

COLLEGE O X F O R D CHAPEL SERVICES and MUSIC MICHAELMAS TERM 2025

Merton College Chapel

For more than seven centuries, worship has been offered in this place. Merton College was founded by Walter de Merton in 1264, and work on the Church of St Mary and St John was begun in the late 1280s. Today, the Chapel stands as part of the Church of England, itself part of the worldwide Anglican Communion. The Archbishop of Canterbury is the College's Visitor. Here the sacraments are celebrated, the daily offices are offered, and the praises of God are sustained by the College Choirs. A lively and diverse community, drawn from within the College and beyond, continues this faithful offering of worship with daily services during term, to which all visitors are warmly invited.

The Choral Foundation was established at Merton in 2008. The College Choir sings on Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, while the Girl Choristers, added to the Foundation in 2016 and with members drawn from local schools, normally sing Vespers on Mondays and Evensong on Wednesdays. The Dobson pipe organ, installed in 2013, supports this rich musical tradition. Recordings by the College Choir, the Girl Choristers, and organ recitalists are available from the Porters' Lodge and through the College website.

The Chapel supports a number of charitable causes. This term, collections will be given to the Wolvercote Young People's Club, a long-standing partner of the College. Based in North Oxford, the Club provides dynamic and creative youth work, engaging and supporting young people in the local community.

MICHAELMAS TERM 2025

SEPTEMBER

24 Wednesday

6.00pm Choral Evensong

sung by the Girl Choristers of Merton College

at Magdalen College

Introit Let him who seeks Shephard

Responses Plainsong

Canticles *Dyson* in C minor Anthem Ubi caritas *Panufnik*

Voluntary Church Bells Beyond the Stars McDowall

27 Saturday

6.00pm Choral Evensong

for the College Gaudy

Prelude Organ Concerto Op.4, No.1 Handel

Introit Beati quorum via Stanford

Responses Clucas
Psalm 25

Canticles Gloucester Service Howells

Anthem How lovely are thy dwellings fair *Brahms*

Hymns 604, 481

Voluntary Prelude and Fugue in G Major BWV 541 JS Bach

28 Sunday

9.00am College Eucharist

OCTOBER

6 Monday

6.00pm Choral Vespers

Prelude Magnificat Primi Toni Scheidemann

Responses Plainsong

Hymn 570 Psalm 47 Magnificat Tone i

Anthem Let him who seeks Shephard

Voluntary Magnificat BuxWV 204 Buxtehude

8 Wednesday

6.15pm Choral Evensong

Prelude Voluntary III in B flat major Cecil

Responses Clucas

Psalms 67

Canticles Noble in B minor

Anthem Be thou my vision Chilcott

Hymn 478

Voluntary Andante, Organ Concerto Op. 4, 1 Handel

12 The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity (1st week)

9.00am College Eucharist5.45pm Choral Evensong

Prelude Air (Suite for Organ) Price

Introit O nata lux Tallis

Responses *Smith*Psalm 144

Canticles Dyson in D

Anthem A new song Macmillan

Hymns 430, 530, 522

Preacher The Revd Justin White

College Chaplain

Voluntary Toccato (Suite for Organ) Price

14 Tuesday

8.15am Morning Prayer

12.30pm Eucharist

6.15pm Choral Evensong

Prelude Galliardo Mistris Marye Brownlo (Parthenia)

Byrd

Responses *Smith* Psalm 74

Canticles Second service Byrd

Anthem Come, my joy Rutter after Gibbons

Hymn 581

Voluntary Fantasia in C Byrd

9.00pm Compline

15 Wednesday

Teresa of 8.15am Morning Prayer Avila 6.15pm Choral Evensong

Prelude Eventide. Brewer

Responses Byrd

Psalm 119.81-104 Canticles *Wood* in D

Anthem Holy is the true light Harris

Hymn 453

Voluntary Chanson de Nuit Elgar (transcr. Brewer)

16 Thursday

Nicholas 8.15am Morning Prayer

Ridley & 1.15pm Organ Recital by Anthony Gritten

Hugh6.15pmChoral EvensongLatimerPreludeA Verse Tomkins

Responses *Smith*Psalm 78.40-end

Canticles Fifth Service Tomkins

Anthem O sing unto the Lord *Tomkins*

Hymn 521

Voluntary A Fancy Tomkins

17 Friday

8.15am Morning Prayer

19 The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity (2nd week)

9.00am Morning Prayer5.45pm Choral Eucharist

Prelude Annum per Annum Pärt

Setting Berliner Mass Pärt

Psalm 121

Motet O salutaris hostia Esenvalds

Hymns 604, 384, 464

Preacher The Revd Lyndon Webb

Associate Chaplain

Voluntary Impromptu No.1 Coleridge-Taylor

20 Monday

8.15am Morning Prayer6.00pm Choral Vespers

Prelude Selections from Tabulaturbuch on Vater Unser

Steigleder

Responses Plainsong

Hymn 354 Psalm 85

Magnificat Second Service *Moore*Anthem Vater Unser *Pärt*

Voluntary Toccata on Vater Unser (the 40th Variation)

Steigleder

21 Tuesday

8.15am Morning Prayer

12.30pm Eucharist

6.15pm Choral Evensong

Prelude Lamento from Triptych M. Martin

Responses Clucas
Psalm 89.19–end
Canticles Stanford in C

Anthem Cantique de Jean Racine Fauré

Hymn 530

Voluntary Fanfare with dances & Fuga capricciosa

from Triptych M. Martin

9.00pm Compline

22 Wednesday

8.15am Morning Prayer6.15pm Choral Evensong

Prelude Harmonies du soir Karg-Elert

Responses Clucas Psalms 91

Canticles Sumsion in A

Anthem Save us, O Lord Bairstow

Hymn 340

Voluntary Jubilate Sowande

23 Thursday

8.15am Morning Prayer

1.15pm Organ Recital by Damin Spritzer

6.15pm Choral Evensong
Prelude Tiento de falsas *Bruna*

Responses *Clucas*Psalm 94

Canticles Short Service *Gibbons*Anthem Ave Maris Stella *Hazrati*

Hymn 593

Voluntary Tiento sobre la letania de la Virgen Bruna

24 Friday

8.15am Morning Prayer

25 Saturday

4.30pm **Duruflé Requiem** as part of the

Oxford International Song Festival

Merton Chapel

26 The Last Sunday after Trinity (3rd week)

9.00am College Eucharist

5.45pm Choral Evensong and

Commemoration of Benefactors

Prelude Invocation Walker

Introit Beati quorum via Stanford

Responses *Clucas*Psalm 119.1–16

Canticles Merton Service *Panufnik* (World Premiere) Anthem How lovely are thy dwellings fair *Brahms*

Hymns 272, 528, 490 Address Dr Ted Tregear

Fellow & Tutor in English, Merton College

Voluntary Piece d'Orgue BWV 572 JS Bach

27 Monday

8.15am Morning Prayer

28 Tuesday

Simon & 8.15am Morning Prayer

Jude 12.30pm Eucharist

6.15pm Choral Evensong
Prelude Sinfonia Duarte

Responses Byrd

Psalm 119.1-16 Canticles Short Ser

Canticles Short Service *Byrd*Anthem Justorum animae *Byrd*

Hymn 252

Voluntary Susanne un jour

(from the Susanne van Soldt MS) after Lassus

9.00pm Compline

29 Wednesday

8.15am Morning Prayer

30 Thursday

8.15am Morning Prayer

1.15pm Organ Recital by Daniel Hyde

6.15pm Choral Evensong

Prelude & fugue in B flat major C. Schumann

Responses *Byrd*Psalms 116

Canticles Collegium Sancti Johannis Cantabrigiense

Howells

Anthem Geistliches Lied *Brahms* Hymn 561 (Eve of Martin Luther)

Voluntary Wir glauben al' an einen Gott BWV 680

JS Bach

31 Friday

8.15am Morning Prayer

NOVEMBER

2 All Souls' 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', 'Abide with me'

3 Monday

8.15am Morning Prayer6.00pm Choral VespersPrelude Aftonfrid Hägg

Dogramasa Disingana

Responses Plainsong

Hymn 461 Psalm 96

Magnificat Short Service Weelkes Anthem Lux Aeterna Boulanger Voluntary Cantilena Andrée

4 Tuesday

8.15am Morning Prayer

12.30pm Eucharist

6.15pm Choral Evensong

Prelude Paduana lagrima Schildt (after Dowland)

Responses Byrd

Hymn 574 (Brother James' Air)

Psalms 98, 99

Canticles Short service *Inglott*Anthem Miserere *MacMillan*

Voluntary Verses on Was kann uns kommen an für Not

J. Praetorius

9.00pm Compline

8.15am Morning Prayer6.15pm Choral Evensong

Prelude Prelude in G major, Op. 87 Laurin

Responses *Byrd*Hymn 575
Psalm 136

Canticles Collegium Regale Howells

Anthem The souls of the righteous *Lewis* Voluntary Fugue in G major, Op. 87 *Laurin*

6 Thursday

Feast of 8.15am Morning Prayer

Dedication 1.15pm Organ Recital by James Thomas

6.00pm Choral Eucharist

Prelude Rhosymedre Vaughan Williams

Setting Missa Brevis *Dove*

Berliner Mass Pärt

Psalm 122

Motet O salutaris hostia Tallis

Hymn 272

Voluntary Prelude, Fugue & Chaconne, BuxWV 137

Buxtehude

7 Friday

St Willibrord 8.15am Morning Prayer

of York

8 Saturday

2.00pm Requiem Eucharist for former Chaplain

the Revd Mark Everitt

9 Remembrance Sunday (5th week)

9.00am College Eucharist
10.50am Act of Remembrance
5.45pm Choral Evensons

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Prelude In Paradisum Reece-Trapp Introit Hear my prayer Purcell

Responses Shephard

Psalm 40

Canticles Magnificat in G Jackson

Nunc Dimittis in B flat Wood

Anthem Song for Athene Tavener

Hymns 533, 503, 'I vow to thee my country'

Preacher Fred Thomas MP

Member of Parliament for Plymouth Moor View

Voluntary Passacaglia in C minor BWV 582 JS Bach

10 Monday

Leo the 8.15am Morning Prayer Great 6.00pm Choral Vespers

Prelude Elevation Walker

Responses Plainsong

Hymn 505 Psalm 4

Magnificat Second Service *Moore*Anthem Vater Unser *Pärt*

Voluntary Andante, from Trio Sonata in E minor

BWV 528, ii JS Bach

11 Tuesday

8.15am Morning Prayer

12.30pm Eucharist

7.30pm Concert: 90 Years of Arvo Pärt

at the Sheldonian Theatre with

Merton College Choir, Merton College Girl

Choristers, and the Britten Sinfonia

8.15am Morning Prayer6.15pm Choral Evensong

Prelude In Paradisum (from Triptyque Gregorien)

Langlais

Responses *Byrd*Psalms 12, 13

Canticles Short Service *Weelkes*Anthem In paradisium *Fauré*

Hymn 513

Voluntary Prelude and fugue in E minor, BWV 533 JS Bach

13 Thursday

8.15am Morning Prayer

1.15pm Organ Recital by George Balfour

6.15pm Choral Evensong Prelude Folk Tune Whitlock

Responses *Shephard* Psalms 42, 43

Canticles Walmisley in D minor
Anthem Bring us, O Lord Harris

Hymn 100

Voluntary Herzlich thut mich verlangen Brahms

14 Friday

8.15am Morning Prayer

6.00pm Roman Catholic Mass

16 The Second Sunday before Advent (6th week)

9.00am College Eucharist5.45pm Choral Evensong

Prelude Te Lucis ante terminum *Rutter*Introit Come, my joy *Rutter after Gibbons*

Responses Shephard

Psalm 97

Canticles Gloucester Service Howells

Anthem Hymn to the Creator of Light Rutter

Hymns 359, 521, 428

Preacher The Revd Lucy Winkett

Rector of St James's Church, Piccadilly

Voluntary Finale from Symphony II Widor

17 Monday

8.15am Morning Prayer **6.00pm** Choral Vespers

Prelude Ubi Caritas Demessieux

Responses Plainsong

Hymn 591 Psalm 28

Canticles Magnificat in F Watson
Anthem Ubi caritas et amor Panufnik

Voluntary Allegro moderato (Organ Sonata II) CPE Bach

18 Tuesday

Elizabeth, 8.15am Morning Prayer

princess, 12.30pm Eucharist

philanthropist 6.15pm Choral Evensong

Prelude Verses from Magnificat quarti toni Titelouze

Responses Leighton Hymn 484 Psalm 33

Canticles Collegium Sancti Johannis Cantabrigiense Howells

Anthem Geistliches Lied Brahms

Voluntary Magnificat quarti toni, Gloria Patri Titelouze

9.00pm Compline

Hilda, 8.15am Morning Prayerabbess 6.15pm Choral Evensong

Prelude Solemn March to the Holy Grail Wagner arr. Liszt

Responses *Clucas*Psalms 73

Canticles Stanford in B flat

Anthem I sing of a maiden Berkeley

Hymn 502

Voluntary Fugue on the Magnificat JS Bach

20 Thursday

Edmund, 8.15am Morning Prayer

King & 1.15pm Organ Recital by Rakhat-Bi Abdyssagin

martyr 6.15pm Choral Evensong

Prelude Fantasia van Noordt

Responses Leighton Psalm 40

Canticles Purcell in G minor

Anthem Lobet den Herrn JS Bach

Hymn 557

Voluntary Vivace, from Trio Sonata in G major, BWV 530, i

JS Bach

21 Friday

8.15am Morning Prayer

23 Christ the King (7th week)

9.00am Morning Prayer5.45pm Choral Eucharist

Prelude Church Sonata in D major, KV245 Mozart

Setting Coronation Mass Mozart

Psalm 46

Hymns 200, 199, 560

Motet Ave verum corpus Mozart

Preacher The Very Revd Professor Sarah Foot

Dean of Christ Church

Voluntary Te Deum *Demessieux*

24 Monday

8.15am Morning Prayer6.00pm Choral Vespers

Prelude Christe qui lux es et dies Sweelinck

Responses Plainsong

Hymn 572 Psalm 47

Magnificat Berkshire Service Archer

Anthem Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace *Boyle*

Voluntary Tree of Peace Weir

25 Tuesday

Catherine of 8.15am Morning Prayer

Alexandria, 12.30pm Eucharist

Isaac 6.15pm Choral Evensong

Watts 1748 Prelude Ricercare primo tono A. Gabrieli

Responses *Ayleward* Psalms 99, 101

Canticles Magnificat Primi Toni Palestrina

Nunc Dimittis in B flat Wood

Anthem Ave Maria Victoria

Hymn 498

Voluntary Capriccio sopra re fa mi sol de Macque

9.00pm Compline

8.15am Morning Prayer6.15pm Choral Evensong

Prelude Sarabande and Interlude Sumsion

Responses Plainsong
Psalms 121, 122
Canticles Sumsion in G

Anthem A Song of Peace Stanford

Hymn 530

Voluntary Postlude in D minor Stanford

27 Thursday

8.15am Morning Prayer

1.15pm Organ Recital by Benjamin Nicholas

6.15pm Choral Evensong

Prelude (Parthenia) Gibbons

Responses *Ayleward*Psalms 131, 132, 133

Canticles Second Service Gibbons

Anthem O thou, the central orb Gibbons

Hymn 504

Voluntary Fantazia of foure parts (Parthenia) Gibbons

28 Friday

8.15am Morning Prayer

29 Saturday

4.00pm Advent Carol Service I

30 First Sunday of Advent (8th week)

9.00am College Eucharist

5.30pm Advent Carol Service II

DECEMBER

1 Monday

8.15am Morning Prayer6.00pm Choral Vespers

Prelude Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen Brahms

Responses Plainsong

Hymn 264 Psalm 96

Magnificat Tone viii

Anthem How beautiful are the feet Handel

Voluntary Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645

JS Bach

2 Tuesday

8.15am Morning Prayer

12.30pm Eucharist

6.15pm Choral Evensong
Prelude Rorate caeli Dunphy

Responses *Byrd*Psalms 74, 75

Canticles Second Service Byrd

Anthem Rorate caeli de super Byrd

Hymn 593

Voluntary Noels pour le temps de l'Avent Guilmant

9.00pm Compline

3 Wednesday

8.15am Morning Prayer **6.15pm** Choral Evensong

Prelude In dulci jubilo Buxtehude

Responses *Byrd*Psalms 76

Canticles Sumsion in A

Anthem Adam lay y-bounden Ord

Hymn 613

Voluntary A solis ortus cardine M. Praetorius

4 Thursday

8.15am Morning Prayer

1.15pm Organ Recital by Anna Steppler

8.30pm Christmas Carol Service

sung by Merton College Choir

5 Friday

8.15am Morning Prayer

6.00pm Christmas Carol Service

sung by the Merton College Girl Choristers &

Lower Voices

CHRISTMAS VACATION

The first Choral Service of the Hilary Term will be the Epiphany Carol Service at 5.45pm on Sunday 18 January sung by the College Choir and Choristers.

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)

9.00pm Compline (Tuesday)

CHAPEL TEAM

College Chaplain

The Revd Canon Justin White

Associate Chaplain

The Revd Lyndon Webb

Reed Rubin Organist and Director of Music

Benjamin Nicholas

Assistant Organist

Anna Steppler

Verger

Jen Crompton

Chapel & Choir Manager

Lizzie Casey

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