



MERTON
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CHAPEL

MICHAELMAS TERM 2022

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 *Children Heard and Seen*, an Oxfordshire charity supporting children, young people and their families impacted by parental imprisonment.

WEEKDAY SERVICES

8.15am	Morning Prayer	(Monday–Friday)
6.00pm	Choral Vespers	(Monday)
6.15pm	Choral Evensong	(Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday)
9.30pm	Night Prayer	(Thursday)

LIVESTREAMING All of our choral services and the Thursday lunchtime organ recital are livestreamed on the College Choir's YouTube channel.

ALL SOULS' At 5.30pm on Sunday 6 November (5th week) the College Choir will sing the Mozart *Requiem* as we commemorate the departed. Please email the Chaplain with the names of anyone you would like to be remembered.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY In addition to the 9.00am and 5.45pm services on 13 November (6th week), there will be a short Act of Remembrance at 10.50am at the College War Memorial under the Fitzjames Arch. This will include the laying of wreaths and two minutes' silence.

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

SERVICES AND PREACHERS SUNDAYS AT 5.45PM

9 October <i>Trinity 17</i>	Freshers' Service	The Revd Canon Dr Simon Jones <i>Chaplain</i>
16 October <i>Trinity 18</i>	Eucharist with Baptism and Confirmation (5.30pm)	The Rt Revd Olivia Graham <i>Bishop of Reading</i>
23 October <i>Last Sunday after Trinity</i>	Evensong and Commemoration of Benefactors	Prof Irene Tracey CBE <i>Warden</i>
30 October <i>4 before Advent</i>	Eucharist (5.30pm)	Mozart Requiem
6 November <i>Feast of Dedication</i>	Evensong	The Revd Canon Matthew Vernon <i>Canon Pastor, St Edmundsbury Cathedral</i>
13 November <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	Evensong	The Revd Canon Dr Rachel Mann <i>Area Dean of Bury and Rossendale</i>
20 November <i>Christ the King</i>	Corporate Communion	The Revd Lyndon Webb <i>Associate Chaplain</i>
27 November <i>Advent Sunday</i>	Advent Carol Service (5.30pm)	

CAROL SERVICES This year's candlelit Advent Carol Services will take place at 4.00pm on Saturday 26 November and 5.30pm on Sunday 27 November. There will also be a traditional Christmas Carol Service at 8.30pm on Thursday 1 December.

CHRISTIAN UNION & CATHSOC This term's CU reps are Jonny Rugg (Merton) and Josh Williams (Oriell). Carl Haller is this term's RC rep. The termly RC Mass is at 6.00pm on Friday 18 November (6th week).

LYNDON'S BOOK GROUP If you can't get enough of books and baked goods, join us from **3pm to 4pm on Fridays** in the **Hawkins Room** for free-wheeling discussion and plenty of refreshments. This term's book is 'Entangled Life' by Merlin Sheldrake, exploring the weird and wonderful world of fungi, and their unexpectedly central place in human cultures. Free copies are available for anyone interested; contact Lyndon for more information. All welcome!

THURSDAY NIGHT PRAYER Gather in Chapel at 9.30pm on Thursdays for hot chocolate followed by a short reflective service with candles, incense and sung chants. Each week we will offer prayers for a different issue of justice facing the world today.

WEEKLY CLIMATE VIGIL Join us in Chapel at **12.15pm** on **Fridays** as we offer 15 minutes of silent prayer for the ecological crisis in fellowship with XR, Christian Climate Action, and other faith groups around the world. All are welcome, as are any ideas about how we might turn prayer into action as Merton seeks to become increasingly sustainable. Further details from Lyndon.

CHAPEL TEAM

Student Chapel Officers

George Adams	Roheena Buckland	Francesca Lovell-Read
Ebube Akojie	Eleanor Clark	Jared Martin
Tom Allen	Marcus Gamble	Camilo Mosquera
Antonia Anstatt	Ellie Garrigan Mattar	Jana Nedelkoska
Benjamin Atkinson	Hollie Goodwin	Lukas Ruediger
Susie Barrows	Carl Haller	Audrey Southgate
Luke Bateman	Elisabeth Ilgner	Michael Zajac
Alex Brown	Rachel Jung	

Pastoral Assistant Josie Godfrey

Livestreaming Technicians Sebastian Dows-Miller
Joseph Clarke
Ruby Doran Meira
Penny Hilder Jarvis
Shiv Mandal

Reed Rubin Organist and Director of Music Benjamin Nicholas

Organ Scholars Owen Chan
François Cloete

Chapel Administrator Lizzie Casey

Verger Jen Crompton

THE CHAPLAINS

The **College Chaplain**, the Revd Canon Dr **Simon Jones** (Fellows' 3.2, simon.jones@merton.ox.ac.uk), is happy to speak in confidence with any member of College (regardless of religious affiliation) concerning any matter. As well as being responsible for the Chapel, Simon also co-ordinates the welfare provision in College and chairs the Student Support Committee.

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.

To join the Chapel email list, send a message to
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