

Chapel Personnel

Chaplain

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Lead Sacristan

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The Director of Music is pleased to receive enquiries from prospective members of the Choir at any time.

The Christian Union representative is Kezia Chacko.

The Catholic Chaplaincy representative is Chiara Stark.

Other Religious Traditions

A number of other denominations and faiths have centres of worship and community life in Oxford. A few are listed here. Please contact the Chaplain for further information.

The Roman Catholic Chaplaincy holds a mass in college each term. The chaplains are Fr Damian Howard SJ, Fr William Pearsall SJ and Alvea Fernandes. catholic.chaplaincy@ox.ac.uk

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The Greek Orthodox Chaplain is the Very Revd Ian Graham (rian_graham@yahoo.co.uk). The Russian Orthodox Chaplain is the Very Revd Stephen Platt (ft.stephen.platt@gmail.com).

The Hindu Chaplain is Shaunaka Rishi Das (01865 304303); shaunaka@ochs.org.uk

The Muslim Chaplain is Dr Afifi Al-Akiti (afifi.al-akiti@worc.ox.ac.uk)

The College Grace

Nos miseri homines et egeni, pro cibis quos nobis ad corporis subsidium benigne es largitus, tibi Deus omnipotens, Pater caelestis, gratias reverenter agimus; simul obsecrantes, ut iis sobrie, modeste, atque grate utamur. Insuper petimus, ut cibum angelorum, verum panem caelestem, verbum Dei aeternum, Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum, nobis impertiaris: utque illo mens nostra pascatur, et per carnem et sanguinem ejus foveamur, alamur, et corroboremur.

We unbappy and unworthy people do give thee most reverent thanks, almighty God, our heavenly Father, for the victuals which thou hast bestowed on us for the sustenance of the body, at the same time beseeching thee that we may use them soberly, modestly and gratefully. And above all we beseech thee to impart to us the food of angels, the true bread of heaven, the eternal word of God, Jesus Christ our Lord, so that the mind of each of us may feed on him and that through his flesh and blood we may be sustained, nourished and strengthened.

Worcester College Prayer


Tibi, benignissime Deus, operis omnis boni omnisque doni perfecti Authori, gratias humillime agimus, quod ad Collegium hoc fundandum piissimum virum Thomas Cookesium inspiraveris (cujus memoria sit in benedictionem); rogantes ut nos, tanta illius liberalitate ad bonarum literarum pietatisque studia animati, utrarumque praemia adipiscamur per Jesum Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.


Preces Vespertinae, 1906

TO THEE, most beneficent God, Author of every good work and of every perfect gift, we humbly give thanks, that thou didst inspire that most pious man Thomas Cookes (blessed be his memory) to found this College; and we pray that, so inspired by his great generosity to study sound learning and virtue, we may attain the rewards of both, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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CHAPEL



TRINITY TERM
2024

All are welcome to attend Chapel services: members of any religion or of none, members of Worcester or not. Our services are broadly Church of England in nature and draw on that rich inheritance in language and music. These offer a strong appeal for anyone who has ever felt the need to sit and take a moment with eternity. If you have never experienced this type of worship, Worcester Chapel offers you this gift.

Weekday Services

Sunday	6.00 pm	College Evensong Music and Readings for Easter, week 1 College Communion, week 6
Monday	8.15 am 6.00 pm	Morning Prayer Choral Reflection (RC Mass, week 5)
Tuesday	8.15 am 6.00 pm	Morning Prayer Choral Evensong
Wednesday	8.15 am 9.00 pm	Morning Prayer Compline
Thursday	8.15 am 6.00 pm	Morning Prayer Choral Evensong, weeks 2, 4, 5, 7 College Communion, weeks 1, 3, 6
Friday	8.15 am	Morning Prayer

The Chaplain

The Chaplain, the Revd Marcus Green, is available to all members of College for conversation, guidance, or a listening ear. He leads the Chapel community in its regular worship, which is likewise open to everyone regardless of their religious affiliation or experience. As Chaplain, he also supports other faith-based activities in College including use of the Multi-Faith Prayer Room and discussion and Bible Study groups. The Chaplain's room is Asa Briggs 3.

The College Choir

The College Choir sings at Chapel services four times a week throughout term time, with boys from Christ Church Cathedral School usually joining us for Tuesday Evensong as well as most Sundays. Details of the choir, and of all the music to be sung at our services, can be found on the Chapel website. The Choir has a terrific social and musical heritage, and the Director of Music is always delighted to hear from any student who is interested in singing with us.

Reading in Chapel

If you would like to join the team of readers who read the Bible during Chapel services, please contact the Chaplain.

Daily Prayer

How do you begin the day in the best frame of mind? How do you get your heart and your brain into gear? Come and join those who say Morning Prayer each day from Monday to Friday at 8.15 am in the Chapel followed by breakfast. This is a chance to pray for the things that are worrying you and to hear Bible readings for the day. There is a long history of daily prayer in this place, where for centuries students have been enriched by the daily diet of psalms, Bible readings, and prayers.

Sunday Preachers for Trinity Term 2024

First week (21 April)	The Chaplain
Second week (28 April)	The Revd Claire Jones Old Member; Associate Vicar, Emmanuel Church, Woodley
Third week (5 May)	The Rt Revd Dr Helen-Ann Hartley Old Member & Honorary Fellow; Bishop of Newcastle
Fourth week (12 May)	The Revd Damian Howard SJ Senior Catholic Chaplain to the University
Fifth week (19 May)	The Revd Augustine Tanner-Ihm Lead Minister, St Nicholas', Kingsway, Manchester
Sixth week (26 May)	The Assistant Chaplain
Seventh week (2 June)	The Revd Simon Ponsonby Pastor of Theology, St Aldates Church, Oxford
Eighth week (9 June)	The Chaplain

All our preachers this term have been invited to tell us about something of their own spiritual journey.

Bible Study

The Chaplain offers a weekly informal Bible Study group on Tuesday afternoons at 4pm in his room (Asa Briggs 3). We often look in more detail at passages looked at by the previous Sunday's chapel preacher, but everyone is welcome whether they have made it to that service or not. Bring questions; Bibles provided.

This Term's Charity: Oxfordshire Mind

Our Sunday collection this term is for Oxfordshire Mind, our local mental health charity, which promotes good mental health through the provision of high-quality services and campaigning for positive change.

Choral Reflection: Words of Comfort

This term our Choral Reflections (Mondays at 6 pm) dwell with seven passages from the prophet Isaiah which offer 'words of comfort' for all. The aim of this weekly service is to provide a more reflective space, shaping our thoughts and prayers through music, words and silence. All are welcome to any or all of these services

Chapel Supper

Following Choral Reflection in weeks 1, 3, and 6, everyone who attends the service is invited to join with us and enjoy a (free!) supper in the Memorial Room.

Compline

This meditative, chanted service is chanted every Wednesday of the year at 9 pm. In term time, it is followed by port and hot chocolate in the Chaplain's room. All are welcome.

Special Events this term

Music and Readings for Easter

Easter Sunday fell during our vacation: so come and celebrate the great festival of Christ's Resurrection in Chapel on Sunday of 1st week (21 April) when, at Evensong, the Paschal Candle (which reminds us of Jesus, the Light of the World) will be blessed and dedicated, the Choir will sing beautiful seasonal music, and the Chaplain will remind us why this Easter story of life and love and hope remains vital for us today. As always, drinks will follow in the Cloisters.

Choral and Organ Awards Open Day

The Chapel will welcome prospective applicants for choral and organ scholarships at a special Evensong on Saturday of 1st week (27 April) at 6 pm.

Ascension Day

There will be a service of Holy Communion for Ascension Day at 6 pm on Thursday of 3rd week (9 May)

Roman Catholic Mass in College

We are delighted that our friends from the University Catholic Chaplaincy come to chapel each term, with one of their Chaplains saying mass. This term this service takes place on Monday of 5th week at 6 pm. All welcome.

Holy Communion for Corpus Christi

We will celebrate the institution of Holy Communion with a special service on Thursday of 6th week (30 May).

Leavers' Evensong

All who are leaving College this summer are invited to come to a special Evensong on Sunday of 8th week (10 June). This will be a wonderful opportunity to give thanks for what has been, and to pray for all that is to come.

Music by the Lake

The Choir will present a concert of light music by the Lakeside on Monday of 8th week (11 June) at 6 pm. Details to follow.

End of Term Concert

We end the term on Thursday of 8th week at 6 pm with a reflective concert of sacred music from across the centuries which the choir will be singing during their upcoming tour of Florence. Come, enjoy the music, and imagine yourself drenched in Italian sunshine!

Choir Tour to Florence (and Rome), 2-8 July

The College Choir is delighted to announce it will be singing in Florence at the beginning of July. If anyone fancies spending a week in Italy, encouraging the choir as we sing, we'd love to see you there! Tour itineraries will be available soon. If any Old Members or friends would like to support the choir financially in any way as we seek to reach the target of £18,000 needed for our tour, please contact the Chaplain.