MERTON COLLEGE CHAPEL is open to all 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 people 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 at 5.45pm on Sundays. Alternating between Choral Evensong and a Choral Eucharist (Holy Communion), the College Choir sings at this candlelit service. 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 given to Young Minds (www.youngminds.org.uk), a mental health charity working with young people.

WEEKDAY SERVICES

- **8.15am** Morning Prayer (Monday–Friday)
- **12.30pm** Eucharist (Tuesday)
- **6.00pm** Choral Vespers (Monday)
- **6.15pm** Choral Evensong (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday)
- **9.45pm** Night Prayer (Thursday)

THURSDAY NIGHT PRAYER Gather in chapel at 9.45pm on Thursdays for a short reflective service with candles, incense and chants. A relaxed and beautiful way to end the day.

SHROVE TUESDAY Tuesday 21 February (6th week) is Shrove Tuesday, when we commemorate the College’s Founder, Walter de Merton.

- **12.30pm** Eucharist
- **followed by lunch**
- **6.15pm** Choral Evensong and Commemoration of Benefactors
- **followed by drinks and the finalists’ dinner**

ASH WEDNESDAY Lent begins on Wednesday 22 February (6th week).

- **5.45pm** Sung Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes
  at which the College Choir will sing Allegri’s ‘Miserere’
SERVICES AND PREACHERS
SUNDAYS AT 5.45PM

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| 15 January | Epiphany  | The Revd Lyndon Webb
Epiphany 2 Carol Service
Associate Chaplain |
| 22 January | Evensong  | The Revd Dr Thomas Sharp
Epiphany 3 Succentor, Southwark Cathedral and
Minister-in-Charge, St Hugh’s, Bermondsey |
| 29 January | Eucharist | The Revd Canon Dr Victoria Johnson
Presentation of Christ in the Temple
Canon Precentor, York Minster |
| 5 February | Evensong  | The Rt Hon Ben Bradshaw MP
3 before Lent Member of Parliament for Exeter |
| 12 February| Eucharist | The Rt Revd and Rt Hon the
2 before Lent Lord Williams of Oystermouth
Honorary Fellow
formerly Archbishop of Canterbury
and Visitor of the College |
| 19 February| Evensong  | The Revd Jarel Robinson-Brown
Next before Lent Assistant Curate, St Botolph, Aldgate, London |
| 26 February| Eucharist | The Revd Canon Dr Simon Jones
Lent 1 Chaplain |
| 5 March    | Evensong  | Rebecca Abrams
Lent 2 Author, teacher and journalist |

BAPTISM and CONFIRMATION If you would like to discuss the possibility of being baptized and/or confirmed in the Chapel, please have a word with one of the Chaplains.

CHRISTIAN UNION & CATHSOC This term’s CU reps are Jonny Rugg (Merton) and Josh Williams (Oriel). Carl Haller is the RC rep. The termly RC Mass is at 6.00pm on Friday 24 February (6th week).

LYNDON’S BOOK GROUP This term we are reading How Beautiful We Were by Imbolo Mbue. Billed as one of the top works of fiction to come out in 2022, the novel traces the vexed relationship between a small African community and a large oil corporation as they fight for very different stakes in the land. We will meet in the Hawkins Room from 3-4pm on Fridays in weeks 1-7; and yes, there will be cake! For more information, and to order your free copy of the book, contact Lyndon.
FAITH MATTERS Whether you’re fully signed-up to the Creeds, a little Bible-curious, or just interested in thinking about faith and contemporary issues, all are welcome to join us for a fortnightly discussion group this term. Led by Lyndon, the group will look at those strange bits of doctrine you never really understood, the voices which speak to us from Scripture, and the big questions facing us today. And following our Good Lord’s example, there will of course be plenty of wine (and cheese!) to fuel discussion. We will meet from **8.30-9.45pm on Thursdays in weeks 1, 3, 5 & 7** in the Harrison Room. Email Lyndon for more information or to suggest topics for conversation. All very welcome!

CHAPEL TEAM

_Student Chapel Officers_

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_Livestreaming_ Sebastian Dows-Miller

_Reed Rubin Organist_ Benjamin Nicholas

_Technicians_ Joseph Clarke

&Director of Music Ruby Doran Meira

_Chipel Office &_ Lizzie Casey

_Scholars_ Shiv Mandal

_Choir Manager_ Pen Hilder Jarvis

_Organ_ Owen Chan

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_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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