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 worldwide 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 (jennifer.crompton@merton.ox.ac.uk). Copies are also available from the Porters’ Lodge and the College website (www.merton.ox.ac.uk).

Girl choristers from a variety of local schools were admitted to the Choral Foundation in 2016, and sing Vespers on Mondays and Evensong on Wednesdays.
The Chapel supports a number of charities throughout the year. 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.

Lyndon Webb  
*Associate Chaplain*
MICHAELMAS TERM 2023

SEPTEMBER

23  Saturday

   6.00pm  Choral Evensong
        for the College Gaudy

    Prelude  Vater unser im Himmelreich BWV 682 Bach
    Introit  My Guardian Angel  Weir
    Responses  Smith
    Psalms  46
    Canticles  Dyson in D
    Anthem  I was glad  Purcell
    Hymns  436, 252
    Voluntary  Postlude in D Minor Op. 105/6  Stanford

30  Saturday

   12 noon  Installation of Professor Jennifer Payne
       as Fifty-Second Warden of Merton College

    Procession  Sinfonia (Cantata 29 BWV 29)  Bach
    Hymn  427
    Psalm  122
    Te Deum  Collegium Regale  Howells
    Anthem  Nisi Dominus  Monteverdi
    Voluntary  Final (Symphonie No. 6)  Vierne
OCTOBER

2 Monday

6.00pm Choral Vespers
Prelude Te lucis ante terminum Dupré
Responses Plainsong
Hymn 176
Psalm 72
Magnificat Tone i
Anthem Litany to the Holy Spirit Hurford
Voluntary Vater unser im Himmelreich BWV 636 Bach

8 The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity (1st week)

9.00am College Eucharist

5.45pm Choral Evensong
Prelude Sonata I BWV 525 Bach
Introit Peace I leave with you Beach
Responses Smith
Psalm 136
Canticles Stanford in A
Anthem Give unto the Lord Elgar
Hymns ‘O God beyond all praising’, 353, 408
Preacher The Revd Lyndon Webb
Associate Chaplain
Voluntary Toccata and Fugue in D minor/major
Op. 69 No. 6 & 7 Reger

9 Monday

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   8.15am  Morning Prayer

15  The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity (2nd week)
   9.00am  Morning Prayer
   5.30pm  Choral Eucharist
          Prelude  Fantasia Secunda  Frescobaldi
          Setting  Missa Simile est regnum  Guerrero
          Motet   O sacrum convivium  Guerrero
          Hymns  364, ‘Rejoice, the Lord is king’, 104, 376
          Preacher  The Revd Canon Dr Victoria Johnson
                     Acting Chaplain
          Voluntary  Allegro maestoso (Sonata in G Op. 28)  Elgar

16  Monday
   8.15am  Morning Prayer
   6.00pm  Choral Vespers
          Prelude  Toccata Prima (Libro I)  Frescobaldi
          Responses  Plainsong
          Hymn  60
          Psalm  105
          Magnificat  Tone viii
          Anthem  The Call  Vaughan Williams
          Voluntary  Vesper Voluntary No. 1  Elgar
17  Tuesday

St Ignatius of Antioch

8.15am  Morning Prayer
12.30pm  Eucharist
6.15pm  Choral Evensong
   Prelude  Basso Ostinato Op. 69 No. 3  Reger
   Responses  Smith
   Psalm  107
   Canticles  Magnificat (Merton Service)  Ešenvalds
              Nunc Dimittis  tone i
   Anthem  O Lord, support us  Briggs
   Hymn  219
   Voluntary  Adagio “Les fleurs pâles de Souvenir”  Lekeu tr. Chan

18  St Luke the Evangelist  (Wednesday)

8.15am  Morning Prayer
6.15pm  Choral Evensong
   Prelude  Andante (Sonata III BWV 527)  Bach
   Responses  Clucas
   Psalm  103
   Canticles  Noble in B minor
   Anthem  O for a closer walk with God  Stanford
   Hymn  401 (omit verses 3 & 6)
   Voluntary  Andante espressivo (Sonata in G Op. 28)  Elgar

19  Thursday

8.15am  Morning Prayer
1.15pm  Organ Recital by David Maw
6.15pm  Choral Evensong
   Prelude  Vivace (Sonata III) BWV 527  Bach
   Responses  Smith
   Psalm  116
   Canticles  Sumison in G
   Anthem  My eyes for beauty pine
           Elizabeth Coxhead & Tom Coxhead
   Hymn  278
   Voluntary  Toccata and Fugue in D minor  Op. 129 No. 1 and 2  Reger
20 Friday
8.15am Morning Prayer

22 The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity (3rd week)
9.00am College Eucharist
5.45pm Choral Evensong and Commemoration of Benefactors
Prelude Sonata II BWV 526 Bach
Introit Holy is the true light Harris
Responses Smith
Psalm 142
Canticles Rubbra in A flat
Anthem How lovely are thy dwellings fair Brahms
Hymns 440 (omit*), 391, 427
Address Dr Alice Brooke
Fellow & Tutor in Spanish, Merton College
Voluntary Prelude and Fugue in A minor BWV 543 Bach

23 Monday
8.15am Morning Prayer
6.30pm Evening Prayer

24 Tuesday
8.15am Morning Prayer
12.30pm Eucharist
6.15pm Choral Evensong
Prelude Prelude in E minor Op. 69 No. 1 Reger
Responses Byrd
Psalm 135
Canticles Magnificat (Fauxbourdons) Andreas
Nunc Dimittis Torrentes
Anthem Nisi Dominus Monteverdi
Hymn 239
Voluntary Fugue in E minor Op. 69 No. 2 Reger
25 Wednesday
  8.15am Morning Prayer
  6.30pm Evening Prayer

26 Thursday
  St Alfred the Great 8.15am Morning Prayer
  1.15pm Organ Recital by Peter Dyke
  6.15pm Choral Evensong
  Prelude Est-ce Mars? Sweelinck
  Responses Byrd
  Psalm 138
  Canticles Fifth Service Tomkins
  Anthem Ubi caritas Duruflé
  Hymn 456
  Voluntary Naïades Op. 55 No. 4 Vierne

27 Friday
  8.15am Morning Prayer

29 The Last Sunday after Trinity (4th week)
  9.00am College Eucharist
  5.45pm Choral Evensong
  Prelude Cloudscape Hosokawa
  Introit My eyes for beauty pine
  Elizabeth Coxhead & Tom Coxhead
  Responses Byrd
  Psalm 119.89-104
  Canticles Gloucester Service Howells
  Anthem O sing unto the Lord Cecilia McDowall
  Hymns 457, 376, 381
  Address Lydia Reese
  Ordinand at Sarum College, Salisbury,
  & former project co-ordinator at A Rocha UK
  Voluntary Presto (commodo) (Sonata in G, Op. 28) Elgar
30 Monday

8.15am  Morning Prayer
6.00pm  Choral Vespers

Prelude  Toccata VIII  Froberger
Responses  Plainsong
Hymn  1
Psalm  4
Magnificat  Fauxbourdons  Moore
Anthem  If with all your hearts  Mendelssohn
Voluntary  Fantasia Terza  Frescobaldi

31 Tuesday

8.15am  Morning Prayer
6.15pm  Choral Evensong on the Eve of All Saints’ Day

Prelude  Moment Musical Op. 69 No. 4  Reger
Responses  Ayleward
Hymn  ‘Rejoice with all the saints this day’
Psalms  1, 5
Magnificat  Merton Service  Frances-Hoad
Anthem  Lauda Jerusalem  Monteverdi
Voluntary  Sonata 3 Mvt. 3  CPE Bach

NOVEMBER

1 All Saints’ Day (Wednesday)

8.15am  Morning Prayer
6.15pm  Choral Eucharist

Prelude  Adagio for Glass Harmonica K 356  Mozart
Setting  Missa Sancti Johannes de Deo  Haydn
Motet  Ave verum corpus  Mozart
Hymns  197, 224
Voluntary  Placare christe servulis  Dupré
2  All Souls’ Day (Thursday)
   8.15am  Morning Prayer
   1.15pm  Organ Recital by Edward Byrne
   6.15pm  Choral Evensong
Prelude          O Gott, du frommer Gott Op. 122 No. 7  Brahms
Responses       Ayleward
Psalm            18
Canticles       Second Service  Leighton
Anthem          The Lord is my shepherd  Rutter
Hymn            462
Voluntary       The Shining Night  Churcher

3  Friday
   8.15am  Morning Prayer

5  The Fourth Sunday before Advent (5th week)
   9.00am  Morning Prayer
   5.30pm  Requiem Eucharist
   Prelude  Larghetto (Serenade for Strings)  Elgar
   Setting  Requiem Mass  Mozart
   Motet   Sospiri  Elgar
   Hymns  ‘Be still my soul’  331

6  Monday
   8.15am  Morning Prayer
   6.00pm  Choral Vespers
   Prelude  Vesper Voluntary No. 2  Elgar
   Responses  Plainsong
   Hymn  152
   Psalm  28
   Canticles  Magnificat  Tone i
   Anthem  Lux Aeterna  Boulanger
   Voluntary  Toccata in A SWV 296  Sweelinck
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7.30pm Concert in Merton College Chapel:
Monteverdi Vespers
sung by Merton College Choir &
Merton College Girl Choristers
with Instruments of Time & Truth

12 Remembrance Sunday (6th week)

9.00am College Eucharist
10.50am Act of Remembrance
5.45pm Choral Evensong
Prelude Rhapsody No.1 in D flat Howells
Introit Bring us, O Lord Harris
Responses Byrd
Psalm 82
Canticles Second Service Leighton
Anthem Song for Athene Tavener
Hymns 377, ‘Eternal God’, 252
Preacher Dr Michael Hahn
Tutor at Sarum College, Salisbury
Voluntary Prelude and Fugue in F minor BWV 534 Bach

13 Monday

8.15am Morning Prayer
6.00pm Choral Evensong in Merton Chapel sung
jointly with The Rugby Choristers at Bilton Grange conducted by Dr Barry Rose
Prelude O Welt, ich muss dich lassen Karg-Elert
Responses Plainsong
Hymn 100
Psalm 34
Canticles Magnificat (Fauxbourdons) Moore
Nunc Dimittis Burgon
Anthem For the fallen Blatchly
Voluntary Dankpsalm Op. 145 No. 2 Reger
14 Tuesday

8.15am Morning Prayer
12.30pm Eucharist
6.15pm Choral Evensong
Prelude Romanze Op. 69 No. 8 Reger
Responses Smith
Psalms 36, 40
Canticles Short Service Gibbons
Anthem Christe Jesu, pastor bone Taverner
Hymn 250
Voluntary Fugue Op. 59 Reger

15 Wednesday

8.15am Morning Prayer
6.15pm Choral Evensong
Prelude Adagio in E (Op. 32) Bridge
Responses Byrd
Psalm 59
Canticles Collegium Regale Howells
Anthem A New Song MacMillan
Hymn 244
Voluntary Psalm-Prelude Set 1 No. 1 Op. 32 Howells

16 Thursday

St Margaret of Scotland 8.15am Morning Prayer
1.15pm Organ Recital by Benjamin Nicholas
6.15pm Memorial Evensong for Clare Salaman
Prelude Mein junges Leben hat ein End Sweelinck
Responses Smith
Psalms 42, 43
Canticles Fifth Service Tomkins
Anthem Factum est silentium Dering
Hymn 331
Voluntary Fugue in E flat BWV 552ii Bach
17 Friday

*St Hugh* 8.15am Morning Prayer

*of Lincoln* 6.00pm **Roman Catholic Mass**

19 **The Second Sunday before Advent** (7th week)

9.00am Morning Prayer

5.45pm **Choral Eucharist**

Prelude Fantasia Quarta *Frescobaldi*

Setting Messe Solennelle *Langlais*

Hymns 420, 383 (omit*), 461, 436

Motet O salutaris hostia *Ešenvalds*

Communion Elévation (Hommage à Frescobaldi) *Langlais*

Preacher The Revd Canon Dr Victoria Johnson

*Acting Chaplain*

Voluntary Toccata (Mosaici di Ravenna) *Pott*

20 Monday

*St Edmund* 8.15am Morning Prayer

*of East* 6.00pm **Choral Vespers**

Anglia

Prelude Sarabande in F *Louis Couperin*

Responses *Plainsong*

Hymn 218

Psalm 72

Magnificat Berkshire Service *Archer*

Anthem Lift thine eyes *Mendelssohn*

Voluntary Vesper Voluntary No. 3 *Elgar*
21 Tuesday
8.15am Morning Prayer
12.30pm Eucharist
6.15pm Choral Evensong
Prelude Prelude and Fugue in A minor Op. 69
No. 9 and 10 Reger
Responses Ayleward
Psalm 74
Canticles Purcell in G minor
Anthem Sing joyfully Byrd
Hymn 246 (second tune)
Voluntary Fugue from Chorale Fantasia “Wachet auf”
Op. 52 No. 2 Reger

22 Wednesday
St Cecilia 8.15am Morning Prayer
of Rome 6.15pm Choral Evensong in Merton Chapel
sung jointly with Frideswide’s Voices

23 Thursday
St Clement 8.15am Morning Prayer
of Rome 1.15pm Organ Recital by Owen Chan
6.15pm Choral Evensong
Prelude Fantasia Contraria in G Dorian Sweelinck
Responses Ayleward
Psalms 78.40-end
Canticles Dyson in F
Anthem Ave maris stella MacMillan
Hymn 219
Voluntary Vater unser in Himmelreich WV 27 Scheidemann

24 Friday
8.15am Morning Prayer
25 Saturday

5.30pm Advent Carol Service I

26 Christ the King (8th week)

9.00am College Eucharist
5.30pm Advent Carol Service II

27 Monday

8.15am Morning Prayer
6.00pm Choral Vespers
Prelude Vesper Voluntary No. 5 Elgar
Responses Plainsong
Hymn 2
Psalm 85
Magnificat Fauxbourdons Moore
Anthem There is no rose Britten
Voluntary Gottes Sohn ist kommen BWV 600 Bach

28 Tuesday

8.15am Morning Prayer
12.30pm Eucharist
No sung evening service

29 Wednesday

8.15am Morning Prayer
6.15pm Choral Evensong
Prelude Rorate Caeli Demessieux
Responses Plainsong
Psalm 91
Canticles Sumsion in G
Anthem Let saints on earth in concert sing Ridout
Hymn 250
Voluntary Chorale Prelude on ‘Dundee’ Parry
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CHRISTMAS VACATION

9  Saturday
  7.30pm  World Premiere: Gabriel Jackson’s
          The Christmas Story
          sung by the College Choir & Girl Choristers
          at Saint John’s Smith Square, London

10  Sunday
  7.30pm  Gabriel Jackson’s The Christmas Story
          sung by the College Choir & Girl Choristers
          at Merton College Chapel, Oxford

14  Thursday
    St John 6.00pm  Christmas Carol Service
    of the Cross  sung by the Choristers and Lower Voices

The first Choral Service of the Hilary Term
will be the Epiphany Carol Service
at 5.45pm on Sunday 14 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.

Friends receive regular newsletters from the Organist and Director of Music, reduced ticket prices on selected concerts and invitations to Friends’ events.

For further details, contact the Chapel Office & Choir Manager (chapel.administrator@merton.ox.ac.uk), or go to the website: https://www.merton.ox.ac.uk/chapel-choir/friends-of-the-choir.

CHAPEL SERVICES

Sundays
9.00am  College Eucharist / Morning Prayer
followed by breakfast in Hall
5.45pm  Choral Evensong / Choral Eucharist
followed by drinks in the Ante-Chapel

Weekdays
8.15am  Morning Prayer (Monday to Friday)
12.30pm Eucharist (Tuesday) followed by lunch
6.00pm  Choral Vespers (Monday)
6.15pm  Choral Evensong (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday)
CHAPEL TEAM

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The Revd Canon Dr Victoria Johnson

Associate Chaplain
The Revd Lyndon Webb

Reed Rubin Organist and Director of Music
Benjamin Nicholas

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Owen Chan
François Cloete

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Ella McLoughlin, Gregory Middleton, Camilo Mosquera,
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