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 an opportunity to hear a variety of interesting guest preachers and a good way to begin an evening at Formal Hall with friends and guests. College members wear gowns, and the congregation is warmly invited to drinks with the Provost and the Chaplain after the service. The theme of this term’s sermons is Christ’s parables about harvests and vineyards.

First Week – 8 October
18th Sunday after Trinity
A Sower Went Forth to Sow
The Chaplain

Second Week – 15 October
19th Sunday after Trinity
Building Bigger Barns
The Revd Michael Print
Vicar, St George’s Church, Chorley

Third Week – 22 October
20th Sunday after Trinity
Reginald Pecock
Dr Jennifer Smith
Associate Professor of English,
Pepperdine University, Malibu, California

Fourth Week – 29 October
21st Sunday after Trinity
Two Sons and the Vineyard
Dr David Bennett
Postdoctoral Researcher in Theology

Fifth Week – 5 November
22nd Sunday after Trinity
Labourers in the Vineyard
The Revd Bruce McDowall
Minister, United Free Church of Scotland

Sixth Week – 12 November
23rd Sunday after Trinity
Wicked Tenants of the Vineyard
The Venerable Jonathan Chaffey CB
Archdeacon of Oxford

Seventh Week – 19 November
24th Sunday after Trinity
A Fig Tree in the Vineyard
The Rt Revd Paul Thomas
Bishop of Oswestry

Eighth Week – 26 November
Sunday next before Advent
CAROL SERVICE
Regular Services

Morning and Evening Prayer
› Monday to Friday 8am; Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 6pm, 20 min
These short services begin and end 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 min
Our main mid-week service is a traditional celebration of Holy Communion with music sung by the choir. This term, various students will preach on the Sermon on the Mount. All are invited to drinks in the Chaplain’s set following the service. See Special Events for Weeks 4, 7 and 8.

Compline
› Thursday 9.30pm, 20 min
This candle-lit service of night prayer is a perfect way to wind down and de-stress at the end of a busy day. The singing is led by a small group of choral scholars. Hot chocolate is available for all in the Chaplain’s set afterwards. There will not be Compline in Week 8.

Chapel Discussion Group
This is an opportunity to explore a Bible passage together in a small group, and to find out more about the Christian faith, Baptism or Confirmation. Ask the Chaplain for details.

Roman Catholic Mass
› Tuesday 10 October (Week 1), 6pm
All are invited to Corpus Christi College for the termly Mass celebrated by the Catholic Chaplain to the University.

Special Events

All Saints’ and All Souls’
› Wednesday 1 November (Week 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.

Act of Remembrance
› Friday 10 November (Week 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
› Monday 20 November (Week 7), 5.30pm
Harris Lecture Theatre
This annual lecture is delivered this year by Kate Forbes MSP, formerly Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy and a candidate for the leadership of the Scottish National Party. She will talk about freedom of religious conscience in contemporary politics. All are welcome to drinks afterwards.

Christian Union Talk
› Wednesday 22 November (Week 7), 6pm
The College Christian Union hosts an informal talk once a term with a guest speaker.

Advent Carol Services
› Sunday 26 November and Wednesday 29 November (Week 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 during the day. Oriel College was founded as ‘a college of scholars studying sacred theology, civil and canon law and useful knowledge’ in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and 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 or Confirmation. 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 College’s welfare team and 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), musicdirector@oriel.ox.ac.uk

The Director of Music works alongside the Chaplain to prepare services, and has charge over the Organ Scholars and the Chapel Choir. He is Fellow and Tutor 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/chapel

Associate Clergy  The Revd Dr AKMA Adam
Choir Chair    Jerric Chong
Bible Clerks   John Thuppayath (Head Clerk), Michal Harris-Edwards, Junsoo Kim, Oliver Mullen, Hannah Preston

YouTube Archive
An archive of sermons and music is available on YouTube: Oriel College Chapel

The Christian Union

The Christian Union aims to share the good news about Jesus Christ and the life he offers. For more information, please visit www.occu.org or contact the contact the Oriel/Merton College Rep at charis.patterson@merton.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