



MERTON COLLEGE • X F • R D CHAPEL

SERVICES and MUSIC MICHAELMAS TERM 2024

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 *Doctors without Borders*, a charity that provides humanitarian medical care known for its projects in conflict zones and in countries affected by endemic diseases.

> Lyndon Webb Acting Chaplain

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SEPTEMBER

18 Wednesday

6.15pm	Choral Evensong
Prelude	Andante con moto in Db <i>Bridge</i>
Responses	Plainsong
Hymn	176
Psalm	59
Canticles	<i>Sumsion</i> in G
	Nunc Dimittis Burgon
Anthem	A Song of Wisdom Stanford
Voluntary	Postlude in D minor Stanford

19 Thursday

6.15pm	Choral Evensong sung jointly with	
1	the Choristers of Magdalen College	
Prelude	Psalm Prelude Set 1 No.2 Howells	
Responses	Plainsong	
Psalm	61	
Magnificat	<i>Dyson</i> in C minor	
Anthem	O that I once past changing were Berkeley	
Hymn	250	
Voluntary	'Final' from Symphony No. 2 in E minor Vierne	

28 Saturday

6.00pm	Choral Evensong
	for the College Gaudy
Prelude	Solemn Melody Walford Davies
Introit	My Guardian Angel Weir
Responses	Clucas
Psalm	84
Canticles	<i>Stanford</i> in C
Anthem	Evening Hymn Balfour Gardiner
Hymns	436, 252
Voluntary	Chorale Fantasia on
	"O God our help in ages past" Parry

29 Sunday

9.00am College Eucharist

OCTOBER

7 Monday

6.00pm	Choral Vespers
Prelude	Christe, der du bist Tag und Licht Pachelbel
Responses	Plainsong
Hymn	241
Psalm	105.1-15
Magnificat	Tone i
Anthem	Litany to the Holy Spirit Hurford
Voluntary	Toccata in G Sweelinck

9 Wednesday

6.15pm Choral Evensong

Prelude	Andante in D Wood
Responses	Plainsong
Psalm	119.129-152
Canticles	Fauxbourdons Moore
Anthem	For the beauty of the Earth Rutter
Hymn	252
Voluntary	Toccata in Seven <i>Rutter</i> 5

13 The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity (1st week)

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9.00am	Eucharist
5.45pm	Choral Evensong
Prelude	Aria & Variations 1-3 (Goldberg Variations)
	J.S. Bach
Introit	O nata lux <i>Tallis</i>
Responses	Clucas
Psalm s	127, 128
Canticles	Dyson in D
Anthem	Lord, thou hast been our refuge Bairstow
Hymns	'O God beyond all praising', 353, 408
Preacher	The Revd Lyndon Webb
	Acting Chaplain
Voluntary	Psalm Prelude, Set 2, No. 3 Howells

14 Monday

15 Tuesday

Teresa of	8.15am	Morning Prayer
Avila	12.30pm	Eucharist
	6.15pm	Choral Evensong
	Prelude	Berceuse (from Dolly Suite) Fauré
	Responses	Clucas
	Psalm	135
	Canticles	Short Service <i>Gibbons</i>
	Anthem	Cantique de Jean Racine Fauré
	Hymn	219
	Voluntary	Final from Sonata No. 1 Guilmant

16 Wednesday

8.15am	Morning Prayer
6.15pm	Choral Evensong
Prelude	Salut D'Amour Op. 12 Elgar
Responses	Clucas
Psalm	136
Canticles	Sumsion in A
Anthem	Save us, O Lord Bairstow
Hymn	342
Voluntary	Variation XV "R.C.M" Briggs

17 Thursday

Eve of	8.15am	Morning Prayer
St Luke	1.15pm	Organ Recital by Drew Sellis
	6.15pm	Choral Evensong
	Prelude	Fantasy <i>Farnaby</i>
	Responses	Clucas
	Psalm	138
	Canticles	Second Service Gibbons
	Anthem	Beati quorum via Stanford
	Hymn	213 (tune ii)
	Voluntary	Magnificat primi toni BuxWV 203
		Buxtehude

18 St Luke the Evangelist (Friday)

8.15am Morning Prayer

20 The Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity (2nd week)

9.00am	Morning Prayer
5.45pm	Choral Eucharist
Prelude	Variations 16-21 (Goldberg Variations) J.S. Bach
Setting	Missa Maria Magdalene Lobo
Motet	O salutaris hostia Tallis
Hymns	339, 461, 368
Preacher	The Revd Canon Michael Smith
	Canon Emeritus of York Minster
Voluntary	Arched Forms with Bells Burrell

21 Monday

8.15am	Morning Prayer
6.00pm	Choral Vespers
Prelude	Chant donné Duruflé
Responses	Plainsong
Hymn	152
Psalm	4
Magnificat	Fauxbourdons Moore
Anthem	Benedictus (Missa Sancti Johannis de Deo) Haydn
Voluntary	Variations 4 & 5 (Goldberg Variations) J.S. Bach

22 Tuesday

8.15am	Morning Prayer
12.30pm	Eucharist
6.15pm	Choral Evensong
Prelude	Ave Maria, The Bells of Rome Liszt
Responses	Smith (Lord's Prayer Sheppard)
Psalm s	9, 10
Canticles	Second Service Byrd
Anthem	Ave Maria Parsons
Hymn	393
Voluntary	Excelsior! Liszt

23 Wednesday

8.15am	Morning Prayer
6.15pm	Choral Evensong
Prelude	Andante Westrop
Responses	Clucas
Psalms	11, 12, 13
Canticles	King's College Service Forbes Le Strange
Anthem	Be thou my vision <i>Chilcott</i>
Hymn	341
Voluntary	Song of Sunshine Hollins

24 Thursday

8.15am	Morning Prayer
1.15pm	Organ Recital by Stefan Donner
6.15pm	Choral Evensong
Prelude	Voluntary in A Op. 6 No. 2 <i>Stanley</i>
Responses	Smith
Psalm	18.1-15
Canticles	Collegium Sancti Johannis Cantabrigiense
	Howells
Anthem	Salvator mundi Howells
Hymn	372
Voluntary	Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr BWV 664
	J.S. Bach

25 Friday

8.15am	Morning Prayer
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26 Saturday 5.00pm **Mozart Requiem** as part of the Oxford International Song Festival *Merton Chapel*

27 The Last Sunday after Trinity (3rd week)

9.00am	College Eucharist	
5.45pm	Choral Evensong and	
	Commemoration of Benefactors	
Prelude	Choral from Symphony No. 2 Vierne	
Introit	My eyes for beauty pine	
	Elizabeth Coxhead & Tom Coxhead	
Responses	Smith	
Psalm	119.121–136	
Canticles	Second Service Gibbons	
Anthem	Festival Te Deum in E Britten	
Hymns	440 (omit*), 391, 427	
Address	Dr Mar Rodda	
	Fellow & Tutor in Classics, Merton College	
Voluntary	Introduction and Fugue	
	from Organ Sonata No. 2 Reger	

28 Monday

Simon &	8.15am	Morning Prayer
Jude	6.00pm	Evening Prayer

29 Tuesday

8.15am	Morning Prayer
12.30pm	Eucharist
6.15pm	Choral Evensong
Prelude	Vesper Voluntaries Elgar
Responses	Ayleward
Psalm	33
Canticles	<i>Dyson</i> in F
Anthem	Benedictus in F Elgar
Hymn	377
Voluntary	Flourish for an Occasion Harris

30	Wednesday 8.15am 6.00pm	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
31	Thursday	
	8.15am	Morning Prayer
	1.15pm	Organ Recital by Hilary Punnett
	6.15pm	Choral Evensong
	Prelude	Fantasia In Festo Omnium Sanctorum
		Stanford
	Responses	Ayleward
	Psalm	40
	Canticles	<i>Watson</i> in E
	Anthem	Give us the wings of faith Bullock
	Hymn	224
	Voluntary	Placare Christe Servulis Dupré

NOVEMBER

1 Friday All Saints' 8.15am Morning Prayer Day

3 All Saints' Day (Sunday of 4th week)

9.00am	Morning Prayer
5.30pm	Requiem Eucharist
Prelude	Larghetto (Serenade for Strings) Elgar
Setting	Requiem Mass Mozart
Motet	Sospiri <i>Elgar</i>
Hymns	'Be still my soul', 331

4 Monday

8.15am	Morning Prayer
6.00pm	Choral Vespers
Prelude	Andante Boulay
Responses	Plainsong
Hymn	241
Psalm	47
Magnificat	Tone viii
Anthem	Lux Aeterna Boulanger
Voluntary	Variations 10 & 11 (Goldberg Variations)
	J.S. Bach

5 Tuesday

8.15am	Morning Prayer
6.15pm	Choral Evensong
Prelude	Herliebster Jesu Op. 122 No. 2 Brahms
Responses	Leighton
Hymn	245
Psalm s	98, 99, 100
Canticles	Oriel Service Bingham
Anthem	The souls of the righteous Lewis
Voluntary	Invocation from Organ Sonata No. 2 Reger

6 Wednesday

Feast of	8.15am	Morning Prayer
Dedication	6.00pm	Choral Eucharist
	Prelude	Adagio from Sonata in B flat C.P.E. Bach
	Setting	Missa Sancti Johannes de Deo Haydn
	Motet	Ave verum corpus <i>Elgar</i>
	Hymns	205, 296
	Voluntary	Vivace from Sonata in B flat Major C.P.E. Bach

7 Thursday St Willibrord 8.15am Morning Prayer 1.15pm **Organ Recital by Andrew Lumsden** of York 6.15pm **Choral Evensong** Prelude Three Reflections Whitlock Responses Leighton Psalm 118 Canticles Sumsion in G Anthem I heard a voice from heaven *Howells* Hymn 383 (omit *) Rhapsody No. 3 Howells Voluntary

8 Friday

Saints &	8.15am	Morning Prayer
martyrs of England		

10 Remembrance Sunday (5th week)

9.00am	College Eucharist
10.50am	Act of Remembrance
5.45pm	Choral Evensong
Prelude	Prelude and Angels' Farewell from
	Dream of Gerontius Elgar
Introit	Justorum animae Byrd
Responses	Leighton
Psalm s	46, 82
Canticles	Collegium Regale Wood
Anthem	Greater Love Ireland
Hymns	377, 'Eternal God', 252
Preacher	The Right Revd Sarah Bullock
	Bishop of Shrewsbury
Voluntary	Prelude and Fugue in C Minor BWV 546
	J.S. Bach

11 Monday

8.15am	Morning Prayer	
6.00pm	Choral Vespers	
Prelude	From "A Little Organ Book"	Macpherson
Responses	Plainsong	
Hymn	241	
Psalm	34	
Magnificat	Tone i	
Anthem	For the fallen <i>Blatchly</i>	
Voluntary	O Welt, ich muß dich lassen	Karg Elert

12 Tuesday

8.15am	Morning Prayer
12.30pm	Eucharist
6.15pm	Choral Evensong
Prelude	Nocturne in D flat <i>Bairstow</i>
Responses	Smith
Psalm s	36, 40
Canticles	<i>Bairstow</i> in G
Anthem	Bring us, O Lord Harris
Hymn	392
Voluntary	Nunc Dimittis Wood

13 Wednesday

8.15am	Morning Prayer
6.15pm	Choral Evensong
Prelude	Elegy Thalben Ball
Responses	Byrd
Psalm	119.81-104
Canticles	Walmisley in D minor
Anthem	Call to remembrance Farrant
Hymn	249
Voluntary	Master Tallis' Testament Howells

14 Thursday

Morning Prayer
Organ Recital by Peter King
Choral Evensong
Trio et Duo from Suite du premier Ton Guilain
Smith
42, 43
Fifth Service Tomkins
Diliges Dominum Byrd
239
Dialogue et petit plein jeu (Suite du premier Ton)
Guilain

15 Friday

8.15am	Morning Prayer
6.00pm	Roman Catholic Mass

17 The Second Sunday before Advent (7th week)

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9.00am	College Eucharist
5.45pm	Choral Evensong
Prelude	Variations 25-30 (Goldberg Variations) J.S. Bach
Introit	I will lift up mine eyes <i>Howells</i>
Responses	Smith
Psalm	95
Canticles	<i>Stanford</i> in C
Anthem	The Lord is my shepherd Stanford
Hymns	475, 353, 333
Preacher	The Revd Canon Mark Birch
	Canon Rector of Westminster Abbey and
	Chaplain to the Speaker of the House of Commons
Voluntary	Prelude and Fugue on BACH Liszt

18 Mone	day	
Elizabeth,	8.15am	Morning Prayer
princess,	6.00pm	Choral Vespers
philanthropis	st Prelude	Trio in E flat Major Reubke
	Responses	Plainsong
	Hymn	223
	Psalm	71.1-11
	Canticles	Magnificat (Fauxbourdons) Owens
	Anthem	Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace <i>Boyle</i>
	Voluntary	Gavotte in F Wesley

19 Tuesday

Hilda,	8.15am	Morning Prayer
abbess	12.30pm	Eucharist
	6.15pm	Choral Evensong
	Prelude	Movements 1 & 2 from Sonata No. 3 Hindemith
	Responses	Shephard
	Psalms	67, 72
	Canticles	Brewer in D
	Anthem	The day thou gavest Wigley
	Hymn	225
	Voluntary	Movement 3 from Sonata iii Hindemith

20 Wednesday

Edmund,	8.15am	Morning Prayer
King &	6.15pm	Choral Evensong
martyr	Prelude	Village organist's piece Britten
	Responses	Clucas
	Psalm	91
	Canticles	Noble in B minor
	Anthem	O be joyful in the Lord Britten
	Hymn	231
	Voluntary	Finale in D Noble

21 Thursday

8.15am	Morning Prayer
6.15pm	Choral Evensong
Prelude	Forlana from Five Bagatelles Finzi
Responses	Shephard
Psalm	94
Canticles	Oriel Service Bingham
Anthem	Hymn for St Cecilia Howells
Hymn	376
Voluntary	Hymne au Soleil Vierne

22 Friday

St Cecilia	8.15am	Morning Prayer
of Rome	1.15pm	Organ Recital by Huw Williams

24 Christ the King (7th week)

9.00am	Morning Prayer
5.45pm	Choral Eucharist
Prelude	Andante serioso, ma con moto from Organ Sonata
	Bairstow
Setting	Missa Pro Victoria Victoria
Hymns	457, 352, 443
Motet	O clap your hands <i>Gibbons</i>
Preacher	The Revd Canon Dr Christopher Collingwood
	Visiting Chaplain
Voluntary	Toccata MacMillan

25 Monday

8.15am	Morning Prayer
6.00pm	Choral Vespers
Prelude	I & III (Trivium) Pärt
Responses	Plainsong
Hymn	223
Psalm	80.1-14
Magnificat	Primi toni
Anthem	Vater unser Pärt
Voluntary	Variations 22 & 23 from Goldberg Variations
	J.S. Bach

26 Tuesday

8.15am	Morning Prayer
12.30pm	Eucharist
6.15pm	Choral Evensong
Prelude	Movements from Suite du Premier Ton
	Clérambault
Responses	Byrd
Psalms	99, 101
Canticles	Magnificat (Merton Service) Ešenvalds
	Nunc Dimittis Octavi Toni Torrentes
Anthem	The Annunciation Harvey
Hymn	394
Voluntary	Fugue on the Magnificat BWV 733 J S Bach

27 Wednesday

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8.15am	Morning Prayer
6.15pm	Choral Evensong
Prelude	Andante from Organ Sonata No. 6 Mendelssohn
Responses	Plainsong
Psalm s	121, 122
Canticles	Merton Service for Trebles Frances-Hoad
Anthem	A Song of Wisdom Stanford
Hymn	391
Voluntary	Postlude in D Smart

28 Thursday

8.15am	Morning Prayer
1.15pm	Organ Recital by François Cloete
6.15pm	Choral Evensong
Prelude	Sonata II Gambarini
Responses	Byrd
Psalm	133
Canticles	Short Service Gibbons
Anthem	Wachet Auf! J.C.F. Bach
Hymn	331
Voluntary	Variations on "Est ce Mars?" Sweelinck

- 29 Friday 8.15am Morning Prayer
- 30 Saturday 5.30pm Advent Carol Service I

DECEMBER

1	First Sunday of	f Advent (8th week)
	9.00am	College Eucharist
	5.30pm	Advent Carol Service II

2 Monday

Morning Prayer	
Choral Vespers	
Passacaglia "Death of Falstaff"	
from Henry V Suite) Walton	
Plainsong	
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Fauxbourdons Moore	
How beautiful are the feet Handel	
Vater unser im Himmelreich SSWV 104	Scheidt
	Choral Vespers Passacaglia "Death of Falstaff" from Henry V Suite) <i>Walton</i> Plainsong 1 71 Fauxbourdons <i>Moore</i> How beautiful are the feet <i>Handel</i>

3 Tuesday

8.15am	Morning Prayer
12.30pm	Eucharist
6.15pm	Choral Evensong
Prelude	Variations on Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen
	Paul Ayres and Brahms
Responses	Shephard
Psalms	9, 10
Canticles	Collegium Sancti Johannis Cantabrigiense
	Howells
Anthem	There is no rose Joubert
Hymn	6
Voluntary	Nun komm der heiden Heiland BWV 661
	J.S. Bach

4 Wednesday

8.15am	Morning Prayer
6.15pm	Choral Evensong
Prelude	Noël from Ten Byzantine Sketches Mulet
Responses	Byrd
Psalm	119.1-32
Canticles	Collegium Regale Howells
Anthem	Adam lay y-bounden Ord
Hymn	8
Voluntary	Fugato & Presto from Variations sur un Noël
	Dupré

5 Thursday

8.15am	Morning Prayer
1.15pm	Organ Recital by Benjamin Nicholas
8.30pm	Christmas Carol Service

6 Friday

8.15am	Morning Prayer
7.30pm	Concert at the Temple Church, London
	as part of the Winder Festival

CHRISTMAS VACATION

9 Monday

6.00pm	Choral Vespers
Prelude	Veni Redemptor Tallis
Responses	Plainsong
Hymn	2
Psalm	144
Magnificat	Berkshire Service Archer
Anthem	Come unto him Handel
Voluntary	Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme BWV 645
	J.S. Bach

11 Wednesday

6.15pm	Choral Evensong
Prelude	Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme Op. 67 No. 41
	Reger
Responses	Byrd
Psalm	119.33-56
Magnificat	Wood in D
Anthem	I sing of a maiden Berkeley
Hymn	10
Voluntary	O Clavis David McDowall

14 Saturday

5.00pm Carols by Candlelight I a concert sung by the College Choir & Choristers at Merton College Chapel, Oxford

15	Sunday		
	5.00pm	Carols by Candlelight II	
		a concert sung by the College Choir &	
		Choristers at Merton College Chapel, Oxford	
19	Thursday		
	6 00nm	Christmas Carol Sorvico	

6.00pm Christmas Carol Service sung by the Choristers and Lower Voices

The first Choral Service of the Hilary Term will be the Epiphany Carol Service at 5.45pm on Sunday 19 January sung by the College Choir and Choristers.

FRIENDS OF THE CHOIR OF MERTON COLLEGE

The Friends of the Choir of Merton College support the current and future activities of the College Choir and the Girls' Choir.

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

For further details, contact the Chapel Office & Choir Manager (choir.manager@merton.ox.ac.uk), or go to the website: https://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)

CHAPEL TEAM

Acting Chaplain The Revd Lyndon Webb

Visiting Chaplain The Revd Canon Dr Christopher Collingwood

Reed Rubin Organist and Director of Music

Benjamin Nicholas

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

> Assisting Organist Peter King

Student Chapel Officers

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