



MERTON
COLLEGE
OXFORD

CHAPEL

SERVICES and MUSIC
MICHAELMAS TERM 2023

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 (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

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SEPTEMBER

23 Saturday

6.00pm	Choral Evensong <i>for the College Gaudy</i>
Prelude	Vater unser im Himmelreich BWV 682 <i>Bach</i>
Introit	My Guardian Angel <i>Weir</i>
Responses	<i>Smith</i>
Psalms	46
Canticles	<i>Dyson</i> in D
Anthem	I was glad <i>Purcell</i>
Hymns	436, 252
Voluntary	Postlude in D Minor Op. 105/6 <i>Stanford</i>

30 Saturday

12 noon	Installation of Professor Jennifer Payne as Fifty-Second Warden of Merton College
Procession	Sinfonia (Cantata 29 BWV 29) <i>Bach</i>
Hymn	427
Psalm	122
Te Deum	Collegium Regale <i>Howells</i>
Anthem	Nisi Dominus <i>Monteverdi</i>
Voluntary	Final (Symphonie No. 6) <i>Vierne</i>

OCTOBER

2 Monday

6.00pm Choral Vespers

Prelude	Te lucis ante terminum <i>Dupré</i>
Responses	<i>Plain song</i>
Hymn	176
Psalm	72
Magnificat	<i>Tone i</i>
Anthem	Litany to the Holy Spirit <i>Hurford</i>
Voluntary	Water unser im Himmelreich BWV 636 <i>Bach</i>

8 The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity (1st week)

9.00am College Eucharist

5.45pm Choral Evensong

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

9 Monday

8.15am Morning Prayer

10 Tuesday

8.15am	Morning Prayer
12.30pm	Eucharist
6.15pm	Choral Evensong
Prelude	Fantasia Prima <i>Frescobaldi</i>
Responses	<i>Smith</i>
Psalm	89.20-end
Canticles	Fauxbourdons <i>Byrd</i>
Anthem	In manus tuas <i>Tallis</i>
Hymn	221 (second tune)
Voluntary	Toccata VII <i>Froberger</i>

11 Wednesday

<i>Ethelburga,</i> <i>abbess</i>	8.15am	Morning Prayer
	6.15pm	Choral Evensong
	Prelude	Cantabile (Trois pièces pour grand orgue) <i>Franck</i>
	Responses	<i>Clucas</i>
	Psalm	91
	Canticles	Short Service <i>Weelkes</i>
	Anthem	Cantique de Jean Racine <i>Fauré</i>
	Hymn	431
	Voluntary	Allegretto (Sonata in G Op. 28) <i>Elgar</i>

12 Thursday

<i>Wilfrid of</i> <i>Ripon</i>	8.15am	Morning Prayer
	1.15pm	Organ Recital by François Cloete
	6.15pm	Choral Evensong
	Prelude	Toccata in F BuxWV 157 <i>Buxtehude</i>
	Responses	<i>Smith</i>
	Psalm	94
	Canticles	Magnificat (Short Service) <i>Byrd</i> Nunc Dimittis (Oriel Service) <i>Bingham</i>
	Anthem	Justorum animae <i>Byrd</i>
	Hymn	245
	Voluntary	In dich hab ich gehoffet, Herr <i>Tunder</i>

13 Friday

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*

Récit de tierce en taille *de Grigny*

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

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

18 St Luke the Evangelist (Wednesday)

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

19 Thursday

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

- 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 8.15am Morning Prayer

the Great **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 *Naiades 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 <i>Froberger</i>
Responses	<i>Plain-song</i>
Hymn	1
Psalm	4
Magnificat	Fauxbourdons <i>Moore</i>
Anthem	If with all your hearts <i>Mendelssohn</i>
Voluntary	Fantasia Terza <i>Frescobaldi</i>

31 Tuesday

8.15am	Morning Prayer
6.15pm	Choral Evensong on the Eve of All Saints' Day
Prelude	Moment Musical Op. 69 No. 4 <i>Reger</i>
Responses	<i>Ayleward</i>
Hymn	'Rejoice with all the saints this day'
Psalm s	1, 5
Magnificat	Merton Service <i>Frances-Hoad</i>
Anthem	Lauda Jerusalem <i>Monteverdi</i>
Voluntary	Sonata 3 Mvt. 3 <i>CPE Bach</i>

NOVEMBER

1 All Saints' Day (Wednesday)

8.15am	Morning Prayer
6.15pm	Choral Eucharist
Prelude	Adagio for Glass Harmonica K 356 <i>Mozart</i>
Setting	Missa Sancti Johannes de Deo <i>Haydn</i>
Motet	Ave verum corpus <i>Mozart</i>
Hymns	197, 224
Voluntary	Placare christe servulis <i>Dupré</i>

- 2 **All Souls' Day** (Thursday)
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|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| 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 <i>Brahms</i> |
| Responses | <i>Ayleward</i> |
| Psalm | 18 |
| Canticles | Second Service <i>Leighton</i> |
| Anthem | The Lord is my shepherd <i>Rutter</i> |
| Hymn | 462 |
| Voluntary | The Shining Night <i>Churcher</i> |
- 3 Friday
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| 8.15am | Morning Prayer |
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- 5 **The Fourth Sunday before Advent** (5th week)
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| 9.00am | Morning Prayer |
| 5.30pm | Requiem Eucharist |
| Prelude | Larghetto (Serenade for Strings) <i>Elgar</i> |
| Setting | Requiem Mass <i>Mozart</i> |
| Motet | Sospiri <i>Elgar</i> |
| Hymns | 'Be still my soul', 331 |
- 6 Monday
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| 8.15am | Morning Prayer |
| 6.00pm | Choral Vespers |
| Prelude | Vesper Voluntary No. 2 <i>Elgar</i> |
| Responses | <i>Plain-song</i> |
| Hymn | 152 |
| Psalm | 28 |
| Canticles | Magnificat <i>Tone i</i> |
| Anthem | Lux Aeterna <i>Boulanger</i> |
| Voluntary | Toccata in A SWV 296 <i>Sweelinck</i> |

7 Tuesday

<i>St Willibrord of York</i>	8.15am	Morning Prayer
	6.15pm	Choral Evensong
	Prelude	Adagio e dolce (Sonata III BWV 527) <i>Bach</i>
	Responses	<i>Byrd</i>
	Psalm	33
	Canticles	Fauxbourdons <i>Andreas/Soriano</i>
	Anthem	Justorum animae <i>Byrd</i>
	Hymn	225 (omit verse 4)
	Voluntary	Prelude and Fugue in G BWV 550 <i>Bach</i>

8 Wednesday

<i>Saints & martyrs of England</i>	8.15am	Morning Prayer
	6.15pm	Choral Evensong
	Prelude	Toccata IX <i>Froberger</i>
	Responses	<i>Byrd</i>
	Psalm	119.33-56
	Canticles	<i>Sumsion</i> in A
	Anthem	In paradisum <i>Fauré</i>
	Hymn	199
	Voluntary	Capriccio Op. 69 No. 5 <i>Reger</i>

9 Thursday

	8.15am	Morning Prayer
	1.15pm	Organ Recital by Richard Moore
	6.15pm	Choral Evensong
	Prelude	Galiardo <i>Byrd</i>
	Responses	<i>Byrd</i>
	Psalm s	39, 40
	Canticles	Service for Trebles <i>Weelkes</i>
	Anthem	Civitas sancti tui <i>Byrd</i>
	Hymn	242
	Voluntary	Galiardo <i>Gibbons</i>

- 10 Friday
- 8.15am Morning Prayer
- 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 <i>Reger</i>
Responses	<i>Smith</i>
Psalms	36, 40
Canticles	Short Service <i>Gibbons</i>
Anthem	Christe Jesu, pastor bone <i>Taverner</i>
Hymn	250
Voluntary	Fugue Op. 59 <i>Reger</i>

15 Wednesday

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

16 Thursday

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

17 Friday

<i>St Hugh</i>	8.15am	Morning Prayer
<i>of Lincoln</i>	6.00pm	Roman Catholic Mass

19 The Second Sunday before Advent (7th week)

9.00am	Morning Prayer
5.45pm	Choral Eucharist
Prelude	Fantasia Quarta <i>Frescobaldi</i>
Setting	Messe Solennelle <i>Langlais</i>
Hymns	420, 383 (omit*), 461, 436
Motet	O salutaris hostia <i>Ešenvalds</i>
Communion	Elévation (Hommage à Frescobaldi) <i>Langlais</i>
Preacher	The Revd Canon Dr Victoria Johnson <i>Acting Chaplain</i>
Voluntary	Toccata (Mosaici di Ravenna) <i>Pott</i>

20 Monday

<i>St Edmund</i>	8.15am	Morning Prayer
<i>of East Anglia</i>	6.00pm	Choral Vespers
	Prelude	Sarabande in F <i>Louis Couperin</i>
	Responses	<i>Plainsong</i>
	Hymn	218
	Psalm	72
	Magnificat	Berkshire Service <i>Archer</i>
	Anthem	Lift thine eyes <i>Mendelssohn</i>
	Voluntary	Vesper Voluntary No. 3 <i>Elgar</i>

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 <i>Reger</i>
Responses	<i>Ayleward</i>
Psalm	74
Canticles	<i>Purcell</i> in G minor
Anthem	Sing joyfully <i>Byrd</i>
Hymn	246 (second tune)
Voluntary	Fugue from Chorale Fantasia "Wachet auf" Op. 52 No. 2 <i>Reger</i>

22 Wednesday

<i>St Cecilia</i>	8.15am	Morning Prayer
<i>of Rome</i>	6.15pm	Choral Evensong in Merton Chapel sung jointly with Frideswide's Voices

23 Thursday

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

24 Friday

8.15am	Morning Prayer
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- 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*

30 Thursday
 8.15am Morning Prayer
 1.15pm Organ Recital by Luke Mitchell
 8.30pm Christmas Carol Service

DECEMBER

1 Friday
 8.15am Morning Prayer

3 Sunday
 5.30pm **A Service of Music and Readings for
Advent Sunday**
sung by the Girl Choristers and Lower Voices

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

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

Weekdays

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| 8.15am | Morning Prayer (Monday to Friday) |
| 12.30pm | Eucharist (Tuesday) <i>followed by lunch</i> |
| 6.00pm | Choral Vespers (Monday) |
| 6.15pm | Choral Evensong (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday) |

CHAPEL TEAM

Acting Chaplain

The Revd Canon Dr Victoria Johnson

Associate Chaplain

The Revd Lyndon Webb

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Benjamin Nicholas

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François Cloete

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