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 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
Harry Baigent

Choir Chair
Jerric Chong

Bible Clerks
Atinuke Olu-Lutherking (Head Clerk), Philip Sivyer, Millan George, Peter Murray, Hannah Preston

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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
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 – 10 October
19th Sunday after Trinity
Honesty
The Chaplain

Second Week – 17 October
20th Sunday after Trinity
Kindness
The Revd Will Coleridge
Vicar, St Matthew’s Church, Bayswater

Third Week – 24 October
21st Sunday after Trinity
Fortitude – Thomas Harriot
Professor Robert Fox
Emeritus Professor of the History of Science

Fourth Week – 31 October
All Saints’ Sunday
Temperance
Fr Matthew Power SJ
Chaplain, Oxford University Catholic Chaplaincy

Fifth Week – 7 November
23rd Sunday after Trinity
Hope
Professor Hindy Najman
Oriel Laing Professor of the Interpretation of Holy Scripture

Sixth Week – 14 November
24th Sunday after Trinity
Remembrance Sunday
Justice
The Revd Lieutenant Colonel Craig Forsythe
Wing Chaplain, United States Air Force

Seventh Week – 21 November
Sunday next before Advent
Patience
The Revd Leon Catallo
Vicar, All Saints’ Church, Headington

Eighth Week – 28 November
1st Sunday in Advent
COLLEGE CAROL SERVICE

Every Week

Morning and Evening Prayer  ➤ Mondays-Fridays 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  ➤ Wednesdays 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. This term we are looking at the Acts of the Apostles.
Wk 1, 13 Oct – The Chaplain
Wk 2, 20 Oct – Dr Marie Daouda
Wk 3, 27 Oct – Philip Sywer, MCR
Wk 4, 3 Nov – The Chaplain
Wk 5, 10 Nov – The Revd Capt. Hans Decker
Wk 6, 17 Nov – The Chaplain
Wk 7, 24 Nov – CU Service
Wk 8, 1 Dec – Carol Service

Compline and Hot Chocolate  ➤ 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.

Special Events

Catholic Mass  ➤ Tuesday 12 Oct. Wk 1, 6pm
All are welcome to the termly Mass led by the Catholic Chaplain and for drinks afterwards.

Commemoration of Benefactors  ➤ Sunday 24 Oct. Wk 3, 6pm
Professor Robert Fox will give an address at Evensong on alumnus Thomas Harriot (1560-1621) whose portrait hangs in Hall.

All Souls’ Service  ➤ Wednesday 3 Nov. Wk 3, 6pm
This special service helps us to remember our loved ones who have died. Candles will be lit and names read out.

The John Collins Lecture  ➤ Friday 5 Nov. Wk 4, 5.30pm
Harris Lecture Theatre
This annual 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.

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

Christian Union Service  ➤ Wednesday 24 Nov. Wk 7, 6pm
The college CU hosts an informal service once a term with a guest speaker.

Carol Services  ➤ Sunday 28 Nov. & Wednesday 1 Dec. Wk 8, 6pm
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.