SERVICES and MUSIC
TRINITY TERM 2024
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 Christian Aid, a partnership of people, churches and local organisations committed to ending poverty worldwide.

Simon Jones  
Chaplain
TRINITY TERM 2024

APRIL

20    Saturday

6.00pm    Choral Evensong
in celebration of the 10th Anniversary
of the Dobson Organ

Prelude    Intrada  Grayston Ives
Responses    Martin
Psalms 23, 27
Canticles Gloucester Service  Howells
Anthem Christiani, plaudite  Martin (first performance)
Hymn    120
Voluntary Spitfire Prelude and Fugue  Walton arr. Winpenny

7.30pm    Dobson 10th Anniversary Gala Concert
played by Olivier Latry

21    The Fourth Sunday of Easter  (1st week)

9.00am    Morning Prayer

5.45pm    Choral Eucharist
Prelude    Variation IV “O Filii et Filiae”
            Cochereau tr. Lombard
Setting    Missa “Bell’ Amfitrit’ Altera”  Lassus
Psalms 23
Motet    Easter  Vaughan Williams
Hymns ‘Good Christians all’, 104, 113
Preacher The Revd Canon Dr Simon Jones
            Chaplain
Voluntary Gloria (Missa de Gloria)  Leighton
Monday

8.15am  Morning Prayer

6.00pm  Choral Vespers
Prelude  Was Gott tut, das ist wohlgetan Panufnik
Responses Plainsong
Hymn  101 (omit*)
Psalm  114
Magnificat Berkshire Service Archer
Anthem Long since in Egypt’s plenteous land Parry
Voluntary Erschienen ist der herrlich’ Tag Reger

St George, Patron of England (Tuesday)

8.15am  Morning Prayer

12.30pm  Eucharist

6.15pm  Choral Evensong
Prelude  Moderato allant et bien lié Op. 98 No. 1 Koechlin
Responses Martin
Psalms  3, 11
Canticles Sumsion in G
Anthem Light out of darkness Elgar
Hymn ‘Red cross upon a field of white’
Voluntary Allegro from Sonata in F major Wq 70 No. 3 CPE Bach

Wednesday

8.15am  Morning Prayer

6.15pm  Choral Evensong
Prelude  Adagio from Concerto in C BWV 594ii JS Bach
Responses Clucas
Psalms  47, 48
Canticles Wood in D
Anthem Since by man came death Handel
Hymn  119 (omit*)
Voluntary Allegro from Concerto in C BWV 594iii JS Bach
25  **St Mark the Evangelist**  (Thursday)

- 8.15am  Morning Prayer
- **1.15pm**  Organ Recital by Peter King
- **6.15pm**  Choral Evensong

  **Prelude**  Nocturne  *Brown*
  **Responses**  *Martin*
  **Psalm**  45
  **Canticles**  Merton Service  *Frances-Hoad*
  **Anthem**  Christiani, plaudite  *Martin*
  **Hymn**  486
  **Voluntary**  Force et agilité des Corps Glorieux  *Messiaen*

26  **Friday**

- 8.15am  Morning Prayer

27  **Saturday**

- **6.00pm**  Choral Evensong for the  
  **University Choral Open Day**

  **Prelude**  Meditation  *Bairstow*
  **Responses**  *Ayleward*
  **Psalm**  84
  **Canticles**  *Brewer in D*
  **Anthem**  My beloved spake  *Hadley*
  **Hymn**  427
  **Voluntary**  Incantation pour un jour Saint  *Langlais*
28  **The Fifth Sunday of Easter (2nd week)**

9.00am  **Eucharist**

5.45pm  **Choral Evensong**

Prelude  Jesus Christ unser Heiland  *Scheidemann*

Introit  Alleluia  *Taverner*

Responses  *Ayleward*

Psalm  96

Canticles  Service for Trebles  *Weelkes*

Anthem  Dum transisset Sabbatum  *Taverner*

Hymns  117, 115, 381

Preacher  The Very Revd Michael Tavinor  
*Dean Emeritus of Hereford*

Voluntary  Variation V “O Filii et Filiae”  
*Cochereau tr. Lombard*

29  **Monday**

*St Catherine of Siena* 8.15am  **Morning Prayer**

6.00pm  **Choral Vespers**

Prelude  Allemande from Suite in D Minor  *de la Guerre*

Responses  *Plainsong*

Hymn  222

Psalm  105

Magnificat  *Primi toni*

Anthem  Who can express  *Wesley*

Voluntary  Minuet from Suite in D Minor  *de la Guerre*
30 Tuesday

8.15am  Morning Prayer
12.30pm  Eucharist
6.15pm  Choral Evensong
Prelude  Un peu plus calme et très expressif Op. 98 No. 2
         Koechlin
Responses  Martin
Psalms  96, 97
Canticles  Oriel Service  Bingham
Anthem  The Revival  Rubbra
Hymn  ‘Sometimes a light surprises’
Voluntary  Largo from Sonata in F major Wq 70 No. 3
         CPE Bach

MAY

1 St Philip and St James, Apostles (Wednesday)

8.15am  Morning Prayer
6.15pm  Choral Evensong
Prelude  Andantino in F Minor  Bridge
Responses  Clucas
Psalms  149
Canticles  Sumion in A
Anthem  O quam gloriosum  Victoria
Hymn  164
Voluntary  Ut re mi fa sol la  Byrd
2 Thursday
St 8.15am  Morning Prayer

Athanasius 1.15pm  Organ Recital by Francois Cloete
6.15pm  Choral Evensong
Prelude  Voluntary in C  Tomkins
Responses  Smith
Psalm  104
Canticles  Second Service  Byrd
Anthem  Ego flos campi  Clemens non Papa
Hymn  432 (omit*)
Voluntary  Allegro from Concerto in C BWV 594i  Bach

3 Friday
  8.15am  Morning Prayer

4 Saturday
English  5.00pm  Choral Evensong sung by the
saints &  Girl Choristers of Lincoln Cathedral and
Martyrs  Merton College, Oxford
of the  Prelude  Fantasia in G  Byrd
Reformation  Responses  Plainsong
Psalm  118
Canticles  Dyson in C minor
Anthem  Who can express  Wesley
Hymn  199
Voluntary  Allegro molto e ritmico (Sonata Brittanica)
   Stanford
5  The Sixth Sunday of Easter (3rd week)
   9.00am  Morning Prayer
   5.45pm  Choral Eucharist
         Prelude  Offertorie from Messe de la Pentecôte *Messiaen*
         Setting  Missa in honorem Sancti Dominici *Rubbra*
         Psalm  98
         Motet  Beatus vir *Monteverdi*
         Hymns  103, 296, 124
         Preacher  The Revd Dr Melanie Harrington-Haynes
                  *Vicar, St Philip & All Saints and St Luke’s, Kew*
         Voluntary  Toccata *Frances-Hoad*

6  Monday
   *Rogation Day*
   8.15am  Morning Prayer
   6.00pm  Choral Vespers
         Prelude  Prelude in the form of a Minuet *Stanford*
         Responses  Plainsong
         Hymn  101 (omit*)
         Psalm  121
         Magnificat  *Sumision*
         Anthem  O that I once past changing were *Berkeley*
         Voluntary  Kommt her zu mir, spricht Gottes Sohn
                  *Matthews*
7  Tuesday

Rogation  8.15am  Morning Prayer
Day     12.30pm  Eucharist

6.15pm  Choral Evensong sung jointly with
         the Choir of The Crypt School, Gloucester
Prelude  Consécration from Messe de la Pentecôte
         Messiaen
Responses  Smith
Psalm  150
Canticles  Stanford in C
Anthem  Let all the world  Vaughan Williams
Hymn  112
Voluntary  Maestoso—Allegro moderato from
          Sonata No. 3 Op. 19  Gulbins

8  Wednesday

Julian  8.15am  Morning Prayer
of Norwich  6.15pm  Choral Evensong on the eve of the
Rogation  feast of the Ascension
Day     Prelude  Fantasia in C  Byrd
         Responses  Byrd
         Psalms  15, 24
         Canticles  Short Service  Gibbons
         Anthem  O God, the King of glory  Gibbons
         Hymn  134
         Voluntary  Toccata nona  Frescobaldi
9  **ASCENSION DAY** (Thursday)
   8.15am  Morning Prayer
   **12 noon**  Singing from the Tower
   1.15pm  Organ Recital by Donal McCann
   **6.00pm**  Choral Eucharist attended by members of the congregation of the University Church

   Prelude  Alleluias sereins d’une âme qui désire le ciel
   *Messiaen*

   Setting  Mass for Double Choir  *Martin*

   Motet  Ascendit Deus  *Philips*

   Hymns  130 (omit*), 446, 271

   Preacher  The Revd Naomi Gardom
   *Assistant Curate, University Church of St Mary the Virgin*

   Voluntary  Transports de joie  *Messiaen*

10  **Friday**
   8.15am  Morning Prayer

12  **The Seventh Sunday of Easter** (4th Week)

   **9.00am**  Eucharist

   **5.45pm**  Choral Evensong

   Prelude  Fantasia “Dorian”  *Sweelinck*

   Introit  Ascendit Deus  *Philips*

   Responses  *Smith*

   Psalm  147.1-11

   Canticles  *Stanford* in A

   Anthem  Viri Galilaei  *Gowers*

   Hymns  352, ‘Hail, thou once despised Jesus’, ‘Christ triumphant’

   Preacher  The Revd Canon Prof Mark Chapman
   *Vice-Principal & Academic Dean*
   *Ripon College, Cuddesdon*

   Voluntary  Toccata  *Andriessen*
Monday
8.15am  Morning Prayer
6.00pm  Choral Vespers
Prelude Canzona seconda Frescobaldi
Responses Plainsong
Hymn  138
Psalm  18
Magnificat Frances-Hoad
Anthem Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace Boyle
Voluntary Interlude Harris

St Matthias the Apostle (Tuesday)
8.15am  Morning Prayer
12.30pm Eucharist
6.15pm  Choral Evensong
Prelude Très adagio Op. 98 No. 3 Koechlin
Responses Clucas
Psalms  80
Canticles Watson in E
Anthem Justorum animae Lassus
Hymn  165
Voluntary Communion from Messe de la Pentecôte Messiaen

Wednesday
8.15am  Morning Prayer
6.15pm  Choral Evensong
Prelude Ave Maris Stella I “When the Salutation Gabriel had Spoken” Op. 18 No. 6 Dupré
Responses Clucas
Psalms  36, 46
Canticles Short Service Weelkes
Anthem Cantique de Jean Racine Fauré
Hymn  342
Voluntary Ave Maris Stella II “Jesus tender Mother, make Thy Supplication” Op. 18 No. 7 Dupré
16 Thursday
  8.15am  Morning Prayer
  1.15pm  Organ Recital by Owen Chan
  6.15pm  Choral Evensong
    Prelude  Canzone Op 63 No 3  Reger
    Responses  Clucas
    Psalm  139
    Canticles  Magnificat  Chilcott
    Nunc Dimittis  Esquivel
    Anthem  And when the builders  Rubbra
    Hymn  140
    Voluntary  Prelude and Fugue Op 69  Rubbra

17 Friday
  8.15am  Morning Prayer

19 Pentecost (5th week)
  9.00am  Morning Prayer
  5.45pm  Choral Eucharist with
    Baptism and Confirmation
    Prelude  Improvisation in the style of Vierne
    Setting  Missa Sancti Nicolai  Haydn
    Motets  Ubi caritas  Duruflé
    Loquebantur variis linguis  Tallis
    Hymns  137, 446, 142, 431
    Preacher  The Rt Revd Dr Steven Croft
      Bishop of Oxford
    Voluntary  Sortie from Messe de la Pentecôte  Messiaen
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1.15pm Organ Recital by Benjamin Nicholas
6.15pm Choral Evensong
Prelude His Humour Farnaby
Responses Smith
Psalms 138, 140, 141
Canticles Fifth Service Tomkins
Anthem See, see the word is incarnate Gibbons
Hymn 467
Voluntary Prelude and Fugue in A BWV 536 JS Bach

24 Friday
John & Charles
8.15am Morning Prayer
6.00pm Roman Catholic Mass Wesley

26 Trinity Sunday (6th week)
9.00am Eucharist
5.45pm Choral Evensong
Prelude “Dieu est simple et les Trois sont Un” from Méditations sur le mystère de la Sainte Trinité Messiaen
Introit Libera nos, salva nos Churcher (first performance)
Responses Smith
Psalms 104.1-9
Canticles Rubbra in A flat
Anthem Te Deum (Collegium Regale) Howells
Hymns 146, 410, 373
Preacher The Revd Canon Leanne Roberts
Dean of Clergy Wellbeing, Diocese of Southwark
Voluntary Free Fantasia on “O Zion, Haste” and “How Firm a Foundation” Bolcom
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30 CORPORATION CHRISTI (Thursday)

8.15am Morning Prayer
1.15pm Organ Recital by Martin Baker
6.00pm Choral Eucharist
Prelude Récit from Pange Lingua De Grigny
Setting Mass for Four Voices Byrd
Motet Ave verum corpus Byrd
Hymns 310, 296
Preacher The Revd Lyndon Webb
Associate Chaplain
Voluntary En taille and fugue from Pange Lingua De Grigny

30 The Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth (Friday)

8.15am Morning Prayer

JUNE

1 Saturday
St Justin, 3.00pm Memorial Service for Dr Dominic Welsh martyr

2 First Sunday after Trinity (7th week)

9.00am Morning Prayer
5.45pm Choral Eucharist
Prelude Improvisation in the style of Messiaen
Setting Missa Pro Victoria Victoria
Psalm 81.1-11
Motet O salutaris hostia Tallis
Hymns 351, 368, 420
Preacher The Revd Lyndon Webb
Associate Chaplain
Voluntary Prelude and Fugue in C BWV 547 Bach
3 Monday

8.15am Morning Prayer
6.00pm **Choral Vespers**
Prelude Fantasie in C *Pachelbel*
Responses *Plainsong*
Hymn 150
Psalms 28
Magnificat *Owens*
Anthem *Brother James’s Air*  *Bain arr. Jacob*
Voluntary Toccata in F *Pachelbel*

4 Tuesday

8.15am Morning Prayer
12.30pm **Eucharist**
6.15pm **Choral Evensong**
Prelude Soliloquy *Rowley*
Responses *Shephard*
Psalms 33
Canticles *Dyson in F*
Anthem *For lo, I raise up*  *Stanford*
Hymn 331
Voluntary Fantasie in E-flat major *Saint-Saëns*

5 Wednesday

*St Boniface of Crediton* 8.15am Morning Prayer
6.15pm **Choral Evensong**
Prelude Prelude on East Acklam *Jackson*
Responses *Clucas*
Psalms 119.33-56
Canticles *Stanford in B flat*
Anthem *I love all beauteous things*  *Weir*
Hymn 219
Voluntary Nun ruhen alle Wälder  *Van Oortmerssen*
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| 5.45pm | Leavers’ Service                           | Prelude: Ave Maris Stella III “So now as we Journey, aid our weak endeavor” Op. 18 No. 8 Dupré
|        |                                            | Introit: Libera nos, salva nos Sheppard                                  |
10 Monday

8.15am  Morning Prayer
6.00pm  Choral Vespers
Prelude  Fantasia in G  Scheidemann
Responses  Plainsong
Hymn  150
Psalm  47
Magnificat  octavi toni
Anthem  How beautiful are the feet  Handel
Voluntary  Canzona in C  Weckmann

11 St Barnabas the Apostle (Tuesday)

8.15am  Morning Prayer
12.30pm  Eucharist
6.15pm  Choral Evensong
Prelude  Étoile du soir  Vierne
Responses  Shephard
Psalm  147
Canticles  Second Service  Leighton
Anthem  Faire is the heaven  Harris
Hymn  167
Voluntary  Prelude and Fugue on a theme of Vittoria  Britten

12 Wednesday

8.15am  Morning Prayer
6.15pm  Choral Evensong
Prelude  Mode de ré (Pièces Modales)  Langlais
Responses  Plainsong
Psalm s  59, 60, 67
Canticles  Sumsion in G
Anthem  A song of wisdom  Stanford
Hymn  ‘O Christ the Word incarnate’
Voluntary  Toccata in seven  Rutter
13 Thursday
   8.15am  Morning Prayer
   1.15pm  Organ Recital by Anna Steppler
   6.15pm  Choral Evensong
   Prelude  Pastoral  Sumasion
   Responses  Shephard
   Psalms  61, 62, 64
   Canticles  Merton Service  Ešenvalds
   Anthem  Lord, thou hast been our refuge  Bairstow
   Hymn  252
   Voluntary  Pomp and Circumstance March No. 4  Elgar

14 Friday
   8.15am  Morning Prayer

SUMMER VACATION

JUNE

17 Monday
   8.15am  Morning Prayer
   6.00pm  Choral Vespers
   Prelude  An Impression  Brewer
   Responses  Plainsong
   Hymn  150
   Psalm  72
   Magnificat  Tonus Peregrinus
   Anthem  How can I keep from singing?  Scott
   Voluntary  Von Gott will ich nicht lassen  Hough
19 Wednesday

8.15am Morning Prayer

6.15pm **Choral Evensong**
Prelude Air (Suite No.1 for Organ) *Price*
Responses *Clicas*
Psalms 119.81-104
Canticles Collegium Regale *Howells*
Anthem Evening Hymn *Balfour Gardiner*
Hymn 362
Voluntary Fantasie-Impromptu *Alcock*

22 Saturday

*St Alban* 6.00pm **Choral Evensong**
*first martyr of Britain* Prelude Ave Maris Stella IV “Amen” Op. 18 No. 9 *Dupré*
Responses *Shephard*
Psalms 81, 84
Canticles *Stanford in A*
Anthem Nocturn *Panufnik* (first performance)
Hymns 476, 427
Voluntary Toccata *Macmillan*

23 Fourth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am **Eucharist**
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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)
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The Revd Canon Dr Simon Jones

Associate Chaplain
The Revd Lyndon Webb

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Benjamin Nicholas

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