



MERTON
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CHAPEL

SERVICES and MUSIC
TRINITY TERM 2025

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 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*. Girl choristers from a variety of local schools were admitted to the Choral Foundation in 2016, and normally sing Vespers on Mondays and Evensong on Wednesdays.

Members of College and Friends of the Choir can purchase the College Choir and Choristers' 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 given to Christian Aid, which celebrates its 80th anniversary this year.

Justin White
College Chaplain

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APRIL

26 Saturday

6.00pm	Choral Evensong for the University Choral Open Day
Prelude	Introduction from Severn Suite <i>Elgar</i>
Responses	<i>Ayleward</i>
Psalm	145
Canticles	<i>Brewer in D</i>
Anthem	Light out of darkness <i>Elgar</i>
Hymn	121
Voluntary	Toccata <i>Fletcher</i>

27 **The Second Sunday of Easter** (1st week)

9.00am	Morning Prayer
5.45pm	Orchestral Eucharist with the Britten Sinfonia
Prelude	Christ lag in Todesbanden <i>Tunder</i>
Setting	Mass <i>Stravinsky</i>
Motet	O sacrum convivium <i>Messiaen</i>
Hymns	103, 117, 296
Preacher	The Revd Lyndon Webb <i>Associate Chaplain</i>
Voluntary	Résurrection (Symphonie Passion) <i>Dupré</i>

28 Monday **St George, Patron of England**

8.15am	Morning Prayer
6.00pm	Choral Vespers
Prelude	Wir danken dir, Herr Jesu Christ BuxWV 224 <i>Buxtehude</i>
Responses	<i>Plainsong</i>
Psalm	19
Magnificat	<i>Watson</i> in F
Anthem	Why seek thee <i>Elgar</i>
Hymn	162
Voluntary	Alla Hornpipe From Water Music <i>Handel</i>

29 Tuesday **St Mark the Evangelist**

8.15am	Morning Prayer
12.30pm	Eucharist
6.15pm	Choral Evensong
Prelude	Christ lag in Todesbanden BWV 695 <i>J.S. Bach</i>
Responses	<i>Ayleward</i>
Psalm	45
Canticles	<i>Sumsion</i> in G
Anthem	Almighty God, who hast instructed <i>Tomkins</i>
Hymn	214 (tune ii)
Voluntary	Sarabande for the Morning of Easter <i>Howells</i>

30 Wednesday

8.15am	Morning Prayer
6.15pm	Choral Evensong
Prelude	Chacony in G minor <i>Purcell</i>
Responses	<i>Plainsong</i>
Psalm	25
Canticles	Berkshire Service <i>Archer</i>
Anthem	Long since in Egypt's plenteous land <i>Parry</i>
Hymn	124
Voluntary	Jerusalem, du hochgebaute Stadt <i>Karg-Elert</i>

MAY

1 Thursday **St Philip and St James, Apostles**

8.15am	Morning Prayer
1.15pm	Organ Recital by Benjamin Nicholas
6.15pm	Choral Evensong
Prelude	Vater unser im Himmelreich <i>Böhm</i>
Responses	<i>Ayleward</i>
Psalm	149
Canticles	<i>Bairstow</i> in G
Anthem	Beati quorum via <i>Stanford</i>
Hymn	216
Voluntary	Overture in D minor <i>Handel</i>

2 Friday

8.15am	Morning Prayer
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4 **The Third Sunday of Easter (2nd week)**

9.00am	Eucharist
5.45pm	Choral Evensong
Prelude	Selections from Hexachordum Apollinis <i>Pachelbel</i>
Introit	Rise up my fair one <i>Willan</i>
Responses	<i>Smith</i>
Psalm	86
Canticles	Magnificat Primi Toni <i>Palestrina</i> Nunc Dimittis Quarti Toni <i>Palestrina</i>
Anthem	As one who has slept <i>Tavener</i>
Hymns	436, 377, 120
Preacher	The Revd Canon Justin White <i>College Chaplain</i>
Voluntary	Toccatina and Fugue in C BWV 564 <i>J.S. Bach</i>

- 5 Monday
- 8.15am Morning Prayer
- 6.00pm Choral Vespers**
- Prelude Cavatina (from String Quartet 13 in Bb) *Beethoven*
- Responses *Plainsong*
- Psalm 65
- Magnificat *Dyson* in C minor
- Anthem How can I keep from singing? *Trad. arr. Scott*
- Hymn 239
- Voluntary March & Fugue from Sonata ii in C minor *Mendelssohn*
- 6 Tuesday
- 8.15am Morning Prayer
- 12.30pm Eucharist**
- 6.15pm Choral Evensong**
- Prelude Adagio in E *Bridge*
- Responses *Smith*
- Psalm 33
- Canticles St Paul's Service *Howells*
- Anthem Ego flos campi *Clemens non Papa*
- Hymn 407
- Voluntary Praeludium in C *Buxtehude*
- 7 Wednesday
- 8.15am Morning Prayer
- 6.15pm Choral Evensong**
- Prelude Valet will ich dir geben BWV 735 *J.S. Bach*
- Responses *Clucas*
- Psalms 119.33-56
- Canticles *Sumsion* in A
- Anthem Since by man came death *Handel*
- Hymn 112
- Voluntary Chorale Prelude on Vulpius *Willan*

8 Thursday

<i>Julian</i>	8.15am	Morning Prayer
<i>of Norwich</i>	1.15pm	Organ Recital by Edward Byrne
	6.15pm	Choral Evensong
	Prelude	Impromptu in C <i>Coleridge-Taylor</i>
	Responses	<i>Leighton</i>
	Psalm	73
	Canticles	Merton Service <i>Esenvalds</i>
	Anthem	Christiani, plaudite <i>Martin</i>
	Hymn	467
	Voluntary	An Easter Alleluya <i>Slater</i>

9 Friday

8.15am	Morning Prayer
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11 The Fourth Sunday of Easter (3rd week)

9.00am	Morning Prayer
5.45pm	Choral Eucharist
Prelude	Toccat, Kyries and Elevation from Fiori Musicali <i>Frescobaldi</i>
Setting	Missa Bell' Amfitrit' altera <i>Lassus</i>
Psalm	23
Motet	Totus Tuus <i>Gorecki</i>
Hymns	205, 376, 457
Preacher	Dr Celia Deane-Drummond, <i>Director, Laudato Si' Research Institute,</i> <i>& Senior Research Fellow in Theology, Campion Hall</i>
Voluntary	Allegro molto et ritmico from Sonata Britannica <i>Stanford</i>

12 Monday

Gregory Dix 8.15am Morning Prayer
6.00pm Choral Vespers
Prelude Christ lag in Todesbanden *Pachelbel*
Responses *Plainsong*
Psalm s 113, 114
Magnificat Primi Toni
Anthem Benedictus (Missa Johannis de Deo) *Haydn*
Hymn 333
Voluntary Heut triumpheret Gottes Sohn BWV 630 *J.S. Bach*

13 Tuesday

8.15am Morning Prayer
12.30pm Eucharist
6.15pm Choral Evensong
Prelude Ut re mi fa sol la *Bull*
Responses *Byrd*
Psalm 50
Canticles Short Service *Gibbons*
Anthem Jesus came when the doors were shut *Tomkins*
Hymn 247
Voluntary Voluntary for Double Organ *Purcell*

14 Wednesday **St Matthias the Apostle**

8.15am Morning Prayer
6.15pm Choral Evensong
Prelude Prelude in G Major *Mendelssohn*
Responses *Lucas*
Psalm 80
Canticles King's College Service *Forbes L'Estrange*
Anthem Jubilate *Britten*
Hymn 165 (Tune: ST JAMES)
Voluntary Prelude and Fugue on a theme of Vittoria *Britten*

- 15 Thursday
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| 8.15am | Morning Prayer |
| 1.15pm | Organ Recital by Edward Gaut |
| 6.15pm | Choral Evensong |
| Prelude | Fugue in G Major <i>Mendelssohn</i> |
| Responses | <i>Shephard</i> |
| Psalms | 81, 85 |
| Canticles | <i>Stanford</i> in G |
| Anthem | This is the day <i>Rutter</i> |
| Hymn | 235 |
| Voluntary | O filii et filiae <i>Demessieux</i> |
- 16 Friday
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| 8.15am | Morning Prayer |
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- 18 **The Fifth Sunday of Easter (4th Week)**
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| 9.00am | Eucharist |
| 5.45pm | Choral Evensong |
| Prelude | Fantasie in C <i>Franck</i> |
| Introit | Alleluia <i>Taverner</i> |
| Responses | <i>Leighton</i> |
| Psalm | 98 |
| Canticles | Second Service <i>Leighton</i> |
| Anthem | Dum transisset Sabbatum <i>Taverner</i> |
| Hymns | 494 (Tune: NUN DANKET), 121, 372 |
| Preacher | The Reverend Jonathan Evans KC,
<i>Rector of the Benefice of Bruton and District,
Bath & Wells</i> |
| Voluntary | Fugue from Organ Sonata <i>Reubke</i> |

19 Monday

St Dunstan, 8.15am Morning Prayer
Archbishop **6.00pm** **Choral Vespers**
Prelude Echo Fantasia (Dorian) *Sweelinck*
Responses *Plainsong*
Psalm 72
Magnificat Short Service *Weelkes*
Anthem Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace *Boyle*
Hymn 333
Voluntary Prelude in B minor *Bach arr. Siloti*

20 Tuesday

Alcuin of 8.15am Morning Prayer
York **12.30pm** **Eucharist**
6.15pm **Choral Evensong**
Prelude Solemn March to the Holy Grail *Wagner arr. Liszt*
Responses *Byrd*
Psalms 96, 97
Canticles *Purcell* in G minor
Anthem Hymn to the Virgin *Britten*
Hymn 417
Voluntary Prelude, after B. Pasquini (from Suite "The Birds")
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21 Wednesday

8.15am Morning Prayer
6.15pm **Choral Evensong**
Prelude Prelude *Dyson*
Responses *Clucas*
Psalms 98, 99, 100
Canticles *Stanford* in B flat
Anthem Blessed be the God and Father *Wesley*
Hymn 119
Voluntary Scherzoso from Organ Sonata No. 8 *Rheinberger*

- 22 Thursday
- 8.15am Morning Prayer
- 1.15pm Organ Recital by Peter King**
- 6.15pm Choral Evensong**
- Prelude Suite du troisième ton *Jean-Baptiste Nôtre*
- Responses *Ayleward*
- Psalm 104
- Canticles *Stanford* in C
- Anthem Light of the world *Elgar*
- Hymn 373
- Voluntary Mode de sol *Langlais*
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- 23 Friday
- 8.15am Morning Prayer
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- 25 **Sixth Sunday of Easter** (5th week)
- 9.00am Morning Prayer**
- 5.45pm Choral Eucharist**
- Prelude Allein Gott in der Höh' sei Ehr BWV 662-3
J.S. Bach
- Setting Missa Aeterna Christi Munera *Palestrina*
- Psalm 67
- Motet O salutaris hostia *Esenvalds*
- Hymns 485, 271, 364 (Tune: **BLAENWERN**)
- Preacher The Reverend Canon Dr Paul Burt,
*Former Regional Director for Mission to Seafarers
in the Middle East & South Asia*
- Voluntary Prelude and Fugue in C BWV 545 *J.S. Bach*
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- 26 Monday
- Augustine,* 8.15am Morning Prayer
- Archbishop* 6.00pm Evening Prayer

- 27 Tuesday
- 8.15am Morning Prayer
- 12.30pm Eucharist**
- 6.15pm Choral Evensong**
- Prelude Prelude, Fugue and Variation *Franck*
- Responses *Byrd*
- Psalms 128, 129, 130, 131
- Canticles Short Service *Byrd*
- Anthem Song for Athene *Tavener*
- Hymn 492
- Voluntary Finale from Sonata I in F minor *Mendelssohn*
- 28 Wednesday
- 8.15am Morning Prayer
- 6.00pm Evening Prayer
- 29 Thursday **ASCENSION DAY**
- 8.15am Morning Prayer
- 12 noon Singing from the Tower**
- 1.15pm Organ Recital by Stephen Darlington**
- 6.00pm Choral Eucharist attended by members of the congregation of the University Church**
- Prelude Alléluias sereins *Messiaen*
- Setting Missa Brevis *Palestrina*
- Psalm 47
- Motet Ascendit Deus *Philips*
- Hymns 130 (Tune: LLANFAIR), 134
- Preacher The Revd Canon Dr William Lamb,
Vicar, University Church of St Mary the Virgin, Oxford
- Voluntary Transports de joie *Messiaen*
- 30 Friday
- 8.15am Morning Prayer

JUNE

1 Seventh Sunday of Easter (6th week)

9.00am	Eucharist
5.45pm	Choral Evensong
Prelude	Fantasia in G Minor <i>York Bowen</i>
Introit	Ascendit Deus <i>Philips</i>
Responses	<i>Ayleward</i>
Psalm	68
Canticles	<i>Stanford in A</i>
Anthem	Viri Galilei <i>Gowers</i>
Hymns	106 (Tune: AVE VIRGO), 431, 381
Preacher	The Reverend Dan Warnke, <i>Chaplain of Westminster School & Priest Vicar of Westminster Abbey</i>
Voluntary	Straf mich nicht in deinem Zorn <i>Reger</i>

2 Monday

8.15am	Morning Prayer
6.00pm	Choral Vespers
Prelude	Komm, heiliger Geist BuxWV 199 <i>Buxtehude</i>
Responses	<i>Plainsong</i>
Psalm	103
Magnificat	Octavi toni
Anthem	Litany to the Holy Spirit <i>Hurford</i>
Hymn	128 (Tune: GONFALON ROYAL)
Voluntary	Komm, Gott, Schöpfer, heiliger Geist, BWV 667 <i>J.S. Bach</i>

- 3 Tuesday
- 8.15am Morning Prayer
- 12.30pm Eucharist**
- 6.15pm Choral Evensong**
- Prelude O Welt, ich muss dich lassen, Opus 122, iii & xi *Brahms*
- Responses *Smith*
- Psalm 107
- Canticles Second Service *Gibbons*
- Anthem O clap your hands *Gibbons*
- Hymn 253
- Voluntary O Welt, ich muss dich lassen, Opus 65 xii *Karg-Elert*
- 4 Wednesday
- 8.15am Morning Prayer
- 6.15pm **Choral Evensong**
- Prelude Two Voluntaries *Weelkes*
- Responses Clucas
- Psalms 119.129-152
- Canticles *Wood in D*
- Anthem I love all beauteous things *Weir*
- Hymn 353
- Voluntary Impromptu in A Minor *Coleridge-Taylor*
- 5 Thursday
- 8.15am Morning Prayer
- 1.15pm Organ Recital by Benjamin Nicholas**
- 6.15pm Choral Evensong**
- Prelude Canonic Studies, Opus 56, i & ii *Schumann*
- Responses *Byrd*
- Psalm 139
- Canticles Second service *Byrd*
- Anthem Loquebantur variis linguis *Tallis*
- Hymn 138
- Voluntary Komm, Heiliger Geist, Herre Gott, BWV 651 *J.S. Bach*

- 6 Friday
8.15am Morning Prayer
- 8 **PENTECOST (7th week)**
5.45pm Choral Eucharist
Prelude Veni Creator Spiritus *De Grigny*
Setting Missa Pro Victoria *Victoria*
Psalm 104.26-36, 37b
Motet The Spirit of the Lord *Elgar*
Hymns 139 (Tune: VENI SANCTE SPIRITUS), 142, 137
Preacher The Revd Canon Justin White
College Chaplain
Voluntary Sortie from Messe de la Pentecôte *Messiaen*
- 9 Monday
Columba, 8.15am Morning Prayer
Abbot **6.00pm Choral Vespers**
Prelude Komm, heiliger Geist BuxWV 200 *Buxtehude*
Responses *Plainsong*
Psalms 127, 128, 129
Magnificat Second service *Moore*
Anthem He delivered the poor in his affliction *Parry*
Hymn 148 (omit*)
Voluntary Fugue in B flat *Handel*
- 10 Tuesday
8.15am Morning Prayer
12.30pm Eucharist
6.15pm Choral Evensong
Prelude Dies sind die heil'gen zehn Gebot, BWV 678 *J.S. Bach*
Responses *Byrd*
Psalms 1, 15
Canticles Fifth Service *Tomkins*
Anthem O sing unto the Lord *Tomkins*
Hymn 415 (Tune: OXFORD NEW)
Voluntary Praeludium in G minor *Buxtehude*

11 Wednesday **Barnabas the Apostle**

8.15am Morning Prayer

6.15pm Choral Evensong

Prelude Canonic Studies, Opus 56, iii & vi *Schumann*

Responses *Byrd*

Psalm 147

Canticles *Noble* in B minor

Anthem O quam gloriosum *Victoria*

Hymn 167

Voluntary Prelude and Fugue in Eb, Opus 99, iii *Saint-Saëns*

12 Thursday

8.15am Morning Prayer

1.15pm Organ Recital by François Cloete

6.15pm Choral Evensong

Prelude Village Organist's Piece *Britten*

Responses *Leighton*

Psalms 138, 140, 141

Canticles Second Service *Leighton*

Anthem Festival Te Deum *Britten*

Hymn 368

Voluntary Scherzo *Duruflé*

13 Friday

8.15am Morning Prayer

15 TRINITY SUNDAY (8th week)

9.00am Eucharist

10.30am Matins

sung by the College Choir at All Souls'

5.45pm Leavers' Service

Preludes Kyries BWV 669-671 *J.S. Bach*

Introit Libera nos, salva nos *Sheppard*

Responses *Sheppard*

Psalm 73.1-3, 16-28

Canticles Service for Trebles *Weelkes*

Anthem Te Deum (Collegium Regale) *Howells*

Hymns 148 (omit*), 413, 373

Preacher The Revd Canon Justin White
College Chaplain

Voluntary Toccata (Suite Op. 5) *Duruflé*

16 Monday

8.15am Morning Prayer

6.00pm Choral Vespers

Prelude Intermezzo *Rameau*

Responses *Plain-song*

Psalm 7

Magnificat *Watson* in F

Anthem Let Him who seeks, not cease seeking *Sheppard*

Hymn 365

Voluntary Fantaisie i in Eb *Saint-Saëns*

- 17 Tuesday
- 8.15am Morning Prayer
- 12.30pm Eucharist**
- 6.15pm Choral Evensong**
- Prelude Fugue on BACH, Opus 60, iii *Schumann*
- Responses *Shephard*
- Psalms 9, 10
- Canticles *Wood* in F
- Anthem Bring us, O Lord *Harris*
- Hymn 372
- Voluntary Fugue on BACH, Opus 60, vi *Schumann*
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- 18 Wednesday
- 8.15am Morning Prayer
- 6.15pm Choral Evensong and Benediction
on the Eve of Corpus Christi**
- Prelude Communion from Suite Médiévale *Langlais*
- Responses *Plainsong*
- Psalms 110, 111
- Canticles *Sumsion* in G
- Anthem Corpus Christi Carol *Britten*
- Hymn 284
- Voluntary Toccata from Suite Gregoriana *Bernardo Julià*
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- 19 Thursday **CORPUS CHRISTI**
- 8.15am Morning Prayer
- 1.15pm Organ Recital by David Ponsford**
- 6.00pm Choral Eucharist**
- Prelude Le banquet céleste *Messiaen*
- Setting Missa Sancti Nicolai *Haydn*
- Psalm 116.10-end
- Motet Ave verum corpus *Mawby*
- Hymns 310, 302
- Preacher The Revd Lyndon Webb
Associate Chaplain
- Voluntary Verbum Supernum *de Grigny*

20 Friday
8.15am Morning Prayer

SUMMER VACATION

23 Monday

Etheldreda, Abbess **6.00pm** **Choral Evensong**
Prelude Fugue in E Minor *Handel*
Responses *Plainsong*
Psalm 71
Canticles *Sunsion* in G
Anthem A Song of Wisdom *Stanford*
Hymn 12
Voluntary Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam BWV 685
J.S. Bach

25 Wednesday

6.15pm **Choral Evensong**
Prelude Psalm Prelude Set 2 No. 2 *Howells*
Responses *Clucas*
Psalm 119.33-56
Canticles Collegium Regale *Howells*
Anthem Evening Hymn *Balfour Gardiner*
Hymn 357
Voluntary Pomp and Circumstance March No. 4 *Elgar*

28 Saturday

5.00pm	Choral Evensong
Prelude	Suite No. 1 for organ <i>Price</i>
Introit	Tu es Petrus <i>Duruflé</i>
Responses	<i>Smith</i>
Psalms	66, 67
Canticles	St Paul's Service <i>Howells</i>
Anthem	Blest Pair of Sirens <i>Parry</i>
Hymns	216, 225
Voluntary	Overture to Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg <i>Wagner arr. Lemare</i>

CHAPEL TEAM

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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)

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