



MERTON
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CHAPEL

HILARY TERM 2018

MERTON COLLEGE CHAPEL is open to all as a place of worship and quiet reflection. Members of the College, as well as visitors, are welcome to join us at all our services. The Chapel is part of the Church of England but the daily offering of worship is sustained by Christians from many different traditions. If you would like to read or serve in the Chapel, please contact one of the Chaplains or another members of the Chapel Team.

CHORAL FOUNDATION The College Choir sings on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and the Merton College Girls' Choir sings on Wednesdays. This term's Services Booklet contains details of the music. It can be found on the Chapel and Choir pages of the College website (www.merton.ox.ac.uk) and copies are available in the Ante-Chapel.

WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS The main service of the week is at **5.45pm** on **Sundays**. Alternating between Evensong and the College Eucharist (Holy Communion), the College Choir sings at this candlelit service, which is followed by drinks and finishes in time for Formal Hall. The Sunday morning service begins at **9.00am** and lasts about half an hour. This quieter, more reflective service alternates between the Eucharist and Morning Prayer, and is followed by breakfast. Our Chapel collections this term will be donated to the Christian charity, **Interserve**, for whom Rachel Grandey, a recent Merton graduate, is teaching in Laos.

WEEKDAY SERVICES

8.15am	Morning Prayer	(Monday - Friday)
12.30pm	Eucharist	(Tuesday and Friday)
6.15pm	Choral Evensong	(Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday)
6.30pm	Evening Prayer	(Monday)

SHROVE TUESDAY

Tuesday 13 February (5th week) is Shrove Tuesday, when we commemorate our Founder, Walter de Merton. There will be a special **Evensong** at **6.00pm** in addition to the 12.30pm Eucharist.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent begins on Wednesday 14 February (5th week). There will be a candlelit **Sung Eucharist** with Imposition of Ashes at **5.45pm**, at which the choir will sing Allegri's *Miserere*.

COMPLINE

At 10.00pm on Monday 5 March (8th week) the College Choir will sing Compline (Night Prayer) by candlelight.

SERVICES AND PREACHERS SUNDAYS AT 5.45PM

14 January <i>Epiphany 2</i>	Epiphany Carol Service	The Revd Canon Dr Simon Jones <i>Chaplain</i>
21 January <i>Epiphany 3</i>	Evensong	The Rt Revd Paul Ferguson <i>Bishop of Whitby</i>
28 January <i>Presentation of Christ in the Temple</i>	Candlemas Eucharist	Naomi Gardom <i>Chaplaincy Assistant</i>
4 February <i>2 before Lent</i>	Evensong	Sir Jeremy Cooke <i>High Court Judge (2001-2016)</i>
11 February <i>Next before Lent</i>	Eucharist with Baptism and Confirmation	The Rt Revd Christine Hardman <i>Bishop of Newcastle</i>
18 February <i>Lent 1</i>	Evensong	Jasvir Singh OBE <i>Founding Chair of City Sikhs</i>
25 February <i>Lent 2</i>	Corporate Communion	The Revd Dr Jarred Mercer <i>Associate Chaplain</i>
4 March <i>Lent 3</i>	Evensong	The Revd Dr Will Lamb <i>Vicar, St Mary the Virgin, Oxford</i>

CORPORATE COMMUNION - Sunday 25 February

At this service all members of College are invited to worship together. The service is followed by the termly Chapel Dinner in the Savile Room.

BAPTISM and CONFIRMATION

If you would like to discuss the possibility of being baptized and / or confirmed in the Chapel, please have a word with one of the Chaplains.

CHRISTIAN UNION & CATHSOC This term's reps are Hope Middleton and Jonathan Wolstenholme (CU) and Alyssa White (RC). The termly RC Mass is at 6.15pm on Monday 19 February (6th week).

MERTON CONVERSATION IN FAITH AND CULTURE On Thursday 25 January (2nd week) author, theologian and renowned human rights activist Timothy Radcliffe will speak on 'What does faith have to do with our bodily life?' Drinks from 8.00pm with the talk beginning at 8.30pm in the TS Eliot Theatre.

THEOLOGY ON TAP is an opportunity to gather together in a relaxed and open environment to engage with some of life's biggest ideas and questions, all with pint in hand. We will meet a few times this term for great beer (or other beverage!) and great conversation about theology and how faith might impact daily life in our world today. Stay tuned for dates, times, and topics.

BOOKS WITH CAKE Mertonians generally love both of these! On Fridays from 5pm-6pm (2nd—7th weeks) in the Hawkins Room (Fellows' 3), we will be reading and discussing Ali Smith's new novel *Autumn*, which was a 2017 finalist for the Man Booker Prize. Copies of the book will be available. Both groups are open to all. Contact Jarred, the Associate Chaplain, for more information.

CHAPEL TEAM

<i>Chapel Wardens</i>	Victor Ajuwon Jack Beckwith Molly Clark	Henry Grub Tom Lousada	Jordan Maly-Preuss Audrey Southgate
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<i>Sacristans</i>	Katie Schulz	Alice Love Twelves
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<i>Chaplaincy Assistant</i>	Naomi Gardom
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<i>Reed Rubin Organist and Director of Music</i>	Benjamin Nicholas	<i>Organ Scholars</i>	Alex Little Tom Fetherstonhaugh
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<i>Pastoral Assistants</i>	James Dwyer Andrew Langley Blair Radford	<i>Verger Chapel Administrator</i>	Leah Stead Deborah Thimbleby
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THE CHAPLAINS

The **College Chaplain**, the Revd Canon Dr **Simon Jones** (Fellows' 3.2, simon.jones@merton.ox.ac.uk), is happy to speak in confidence with any member of College (regardless of religious affiliation) concerning any matter. As well as being responsible for the Chapel, Simon also co-ordinates the welfare provision in College and chairs the Student Support Committee.

The Revd Dr **Jarred Mercer** (Fellows' 3.9, jarred.mercer@merton.ox.ac.uk) is the **Associate Chaplain**. Jarred has particular responsibility for pastoral care within the Chapel community, for leading the discussion groups, and developing new initiatives.

Full details of all Chapel and Choir activities can be found on the College website and we also have our own Facebook pages and Twitter feeds.

To join the Chapel email list, send a message to
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