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 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. Everyone is welcome to use the room set aside for prayer in Chapel. 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 concerns – confidentially, big or small, religious or not. He is a member of the Welfare Team, Tutor for Admissions and Outreach, 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: Benjamin Banks, Harry Baigent
Choir Chair: Hannah Soares
Bible Clerks: Thomas Farlow (Head Clerk), Robbie Boswall, Sea Yun Joung, Atinuke Olu-Lutherking, Philip Sivyer, Alexander Bailey
Placement Students: Henry Swayne, Tim Davies
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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 nathan.batten@oriel.ox.ac.uk and thomas.farlow@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
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 – 11 October
18th Sunday after Trinity
High Fidelity
The Chaplain

Second Week – 18 October
Feast of Luke the Evangelist
Forgiveness
The Revd Alistair Tresidder
Vicar, St Luke’s Church, Hampstead

Third Week – 25 October
20th Sunday after Trinity
Gilbert White
Professor Yadvinder Mahli
Jackson Senior Research Fellow in Biodiversity and Conservation and Professor of Ecosystem Science

Fourth Week – 1 November
All Saints’ Day
Paradise
Dr William Wood
Clifford Potter Fellow, Tutor in Theology and Chair of the Theology Faculty Board

Fifth Week – 8 November
22nd Sunday after Trinity
Brave New World
The Chaplain

Sixth Week – 15 November
23rd Sunday after Trinity
Treasure In Clay Jars
The Revd Alex Ross
Associate Vicar, St John the Baptist, Burford

Seventh Week – 22 November
Sunday next before Advent
Comforted In Affliction
Ms Gillian Hamnett
Director of Student Welfare and Support Services

Eighth Week – 29 November
1st Sunday in Advent
COLLEGE CAROL SERVICE

Weekday Activities

N.B. details may change according to social distancing guidelines.

Morning Prayer SERVICE
(Chapel, Newman Oratory • 8.10am Mon-Fri, 20 mins) They say breakfast is the most important meal of the day. This little service is a spiritual wake-up using traditional prayers and readings. It’s all written down for you. Every student is prayed for by name through the year.

Holy Communion SERVICE
(Chapel • 6.30pm Mon., 30 mins)
Using the same words for nearly five hundred years, this service has some history behind it. Throw on a gown and enjoy a few moments of peaceful reflection. All welcome.

Night Prayer CHOIR/SERVICE
(Chapel • 10pm Tues., come and go)
Here’s a time to pray in silence, introduced by simple chants and prayer in Latin and English.

Chapel G&Tea FOOD/DRINK
(Room 3.3 • 5-7pm Thurs., come and go)
Come early for a cup of tea and slice of cake. Come late for a pre-dinner drink. Numbers may be limited due to social distancing.

Compline CHOIR/SERVICE
(Chapel • 9.30pm Thurs., 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.

Special Events

DON’T MISS

The John Collins Lecture LECTURE
(Harris Lecture Theatre • 17 Nov. 5.30pm, 70 mins)
The annual John Collins Lecture is delivered this year by an Orielensis: the Revd Canon Dr Malcolm Brown is Director of the Church of England’s Mission and Public Affairs Division. Talk more over drinks afterwards.

Baptisms & Confirmations CHOIR/SERVICE
(Chapel • 6pm Wed. 21 Oct. Wk 2, 60 mins) The Bishop of Ebbsfleet will baptise and confirm students who wish to affirm their faith.

All Souls’ CHOIR/SERVICE
(Chapel • 6pm Fri. 30 Oct. Wk 3, 60 mins)
This special service helps us to remember our loved ones who have died. Candles will be lit and names read out.

Remembrance Day EVENT
(3rd Quad • 10.50am Mon. 11 Nov. Wk 5, 15 mins) All members of College are encouraged to gather at the War Memorial in Third Quad to offer our tribute to members of Oriel who lost their lives in war with two-minutes’ silence.

Carol Services CHOIR/SERVICE
(Chapel • 6pm Sun. 29 Nov. & Wed. 4 Dec. Wk 8, 60 mins) Start the countdown to Christmas with the annual Carol Services by candlelight. This is one of the great occasions of the Oriel year and takes place twice in Eighth Week.

Roman Catholic Mass SERVICE
(Chapel • 6pm Tues. 13 Oct. Wk 1, 60 mins)
All are welcome to the termly joint Mass with Corpus Christi College.

Christian Union Service SERVICE
(Chapel • 6pm Wed. 25 Nov. Wk 7, 45 mins)
The college CU hosts an informal service once a term with a guest speaker.