



Oriel College Chapel

Trinity Term 2026

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.

First Week – 26 April

3rd Sunday after Easter

Christ Made Himself Nothing

The Chaplain

Second Week – 3 May

4th Sunday after Easter

He Must Increase, But I Must Decrease

The Revd Professor Andrew Davison
Regius Professor of Divinity, Christ Church

Third Week – 10 May

5th Sunday after Easter

A Grain of Wheat

The Rt Revd Dr Graham Tomlin
President, St Mellitus College, and Chair of the Inter-Anglican Standing Commission on Unity, Faith, and Order

Fourth Week – 17 May

Sunday after Ascension Day

Neither Cold nor Hot

The Chaplain

Fifth Week – 24 May

Whitsunday (Pentecost)

Where Your Treasure Is

Dr Marta Bielińska
Junior Research Fellow in Religion and the Frontier Challenges, Pembroke College

Sixth Week – 31 May

Trinity Sunday

The Eye of the Needle

His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Radcliffe O.P.
Master Emeritus of the Order of Preachers

Seventh Week – 7 June

1st Sunday after Trinity

The Harvest is Great

The Revd Dr Joseph Hamilton
Rector, Domus Australia, Rome

Eighth Week – 14 June

2nd Sunday after Trinity

The Day Is Far Spent

The 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. All are invited to drinks following the service. In 5th Week the service is transferred to Tuesday at Keble College Chapel.

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. There is no Compline in 8th Week.

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

Oriel–Corpus College Mass

► *Tuesday 28 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.

Choral Awards Open Day Evensong

► *Saturday 2 May (1st Week), 6pm*

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

Ascension Day

► *Thursday 14 May (3rd 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.

Oriel–Keble Joint Service

► *Tuesday 26 May (5th Week), 6pm*

This service held at Keble College Chapel is sung jointly by the choirs of both colleges. All are welcome. Note that this replaces the usual service at Oriel on Wednesday 27 May.

The Leavers' Service

► *Sunday 14 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.

