Associate Chaplain
Voluntary  Fantasy in F minor, K. 608  Mozart
21  Monday

8.15am  Morning Prayer

6.00pm  Choral Vespers
Prelude  Allegro from Organ Sonata No. 2 in G minor
         CPE Bach
Responses  Plainsong
Hymn  152
Psalms  80
Magnificat  Tone viii
Anthem  Lift thine eyes Mendelssohn
Voluntary  Domine Jesu Demessieux

22  Tuesday

St Cecilia 8.15am  Morning Prayer
of Rome  12.30pm  Eucharist
6.15pm  Choral Evensong
Prelude  Elegy Owen Chan
Responses  Shephard
Psalms  99, 101
Canticles  Merton Service Frances-Hoad
Anthem  A Hymn for St Cecilia Howells
Hymn  477
Voluntary  March Cecily Moorsom

23  Wednesday

St Clement 8.15am  Morning Prayer
of Rome  6.15pm  Choral Evensong
Prelude  Ruhig bewegt from Organ Sonata No. 2
         Hindemith
Responses  Plainsong
Psalms  121, 123, 124, 125
Canticles  Merton Girls’ Service Frances-Hoad
         (world premiere)
Anthem  O that I once past changing were Berkeley
Hymn  219
Voluntary  Fugue from Organ Sonata No. 2 Hindemith
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4.00pm  Advent Carol Service I
Preludes  'Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland'
          BWV 659, 660, 661  Bach
          Légende op. 31/13  Vierne
          Méditation from Symphony No. 1  Widor
          Es ist ein Ros’ entsprungen (op. 122, No. 8)  Brahms
Choir  Matin Responsorily  Marlow
       Rorate caeli  Byrd
       People, look east  Tranchell
       Benedictus in F  Elgar
       Vox Clara ecce intonat  Gabriel Jackson
       O Oriens  Cecilia McDowall
       A Spotless Rose  Howells
       Bogoroditse Dyevo  Pärt
Voluntary  Final from Symphony No. 4 in G minor  Vierne

27  First Sunday of Advent (8th week)

9.00am  College Eucharist
5.30pm  Advent Carol Service II
          (for music, see above)

28  Monday

8.15am  Morning Prayer

6.00pm  Choral Vespers
Prelude  Canon in E Minor op. 129/3  Reger
Responses  Plainsong
Hymn  1
Psalm  71
Magnificat  Tone i
Anthem  Advent Prose
Voluntary  Herr Christ, der ein'ge Gottes Sohn BWV601  Bach
Tuesday

8.15am  Morning Prayer
12.30pm  Eucharist
6.15pm  Choral Evensong
Prelude  Echo fantasia in the Dorian mode  Sweelinck
Responses  Smith
Psalms  74, 75
Canticles  Short Service  Gibbons
Anthem  There is no rose  Joubert
Hymn  14
Voluntary  Fantasia of foure parts  Gibbons

St Andrew the Apostle (Wednesday)

8.15am  Morning Prayer
6.15pm  Choral Evensong
Prelude  Prélude et Petit Canon à 3 Parties op. 38  d’Indy
Responses  Clucas
Psalms  87, 96
Canticles  Dyson in D
Anthem  O for a closer walk with God  Stanford
Hymn  353 (omit*)
Voluntary  Rorate Caeli  Demessieux
DECEMBER

1    Thursday
    8.15am  Morning Prayer
    1.15pm  Organ Recital by François Cloete
    8.30pm  Christmas Carol Service
    Preludes  Die Geburt Christi, Op. 48  Malling
              I. Die Hirten auf dem Felde
              II. Die drei Weisen aus dem Morgenlande
              III. Bethlehem
              Sinfonia pastorale from BWV248
              Bach  arr.  Karg-Elert
              Uns ist geboren ein Kindelein op. 39/4  Peeters
              The Holy Boy  Ireland
    Carols  Still, still, still  arr.  Chilcott
            In dulci jubilo  Trad.  arr.  Pearsall
            O Holy night!  Adam, arr.  Rutter
            There is no rose  Cecilia McDowall
            Sleep, little Jesus  Roxanna Panufnik
            Joseph and Mary  Herefordshire folk song  arr.  Rutter
            (World Premiere)
            Tomorrow shall be my dancing day  Gardner
    Voluntary  Final from Symphony No. 1 in D minor  Vierne

2    Friday
    8.15am  Morning Prayer
CHRISTMAS VACATION

DECEMBER

5  Monday

6.00pm  Choral Vespers
Prelude  O Radix Jesse  McDowall
Responses  Plainsong
Hymn  1
Psalms  144
Magnificat  Fauxbourdons  Owens
Anthem  How beautiful are the feet  Handel
Voluntary  O Clavis David  McDowall

7  Wednesday

St Ambrose 6.15pm  Choral Evensong
of Milan  Prelude  Folk tune  Whitlock
Ember  Responses  Plainsong
Day  Psalms  10, 14
Canticles  Fauxbourdons  Moore
Anthem  There is no Rose  Britten
Hymn  10
Voluntary  Ciacona in E Minor BuxWV160  Buxtehude

9  Friday

Ember 6.00pm  Christmas Carol Service
Day  sung by the College Choir
at All Saints’, Margaret Street, London

11  Sunday

4.30pm  Carols by Candlelight
Christmas concert sung by the
College Choir and Choristers
Wednesday

St John 6.00pm Christmas Carol Service
of the Cross sung by the Choristers and Lay Clerks

The first Choral Service of the Hilary Term will be the Epiphany Carol Service at 5.45pm on Sunday 15 January sung by the College Choir and Choristers.
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CHAPEL SERVICES

Sundays

9.00am  College Eucharist / Morning Prayer
followed by breakfast in Hall

5.45pm  Choral Evensong / Choral Eucharist
followed by drinks in the Ante-Chapel

Weekdays

8.15am  Morning Prayer (Monday to Friday)

12.30pm Eucharist (Tuesday) followed by lunch

6.00pm  Choral Vespers (Monday)

6.15pm  Choral Evensong (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday)

9.30pm  Night Prayer (Thursday)
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