Choral Evensong  Sundays at 6pm

Choral Evensong is part of the weekly rhythm of College life. The service combines profound and beautiful words from the Book of Common Prayer and the King James Bible with ancient and modern music and hymns sung by the choir and the congregation. It is also an opportunity to hear a variety of interesting guest preachers. College members wear gowns, and the congregation is warmly invited for drinks with the Provost and the Chaplain after the service. Evensong is a nice way to begin an evening at Formal Hall with friends and guests. The theme of the sermons this term is Christ’s encounters with demons in St Luke’s Gospel.

First Week – 9 October
17th Sunday after Trinity
Commemoration of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II
The Chaplain

Second Week – 16 October
18th Sunday after Trinity
Art Thou Come to Destroy Us?
The Revd Dr Patrick Gilday
Rector, St Helen’s Church, Benson

Third Week – 23 October
19th Sunday after Trinity
Edmund Fellowes
Dr David Maw
Fellow and Tutor in Music and Director of Chapel Music

Fourth Week – 30 October
20th Sunday after Trinity
Legion
The Revd John Fairful
Minister, Church of Scotland (Rtd)

Fifth Week – 6 November
21st Sunday after Trinity
A Boy with a Demon
Dr Marie Daouda
College Lecturer in French

Sixth Week – 13 November
22nd Sunday after Trinity
Remembrance Sunday
Beelzebub
The Revd Canon Vaughan Roberts
Rector, St Ebbe’s Church, Oxford

Seventh Week – 20 November
Sunday next before Advent
Satan Hath Desired
The Revd Joseph Hamilton
Private Secretary to His Eminence Cardinal Pell and Professor of Patristics, Pontifical University of St Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum), Rome

Eighth Week – 27 November
1st Sunday in Advent
COLLEGE CAROL SERVICE
Regular Services

Morning and Evening Prayer
▶ Monday–Friday 8am & 6pm, 20 mins
This short service begins and ends the day with prayers and readings from the Book of Common Prayer. Every student is prayed for by name during the year. In the mornings stay on for breakfast in Hall afterwards.

Holy Communion
▶ Wednesday 6pm, 60 mins
Our main mid-week service is a traditional celebration of Holy Communion with singing led by the choir. This term various students will speak on the Acts of the Apostles. All are invited to drinks after the service. See Special Events for Seventh and Eighth Weeks.

Compline
▶ Thursday 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. All are welcome. If you are not yet ready for bed, stay for hot chocolate in the Chaplain's room. There is no Compline in Eighth Week.

Chapel Discussion Group
A Bible study and discussion group runs for anyone who would like to find out more about Christian faith or is thinking about Baptism or Confirmation. Ask the Chaplain for details

Special Events

Roman Catholic Mass
▶ Tuesday 11 Oct. Wk 1, 6pm
All are invited to the termly Mass with Corpus Christi College, celebrated by the Catholic Chaplain to the University and accompanied by Gregorian chant.

All Saints’ and All Souls’
▶ Thursday 3 Nov. Wk 4, 6pm
In this service we commemorate all the faithful departed. The Provost reads out the names of loved ones we have lost. All are welcome.

Remembrance Day
▶ Friday 11 Nov. Wk 5, 10.50am
All members of College are encouraged to gather at the War Memorial in Third Quad for two minutes’ silence to offer our tribute to members of Oriel who lost their lives in war.

John Collins Lecture
▶ Tuesday 15 Nov. Wk 6, 5.30pm
(Harris Lecture Theatre)
This annual lecture is delivered this year by Dr Tony Sewell CBE, Chair of Generating Genius and the Commission on Race and Ethnic Disparities. Drinks afterwards.

Christian Union Service
▶ Wednesday 23 Nov. Wk 7, 6pm
The College CU hosts an informal service once a term with a guest speaker.

Advent Carol Services
▶ Sunday 27 Nov. & Wednesday 30 Nov. Wk 8, 6pm
Start the countdown to Christmas with the annual Carol Services by candlelight. These are among the great occasions of the Oriel year.
Welcome to Chapel

For some of us Chapel is very familiar; for others it is a total novelty. Everyone is welcome, whether you make it a regular feature of your week, just pop in occasionally for a service, or could simply do with a quiet moment of reflection. 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. Sacred music sung by our superb Choir has been an important part of the College’s identity for centuries, a heritage that continues to the present day. Chapel is a place of learning, prayer, and Christian 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, and the possibility of Baptism, Confirmation, or indeed Marriage! We value the diversity of traditions represented here. 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 (First Quad)
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. You can reach him by email or a knock on the door.

Director of Music: Dr David Maw
Room 3.2 (First Quad)
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The Director of Music works alongside the Chaplain in preparing services and has charge over the Organ Scholar and the Chapel Choir. He is the Fellow in Music at Oriel. For a list of music at this term’s services, please see the Chapel web page: www.oriel.ox.ac.uk/life-oriel/chapel

Organ Scholar       Alessandro MacKinnon-Botti
Choir Chair         Jerric Chong
Bible Clerks        Philip Sivyer (Head Clerk), Michal Harris-Edwards, Oliver Mullen, Peter Murray
Sacristan           Guy Cabral

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The Christian Union

The Christian Union aims to share the good news about Jesus Christ and the life he offers. Please visit www.oiccu.org or contact the College Rep at joshua.williams@oriel.ox.ac.uk

The Roman Catholic Chaplaincy

The Catholic Chaplaincy celebrates Mass daily at Rose Place, off St Aldate’s. For more information, please visit www.catholicchaplaincyoxford.co.uk or contact the College Rep at michal.harris-edwards@oriel.ox.ac.uk

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