

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 world-wide 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 Bridge

Responses Plainsong

Hymn 176 Psalm 59

Canticles Sumsion 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

the Choristers of Magdalen College

Prelude Psalm Prelude Set 1 No.2 Howells

Responses Plainsong

Psalm 61

Magnificat Dyson 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 Stanford 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 Rutter

13 The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity (1st week)

9.00am Eucharist

5.45pm Choral Evensong

Prelude Aria & Variations 1-3 (Goldberg Variations)

J.S. Bach

Introit O nata lux Tallis

Responses Clucas
Psalms 127, 128
Canticles Dyson in D

Anthem Lord, thou hast been our refuge *Bairstow* 'O God beyond all praising', 353, 408

Preacher The Revd Lyndon Webb

Acting Chaplain

Voluntary Psalm Prelude, Set 2, No. 3 Howells

14 Monday

8.15am Morning Prayer

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 Gibbons

Anthem Cantique de Jean Racine Fauré

Hymn 219

Voluntary Final from Sonata No. 1 Guilmant

16 Wednesday

8.15am Morning Prayer6.15pm 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 Farnaby

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 Prayer5.45pm 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 Prayer6.00pm Choral VespersPrelude 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 Prayer6.15pm Choral EvensongPrelude Andante Westrop

Responses *Clucas*Psalms 11, 12, 13

Canticles King's College Service Forbes Le Strange

Anthem Be thou my vision *Chilcott*

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 Stanley

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

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 Dyson in F

Anthem Benedictus in F Elgar

Hymn 377

Voluntary Flourish for an Occasion Harris

30 Wednesday

8.15am Morning Prayer6.00pm 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 Watson 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 Prayer5.30pm Requiem Eucharist

Prelude Larghetto (Serenade for Strings) Elgar

Setting Requiem Mass Mozart

Motet Sospiri Elgar

Hymns 'Be still my soul', 331

4 Monday

8.15am Morning Prayer6.00pm Choral VespersPrelude 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 Prayer6.15pm 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 Elgar

Hymns 205, 296

Voluntary Vivace from Sonata in B flat Major C.P.E. Bach

St Willibrord 8.15am Morning Prayer

of York 1.15pm Organ Recital by Andrew Lumsden

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 *)

Voluntary Rhapsody No. 3 Howells

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*Psalms 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 Prayer6.00pm Choral Vespers

Prelude From "A Little Organ Book" Macpherson

Responses Plainsong

Hymn 241 Psalm 34 Magnificat Tone i

Anthem For the fallen *Blatchly*

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 Bairstow

Responses *Smith* Psalms 36, 40

Canticles Bairstow in G

Anthem Bring us, O Lord Harris

Hymn 392

Voluntary Nunc Dimittis Wood

13 Wednesday

8.15am Morning Prayer6.15pm Choral EvensongPrelude 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

8.15am Morning Prayer

1.15pm Organ Recital by Peter King

6.15pm Choral Evensong

Prelude Trio et Duo from Suite du premier Ton Guilain

Responses *Smith* Psalms 42, 43

Canticles Fifth Service *Tomkins*Anthem Diliges Dominum *Byrd*

Hymn 239

Voluntary 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 (6th week)

9.00am College Eucharist5.45pm Choral Evensong

Prelude Variations 25-30 (Goldberg Variations) J.S. Bach

Introit I will lift up mine eyes Howells

Responses *Smith* Psalm 95

Canticles Stanford 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 Monday

Elizabeth, 8.15am Morning Prayerprincess, 6.00pm Choral Vespers

philanthropist 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 *Boyle*

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 PrayerKing & 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

8.15am Morning Prayer6.15pm 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 Prayer5.45pm 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 Gibbons

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**

Movements from Suite du Premier Ton Prelude

Clérambault

Responses Byrd **Psalms** 99, 101

Magnificat (Merton Service) Ešenvalds Canticles

Nunc Dimittis Octavi Toni Torrentes

Anthem The Annunciation *Harvey*

Hymn 394

Voluntary Fugue on the Magnificat BWV 733 | J S Bach

Wednesday 27

8.15am Morning Prayer 6.15pm Choral Evensong

Andante from Organ Sonata No. 6 Mendelssohn Prelude

Responses Plainsong Psalm s 121, 122

Canticles Merton Service for Trebles Frances-Hoad

A Song of Wisdom Stanford Anthem

Hymn 391

Postlude in D Smart Voluntary

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 Advent (8th week)

9.00am College Eucharist

5.30pm Advent Carol Service II

2 Monday

8.15am Morning Prayer6.00pm Choral Vespers

Prelude Passacaglia "Death of Falstaff"

from Henry V Suite) Walton

Responses Plainsong

Hymn 1 Psalm 71

Magnificat Fauxbourdons Moore

Anthem How beautiful are the feet Handel

Voluntary Vater unser im Himmelreich SSWV 104 Scheidt

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 Prayer6.15pm 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 Winter 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

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 OrganistPeter King

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