



MERTON
COLLEGE
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CHAPEL

HILARY TERM 2026

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 Oxford Winter Night Shelter - a charity which offers a warm and dry bed for the night to 10 rough sleepers in the city from the beginning of January to the end of March.

WEEKDAY SERVICES

8.15am	Morning Prayer	(Monday - Friday)
12.30pm	Eucharist	(Tuesday)
6.00pm	Choral Vespers	(Monday)
6.15pm	Choral Evensong	(Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday)
9.00pm	Compline	(Tuesday)

SHROVE TUESDAY Tuesday 17 February (5th week) is Shrove Tuesday, when we commemorate the College's Founder, Walter de Merton.

12.30pm	Eucharist <i>followed by lunch</i>
6.15pm	Choral Evensong and Commemoration of Benefactors <i>followed by drinks and the finalists' dinner</i>

ASH WEDNESDAY Lent begins on Wednesday 18 February (5th week).

3.00pm	BBC Radio 3 Broadcast Choral Evensong <i>all are welcome to attend Chapel for this event</i>
5.45pm	Choral Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes <i>at which the College Choir will sing Allegri's 'Miserere'</i>

SERVICES AND PREACHERS SUNDAYS AT 5.45PM

18 January
Epiphany 2

**Epiphany
Carol Service**

The Revd Lyndon Webb
Associate Chaplain

25 January
Epiphany 3

**Evensong with Benjamin Britten's
A Ceremony of Carols**

1 February
Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Eucharist

The Revd Canon Justin White
College Chaplain

8 February
2 before Lent

Evensong

The Very Revd Dominic White OP
Prior of Blackfriars

15 February
Next before Lent

Eucharist

The Revd Stephen Stavrou
Vicar of St Michael and All Angels, Barnes

22 February
Lent 1

Evensong

The Venerable Katrina Scott
Archdeacon of Cheltenham

1 March
Lent 2

Eucharist

The Revd Canon Justin White
College Chaplain

8 March
Lent 3

**A Sequence of Music
& Readings for Lent**

The Revd Lyndon Webb
Associate Chaplain

BAPTISM and CONFIRMATION If you would like to discuss the possibility of being baptized and/or confirmed in the Chapel next term, please have a word with one of the Chaplains.

CHRISTIAN UNION & CATHSOC This term's CU rep is Robyn Hayward & Emily Yates and the CathSoc Rep is Henry Colegate. The termly RC Mass is at 6.00pm on Friday 27 February (6th week).

CHAPEL TEAM

Student Chapel Officers

Eleanor Clark
Rohan Crowe
Sacha Fairweather
Lilli Ganzer
Alexandre Guilloteau

Georgia Hall
Asha Levy
Cecilia Loughney
Harmony Matheson,
Ella McLoughlin
Sophie Plant

Taisiia Sazonova
Milly Starky
Cara Treacy
Dylan Turner
Sarah Ware
Zoe Wilkinson

Livestreaming Technicians

Hope Clarke
Elizabeth Cullinane

Harmony Matheson
Taisiia Sazonova

Mattie Sutton

Reed Rubin Organist & Director of Music

Benjamin Nicholas

Verger

Jen Crompton

Chapel & Choir Manager

Lizzie Casey

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Michael Beckham

Assistant Organist

Anna Steppler

THE CHAPLAINS

The **College Chaplain**, The Revd Canon **Justin White** (Fellows' 3.2, justin.white@merton.ox.ac.uk), is happy to speak in confidence with any member of College (regardless of religious affiliation) concerning any matter.

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

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