



MERTON
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CHAPEL

MICHAELMAS TERM 2024

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 *Doctors without Borders*, a charity providing humanitarian medical care in conflict zones and countries affected by endemic diseases.

WEEKDAY SERVICES

8.15am	Morning Prayer	(Monday–Friday)
6.00pm	Choral Vespers	(Monday)
6.15pm	Choral Evensong	(Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday)

LIVESTREAMING A selection 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 3 November (4th week) the College Choir will sing the Mozart *Requiem* as we commemorate the departed. Please email the Acting Chaplain with the names of anyone you would like to be remembered by Saturday 2nd November.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY In addition to the 9.00am and 5.45pm services on 10 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.

CAROL SERVICES This year's candlelit Advent Carol Services will take place at 5.30pm on Saturday 30 November and Sunday 1 December. There will also be a traditional Christmas Carol Service at 8.30pm on Thursday 5 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.

SERVICES AND PREACHERS SUNDAYS AT 5.45PM

13 October **Freshers' Service**
Trinity 20

The Revd Lyndon Webb
Acting Chaplain

20 October **Eucharist**
Trinity 21

The Revd Canon Michael Smith
Canon Emeritus of York Minster

27 October **Evensong and**
Last Sunday **Commemoration**
after Trinity **of Benefactors**

Dr Mar Rodda
Fellow & Tutor in Classics,
Merton College

3 November **Eucharist**
Feast of All Souls' *(5.30pm)*

Mozart Requiem

10 November **Evensong**
Remembrance Sunday

The Right Revd Sarah Bullock
Bishop of Shrewsbury

17 November **Evensong**
2 before Advent

The Revd Canon Mark Birch
Canon Rector of Westminster Abbey and Chaplain
to the Speaker of the House of Commons

24 November **Eucharist**
Christ the King

The Revd Canon Dr Chris Collingwood
Visiting Chaplain

1 December **Advent Carol Service**
Advent 1 *(5.30pm)*

LYNDON'S BOOK GROUP If books and baked goods sound like the perfect end to the week to you, join us from **3-4pm on Fridays** in the **Hawkins Room** (F.3) for relaxed discussion and plenty of refreshments. This term we will be reading *The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida* by Shehan Karunatilaka, a surreal reflection on queer life in Colombo in 1989, set against the confusion and carnage of the Sri Lankan civil war. To sign up to the group and receive your free copy of the novel, contact Lyndon. All welcome!

ZEN MEDITATION with Chris Collingwood, Visiting Chaplain & authorised Zen teacher. **Wednesdays, Weeks 2—7, 3pm-4pm.** Due to works in Chapel, we'll meet in the Fellows' Lawn Marquee for the first half of term. Subsequent location TBA: subscribe to the Chapel email for updates. Cushions, mats & chairs provided. Students, staff and fellows welcome! Sessions open to those of all faiths and none, no experience with mediation necessary.

CHAPEL ACCESS Due to construction work, until further notice access to Chapel will be through the Graveyard, located in Front Quad to the right of the Lodge as you enter College. Email jennifer.crompton@merton.ox.ac.uk to get the weekly Chapel email for updates.

CHRISTIAN UNION & CATHSOC This term's CU rep is Annabel Philp and the CathSoc Rep is Cara Treacy. The termly RC Mass is at 6.00pm on Friday 15 November (5th week).

CHAPEL TEAM

Student Chapel Officers

Antonia Anstatt	Jared Martin	Oscar Patton
Benjamin Atkinson	Harmony Matheson	Lucia Ross
Alexandre Guilloteau	Kelly McClinton	Cara Treacy
Wilfred Lamont	Ella McLoughlin	Dylan Turner
Asha Levy	Gregory Middleton	Zoe Wilkinson
Cecilia Loughney	Camilo Mosquera	

Livestreaming Technicians

Sebastian Dows-Miller	Hope Clarke	Zhaniya Abaidildinova
Finn Emmens-Green	Antonia Johnson	Elizabeth Cullinane
Mattie Sutton	Ruby Meira	Tilly Sleeman Crabtree

Reed Rubin Organist & Director of Music

Benjamin Nicholas

Chapel & Choir Manager

Lizzie Casey

Verger

Jen Crompton

Assisting Organist

Peter King

Pastoral Assistant

Ewan Gillings

John D Booth (Walsingham Scholarship) & Jane Gregory Rubin Organ Scholar

François Cloete

THE CHAPLAINS

The Revd **Lyndon Webb** (Fellows' 3.9, lyndon.webb@merton.ox.ac.uk) is the **Acting Chaplain**. Lyndon has particular responsibility for pastoral care within the Chapel community, for leading the discussion groups, and developing new initiatives.

This term's **Visiting Chaplain** is the Revd Canon **Dr Chris Collingwood**, who writes: 'I'm so looking forward to getting to know as many of you as possible, whether you consider yourself to be a person of faith or not. I'd love to hear about what excites, inspires and motivates you, as well as anything that causes you difficulty, struggle or perplexity, whether you'd describe such things as overtly spiritual or religious or not. Please don't hesitate to make contact.' **Chris** (Fellows' 3.2, christopher.collingwood@merton.ox.ac.uk), is happy to speak in confidence with any member of College (regardless of religious affiliation) concerning any matter.

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