



Oriel College Chapel
Hilary Term 2024

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. This term's sermons follow the story of Genesis from Cain to Abraham.

First Week – 14 January
2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

The Land of Nod

The Chaplain

Second Week – 21 January
3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

Noah's Birth

The Revd Sam Aldred
*Vicar of Swansea and Chaplain to the University of Wales,
Trinity St David*

Third Week – 28 January
4th Sunday after the Epiphany

Noah's Ark

Dr Erin Heim
Tutor in Biblical Studies, Wycliffe Hall

Fourth Week – 4 February
Sexagesima

Noah's Flood

The Very Revd Dr John O'Connor, O.P.
Regent, Blackfriars Hall

Fifth Week – 11 February
Quinquagesima

Noah's Covenant

The Chaplain

Sixth Week – 18 February
1st Sunday in Lent

Noah's Drunkenness

The Revd Professor John Barton
*Oriel Laing Professor Emeritus of the Interpretation of
Holy Scripture*

Seventh Week – 25 February
2nd Sunday in Lent

The Tower of Babel

The Chaplain

Eighth Week – 3 March
3rd Sunday in Lent

The University Sermon for the Annunciation

Professor William Wood
Clifford Potter Fellow and Tutor in Theology

Regular Services

Morning and Evening Prayer

► *Monday to Friday 8am;*

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 6pm, 20 min

These brief 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 singing led by the Choir. This term, various students will preach on the Sermon on the Mount. All are invited to drinks following the service.

Compline

► *Thursday 9.30pm, 20 min*

This candle-lit night prayer is the perfect way to wind down and de-stress at the end of the day. The singing is led by a small group of choral scholars. All are welcome to stay for hot chocolate in the Chaplain's room afterwards. There will be no Compline in Week 8.

Chapel Discussion Group

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

Oriel/Corpus College Mass

► *Tuesday 16 January, Week 1, 6pm*

All are invited for the termly Mass celebrated by the Roman Catholic Chaplain to the University beginning at 6pm at Corpus Christi Chapel followed by Evening Prayer for Christian Unity at Oriel Chapel.

Christian Union Meeting

► *Wednesday 6 March, Week 8, 6pm*

The College CU hosts an informal service once a term with a guest speaker.

Special Events

Holocaust Memorial Day

► *Saturday 27 January, Week 2, 6pm*

A vigil will be held to remember all victims of the Holocaust. All are welcome to gather in Chapel for a time of reflection by lighting candles, silent prayer and readings. Stay as long as you like.

Feast of Charles, King and Martyr

► *Tuesday 30 January, Week 3, 8am*

The words *Regnante Carolo* above the Hall steps commemorate the complete rebuilding of Front Quad in the 1630s 'in the reign of Charles'. Prayers will be said at Morning Prayer to mark the feast day of Charles I.

Candlemas

► *Friday 2 February, Week 3, 6pm*

This is the principal feast of the Oriel year, marking the College's dedication to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The candle-lit service of Choral Evensong commemorates the occasion when the infant Christ was presented by Mary in the Temple and hailed as the Light of the World. The guest preacher at this year's service will be the Rt Revd Dr Michael Beasley, Bishop of Bath and Wells (Oriel 1993).

Ash Wednesday

► *Wednesday 14 February, Week 5, 6pm*

Since the Middle Ages, the start of Lent has been solemnly 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 5 March, Week 8, 6pm*

This is a significant ceremonial occasion in which a sermon is 'preached before the University', with the Pro Vice-Chancellor and Proctors of the University in attendance. Doctors are invited to wear their robes. By tradition, Oriel hosts the annual sermon for the Annunciation, commemorating the angel Gabriel's visit to the Virgin Mary to announce the conception of Jesus Christ. This year the preacher is William Wood, who is Tutorial Fellow in Theology at Oriel.

