**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 member of the Chapel Team.

**CHORAL FOUNDATION** The College Choir sings on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and our Girl Choristers sing 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 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 **Christian Aid** (www.christianaid.org.uk).

**WEEKDAY SERVICES**

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

**ASCENSION DAY**

- Wednesday 9 May 6.15pm First Evensong of Ascension Day
- Thursday 10 May 12 noon Tower Service
- (3rd week) 6.00pm Sung Eucharist

**CORPUS CHRISTI** *(Thanksgiving for the Institution of Holy Communion)*

- Wednesday 30 May 6.30pm Evening Prayer and Benediction
- Thursday 31 May 6.00pm Sung Eucharist
- (6th week) 6.00pm *a joint service with the University Church*

**SANCTUM: a space for silence and peace**

While the Chapel is open daily day for everyone, we will be setting aside an hour each Friday from 12 noon to 1.00pm for those who want to spend some time in silence. If you need some space to retreat from the stress of daily life, to focus your mind, or just be alone, feel free to stop in and stay for as long or short a period of time as you would like.
SERVICES AND PREACHERS  
SUNDAYS AT 5.45PM

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CORPORATE COMMUNION - Sunday 3 June
All members of College are invited to worship together at our Corporate Communion. The service is followed by the termly Chapel Dinner in the Savile Room.

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

CHRISTIAN UNION and CATHSOC This term’s reps are Eleanor Coomber and Hannah Smith (CU) and Alyssa White (RC). The termly RC Mass is at 6.15pm on Monday 7 May (3rd week).

MERTON CONVERSATIONS IN FAITH AND CULTURE On Tuesday 5 June (7th week) speaker, writer, and activist for trans inclusion in the Church, Christina Beardsley, will speak on her life as a trans woman who is also a Christian priest. Drinks from 8.10pm with the talk beginning at 8.30pm in the TS Eliot Theatre.
BOOKS WITH CAKE  On Fridays from 5.00pm-6.00pm (2nd—7th weeks) in the Hawkins Room (Fellows’ 3.7), we will be reading and discussing Mohsin Hamid’s highly acclaimed novel Exit West, which was a 2017 Man Booker Prize finalist. Copies of the book are available —so just ask!  Contact Jarred for more information.

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 meet at least once each term for great beer (or other beverage!) and great conversation about how faith might impact daily life in our world today. Stay tuned for dates, times, and topics.

CHAPEL TEAM

Chapel Wardens
Victor Ajuwon
Jack Beckwith
Molly Clark

Henry Grub
Tom Lousada
Audrey Southgate

Sacristans
Katie Schulz
Alice Love Twelves

Chaplaincy Assistant
Naomi Gardom

Reed Rubin Organist
Benjamin Nicholas
Organ Alex Little
Scholars Tom Fetherstonhaugh

Pastoral Assistants
James Dwyer
Andrew Langley
Verger Leah Stead
Blair Radford

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, contact Jarred.

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