Choral Evensong Sundays at 6pm

Choral Evensong is part of the weekly rhythm of College life. It combines profound and beautiful words with ancient and modern music and hymns sung by the Choir and congregation. It is also an opportunity to hear a variety of interesting guest preachers. College members wear gowns and everyone is warmly invited for drinks with the Provost and the Chaplain after the service. It's a nice way to begin an evening at formal dinner with friends and guests.

First Week – 16 January
2nd Sunday after Epiphany
Hilary of Poitiers
The Chaplain

Second Week – 23 January
3rd Sunday after Epiphany
Francis de Sales
The Very Revd Nicholas Edmonds-Smith C.O.
Provost, The Oratory

Third Week – 30 January
4th Sunday after Epiphany
Charles, King and Martyr
The Revd Dr George Westhaver
Principal, Pusey House

Fourth Week – 6 February
5th Sunday after Epiphany
Accession Day Service
The Revd Canon Jane Brooke
Vice Dean and Canon Missioner, Chester Cathedral

Fifth Week – 13 February
Septuagesima
Cyril and Methodius
The Revd Christopher Trundle
Vicar, Our Most Holy Redeemer, Clerkenwell

Sixth Week – 20 February
Sexagesima
Polycarp
The Revd Dr Andrew Moore
Regent’s Park College

Seventh Week – 27 February
Quinquagesima
George Herbert
The Revd Marcus Walker
Rector, St Bartholomew the Great, Smithfield

Eighth Week – 6 March
1st Sunday in Lent
The University Sermon for the Annunciation
The Very Revd Robert Gay O.P.
Prior, The Priory of the Holy Spirit, Blackfriars

Regular Services

Morning and Evening Prayer
Mondays-Saturdays 8am & 6pm, 20 mins
This short service begins and ends the day using traditional prayers and readings. Every student is prayed for by name through the year. In the mornings stay on for breakfast in Hall afterwards.

Holy Communion
Wednesday 6pm, 60 mins
This is our main midweek service with the Choir, followed by drinks in the Chaplain's room. You can join in as much or as little as you feel comfortable.

Compline
Thursdays 9.30pm, 20 mins
This candle-lit ‘night prayer’ is the perfect way to wind-down and de-stress at the end of the day. Singing is led by the choral scholars. If you're not ready for bed, stay for hot chocolate in the Chaplain's room. All welcome.

Christianity Explored
A discussion group runs for anyone who would like to find out more about faith or is thinking about Baptism or Confirmation. Ask the Chaplain for details.

Catholic Mass
Tuesday 18 Jan. Wk 1, 6pm
All are welcome to the termly Mass led by the Catholic Chaplain to the University and for drinks afterwards.

Christian Union Service
Wednesday 9 Mar. Wk 8, 6pm
The college CU hosts an informal service once a term with a guest speaker.

Special Events

Candlemas Feast
Friday 28 Jan. Week 2, 6pm
This is principal feast of the Oriel year, marking the College’s dedication to the Virgin Mary. Our preacher will be the Bishop of Richborough, the Rt Revd Norman Banks, who will also confirm. The candlelit service celebrates the occasion when Mary presented the infant Christ in the Temple and hails him as the Light of the World.

St John Henry Newman’s 221st Birthday
Monday 21 Feb. Week 6, 6pm
To mark Newman's 221st birthday on 21/2/21 the Archbishop of Birmingham, the Most Revd Bernard Longley, will preach at a special Choral Evensong, with guests from Littlemore and the Oratory. Sign in for the celebratory formal dinner in Hall afterwards.

Ash Wednesday
Wednesday 2 Mar. Week 7, 6pm
Since the Middle Ages the start of Lent has been observed by marking the sign of the cross in ash on our foreheads as a gesture of penitence and in recognition of our mortality. The Choir will sing the Litany.

University Sermon
Sunday 6 Mar. Week 8, 6pm
A significant ceremonial occasion when the Pro/Vice-Chancellor and Proctors preside over sermons preached before the University. Doctors are invited to wear their robes. Oriel traditionally hosts the annual sermon that celebrates the angel Gabriel’s visit to Mary foretelling Christ's birth.
Welcome to Chapel

For some of us Chapel is very familiar; for others it’s a total novelty. Everyone is welcome, whether you make it a regular feature of your week or just pop-in occasionally for a service or you could do with a quiet moment of reflection. Sacred music sung by our superb Choir is an important part of the College’s identity stretching back centuries. Oriel was founded as ‘a college of scholars studying sacred theology, civil and canon law and useful knowledge’ in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Our heritage continues to the present day. Chapel is a place of learning, prayer, and community. Anyone can get involved. Come and see for yourself!

The Chaplain would be happy to talk with you about faith and spirituality, discussion groups, the possibility of Baptism, Confirmation, or indeed Marriage! We value the diversity of traditions represented in our community. Please contact the Chaplain if you would like details of other chaplaincies in the University.

College Chaplain: The Revd Dr Rob Wainwright
Room 3.3 (Front Quad) – (2)76580
chaplain@oriel.ox.ac.uk

The Chaplain is here for every member of the Oriel community. He is always happy to meet to listen and discuss any matter of concern – confidentially, big or small, religious or not. He is a member of the Welfare Team and a Tutor in Theology. He can be reached by e-mail, phone, or a knock on the door.

Director of Music: Dr David Maw
Room 3.2 (Front Quad) – (2)76258 or (2)76534
Email: musicdirector@oriel.ox.ac.uk

The Director of Music works alongside the Chaplain in preparing services and has charge over the Organ Scholars and Chapel Choir. He is the Fellow in Music at Oriel. For a complete listing of this term’s music settings for worship, please see the Chapel website: www.oriel.ox.ac.uk/life-oriel/chapel

Organ Scholars: Harry Baigent, Alessandro MacKinnon-Botti
Choir Chair: Jerric Chong
Bible Clerks: Philip Sivyer (Head Clerk), Millan George, Oliver Mullen, Peter Murray, Hannah Preston
Sacristan: Guy Cabral

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The Christian Union (www.oiccu.org)
The CU aims to share the good news about Jesus Christ and the life he offers. Please contact the College reps millan.george@oriel.ox.ac.uk and joshua.williams@oriel.ox.ac.uk

The Roman Catholic Chaplaincy (www.catholic-chaplaincy.org.uk)
Mass is celebrated daily at Rose Place, off St Aldates. For more information, please visit www.catholicchaplaincyoxford.co.uk

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