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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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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SERVICES AND PREACHERS - SUNDAYS AT 5.45PM

23 April  
Easter 3  
Choral Evensong  
The Revd Canon Dr Chris Collingwood  
 Acting Chaplain

30 April  
Easter 4  
Choral Evensong  
The Most Revd John McDowell  
 Archbishop of Armagh

7 May  
Easter 5  
Choral Eucharist  
Celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III  
The Very Revd Dr Jonathan Draper  
 Dean Emeritus of Exeter

14 May  
Easter 6  
Choral Evensong  
The Rt Revd Christopher Lowson  
 formerly Bishop of Lincoln

21 May  
Easter 7  
Choral Eucharist  
The Revd Professor Jane Shaw  
 Principal of Harris Manchester College

28 May  
Pentecost  
Choral Evensong  
The Rt Revd Michael Marshall  
 formerly Bishop of Woolwich

4 June  
Trinity Sunday  
Choral Eucharist  
The Revd Ruth Wells  
 Senior Chaplain for Bournemouth Arts University

11 June  
St Barnabas the Apostle  
Leavers’ Service  
The Revd Lyndon Webb  
 Associate Chaplain

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*

- George Adams
- Ebube Akojie
- Tom Allen
- Antonia Anstatt
- Benjamin Atkinson
- Susie Barrows
- Luke Bateman
- Alex Brown

- Roheena Buckland
- Eleanor Clark
- Marcus Gamble
- Ellie Garrigan Mattar
- Hollie Goodwin
- Carl Haller
- Elisabeth Ilgner
- Rachel Jung

- Francesca Lovell-Read
- Jared Martin
- Kelly McClinton
- Camilo Mosquera
- Jana Nedelkoska
- Lukas Ruediger
- Audrey Southgate
- Michael Zajac

- Reed Rubin
- Benjamin Nicholas
- Livestreaming
- Sebastian Dows-Miller
- & Director of Music
- Technicians
- Joseph Clarke
- Ruby Doran Meira
- Pen Hilder Jarvis

- Chapel Office &
- Lizzie Casey
- Organ
- Owen Chan

- Choir Manager

- Jen Crompton
- Scholars
- 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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