



MERTON  
COLLEGE  
OXFORD

CHAPEL

SERVICES and MUSIC  
MICHAELMAS TERM 2021

## Merton College Chapel

Merton College was founded by Walter de Merton on 14 September 1264. Worship has been offered in the College Chapel for over seven hundred years. Today the Chapel is home to a lively and diverse Christian community which continues this faithful offering of worship with daily services during term. Visitors are welcome to join members of the College at all our services.

The Chapel is part of the Church of England, within the world-wide Anglican Communion, and the Archbishop of Canterbury is the College's Visitor. All those who are communicant members of their own church are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us.

A Choral Foundation was established at Merton in 2008. The College Choir, directed by Benjamin Nicholas, sings on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Its patron is Peter Phillips, the founder and director of The Tallis Scholars. Members of College and Friends of the Choir can purchase the College Choir's recordings and Benjamin Nicholas' organ discs at a discounted price from the Verger ([leah.collins@merton.ox.ac.uk](mailto:leah.collins@merton.ox.ac.uk)). Copies are also available from the Porters' Lodge and the College website ([www.merton.ox.ac.uk](http://www.merton.ox.ac.uk)).

Girl choristers from a variety of local schools were admitted to the Choral Foundation in 2016, and sing Evensong on Wednesdays.

The Chapel supports a number of charities throughout the year. Our collections this term will be donated to *Daybreak*, an Oxford based charity providing care and support to help people live well with dementia.

*Simon Jones*  
*Chaplain*

## MICHAELMAS TERM 2021

### OCTOBER

- 10    **The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity** (1st week)
- 9.00am**    **Eucharist**
- 5.45pm**    **Freshers' Service**
- Prelude        Psalm Prelude Set 1, Op. 32, No. 1 *Howells*
- Introit         Peace I leave with you *Beach*
- Responses     *Smith*
- Psalms         127, 128
- Canticles       Magnificat *Mozart*
- Nunc Dimittis *Stanford* in C
- Anthem        I was glad *Parry*
- Hymns         'O God beyond all praising', 353, 408
- Preacher       The Revd Canon Dr Simon Jones
- Chaplain*
- Voluntary    Imperial March Op. 32 *Elgar*
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- 11        Monday
- 8.15am        Morning Prayer
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- 12        Tuesday
- St Wilfrid*    8.15am        Morning Prayer
- of Ripon*    **6.15pm**     **Choral Evensong**
- Prelude        Prelude in G major BWV 568 *Bach*
- Responses     *Martin*
- Psalm         107
- Canticles       Fauxbourdons *Byrd*
- Anthem        Beati quorum via *Stanford*
- Hymn         225
- Voluntary     Sketch No. 1 *Schumann*

13 Wednesday

<i>St Edward</i>	8.15am	Morning Prayer
<i>the</i>	<b>6.15pm</b>	<b>Choral Evensong</b>
<i>Confessor</i>	Prelude	Preludio 'Sine Nomine' <i>Howells</i>
	Responses	Plainsong
	Psalm	119.129-152
	Canticles	Berkshire Service <i>Archer</i>
	Anthem	Lift thine eyes <i>Mendelssohn</i>
	Hymn	220
	Voluntary	Paean <i>Howells</i>

14 Thursday

	8.15am	Morning Prayer
	<b>1.15pm</b>	<b>Organ Recital</b>
		<b>by James Thomas</b>
	<b>6.15pm</b>	<b>Choral Evensong</b>
	Prelude	Psalm Prelude Set 1, Op. 32, No. 2 <i>Howells</i>
	Responses	<i>Smith</i>
	Psalm	116
	Canticles	<i>Howells</i> in B minor
	Anthem	Cantique de Jean Racine <i>Fauré</i>
	Hymn	269 (i)
	Voluntary	Psalm Prelude Set 1, Op. 32, No. 3 <i>Howells</i>

15 Friday

<i>St Teresa</i>	8.15am	Morning Prayer
<i>of Avila</i>		

- 17 **The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity (2nd week)**  
**9.00am Morning Prayer**  
**5.45pm Choral Eucharist**  
Prelude Trio Sonata No. 3 in D minor: II BWV 527 *Bach*  
Setting Missa Sancti Johannes de Deo *Haydn*  
Psalm 91.9-end  
Motet Ave verum corpus *Mozart*  
Hymns 476, 296, 394  
Preacher Oliver Wright  
*Pastoral Assistant*  
Voluntary Symphony for Organ No. 5: I *Widor*
- 18 **St Luke the Evangelist (Monday)**  
8.15am Morning Prayer  
6.30pm Evening Prayer
- 19 **St Frideswide, Patron of Oxford (Tuesday)**  
8.15am Morning Prayer  
**6.15pm Choral Evensong**  
Prelude Organ Sonata No. 2 in C minor, Op. 65: I & II  
*Mendelssohn*  
Responses *Smith*  
Psalm 45  
Canticles Second Service *Byrd*  
Anthem Holy is the true light *Harris*  
Hymn 'As longs the deer'  
Voluntary Fugue on the Magnificat BWV 733 *Bach*

- 20 Wednesday
- 8.15am Morning Prayer
- 6.15pm Choral Evensong**
- Prelude Trio sonata No. 3 in D minor: I. BWV 527 *Bach*
- Responses *Byrd*
- Psalm 136
- Canticles *Noble* in B minor
- Anthem The Lord bless you and keep you *Rutter*
- Hymn 250
- Voluntary Organ Sonata No. 1 in F minor, Op. 65: II *Mendelssohn*
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- 21 Thursday
- 8.15am Morning Prayer
- 1.15pm Organ Recital by Benjamin Sheen**
- 6.15pm Choral Evensong**  
*as part of the Oxford Lieder Festival*
- Prelude Organ Symphony No. 10, Op. 73 'Romane': I *Widor*
- Responses *Frances-Hoad* (first performance)
- Psalm 138
- Canticles *Howells* in B minor
- Anthem Like as the hart *Howells*
- Hymn 245
- Voluntary Choral varié sur le thème du "Veni Creator", Op. 4 *Durufié*
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- 22 Friday
- 8.15am Morning Prayer

- 24 **The Last Sunday after Trinity** (3rd week)
- 9.00am **Eucharist**
- 5.45pm **Choral Evensong and  
Commemoration of Benefactors**
- Prelude Prelude, Fugue and Chaconne in C major  
*BuxWV 137 Buxtehude*
- Introit The souls of the righteous *Vaughan Williams*
- Responses *Frances-Hoad*
- Psalm 145
- Canticles *Stanford* in A
- Anthem Te Deum in G *Vaughan Williams*
- Hymns 440 (omit\*), 391, 427
- Address Fra' John Eidinow  
*Fellow, Dean and  
Keeper of the Statutes and Bylaws*
- Voluntary Final (Sonata No. 1 in D minor) *Guilmant*
- 25 **Monday**
- 8.15am Morning Prayer
- 6.30pm Evening Prayer
- 26 **Tuesday**
- St Alfred* 8.15am Morning Prayer
- the Great* 6.15pm **Choral Evensong**
- Prelude Trio Sonata No. 3 in D minor: III BWV 527 *Bach*
- Responses *Frances-Hoad*
- Psalm 9
- Canticles Fauxbourdons *Byrd*
- Anthem The souls of the righteous *Vaughan Williams*
- Hymn 456
- Voluntary Master Tallis's Testament *Howells*
- 27 **Wednesday**
- 8.15am Morning Prayer
- 6.30pm Evening Prayer

- 28 **St Simon & St Jude, Apostles** (Thursday)
- 8.15am Morning Prayer
  - 1.15pm Organ Recital by Kentaro Machida**
  - 6.30pm Evening Prayer
  - 7.30pm Choir Concert at the Sheldonian**  
Requiem Mass *Mozart*
- 29 Friday
- 8.15am Morning Prayer



31 The Fourth Sunday before Advent (4th week)

9.00am Morning Prayer  
5.30pm Requiem Eucharist  
Setting Requiem Mass *Mozart*  
Hymns 'Be still my soul', 331

NOVEMBER

1 All Saints' Day (Monday)

8.15am Morning Prayer  
6.30pm Evening Prayer

2 All Souls' Day (Tuesday)

8.15am Morning Prayer  
**6.00pm Choral Evensong recorded for  
broadcast on BBC Radio 3**  
Introit Rise heart, thy Lord is risen *Vaughan Williams*  
Responses *Martin*  
Psalm 105  
Canticles *Stanford* in A  
Anthem Te Deum in G *Vaughan Williams*  
Hymn 120  
Voluntary Organ Symphony No. 10, Op. 73 'Romane': I  
*Widor*

3 Wednesday

8.15am Morning Prayer  
**4.00pm Choral Evensong broadcast live on  
BBC Radio 3**  
Introit The souls of the righteous *Vaughan Williams*  
Responses *Martin*  
Psalms 111, 112, 116  
Canticles *Howells* in B minor  
Anthem The House of the Mind *Howells*  
Hymn 461  
Voluntary Psalm Prelude Set 1, Op. 32, No. 3 *Howells*

- 4 Thursday
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| 8.15am        | Morning Prayer                                |
| <b>1.15pm</b> | <b>Organ Recital by Benjamin Nicholas</b>     |
| <b>6.15pm</b> | <b>Choral Evensong</b>                        |
| Prelude       | Récit de tierce en taille <i>de Grigny</i>    |
| Responses     | <i>Byrd</i>                                   |
| Psalm         | 118   |
| Canticles     | Short Service <i>Weelkes</i>                  |
| Anthem        | In Paradisum <i>Fauré</i>                     |
| Hymn          | 462   |
| Voluntary     | Toccata in F major BuxWV 157 <i>Buxtehude</i> |
- 5 Friday
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| 8.15am | Morning Prayer |
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7 **Third Sunday before Advent** (5th week)

<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Eucharist</b>
<b>5.45pm</b>	<b>Choral Evensong</b>
Prelude	Praeludium in E minor <i>Bruhns</i>
Introit	In manus tuas <i>Tallis</i>
Responses	<i>Martin</i>
Psalm	46
Canticles	<i>Purcell</i> in G minor
Anthem	Wie lieblich sind deine Wohnungen <i>Brahms</i>
Hymns	436, 467, 339
Preacher	The Revd Dr Michael Brierley <i>Director of Formation</i> <i>Ripon College, Cuddesdon</i>
Voluntary	Prelude and Fugue in A minor BWV 543 <i>Bach</i>

8 **Monday**

<i>Saints &amp; martyrs of England</i>	8.15am	Morning Prayer
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer

9 **Tuesday**

8.15am	Morning Prayer
<b>6.15pm</b>	<b>Choral Evensong</b>
Prelude	Romanza <i>Walton</i>
Responses	<i>Smith</i>
Psalms	36, 40
Canticles	Fauxbourdons <i>Andreas</i>
Anthem	Christe Jesu, pastor bone <i>Taverner</i>
Hymn	457
Voluntary	Cathédrales <i>Vierne</i>

10 Wednesday

<i>St Leo</i>	8.15am	Morning Prayer
<i>the Great</i>	<b>6.15pm</b>	<b>Choral Evensong</b>
	Prelude	Ricercare in C major FbWV 401 <i>Froberger</i>
	Responses	<i>Plainsong</i>
	Psalms	37
	Canticles	Magnificat quarti toni <i>Caldwell</i>
		Nunc Dimittis <i>Burgon</i>
	Anthem	For the fallen <i>Blatchly</i>
	Hymn	221
	Voluntary	Solemn Prelude: For the Fallen <i>Elgar</i>

11 Thursday

<i>St Martin</i>	8.15am	Morning Prayer
<i>of Tours</i>	<b>1.15pm</b>	<b>Organ Recital by Ashley Grote</b>
	<b>6.15pm</b>	<b>Choral Evensong</b>
	Prelude	Allegro comodo (Six Organ Pieces) <i>Bridge</i>
	Responses	<i>Frances-Hoad</i>
	Psalms	42, 43
	Canticles	<i>Dyson</i> in F
	Anthem	Crossing the bar <i>Arbo</i>
	Hymn	417
	Voluntary	Elegy <i>Thalben-Ball</i>

12 Friday

	8.15am	Morning Prayer
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- 14 **Remembrance Sunday** (6th week)
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| 9.00am    | <b>Eucharist</b>   |
| 10.50am   | <b>Act of Remembrance</b>  |
| 5.45pm    | <b>Choral Evensong</b>   |
| Prelude   | Fugue et choral <i>Honegger</i>  |
| Introit   | They shall grow not old <i>Guest</i>   |
| Responses | <i>Martin</i>  |
| Psalm     | 95   |
| Canticles | Collegium Regale <i>Howells</i>  |
| Anthem    | Greater love <i>Ireland</i>  |
| Hymns     | 377, 'Eternal God', 252  |
| Preacher  | The Revd Professor William Whyte<br><i>Professor of Social and Architectural History</i><br><i>St John's College</i> |
| Voluntary | Passacaglia in C minor BWV 582 <i>Bach</i>   |
- 15 **Monday**
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| 8.15am | Morning Prayer |
| 6.30pm | Evening Prayer |
- 16 **Tuesday**
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|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <i>St Margaret</i> 8.15am | Morning Prayer                        |
| <i>of Scotland</i> 6.15pm | <b>Choral Evensong</b>                |
| Prelude                   | Pastorale Op. 19 <i>Franck</i>        |
| Responses                 | <i>Smith</i>                          |
| Psalm                     | 67                                    |
| Canticles                 | <i>Walmisley</i> in D minor           |
| Anthem                    | For lo, I raise up <i>Stanford</i>    |
| Hymn                      | 'As stars adorn the night-veiled sky' |
| Voluntary                 | Sketch No. 2 <i>Schumann</i>          |

17 Wednesday

*St Hugh* 8.15am  
*of Lincoln* **6.15pm**

Prelude

Setting

Motet

Hymns

Voluntary

Morning Prayer

**Choral Eucharist**

Organ Sonata No. 3: I *Hindemith*

Oratory Mass *Martin*

Ave verum corpus *Elgar*

478, 271

Allegretto grazioso (Six Pieces for Organ) *Bridge*

18 Thursday

*St Elizabeth* 8.15am  
*of Hungary* **1.15pm**  
**6.15pm**

Prelude

Responses

Psalm

Canticles

Anthem

Hymn

Voluntary

Morning Prayer

**Organ Recital by Colin Walsh**

**Choral Evensong**

Toccata in F BuxWV 156 *Buxtehude*

*Smith*

74

Magnificat (Fauxbourdons) *Fayrfax*

Nunc Dimittis *Esquivel*

Te lucis ante terminum *Tallis*

222

Fugue in G minor BWV 578 *Bach*

19 Friday

*St Hilda* 8.15am  
*of Whitby*

Morning Prayer

21 **Christ the King** (7th week)

	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
	<b>5.45pm</b>	<b>Corporate Communion</b>
	Prelude	Organ Symphony No. 10, Op. 73 'Romane': II <i>Widor</i>
	Setting	Messe in E flat <i>Rheinberger</i>
	Psalm	93
	Hymns	'Christ triumphant', 'In Christ alone', 352, 443
	Motet	O clap your hands <i>Gibbons</i>
	Preacher	The Revd Dr Melanie Marshall <i>Associate Chaplain</i>
	Voluntary	Organ Sonata in G major, Op. 28: I <i>Elgar</i>

22 Monday

<i>St Cecilia</i>	8.15am	Morning Prayer
<i>of Rome</i>	6.30pm	Evening Prayer

23 Tuesday

<i>St Clement</i>	8.15am	Morning Prayer
<i>of Rome</i>	<b>6.15pm</b>	<b>Choral Evensong</b>
	Prelude	O Gott, du frommer Gott, Op. 122 <i>Brahms</i>
	Responses	<i>Smith</i>
	Psalms	99, 101
	Canticles	Fifth Service <i>Tomkins</i>
	Anthem	Diliges Dominum <i>Byrd</i>
	Hymn	'Loving Shepherd of thy sheep'
	Voluntary	Fugue in C minor BWV 537 <i>Bach</i>

- 24 Wednesday
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| 8.15am        | Morning Prayer                                 |
| <b>6.15pm</b> | <b>Choral Evensong</b>                         |
| Prelude       | Ave Maria in D flat major, Op. 80 <i>Reger</i> |
| Responses     | <i>Plainsong</i>                               |
| Psalms        | 121, 122                                       |
| Canticles     | <i>Dyson</i> in C minor                        |
| Anthem        | Song of Peace <i>Stanford</i>                  |
| Hymn          | 'We give God thanks'                           |
| Voluntary     | Passacaglia in D minor <i>Reger</i>            |
- 25 Thursday
- |               |  |
|---------------|--|
| 8.15am        | Morning Prayer   |
| <b>1.15pm</b> | <b>Organ Recital by Katherine Pardee</b>                           |
| <b>6.15pm</b> | <b>Choral Evensong</b>   |
| Prelude       | Allegro marziale e ben marcato<br>(Six Organ Pieces) <i>Bridge</i> |
| Responses     | <i>Smith</i>   |
| Psalms        | 131, 132   |
| Canticles     | <i>Stanford</i> in B flat  |
| Anthem        | Sing my soul, his wondrous love <i>Rorem</i>                       |
| Hymn          | 172  |
| Voluntary     | Sonata No. 1: III <i>Howells</i>                                   |
- 26 Friday
- |        |                |
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| 8.15am | Morning Prayer |
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27 Saturday

5.30pm

**Advent Carol Service I**

Preludes

Nun komm' der Heiden Heiland BWV 599 *Bach*

Nun komm' der Heiden Heiland BWV 659 *Bach*

Trio super 'Nun komm' der Heiden Heiland'

BWV 660 *Bach*

Herr Christ, der einige Gottessohn BWV 601 *Bach*

Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen (Op. 122, No. 8) *Brahms*

Introit

Matin Responsory *Palestrina*

Carols

A tender shoot *Kerensa Briggs*

Jesus Christ the apple tree *Poston*

People look east *Tranchell*

How lovely are the messengers *Mendelssohn*

Bogoroditse Dyevo *Rachmaninov.*

*Frances-Hoad*

Voluntary

Symphony No. 6 in G minor: I *Widor*

- 28 **The First Sunday of Advent** (8th week)  
 9.00am Eucharist  
 5.30pm **Advent Carol Service II**  
 (for music, see previous page)
- 29 Monday  
 8.15am Morning Prayer  
 6.30pm Evening Prayer
- 30 **St Andrew the Apostle** (Tuesday)  
 8.15am Morning Prayer  
 6.15pm **Choral Evensong**  
 Prelude Fugue in F major BWV 540 *Bach*  
 Responses *Smith*  
 Psalm 96  
 Canticles *Sunsion* in G  
 Anthem How lovely are the messengers *Mendelssohn*  
 Hymn 353 (omit\*)  
 Voluntary Variations sur un Noel *Dupré*

## DECEMBER

- 1 Wednesday  
 8.15am Morning Prayer  
 6.15pm **Choral Evensong**  
 Prelude Prelude in F minor BWV 534 *Bach*  
 Responses *Plainsong*  
 Psalm 76  
 Canticles Fauxbourdons *Moore*  
 Anthem How beautiful are the feet *Handel*  
 Hymn 6  
 Voluntary Fugue in F minor BWV 534 *Bach*

- 2    Thursday  
      8.15am    Morning Prayer  
      **1.15pm**    **Organ Recital by Owen Chan**  
      **8.30pm**    **Christmas Carol Service**
- 3    Friday  
      8.15am    Morning Prayer

## CHRISTMAS VACATION

- 8      Wednesday  
*Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*      **6.15pm**      **Choral Evensong**  
Prelude      Prelude in D major BWV 532 *Bach*  
Responses *Byrd*  
Psalm      10  
Canticles      Third Service *Moore*  
Anthem      Ave Maria *Bruckner*  
Hymn      10  
Voluntary      Fugue in D major BWV 532 *Bach*
- 10     Friday  
                 **6.00pm**      **Christmas Carol Service**  
                                 *sung by the College Choir*  
                                 *at St Vedast-alias-Foster, London*
- 11     Saturday  
                 **5.00pm**      **Christmas by Candlelight**  
                                 *Christmas concert sung by the*  
                                 *College Choir and Choristers*
- 12     Sunday  
                 **5.00pm**      **Christmas by Candlelight**  
                                 *Christmas concert sung by the*  
                                 *College Choir and Choristers*
- 15     Wednesday  
                 **6.00pm**      **A Service of Lessons and**  
                                 **Carols for Christmas**  
                                 *sung by the Choristers and Lay Clerks*

*The first Choral Service of the Hilary Term  
will be the Epiphany Carol Service  
at 5.45pm on Sunday 16 January  
sung by the College Choir and Choristers.*

## FRIENDS OF THE CHOIR OF MERTON COLLEGE

The Friends of the Choir of Merton College support the current and future activities of the College Choir and the Girls' Choir.

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### CHAPEL SERVICES

#### Sundays

9.00am	Eucharist / Morning Prayer <i>followed by breakfast in Hall</i>
5.45pm	Choral Evensong / Choral Eucharist

#### Weekdays

8.15am	Morning Prayer (Monday to Friday)
6.15pm	Choral Evensong (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday)
6.30pm	Evening Prayer (Monday)

## **CHAPEL TEAM**

### **Chaplain**

The Revd Canon Dr Simon Jones

### **Associate Chaplain**

The Revd Dr Melanie Marshall

### **Reed Rubin Organist and Director of Music**

Benjamin Nicholas

### **Organ Scholars**

Kentaro Machida

Owen Chan

### **Student Chapel Officers**

George Adams, Antonia Anstatt, Kabir Bakshi, Susie Barrows,  
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### **Pastoral Assistant**

Oliver Wright

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Leah Collins

### **Chapel Administrator**

Lizzie Casey

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