SERVICES and MUSIC
TRINITY TERM 2023
Merton College Chapel

Merton College was founded by Walter de Merton in 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. Our Choristers, often with Lay Clerks, sing on Monday and Wednesday evenings. The choristers are drawn from a variety of local schools across Oxford.

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 online shop on the College website (www.merton.ox.ac.uk).
The Chapel supports a number of charities. Our collections this term will be donated to Shelter (www.shelter.org.uk).

The Eucharist on Ascension Day (6.00pm Thursday 18 May) will be a joint service with the congregation of the University Church. Along with Oriel College, Merton is one of the patrons of St Mary’s.

Lyndon Webb
Associate Chaplain

Christopher Collingwood
Acting Chaplain
TRINITY TERM 2023

APRIL

20 Thursday
   5.30pm  Eucharist with  
          Blessing of the Easter Candle

22 Saturday
   6.00pm  Choral Evensong
           for the Choral Awards Open Day
           Prelude  Andante con moto Op. 101/6  Stanford
           Responses  Smith
           Psalm  66
           Canticles  Stanford in C
           Anthem  Sing the Lord, ye voices all  Haydn
           Hymn  113
           Voluntary  Final from Symphony No. 3  Vierne

23 The Third Sunday of Easter (1st week)
   9.00am  Eucharist
   5.45pm  Choral Evensong
           Prelude  Aria Sebaldina from Hexachordum Apollinis  
                      Pachelbel
           Introit  Peace I leave with you  Beach
           Responses  Byrd
           Psalm  48
           Canticles  Chichester Service  Walton
           Anthem  Blessed be the God and Father  Wesley
           Hymns  103, 400, 120
           Preacher  The Revd Canon Dr Chris Collingwood
                      Acting Chaplain
           Voluntary  Résurrection  Dupré
24 St George, Patron of England (Monday)

8.15am Morning Prayer
6.00pm Choral Vespers
Prelude Praeambulum supra Christ lag in Todesbanden
Krebs
Responses Plainsong
Hymn 217
Psalm 3
Magnificat Tone i
Anthem Long since in Egypt’s plenteous land Parry
Voluntary Choral: Christ lag in Todesbanden Krebs

25 St Mark the Evangelist (Tuesday)

8.15am Morning Prayer
12.30pm Eucharist
6.15pm Choral Evensong
Prelude Jesus, meine Zuversicht Op. 65/27 Karg-Elert
Responses Byrd
Psalms 45
Canticles Short Service Inglott
Anthem Sing my soul Rorem
Hymn 486
Voluntary Erschienen ist der herrlich Tag Op. 65/25 Karg-Elert

26 Wednesday

8.15am Morning Prayer
4.00pm Choral Evensong
broadcast live on BBC Radio 3
Introit Sing my soul Rorem
Responses Byrd
Psalms 67, 72
Canticles Chichester Service Walton
Anthem Blessed be the God and Father Wesley
Hymns 101, 123
Voluntary Résurrection Dupré
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MAY

1  **St Philip and St James, Apostles** (Monday)
   8.15am  Morning Prayer
   **6.00pm**  Choral Vespers
   Prelude  Wenn mein Stündlein vorhanden ist  *Pachelbel*
   Responses  *Plainsong*
   Hymn  214
   Psalm  149
   Magnificat  *Tone viii*
   Anthem  How beautiful are the feet  *Handel*
   Voluntary  Christ lag in Todes Banden BWV695  *JS Bach*

2  **Tuesday**
   *St *
   8.15am  Morning Prayer
   **12.30pm**  Eucharist
   **6.15pm**  Choral Evensong
   Prelude  Jesu, hilf siegen Op. 65/26  *Karg-Elert*
   Responses  *Smith*
   Psalms  115, 116
   Canticles  St Paul’s Service  *Howells*
   Anthem  O Lord, make thy servant  *Byrd*
   Hymn  432 (omit *)
   Voluntary  Ostern from Biblische Bilder Op. 73/5  *Gulbins*

3  **Wednesday**
   8.15am  Morning Prayer
   **6.15pm**  Choral Evensong
   Prelude  Chant de Mai  *Jongen*
   Responses  *Byrd*
   Psalms  47, 48
   Canticles  *Sumension* in A
   Anthem  Since by man came death  *Handel*
   Hymn  119 (omit *)
   Voluntary  Scherzo from Symphony No. 2  *Vierne*
4  Thursday

*English*  8.15am  Morning Prayer

_saints & martyrs_  1.15pm  Organ Recital by Owen Chan

_of the Reformation_  6.30pm  Evening Prayer

_of the Reformation_  9.45pm  Night Prayer

5  Friday

8.15am  Morning Prayer

4.30pm  Service of Thanksgiving for the Coronation of King Charles III sung by the College Choir at the University Church

7  The Fifth Sunday of Easter (3rd week)

9.00am  Morning Prayer

5.45pm  Choral Eucharist

_Prelude_  Aria Prima from Hexachordum Apollinis *Pachelbel*

_Setting_  Te Deum in B flat *Stanford*

Sanctus (Mass in G minor) *Vaughan Williams*

_Agnus Dei (Missa Salve Intemerata) Tallis*

_Motet_  Behold, O God our defender *Howells*

_Hymns_  117, 104, 124, The National Anthem

_Preacher_  The Very Revd Dr Jonathan Draper *Dean Emeritus of Exeter*

_Voluntary_  Crown Imperial *Walton*

8  Monday

*Julian of Norwich*  8.15am  Morning Prayer

_of Norwich_  6.30pm  Evening Prayer
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  *Gregory Dix*  8.15am  Morning Prayer
  *(1952)*

14  The Sixth Sunday of Easter (4th Week)
  9.00am  Eucharist
  5.45pm  Choral Evensong

- Prelude  Suite de deuxième ton  Clérambault
- Introit  O praise the Lord  Batten
- Responses  *Smith*
- Psalm  87
- Canticles  Magnificat (Second Service)  *Byrd*
  Nunc Dimittis (Great Service)  *Byrd*

- Anthem  Tribue, Domine  *Byrd*
- Hymns  112, 115, 381
- Preacher  The Rt Revd Christopher Lowson
  *formerly Bishop of Lincoln*
- Voluntary  Chaconne in D minor  *Bach*

15  St Matthias the Apostle (Monday)
  *Rogation*  8.15am  Morning Prayer
  *Day*  6.00pm  Choral Vespers

- Prelude  Canzonetta  *Matthias*
- Responses  Plainsong
- Hymn  214
- Psalm  80
- Magnificat  Fauxbourdons  *Owens*
- Anthem  He delivereth the poor  *Parry*
- Voluntary  Erschienen ist der herrliche Tag BWV629  *JS Bach*
16 Tuesday
Rogation 8.15am Morning Prayer
Day 12.30pm Eucharist
6.15pm Choral Evensong
Prelude Prelude Op.48/1 Kabeláč
Responses Clucas
Psalms 128-131
Canticles Magnificat Chilcott
          Nunc Dimittis Beach
Anthem If ye be with Christ Gibbons
Hymn 102
Voluntary Nach einer Prüfung kurzer Tage Op. 65/30
          Karg-Elert

17 Wednesday
Rogation 8.15am Morning Prayer
Day 6.15pm Choral Evensong on the eve of the
feast of the Ascension
Prelude Prelude in D Major BWV532i) JS Bach
Responses Clucas
Psalms 15, 24
Canticles Short Service Gibbons
Anthem O God, the King of glory Gibbons
Hymn 134
Voluntary Fugue in D Major BWV532ii) JS Bach
18  ASCENSION DAY (Thursday)
   8.15am  Morning Prayer
   12 noon Singing from the Tower
           The Lord ascendeth up on high  *Praetorius*
           Ascendit Deus  *Philips*
   1.15pm  Organ Recital by Francois Cloete
   6.00pm  Choral Eucharist
           *joint with the University Church*
           Prelude  Alleluias sereins d’une âme qui désire le ciel
           *Messiaen*
           Setting  Missa Brevis  *Palestrina*
           Motet  Ascendit Deus  *Philips*
           Hymns  130 (omit*), 446, 271
           Preacher  The Revd Hannah Cartwright
                      *Assistant Priest, University Church of*
                      *St Mary the Virgin*
           Voluntary  Transports de joie  *Messiaen*
   9.45pm  Night Prayer

19  Friday
   *St Dunstan*  8.15am  Morning Prayer
   *of Canterbury*

21  The Seventh Sunday of Easter (5th week)
   9.00am  Morning Prayer
   5.45pm  Choral Eucharist
           Prelude  Aria Tertia from Hexachordum Apollinis
           *Pachelbel*
           Setting  Missa Bell’ Amfitrit’ altera  *Lassus*
           Motet  O clap your hands  *Gibbons*
           Hymns  ‘Christ triumphant’, 352, 394
           Preacher  The Revd Professor Jane Shaw
                      *Principal of Harris Manchester College*
           Voluntary  Chromatic Fantasy  *Sweelinck*
22  Monday
   8.15am  Morning Prayer
   6.00pm  Choral Vespers
   Prelude  Second Pavan  Byrd
   Responses  Plainsong
   Hymn  138
   Psalm  71
   Magnificat  Second Service  Moore
   Anthem  Litany to the Holy Spirit  Hurford
   Voluntary  Heut triumphieret Gottes Sohn BWV630  JS Bach

23  Tuesday
   8.15am  Morning Prayer
   12.30pm  Eucharist
   6.15pm  Choral Evensong
   Prelude  Intermezzo from Organ Sonata No. 4  Rheinberger
   Responses  Clucas
   Psalm  68
   Canticles  Magnificat quarti toni  Palestrina
              Nunc Dimitiss  Chilcott
   Anthem  The spirit of the Lord  Elgar
   Hymn  409
   Voluntary  Carillon  Cox

24  Wednesday
  John &  8.15am  Morning Prayer
 Charles
 Wesley
  6.15pm  Choral Evensong
      Prelude  Prelude in G Major  Mendelssohn
      Responses  Clucas
      Psalms  36, 46
      Canticles  Fourth Service  Batten
      Anthem  If ye love me  Tallis
      Hymn  415 (omit *)
      Voluntary  Fugue in G Major  Mendelssohn
25 Thursday

The 8.15am Morning Prayer
Venerable 1.15pm Organ Recital by Roger Sayer
Bede 6.15pm Choral Evensong
Prelude Komm, heiliger Geist, herre Gott BWV199
Buxtehude
Responses Clucas
Psalm 139
Canticles Fauxbourdons Andreas/Soriano
Anthem I will take you from the nations MacMillan
Hymn 199
Voluntary Trio super Herr Christ, dich zu uns wend
BWV655 JS Bach
9.45pm Night Prayer

26 Friday

St Augustine 8.15am Morning Prayer of Canterbury

28 PENTECOST (6th week)

9.00am Eucharist
5.45pm Choral Evensong
Prelude Veni creator spiritus de Grigny
Introit If ye love me Tallis
Responses Smith
Psalms 67, 133
Canticles Purcell in G minor
Anthem Der Geist hilft unser Schwachheit auf Bach
Hymns 137, 140, 431
Preacher The Rt Revd Michael Marshall
formerly Bishop of Woolwich
Voluntary Vivace from Sonata for Organ Op. 86 Persichetti
30 Tuesday

8.15am Morning Prayer
12.30pm Eucharist
6.15pm Choral Evensong

Prelude Consolateur from Sept Méditations sur le Saint Esprit No. 5 Demessieux

Responses Shephard
Psalms 134, 135
Canticles Watson in E
Anthem Of a Rose Tabakova
Hymn 467
Voluntary Isän, Pojan ja Pyhän Hengen nimi from Ta Tou Theou Rautavaara

31 The Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth (Wednesday)

8.15am Morning Prayer
6.30pm Evening Prayer

JUNE

1 Thursday

St Justin, martyr 8.15am Morning Prayer
1.15pm Organ Recital by Thomas Simpson
6.15pm Choral Evensong

Prelude Dolcezza Whitlock
Responses Shephard
Psalms 138, 140, 141
Canticles Second Service Byrd
Anthem Justorum animae Byrd
Hymn 219
Voluntary Scherzetto Whitlock
9.45pm Night Prayer
2  **Friday**
   8.15am  Morning Prayer
   6.00pm  **Roman Catholic Mass**

4  **Trinity Sunday** *(7th week)*
   9.00am  Morning Prayer
   5.45pm  **Choral Eucharist**
   Prelude  Aria Quarta from Hexachordum Apollinis
     *Pachelbel*
   Setting  Mass for Double Choir  *Martin*
   Motet  Ave verum corpus  *Mawby*
   Hymns  146, 148 (omit *), 373
   Preacher  The Revd Ruth Wells  
     *Senior Chaplain for Bournemouth Arts University*
   Voluntary  Fugue in Eb Major BWV552ii)  *JS Bach*

5  **Monday**
   *St Boniface*  **St Boniface of Crediton**
   8.15am  Morning Prayer
   6.00pm  **Choral Vespers**
   Prelude  Isä rakastaa Poikaa Pyhällä Hengellä
     from Ta Tou Theou Rautavaara
   Responses  *Plainsong*
   Hymn  217
   Psalm  4
   Magnificat  Short Service  *Gibbons*
   Anthem  Before the ending of the day  *Plainsong*
   Voluntary  O Lux Beata Trinitas  *Summers*
Tuesday

8.15am  Morning Prayer
12.30pm  Eucharist
6.15pm  Choral Evensong
Prelude  Gavotte  Camidge
Responses  Smith
Psalms  9, 10
Canticles  Service for Trebles  Weelkes
Anthem  Libera nos  Sheppard
Hymn  252
Voluntary  The Seventh Bowl  Emmens-Green

Wednesday

8.15am  Morning Prayer
6.15pm  Choral Evensong and Benediction
          on the eve of the feast of Corpus Christi
Prelude  Duetto II BWV803  JS Bach
Introit  Corpus Christi Carol  Britten
Responses  Clucas
Psalms  110, 111
Canticles  Collegium Regale  Howells
Anthem  Ave verum corpus  Elgar
Hymn  307
Voluntary  Alla marcia  Ireland
8  CORPUS CHRISTI (Thursday)
   8.15am  Morning Prayer
   1.15pm  Organ Recital by Benjamin Nicholas
   6.00pm  Choral Eucharist
       Prelude  Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele BWV654  JS Bach
       Setting  Mass for Five Voices  Byrd
       Motet  O sacrum convivium  Messiaen
       Hymns  310, 296
       Preacher  The Revd Canon Dr Chris Collingwood
                  Acting Chaplain
       Voluntary  Le banquet celeste  Messiaen
   9.45pm  Night Prayer

9  Friday
   St Columba  8.15am  Morning Prayer
           of Iona

11  St Barnabas the Apostle (8th week)
   9.00am  Eucharist
   10.30am  Matins
           sung by the College Choir at All Souls’
   5.45pm  Leavers’ Service
       Prelude  Aria Secunda from Hexachordum Apollinis
                  Pachelbel
       Introit  Beati quorum via  Stanford
       Responses  Shephard
       Psalm  147
       Canticles  Chilcott
       Anthems  Te Deum (Collegium Regale)  Howells
               The Lord bless you and keep you  Rutter
       Hymns  ‘O God, beyond all praising’, 353, 408
       Preacher  The Revd Lyndon Webb
                  Associate Chaplain
       Voluntary  Choralfantasie Hallelujah! Gott zu loben
                  Op. 52/3  Reger
12 Monday

8.15am Morning Prayer
6.00pm Choral Vespers
Prelude Canzonetta in G Major BuxWV172 Buxtehude
Responses Plainsong
Hymn 150
Psalm 28
Magnificat Short Service Weelkes
Anthem Lift thine eyes Mendelssohn
Voluntary Vater unser in Himmelreich BWV636 JS Bach

13 Tuesday

8.15am Morning Prayer
12.30pm Eucharist
6.15pm Choral Evensong
Prelude Prelude Op. 48/3 Kabeláč
Responses Shephard
Psalm 33
Canticles Merton Service Frances-Hoad
Anthem I was glad Purcell
Hymn 372
Voluntary Larghetto from Sonata for Organ op. 86 Persichetti

14 Wednesday

8.15am Morning Prayer
6.15pm Choral Evensong
Prelude Petit canon Boulanger
Responses Plainsong
Psalm 119 vv.33-56
Canticles Merton Girls’ Service Frances-Hoad
Anthem Lux Aeterna Boulanger
Hymn 339
Voluntary Herzlich tut mich erfreuen Op.122/4 Brahms
15  Thursday

8.15am  Morning Prayer
1.15pm  Organ Recital by Colin Walsh
6.15pm  Choral Evensong
Prelude  Sursum corda *Ireland*
Responses  *Shephard*
Psalms  39, 40
Canticles  Gloucester Service *Howells*
Anthem  Bring us O Lord *Harris*
Hymn  427
Voluntary  Festival toccata *Fletcher*
9.45pm  Night Prayer

16  Friday

*St Richard of Chichester*  8.15am  Morning Prayer

SUMMER VACATION

JUNE

19  Monday

8.15am  Morning Prayer
6.00pm  Choral Vespers
Prelude  Adagio from Sonata No. 2 *Mendelssohn*
Responses  *Plainsong*
Hymn  150
Psalms  47
Magnificat  *Tonus Peregrinus*
Anthem  Prayer of St Richard *Allain*
Voluntary  Allegro maestoso e vivace from Sonata No. 2 *Mendelssohn*
21 Wednesday
  8.15am  Morning Prayer
  6.15pm  Choral Evensong
       Prelude  Aria Peeters
       Responses  Clucas
       Psalms  59, 60
       Canticles  Noble in B minor
       Anthem  Evening Hymn Balfour Gardiner
       Hymn  362
       Voluntary  Praeludium in E Minor “The Great” Bruhns

24 The Birth of St John the Baptist (Saturday)
  6.00pm  Choral Evensong
       Prelude  Sicilienne Duruflé
       Responses  Clucas
       Psalms  80, 82
       Canticles  Dyson in D
       Anthem  Blessed city, heavenly Salem Bairstow
       Hymns  168, 368
       Voluntary  Ulmer Münster Fantasie from Bilder deutscher Dome Op. 76/1 Fährmann
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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)
  9.45pm   Night Prayer (Thursday)
CHAPEL TEAM

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The Revd Canon Dr Chris Collingwood

Associate Chaplain
The Revd Lyndon Webb

Reed Rubin Organist and Director of Music
Benjamin Nicholas

Organ Scholars
Owen Chan
François Cloete

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