



Oriel College Chapel

Michaelmas 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 focus on different Psalms.

First Week – 12 October

16th Sunday after Trinity

Happiness

The Chaplain

Second Week – 19 October

17th Sunday after Trinity

Trust

Mme Cécile Varry

Master of English, Eton College

Third Week – 26 October

18th Sunday after Trinity

Commemoration of Benefactors: James Hannington

The Revd Dr Nick Tucker

Vicar, Bishop Hannington Memorial Church, Brighton

Fourth Week – 2 November

19th Sunday after Trinity

Forgiveness

Professor Alison Salvesen

Professor of Early Judaism and Christianity, Mansfield College

Fifth Week – 9 November

20th Sunday after Trinity

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Security

The Chaplain

Sixth Week – 16 November

21st Sunday after Trinity

Revelation

The Revd Joseph Murphy

Archdiocese of Sydney, Australia

and Doctoral Student in Theology, Oriel College

Seventh Week – 23 November **Intimacy**

The Sunday next before Advent

The Rt Revd Paul Thomas

The Bishop of Oswestry

Eighth Week – 30 November

ADVENT SUNDAY

The Advent Carol Service

The Chaplain

Regular Services

For a full listing of all services in Chapel please consult the notice board in the Chapel porch.

Morning Prayer

► *Monday–Friday 8am, 20 mins*

These short 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 music sung by the Choir. Sermons this term are on St Paul's letter to the Colossians. All are invited for drinks in the Chaplain's set 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 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.

Oriel–Corpus College Mass

► *Tuesday 14 October (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 Prayers for Christian Unity at Oriel Chapel at 6.45pm. Book into Formal Hall at Oriel afterwards.

Special Events

All Saints' and All Souls'

► *Wednesday 5 November (4th Week), 6pm*

This annual college feast celebrates the achievements of scholars who have obtained a First class result in their Prelims or Finals. The Provost will also read out the Oriel Chantry list and the names of the recently departed. All are welcome.

Remembrance Day

► *Tuesday 11 November (5th Week), 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.

The John Collins Lecture

► *Monday 24 November (7th Week), 5.30pm*

The historian, journalist and barrister Dr Bijan Omrani delivers the annual Chapel lecture following the publication of his most recent book *God is an Englishman: Christianity and the Creation of England*. All welcome in the Harris Lecture Theatre and to drinks afterwards.

Advent Carol Service

► *Sunday, 30 November and Wednesday 3 December (8th Week), 6pm*

Members of College and their guests are invited to this special service of Nine Lessons and Carols by candlelight, one of the great occasions of the Oriel year anticipating Christ's coming into the world.

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.

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 confidentially any matter of concern – 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 visit the Chapel web page: www.oriel.ox.ac.uk/chapel



Assistant Clergy **The Venerable Dr Lyndon Drake**

Organ Scholars **Edward Bence, Virginia Browne**

Choir Chair **Isabelle Miller**

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

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

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 Reps at james.fulcher@oriel.ox.ac.uk or kiel.mchugh@oriel.ox.ac.uk