

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

The Land of Nod

2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

Second Week - 21 January

3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

Third Week - 28 January

4th Sunday after the Epiphany

Fourth Week – 4 February

Sexagesima

Fifth Week – 11 February

Quinquagesima

Sixth Week – 18 February

1st Sunday in Lent

Seventh Week – 25 February

2nd Sunday in Lent

Eighth Week – 3 March 3rd Sunday in Lent

The Chaplain

Noah's Birth

The Revd Sam Aldred

Vicar of Swansea and Chaplain to the University of Wales,

Trinity St David

Noah's Ark

Dr Erin Heim

Tutor in Biblical Studies, Wycliffe Hall

Noah's Flood

The Very Revd Dr John O'Connor, O.P.

Regent, Blackfriars Hall

Noah's Covenant

The Chaplain

Noah's Drunkenness

The Revd Professor John Barton

Oriel Laing Professor Emeritus of the Interpretation of

Holy Scripture

The Tower of Babel

The Chaplain

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.

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 in 1326 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 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 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), musicdirector@oriel.ox.ac.uk

The Director of Music works alongside the Chaplain in preparing services and has charge over the Organ Scholar and the Chapel Choir. He is a Fellow in Music at Oriel. For a list of music at this term's services, please visit the Chapel web page: www.oriel.ox.ac.uk/chapel



Organ Scholars Alessandro MacKinnon-Botti, Edward Bence, Virginia Browne

Choir Chair

Jerric Chong

Bible Clerks

John Thuppayath (Head Clerk), James Fulcher, Michał Harris-

Edwards, Junsoo Kim, Claire Latham, Hannah Preston

Sacristan

Oliver Mullen

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.oiccu.org or contact the contact the 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

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