



Oriel College Chapel

Trinity Term 2025

# 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 nice way to begin an evening at Formal Hall with friends and guests. College members wear gowns, and the congregation is warmly invited for drinks with the Provost and the Chaplain after the service.

This term's sermons are on the name of Jesus as described in John Newton's classic hymn *How sweet the name of Jesus sounds*.

## *First Week – 27 April*

1st Sunday after Easter

### **Shepherd**

The Acting Chaplain

## *Second Week – 4 May*

2nd Sunday after Easter

### **Friend**

The Revd Professor Mark Harris  
*Andreas Idreos Professor of Science and Religion,  
Harris Manchester College*

## *Third Week – 11 May*

3rd Sunday after Easter

### **Prophet**

The Revd Dr Elizabeth Pitkethly  
*St Andrew's Church, North Oxford*

## *Fourth Week – 18 May*

4th Sunday after Easter

### **Priest**

The Rt Revd Norman Banks  
*Bishop of Richborough (Rtd)*

## *Fifth Week – 25 May*

5th Sunday after Easter

### **King**

The Revd Prebendary Charles Marnham  
*Former Rector, St Michael's Church, Chester Square, London*

## *Sixth Week – 1 June*

Sunday after Ascension Day

### **Lord**

The Venerable Dr Lyndon Drake, *Research Fellow in Theological Ethics and Artificial Intelligence and Archdeacon Emeritus of Tamaki Makaurau, Maori Anglican Church, New Zealand*

## *Seventh Week – 8 June*

Whitsunday (Pentecost)

### **Life and Way**

The Revd Damian Howard  
*Roman Catholic Chaplain to the University of Oxford*

## *Eighth Week – 15 June*

Trinity Sunday

### **End**

The Acting Chaplain

**The Leavers' Service**

## Regular Services

### Morning Prayer

► *Monday–Friday 8am, 20 mins*

These brief services begin the day with prayers and readings from the Book of Common Prayer. Every student is prayed for by name during the year. 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 Gospel of Mark. All are invited to drinks following the service.

### Compline

► *Thursday 9pm, 20 mins*

This candle-lit service of night prayer is the 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.

### 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.

## Special Events

### Choral Awards Open Day Evensong

► *Saturday 26 April (oth Week), 6pm*

Prospective applicants for choral scholarships will sing with the Choir at a service of Evensong. All are welcome.

### Oriel–Corpus College Mass

► *Tuesday 29 April (1st Week), 6pm*

All are invited for the termly Mass celebrated by the Roman Catholic Chaplain to the University beginning at 6pm at Corpus Christi College Chapel followed by Ecumenical Evening Prayer at Oriel Chapel at 6.45pm. Book into Formal Hall at Oriel afterwards.

### Ascension Day

► *Thursday 29 May (5th Week)*

- 10.30am Assemble in Magpie Lane for the traditional 'beating of the bounds' by the children of the parish, followed by ice cream.
- 12.30pm Be on the Hall steps at lunchtime to hear the Choir sing hymns from the tower to mark Christ's ascension into heaven.
- 9pm The choral scholars sing Compline in Chapel.

### The Leavers' Service

► *Sunday 15 June (8th Week), 6pm*

The final Choral Evensong of term is an opportunity to pray for our leavers and wish them well for the future.

# 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 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. 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.

*Acting College Chaplain: The Venerable David Meara*

Room 3.3 (First Quad), [acting.chaplain@oriel.ox.ac.uk](mailto:acting.chaplain@oriel.ox.ac.uk)

The Acting Chaplain is here for every member of the Oriel community. He is always happy to meet to listen and discuss confidentially any matter of concern – big or small, religious or not. He is a member of the College's welfare team. He was previously Archdeacon of London and was himself a student at Oriel. 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](mailto: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 visit the Chapel web page: [www.oriel.ox.ac.uk/chapel](http://www.oriel.ox.ac.uk/chapel)



Assistant Clergy **The Venerable Dr Lyndon Drake**

Organ Scholars **Edward Bence, Virginia Browne**

Choir Chair      Leo Shaw

**Bible Clerks**      **Claire Latham** (Head Clerk), **James Fulcher**, **Junsoo Kim**, **Ben Owen**, **Felix Thomson**

Sacristan **Diego Ramirez Alcade**

*YouTube Archive*

## 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](http://www.oiccu.org) or contact the College Rep. [duffy@oiccu.org](mailto:duffy@oiccu.org)

## The Roman Catholic Chaplaincy

The Catholic Chaplaincy celebrates Mass daily at Rose Place, off St Aldates.

For more information, please visit [www.catholicchaplaincyoxford.co.uk](http://www.catholicchaplaincyoxford.co.uk)

or contact the College Rep at [zofia.ziemkiewicz@oriel.ox.ac.uk](mailto:zofia.ziemkiewicz@oriel.ox.ac.uk)