



MERTON
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CHAPEL



TRINITY TERM 2023

MERTON COLLEGE CHAPEL is open to all as a place of worship and quiet reflection. Members of the College, as well as visitors, are welcome to join us at all our services. The Chapel is part of the Church of England but the daily offering of worship is sustained by people 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 Monday and Wednesdays. The choristers are drawn from a number of schools across Oxford. This term's Services Booklet contains details of the music. It can be found on the Chapel and Choir pages of the College website.

WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS The main service of the week is at **5.45pm** on **Sundays**. Alternating between Choral Evensong and a Choral Eucharist (Holy Communion), the College Choir sings at this candlelit service. 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 given to Shelter (www.shelter.org.uk), a housing and homelessness charity.

WEEKDAY SERVICES

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| 8.15am | Morning Prayer | (Monday–Friday) |
| 12.30pm | Eucharist | (Tuesday) |
| 6.00pm | Choral Vespers | (Monday) |
| 6.15pm | Choral Evensong | (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday) |
| 9.45pm | Night Prayer | (Thursday) |

THURSDAY NIGHT PRAYER Gather in chapel at 9.45pm on Thursdays for a short reflective service with candles, incense & chants. A relaxed, beautiful way to end the day.

EASTER CANDLE

At 5.30pm on Thursday of 0th Week (20th April) all are welcome to join us for a simple Eucharist at which we will be lighting the new Easter Candle, followed by drinks on the lawn.

ASCENSION DAY

On Thursday 18th May we will be celebrating the feast of the Ascension. **At 12noon, come and hear the choir singing from the top of the College tower**, and at 6pm all are welcome to join us for a Eucharist with members of the clergy and congregation from the University Church of Saint Mary the Virgin.

CORPUS CHRISTI (Day of Thanksgiving for the Institution of the Eucharist)

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| Wednesday 7 June | 6.15pm | Choral Evensong & Benediction |
| Thursday 8 June | 6.00pm | Choral Eucharist |

(7th week)

SERVICES AND PREACHERS - SUNDAYS AT 5.45PM

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| 23 April <i>Easter 3</i> | Choral Evensong | The Revd Canon Dr Chris Collingwood <i>Acting Chaplain</i> |
| 30 April <i>Easter 4</i> | Choral Evensong | The Most Revd John McDowell <i>Archbishop of Armagh</i> |
| 7 May <i>Easter 5</i> | Choral Eucharist <i>Celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III</i> | The Very Revd Dr Jonathan Draper <i>Dean Emeritus of Exeter</i> |
| 14 May <i>Easter 6</i> | Choral Evensong | The Rt Revd Christopher Lowson <i>formerly Bishop of Lincoln</i> |
| 21 May <i>Easter 7</i> | Choral Eucharist | The Revd Professor Jane Shaw <i>Principal of Harris Manchester College</i> |
| 28 May <i>Pentecost</i> | Choral Evensong | The Rt Revd Michael Marshall <i>formerly Bishop of Woolwich</i> |
| 4 June <i>Trinity Sunday</i> | Choral Eucharist | The Revd Ruth Wells <i>Senior Chaplain for Bournemouth Arts University</i> |
| 11 June <i>St Barnabas the Apostle</i> | Leavers' Service | The Revd Lyndon Webb <i>Associate Chaplain</i> |

BAPTISM and CONFIRMATION

There will be a baptism and confirmation service in the Chapel next term. If you would like to join the group preparing for baptism and confirmation, please have a word with one of the Chaplains.

CHRISTIAN UNION & CATHSOC This term's CU reps are Stella Clark and Charis Patterson. Carl Haller is the RC rep. The termly RC Mass is at 6.00pm on Friday 2 June (6th week).

LYNDON'S BOOK GROUP This term we will be reading the American classic, **The Grapes of Wrath** by John Steinbeck. Following a family of tenant farmers forced to relocate by a cost of living crisis and a harsh changing climate, this prize-winning novel from the early twentieth century still speaks with a startlingly fresh voice, as relevant and as provocative as the day it was written. As ever, there will also be cake. To join the group, which will meet at 3pm on Fridays weeks 1-7 in the Hawkins Room, and to get a free copy of the book, please email lyndon.webb@merton.ox.ac.uk.

FAITH MATTERS This term's theology discussion group will be meeting at 8.30pm in the Harrison Room in weeks 1 & 3 in order to make space for exams. As ever, people of all faiths and none are welcome to join us for wine, cheese and conversation. Keep an eye out for more information about the session's themes in the weekly Chapel emails.

CHAPEL TEAM

Student Chapel Officers

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

Reed Rubin Organist & Director of Music Benjamin Nicholas

Livestreaming Technicians Sebastian Dows-Miller
Joseph Clarke
Ruby Doran Meira
Pen Hilder Jarvis

Chapel Office & Choir Manager Lizzie Casey

Verger Jen Crompton

Organ Scholars Owen Chan
François Cloete

THE CHAPLAINS

Whilst Simon Jones is away, this term's **Acting Chaplain** is the **Revd Canon Dr Chris Collingwood**, (Fellows' 3.2 christopher.collingwood@merton.ox.ac.uk) who writes: 'I'm really delighted to be with you as Acting Chaplain for the Trinity term and I'm so looking forward to getting to know as many of you as possible, whether you consider yourself to be a person of faith or not. I'd love to hear about what excites, inspires and motivates you, as well as anything that causes you difficulty, struggle or perplexity, whether you'd describe such things as overtly spiritual or religious or not. Please don't hesitate to make contact.'

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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