

Chapel Personnel

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Director of Music

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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

The Jewish Chaplains are Rabbi Moish and Tanya Blum. Tel. 07385 474 933. Email: moish@mychaplaincy.co.uk; tanya@mychaplaincy.co.uk. Website: www.mychaplaincy.co.uk

The Greek Orthodox Chaplain is the Very Revd Ian Graham (frian_graham@yahoo.co.uk). The Russian Orthodox Chaplain is the Very Revd Stephen Platt (fr.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 unhappy 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



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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
Monday	8.15 am 6.00 pm	Morning Prayer Choral Reflection (weeks 2, 4, 5, 6)
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 or Holy Communion
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 the Woodroffe Society discussion group. The Chaplain's room is Briggs 3.

The College Choir

The College Choir sings at Chapel services five times a week throughout term time, with boys from Christ Church Cathedral School usually joining us on Mondays and Tuesdays. 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.

Principal Services and Preachers, Michaelmas Term 2024

Sundays at 6 pm unless stated otherwise

First week (13 October)	Freshers' Evensong The Chaplain
Second week (20 October)	The Revd Canon Kate Massey Vicar, St Paul's Stockingford, Nuneaton
Third week (27 October)	The Chaplain
All Souls' Day (Saturday 2 November)	Requiem (6 pm) The Assistant Chaplain
Fourth week (3 November)	The Revd Jody Stowell Vicar, St Michael and All Angels, Harrow Weald
Fifth week (10 November)	Remembrance Sunday The Revd Canon Dr Peter Groves Senior Research Fellow, & Vicar of St Mary Magdalen, Oxford
Sixth week (17 November)	The Revd Claire Jones Associate Vicar, Emmanuel Church, Woodley, & Old Member
Seventh week (24 November)	College Evensong The Assistant Chaplain 'Midnight Mass' for Oxmas (11 pm) The Chaplain Chill in the Chapel – Monday of 7th week at 9 pm
Eighth week (1 December)	Advent Carol Service The Revd Canon Dr Nick Bundock Rector, St James and Emmanuel, Didsbury, Manchester Christmas Carol Services, 3 and 5 December at 6 pm

A Fresh Start: stories of new beginnings

This term as we begin the academic year, our Sunday speakers have been invited to reflect on new beginnings – through their own experience, through the Bible readings that inform our worship, and through the events that mark the weeks ahead.

Choral Reflection: For all the Saints

The aim of this service (Mondays at 6 pm, weeks 2, 4, 5, 6) is to provide a more reflective space, shaping our thoughts and prayers through music, words and silence. This term we focus week by week on something from the life, work, or writings of different saints: Michael, Frideswide, Benedict, and Mary.

This Term's Charity: International Rescue Committee

Every term we have a retiring collection at all our Sunday evening chapel services. This term, as we settle again into our college home, we are collecting for the International Rescue Committee's work with refugees. Everything you give on Sundays will go to the IRC. Do read their website www.rescue.org/uk or use the QR code in chapel to give if you don't have cash with you on Sundays.

Special Events this term

Open Rehearsal and Evensong

If you are interested in joining the Choir please join us for an open rehearsal at 4.30 on Saturday of 0th week (12 October), after which everyone will sing Choral Evensong together at 6 pm. Further questions, or enquiries about joining the Choir, may be addressed to the Director of Music.

Oxford International Song Festival

Join us for a special service connected to the Oxford International Song Festival on Thursday 24 October (2nd week).

All Souls' Day – Requiem

On Saturday of 3rd week (2 November) the Choir will sing a special service of Holy Communion during which we will remember the departed, particularly giving thanks for those whom we have loved. If you would like anyone to be remembered by name during the service, please add their name to the list at the back of the Chapel or to the prayer board.

Remembrance

Remembrance Sunday (10 November) is marked with a special service at 6 pm, in which we honour all those members of College who gave their lives during the two World Wars. The Revd Canon Peter Groves will be the preacher. Armistice Day (11 November) is marked with a short service in Main Quad at 10.45 am.

Roman Catholic Mass in College

We are delighted that our friends from the University Catholic Chaplaincy come to chapel each term to say Mass; this term, on Thursday of 4th week (7 November) at 6 pm.

Midnight Mass for 'Oxmas'

'Oxmas' is a University tradition, celebrating Christmas a month early so that it falls within term time. Join us as we get into the festive spirit with a very special Worcester part of that tradition: Midnight Mass for Oxmas! Carols, candles, our wonderful choir and some Christmas readings. 11 pm on Oxmas Eve, Sunday of 7th week (24 November).

Chill in the Chapel

On Monday of 7th week, join us in the Chapel at 9 pm. Bring a blanket or a cushion and settle down for half an hour of music to escape the rush and soothe your mind. No words. Just peace. All welcome.

College Advent and Christmas Carol Services

The College Advent Carol Service will be at 6 pm on Sunday of 8th week (1 December). There will also be Christmas Carol Services on Tuesday and Thursday of 8th week. Entry to all Carol Services is by free ticket. Details of how to apply for tickets will be circulated at the beginning of November.