



MERTON  
COLLEGE  
OXFORD

CHAPEL

MICHAELMAS TERM 2023

**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 *Asylum Welcome*, a charity offering information, advice and practical support to asylum seekers, refugees and vulnerable migrants living in Oxfordshire.

### **WEEKDAY SERVICES**

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

**LIVESTREAMING** A selection 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 5 November (5th week) the College Choir will sing the Mozart *Requiem* as we commemorate the departed. Please email the Associate 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 12 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

<b>8 October</b> <i>Trinity 18</i>	<b>Freshers' Service</b>	<b>The Revd Lyndon Webb</b> <i>Associate Chaplain</i>
<b>15 October</b> <i>Trinity 19</i>	<b>Eucharist</b>	<b>The Revd Canon Dr Victoria Johnson</b> <i>Acting Chaplain</i>
<b>22 October</b> <i>Trinity 20</i>	<b>Evensong and Commemoration of Benefactors</b>	<b>Dr Alice Brooke</b> <i>Fellow &amp; Tutor in Spanish, Merton College</i>
<b>29 October</b> <i>Last Sunday after Trinity</i>	<b>Evensong</b>	<b>Lydia Reese</b> <i>Ordinand at Sarum College, Salisbury, &amp; former project co-ordinator at A Rocha UK</i>
<b>5 November</b> <i>4 before Advent</i>	<b>Evensong</b> (5.30pm)	<b>Mozart Requiem</b>
<b>12 November</b> <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	<b>Evensong</b>	<b>Dr Michael Hahn</b> <i>Tutor at Sarum College, Salisbury</i>
<b>19 November</b> <i>2 before Advent</i>	<b>Eucharist</b>	<b>The Revd Canon Dr Victoria Johnson</b> <i>Acting Chaplain</i>
<b>26 November</b> <i>Christ the King</i>	<b>Advent Carol Service</b> (5.30pm)	

**CAROL SERVICES** This year's candlelit Advent Carol Services will take place at 5.30pm on Saturday 25 November and Sunday 26 November. There will also be a traditional Christmas Carol Service at 8.30pm on Thursday 30 November.

## COFFEE, CAKE & CONVERSATION

A chance to start the week with relaxed conversation and put things in perspective over coffee and cake. Hosted by the Acting Chaplain in the Hawkins Room on Mondays at 11am.

**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 'Wolf Hall' by Hilary Mantel, a stunning exploration of the life of Thomas Cromwell and the court of Henry VIII, combining close historicity with exquisite poetry. Free copies are available for anyone interested; contact Lyndon for more information. All welcome!

**CHRISTIAN UNION & CATHSOC** This term's CU rep is Charis Patterson. Carl Haller is this term's RC rep. The termly RC Mass is at 6.00pm on Friday 17 November (6th week).

## CHAPEL TEAM

### *Student Chapel Officers*

George Adams	Ellie Garrigan Mattar	Ella McLoughlin
Tom Allen	Carl Haller	Gregory Middleton
Antonia Anstatt	Francesca Lovell-	Camilo Mosquera
Benjamin Atkinson	Read	Jana Nedelkoska
Alex Brown	Jared Martin	Oscar Patton
Eleanor Clark	Kelly McClinton	Lukas Ruediger

*Livestreaming* Sebastian Dows-Miller  
*Technicians* Joe Clarke

Hope Clarke  
Finn Emmens-Green  
Mattie Sutton

*Reed Rubin Organist and Director of Music* Benjamin Nicholas

*Organ Scholars* Owen Chan  
François Cloete

*Chapel Office & Choir Manager* Lizzie Casey

*Verger* Jen Crompton

*Pastoral Assistant* William Allen

## THE CHAPLAINS

Whilst Simon Jones is away, this term's **Acting Chaplain** is the **Revd Canon Dr Victoria Johnson** (Fellows' 3.2, [victoria.johnson@merton.ox.ac.uk](mailto:victoria.johnson@merton.ox.ac.uk)), and she is happy to speak in confidence with any member of College (regardless of religious affiliation) concerning any matter. Victoria is on Extended Study Leave from York Minster where she is Canon Precentor. A scientist and musician, she is currently writing on the theology of voice and researching models of evangelism mediated through liturgy and prayer.

The Revd **Lyndon Webb** (Fellows' 3.9, [lyndon.webb@merton.ox.ac.uk](mailto: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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