SERVICES and MUSIC
TRINITY TERM 2023
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. Our Choristers, often with Lay Clerks, sing on Monday and Wednesday evenings. The choristers are drawn from a variety of local schools across Oxford.

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 online shop on the College website (www.merton.ox.ac.uk).
The Chapel supports a number of charities. Our collections this term will be donated to Shelter (www.shelter.org.uk).

The Eucharist on Ascension Day (6.00pm Thursday 18 May) will be a joint service with the congregation of the University Church. Along with Oriel College, Merton is one of the patrons of St Mary’s.

Lyndon Webb  
Associate Chaplain

Christopher Collingwood  
Acting Chaplain
TRINITY TERM 2023

APRIL

20 Thursday
   5.30pm Eucharist with
   Blessing of the Easter Candle

22 Saturday
   6.00pm Choral Evensong
   for the Choral Awards Open Day
   Prelude  Andante con moto Op. 101/6  Stanford
   Responses  Smith
   Psalm  66
   Canticles  Stanford in C
   Anthem  Sing the Lord, ye voices all  Haydn
   Hymn  113
   Voluntary  Final from Symphony No. 3  Vierne

23 The Third Sunday of Easter  (1st week)
   9.00am Eucharist
   5.45pm Choral Evensong
   Prelude  Aria Sebaldina from Hexachordum Apollinis  Pachelbel
   Introit  Peace I leave with you  Beach
   Responses  Byrd
   Psalm  48
   Canticles  Chichester Service  Walton
   Anthem  Blessed be the God and Father  Wesley
   Hymns  103, 400, 120
   Preacher  The Revd Canon Dr Chris Collingwood  Acting Chaplain
   Voluntary  Résurrection  Dupré
24  St George, Patron of England (Monday)

8.15am  Morning Prayer

6.00pm  Choral Vespers
Prelude  Praeambulum supra Christ lag in Todesbanden  
Krebs
Responses  Plainsong
Hymn  217
Psalm  3
Magnificat  Tone i
Anthem  Long since in Egypt’s plenteous land  Parry
Voluntary  Choral: Christ lag in Todesbanden  Krebs

25  St Mark the Evangelist (Tuesday)

8.15am  Morning Prayer

12.30pm  Eucharist

6.15pm  Choral Evensong
Prelude  Jesus, meine Zuversicht Op. 65/27  Karg-Elert
Responses  Byrd
Psalm  45
Canticles  Short Service  Inglott
Anthem  Sing my soul  Rorem
Hymn  486
Voluntary  Erschienen ist der herrlich Tag Op. 65/25  Karg-Elert

26  Wednesday

8.15am  Morning Prayer

4.00pm  Choral Evensong
broadcast live on BBC Radio 3
Introit  Sing my soul  Rorem
Responses  Byrd
Psalms  67, 72
Canticles  Chichester Service  Walton
Anthem  Blessed be the God and Father  Wesley
Hymns  101, 123
Voluntary  Résurrection  Dupré
27 Thursday
  8.15am Morning Prayer
  1.15pm Organ Recital by Alastair Stone
  6.15pm Choral Evensong sung by the Choristers
  Prelude Erschienen ist der herrliche Tag  Walther
  Responses Plainsong
  Psalm 73
  Canticles Sumsion in G
  Anthem At the river  Copland
  Hymn 353 (omit *)
  Voluntary Christ ist erstanden BWV627  JS Bach
  9.45pm Night Prayer

28 Friday
  8.15am Morning Prayer

29 Saturday
  St Catherine  7.30pm Haydn’s Creation at the
  Sheldonian Theatre

30 The Fourth Sunday of Easter (2nd week)
  9.00am Eucharist
  5.45pm Choral Evensong
  Prelude Suite de premier ton  Clérambault
  Introit Sicut lilium  Brumel
  Responses Smith
  Psalm 29
  Canticles Stanford in A
  Anthem Dum transisset Sabbatum  Taverner
  Hymns ‘Good Christians all’, 123, 113
  Preacher The Most Revd John McDowell
    Archbishop of Armagh
  Voluntary Toccata  Rautavaara
MAY

1 St Philip and St James, Apostles (Monday)
   8.15am Morning Prayer
   6.00pm Choral Vespers
      Prelude Wenn mein Stündlein vorhanden ist Pachelbel
      Responses Plainsong
      Hymn 214
      Psalm 149
      Magnificat Tone viii
      Anthem How beautiful are the feet Handel
      Voluntary Christ lag in Todes Banden BWV695 JS Bach

2 Tuesday
   St 8.15am Morning Prayer
   Athanasius 12.30pm Eucharist
   6.15pm Choral Evensong
      Prelude Jesu, hilf siegen Op. 65/26 Karg-Elert
      Responses Smith
      Psalms 115, 116
      Canticles St Paul’s Service Howells
      Anthem O Lord, make thy servant Byrd
      Hymn 432 (omit *)
      Voluntary Ostern from Biblische Bilder Op. 73/5 Gulbins

3 Wednesday
   8.15am Morning Prayer
   6.15pm Choral Evensong
      Prelude Chant de Mai Jongen
      Responses Byrd
      Psalms 47, 48
      Canticles Sumison in A
      Anthem Since by man came death Handel
      Hymn 119 (omit *)
      Voluntary Scherzo from Symphony No. 2 Vierne
4 Thursday

English 8.15am  Morning Prayer

saints & 1.15pm  Organ Recital by Owen Chan

martyrs 6.30pm  Evening Prayer

of the 9.45pm  Night Prayer

Reformation

5 Friday

8.15am  Morning Prayer

4.30pm  Service of Thanksgiving for the Coronation of King Charles III sung by the College Choir at the University Church

7 The Fifth Sunday of Easter (3rd week)

9.00am  Morning Prayer

5.45pm  Choral Eucharist

Prelude  Aria Prima from Hexachordum Apollinis Pachelbel

Setting  Te Deum in B flat Stanford

Sanctus (Mass in G minor) Vaughan Williams

Agnus Dei (Missa Salve Intemerata) Tallis

Motet  Behold, O God our defender Howells

Hymns  117, 104, 124, The National Anthem

Preacher  The Very Revd Dr Jonathan Draper Dean Emeritus of Exeter

Voluntary  Crown Imperial Walton

8 Monday

Julian 8.15am  Morning Prayer

of Norwich 6.30pm  Evening Prayer
9 Tuesday

8.15am  Morning Prayer
12.30pm  Eucharist
6.15pm  Choral Evensong
  Prelude  Prière pour délier les charmes
   from Laudes Op. 5/2  Florentz
Responses  Smith
Psalms  96, 97
Canticles  Magnificat (Merton Service)  Esenvalds
   Nunc Dimittis (Merton Service)  Frances-Hoad
Anthem  Ego flos campi  Clemens non Papa
Hymn  ‘Sometimes a light surprises’
Voluntary  Chant des fleurs from Laudes Op.5/4  Florentz

10 Wednesday

8.15am  Morning Prayer
6.00pm  Joint Choral Evensong at
           Christ Church Cathedral
           Merton College Girl Choristers &
           Frideswide Voices

11 Thursday

8.15am  Morning Prayer
1.15pm  Organ Recital by David Goode
6.15pm  Choral Evensong
  Prelude  Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr BWV675  JS Bach
Responses  Smith
Psalm  104
Canticles  Dyson in F
Anthem  Sing joyfully  Byrd
Hymn  118
Voluntary  Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr BWV676  JS Bach
9.45pm  Night Prayer
12  Friday
Gregory Dix  8.15am  Morning Prayer
(1952)

14  The Sixth Sunday of Easter (4th Week)
9.00am  Eucharist
5.45pm  Choral Evensong
Prelude  Suite de deuxième ton  Clérambault
Introit  O praise the Lord  Batten
Responses  Smith
Psalm  87
Canticles  Magnificat (Second Service)  Byrd
         Nunc Dimittis (Great Service)  Byrd
Anthem  Tribue, Domine  Byrd
Hymns  112, 115, 381
Preacher  The Rt Revd Christopher Lowson
         formerly Bishop of Lincoln
Voluntary  Chaconne in D minor  Bach

15  St Matthias the Apostle (Monday)
Rogation  8.15am  Morning Prayer
Day  6.00pm  Choral Vespers
Prelude  Canzonetta  Matthias
Responses  Plainsong
Hymn  214
Psalm  80
Magnificat  Fauxbourdons  Owens
Anthem  He delivereth the poor  Parry
Voluntary  Erschienen ist der herrliche Tag BWV629  JS Bach
16  Tuesday

Rogation  8.15am  Morning Prayer
Day  12.30pm  Eucharist
6.15pm  Choral Evensong
Prelude  Prelude Op.48/1  Kabeláč
Responses  Clucas
Psalms  128-131
Canticles  Magnificat  Chilcott
Nunc Dimittis  Beach
Anthem  If ye be with Christ  Gibbons
Hymn  102
Voluntary  Nach einer Prüfung kurzer Tage Op. 65/30
  Karg-Elert

17  Wednesday

Rogation  8.15am  Morning Prayer
Day  6.15pm  Choral Evensong on the eve of the feast of the Ascension
Prelude  Prelude in D Major BWV532i)  JS Bach
Responses  Clucas
Psalms  15, 24
Canticles  Short Service  Gibbons
Anthem  O God, the King of glory  Gibbons
Hymn  134
Voluntary  Fugue in D Major BWV532ii)  JS Bach
18  ASCENSION DAY (Thursday)

8.15am  Morning Prayer

12 noon  Singing from the Tower
The Lord ascendeth up on high  Praetorius
Ascendit Deus  Philips

1.15pm  Organ Recital by Francois Cloete

6.00pm  Choral Eucharist
joint with the University Church

Prelude  Alleluias sereins d’une âme qui désire le ciel
Messiaen

Setting  Missa Brevis  Palestrina
Motet  Ascendit Deus  Philips
Hymns  130 (omit*), 446, 271
Preacher  The Revd Hannah Cartwright
Assistant Priest, University Church of
St Mary the Virgin

Voluntary  Transports de joie  Messiaen

9.45pm  Night Prayer

19  Friday
St Dunstan  8.15am  Morning Prayer
of Canterbury

21  The Seventh Sunday of Easter (5th week)

9.00am  Morning Prayer

5.45pm  Choral Eucharist

Prelude  Aria Tertia from Hexachordum Apollinis
Pachelbel

Setting  Missa Bell’ Amfitrit’ altera  Lassus
Motet  O clap your hands  Gibbons
Hymns  ‘Christ triumphant’, 352, 394
Preacher  The Revd Professor Jane Shaw
Principal of Harris Manchester College

Voluntary  Chromatic Fantasy  Sweelinck
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25 Thursday

The  8.15am  Morning Prayer
Venerable  1.15pm  Organ Recital by Roger Sayer
Bede  6.15pm  Choral Evensong
Prelude  Komm, heiliger Geist, herre Gott BWV199  
Buxtehude
Responses  Clucas
Psalm  139
Canticles  Fauxbourdons  Andreas/Soriano
Anthem  I will take you from the nations  MacMillan
Hymn  199
Voluntary  Trio super Herr Christ, dich zu uns wend  
BWV655  JS Bach

9.45pm  Night Prayer

26 Friday

St Augustine  8.15am  Morning Prayer
of Canterbury

28 PENTECOST (6th week)

9.00am  Eucharist
5.45pm  Choral Evensong
Prelude  Veni creator spiritus  de Grigny
Introit  If ye love me  Tallis
Responses  Smith
Psalms  67, 133
Canticles  Purcell in G minor
Anthem  Der Geist hilft unser Schwachheit auf  Bach
Hymns  137, 140, 431
Preacher  The Rt Revd Michael Marshall
formerly Bishop of Woolwich
Voluntary  Vivace from Sonata for Organ Op. 86  Persichetti
29  Monday
   8.15am  Morning Prayer
   6.30pm  Evening Prayer

30  Tuesday
   8.15am  Morning Prayer
   12.30pm Eucharist
   6.15pm  Choral Evensong
           Prelude  Consolateur from Sept Méditations sur le Saint
           Esprit No. 5  Demessieux
           Responses  Shephard
           Psalms  134, 135
           Canticles  Watson in E
           Anthem  Of a Rose  Tabakova
           Hymn  467
           Voluntary  Isän, Pojan ja Pyhän Hengen nimi
                      from Ta Tou Theou Rautavaara

31  The Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth  (Wednesday)
   8.15am  Morning Prayer
   6.30pm  Evening Prayer

JUNE

1  Thursday
   St Justin, martyr  8.15am  Morning Prayer
   1.15pm  Organ Recital by Thomas Simpson
   6.15pm  Choral Evensong
           Prelude  Dolcezza  Whitlock
           Responses  Shephard
           Psalms  138, 140, 141
           Canticles  Second Service  Byrd
           Anthem  Justorum animae  Byrd
           Hymn  219
           Voluntary  Scherzetto  Whitlock
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   8.15am  Morning Prayer
   12.30pm Eucharist
   6.15pm  Choral Evensong
   Prelude  Gavotte  Camidge
   Responses  Smith
   Psalms  9, 10
   Canticles  Service for Trebles  Weelkes
   Anthem  Libera nos  Sheppard
   Hymn  252
   Voluntary  The Seventh Bowl  Emmens-Green

7  Wednesday
   8.15am  Morning Prayer
   6.15pm  Choral Evensong and Benediction
           on the eve of the feast of Corpus Christi
   Prelude  Duetto II BWV803  JS Bach
   Introit  Corpus Christi Carol  Britten
   Responses  Clucas
   Psalms  110, 111
   Canticles  Collegium Regale  Howells
   Anthem  Ave verum corpus  Elgar
   Hymn  307
   Voluntary  Alla marcia  Ireland
8 CORPUS CHRISTI (Thursday)

8.15am Morning Prayer
1.15pm Organ Recital by Benjamin Nicholas
6.00pm Choral Eucharist

Prelude Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele BWV654 JS Bach
Setting Mass for Five Voices Byrd
Motet O sacrum convivium Messiaen
Hymns 310, 296
Preacher The Revd Canon Dr Chris Collingwood

Acting Chaplain
Voluntary Le banquet celeste Messiaen

9.45pm Night Prayer

9 Friday

St Columba of Iona 8.15am Morning Prayer

11 St Barnabas the Apostle (8th week)

9.00am Eucharist
10.30am Matins

sung by the College Choir at All Souls’

5.45pm Leavers’ Service
Prelude Aria Secunda from Hexachordum Apollinis
Pachelbel
Introit Beati quorum via Stanford
Responses Shephard
Psalm 147
Canticles Second Service Gibbons
Anthems Te Deum (Collegium Regale) Howells
The Lord bless you and keep you Rutter
Hymns ‘O God, beyond all praising’, 353, 408
Preacher The Revd Lyndon Webb

Associate Chaplain
Voluntary Choralfantasie Hallelujah! Gott zu loben
Op. 52/3 Reger
12 Monday
  8.15am Morning Prayer
  6.00pm Choral Vespers
    Prelude Canzonetta in G Major BuxWV172 Buxtehude
    Responses Plainsong
    Hymn 150
    Psalm 28
    Magnificat Short Service Weelkes
    Anthem Lift thine eyes Mendelssohn
    Voluntary Vater unser in Himmelreich BWV636 JS Bach

13 Tuesday
  8.15am Morning Prayer
  12.30pm Eucharist
  6.15pm Choral Evensong
    Prelude Prelude Op. 48/3 Kabeláč
    Responses Shephard
    Psalm 33
    Canticles Merton Service Frances-Hoad
    Anthem I was glad Purcell
    Hymn 372
    Voluntary Larghetto from Sonata for Organ op. 86 Persichetti

14 Wednesday
  8.15am Morning Prayer
  6.15pm Choral Evensong
    Prelude Petit canon Boulanger
    Responses Plainsong
    Psalm 119 vv.33-56
    Canticles Merton Girls’ Service Frances-Hoad
    Anthem Lux Aeterna Boulanger
    Hymn 339
    Voluntary Herzlich tut mich erfreuen Op.122/4 Brahms
15 Thursday
8.15am Morning Prayer
1.15pm Organ Recital by Colin Walsh
6.15pm Choral Evensong
Prelude Sursum corda Ireland
Responses Shephard
Psalms 39, 40
Canticles Gloucester Service Howells
Anthem Bring us O Lord Harris
Hymn 427
Voluntary Festival toccata Fletcher
9.45pm Night Prayer

16 Friday
St Richard of Chichester 8.15am Morning Prayer

SUMMER VACATION

JUNE
19 Monday
8.15am Morning Prayer
6.00pm Choral Vespers
Prelude Adagio from Sonata No. 2 Mendelssohn
Responses Plainsong
Hymn 150
Psalms 47
Magnificat Tonus Peregrinus
Anthem Prayer of St Richard Allain
Voluntary Allegro maestoso e vivace from Sonata No. 2 Mendelssohn
21  Wednesday
   8.15am  Morning Prayer
   6.15pm  Choral Evensong
          Prelude  Aria Peeters
          Responses  Clucas
          Psalms  59, 60
          Canticles  Noble in B minor
          Anthem  Evening Hymn Balfour Gardiner
          Hymn  362
          Voluntary  Praeludium in E Minor “The Great” Bruhns

24  The Birth of St John the Baptist (Saturday)
   6.00pm  Choral Evensong
          Prelude  Sicilienne Duruflé
          Responses  Clucas
          Psalms  80, 82
          Canticles  Dyson in D
          Anthem  Blessed city, heavenly Salem Bairstow
          Hymns  168, 368
          Voluntary  Ulmer Münster Fantasie from Bilder deutscher Dome Op. 76/1 Fährmann

25  The Third Sunday after Trinity
   9.00am  Eucharist
FRIENDS OF THE
CHOIR OF MERTON COLLEGE

The Friends of the Choir of Merton College supports the current and future activities of the College Choir (including our Girl Choristers).

Friends receive regular newsletters from the Director of Music, reduced ticket prices on selected concerts and invitations to Friends’ events.

For further details, go to www.merton.ox.ac.uk/chapel-choir/friends-of-the-choir.

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)
  9.45pm    Night Prayer (Thursday)
CHAPEL TEAM

Acting Chaplain
The Revd Canon Dr Chris Collingwood

Associate Chaplain
The Revd Lyndon Webb

Reed Rubin Organist and Director of Music
Benjamin Nicholas

Organ Scholars
Owen Chan
François Cloete

Student Chapel Officers

Livestream Technicians
Sebastian Dows-Miller, Joseph Clarke, Ruby Doran Meira, Pen Hilder Jarvis

Verger
Jen Crompton

Chapel Office & Choir Manager
Lizzie Casey