Trinity Term is fun and intense in equal measure.

The Chapel offers something to everyone. We are here for all faiths and none. The Chapel itself gives all students a quiet space in the heart of the College. Oddly comfortable, it’s somewhere you can come and take time out. Peaceful and calm, it’s a restorative place where you can regroup, recharge, or gather your wits before or after an exam.

This term above all we’re offering special times for **prayer for exams**, at lunchtimes in weeks 4, 6, and 8 (see inside back cover). You don’t have to be a Christian to make the most of this.

I’d love to respond to your **spiritual needs**, so if there are things that you’d like, drop me a line so we can chat. If you want me to pray for you about anything, please just ask, or put a note on the prayer board just inside the Chapel door.

Chapel is also a place where the College marks times and events. We follow the **Church** calendar, celebrating the Christian festivals of Easter, Ascension Day and Pentecost this term. And we follow **your** calendar, marking times of exams and times when students prepare to leave.

If you’re a Leaver and have not yet made it into Chapel for a service, do come to your last one: we won’t just be celebrating a time of year, but we’ll also be celebrating **you**. There’ll be a special drinks reception in the Principal’s garden after Chapel that day.

Families and friends are always welcome: not just to Leavers’ Evensong, but to any event.

With prayers throughout the term -

Megan
## WEEKLY DIARY

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**Sunday Evensong** is the main Chapel service of the week for the whole College, with beautiful music and excellent speakers. You are all very welcome, whether you are a Christian, exploring your faith, or simply want to come to hear the speakers and the music. See next page for speakers and subjects. The service starts at **5.45pm** unless otherwise specified.

**Morning Prayer** is a time when the Chapel is booked for quiet prayer. When a student or the Chaplain is present to lead it, we follow a modern Church of England service, praying for all members of College and the wider world. Otherwise all are welcome to make the most of this meditative time in their own ways, using the resources available, as a way to start the day well.

**Franciscan Midday Prayer** on Mondays is part of the Young Franciscans movement. A simple time of prayer lasting 20 minutes, it offers a pause for spirituality in the middle of the day.

The **Christian Union** meets on Wednesdays. Weeks 1,3,5,7 are at **Oxford Inter-Collegiate Christian Union** at Wesley Memorial Church at 8.00pm; weeks 2,4,6,8 are the College gathering in Chapel at 6.30pm.

**Oxford Meditative Groups** (also known as **OMG**) is a range of meditative practices to which all are welcome. See below to find out more.

**Scriptural Reasoning** is a practice of inter-faith reading. See below to find out more.

Students often speak at Thursday **Holy Communion**; this Christian service is a popular gathering which combines sociable joy with a reflective peace. Sherry follows, before Formal.
SUNDAY CHORAL EVENSONG

...BELIEVE IT OR NOT

23 April
EASTER EVENSONG: The Resurrection
The Chaplain

30 April
At the Right Hand of the Father
The Reverend Hannah Hobday
Parish priest, Earley St. Peter's, Reading; Alumna of Jesus College

7 May
The Last Judgement
The Right Reverend Dr Steven Croft
Bishop of Oxford

14 May
CU EVENSONG
The Holy Spirit: the Lord, the Giver of Life
Donald Hay
Licensed Lay Minister, St. Andrew's, Oxford; Emeritus Fellow in Economics, Jesus College

21 May
The Holy Catholic Church
Professor Elizabeth Stuart
Deputy Vice-Chancellor, University of Winchester; Professor of Theology; Alumna of Jesus College

28 May
Who are the Saints?
The Reverend Rachel Gibson
Rector, St. Clement's, Oxford

4 June
PENTECOST: The Forgiveness of Sins
The Reverend Abi Thompson
Vicar, St. James', Clifton, Rotherham; Dean of Women's Ministry, Diocese of Sheffield

11 June
LEAVERS’ EVENSONG: Life Beyond...
5.30pm
The Chaplain

The Chapel Charity at Evensong this term will be Christian Aid. Christian Aid Week falls in 4th week this term (14th-20th May). We mark the week itself with Coppers Round The Quad. Please bring your unused change - of any currency - and line it up around second quad grass. Between us all - staff, students, Fellows, visitors - let’s see whether we can make it all the way round.
OXFORD MEDITATIVE GROUPS (OMG)

Oxford Meditative Groups (OMG) gives students the chance to participate in meditation sessions hosted by Jesus College in the Harold Wilson Room and led by different faith groups on Tuesdays at 5.00pm throughout term.

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FOODS AND FESTIVALS FOR FAITHS AND CULTURES

- Monday 24 April: Isra and Mi’raj (Muslim)
- Wednesday 10 May: Vesak/ Buddha Day (Buddhist)

Each term, to complement our International Dinners in Hall, we take account of a few religious or cultural festivals in our dining. Some of the food offered will be associated with these festivals or holy days. It’s a chance to learn about a range of religious and cultural festivals and celebrate our diversity. Sign-up and cost are as usual.

FAITH RESOURCES

Small items and books for a range of faiths and religious rites are available in the cupboard in the Nurse’s waiting room. Do borrow them for your own personal prayer and meditation whether in the Chapel or elsewhere, but please return them after use.

If you have suggestions for inclusion in the collection please ask the Chaplain.

The Chaplain will also be very pleased to help any student of any faith find a place to worship or connect with a faith community in Oxford.
CHAPLAIN’S COLLOQUIUM

We have just one Colloquium this term due to exam commitments. Anyone interested in the theme or any of the speakers is warmly invited. The speakers lead discussion from their varied viewpoints for 30-40 minutes in the Lecture Theatre, then there is further informal conversation in the Bastion over cheese and wine. Non-alcoholic drinks are also served. Beginning at about 8.30pm, the evenings finish at about 10pm.

Tuesday 9 May     Blood and Faith     8.30pm, Ship Street Centre

Focusing on the theology, symbolism, and importance of blood to the Abrahamic faiths this might sound gory but is strikingly relevant the moment you start to think about it. Our speakers are the Jewish Chaplain to the University, Rabbi Michael Rosenfeld-Schueler, the Reverend Dr Andrew Gregory, New Testament scholar and Chaplain at University College, and Dr Shabbir Akhtar, Centre for Muslim-Christian Studies, Oxford.

SCRIPTURAL REASONING (SR)

Scriptural Reasoning is a practice of inter-faith reading where people of all faiths gather and reflect on short passages from their scriptures together. It is a worldwide movement [www.scripturalreasoning.org](http://www.scripturalreasoning.org) recently started in Oxford. There is sometimes overlap between texts where different faiths share their Scriptures. We meet in the Harold Wilson Room on Mondays 1.00-2.00pm. The texts given here are listed as Jewish; Christian; Muslim but they may be read in any order. This is just a selection for prior study as required. Additional texts may be provided on the day.

Kosher food and vessels will be available for all to share.

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### OTHER CHAPEL SERVICES THIS TERM

The **Commemoration of Benefactors and Founders** is celebrated with an evening service on **Tuesday of 1st week** (25 April) this term. All Scholars are particularly invited to join the Fellowship in this important Chapel Service which leads into the Commemoration Dinner. The service will start at **6.15pm**.

There will be a **College Roman Catholic Mass** in Jesus Chapel on **Tuesday of 2nd week** (2 May) at **6pm**, followed by drinks and formal hall together. There is also a lunchtime RC Mass in our Chapel on **Thursday of 6th week** (1 June) at **12.15pm**.

**Anointing and Prayer for Exams** is offered on **Wednesdays of weeks 4, 6, and 8 at 12.45-1.15pm in Chapel**. A very informal time of prayer focused on exams, with the option of anointing and the laying on of hands if that’s your tradition. Come after a morning exam or before an afternoon exam, or simply in the middle of revision.

**Ascension Day** falls forty days after Easter and is the day when the Church remembers the Ascension of the Risen Christ. We celebrate this on **Thursday of 5th week** (25 May) at **6.15pm in the Chapel** or, if you want to enjoy the Ascension in traditional fashion with singing and prayers from the top of College, **6pm outside the Music Practice Room**.

### CHAPEL AND THE ARTS

The **College Chapel Choir** sings at **Sunday Evensong**. It rehearses 4.30pm-6.00pm on Thursdays and 4.00pm-5.15pm on Sundays. All members of the choir are offered choir tour opportunities, free singing lessons, and free dinner after Evensong. New members are welcome. It is non-auditioning but attendance at rehearsals is required unless by arrangement. If you would like to join, or find out more, please contact edward.buxton@jesus.ox.ac.uk.

Also, don’t forget the fabulous **Jesus College Chapel Choir CD** on sale in the Lodge.

We mark **May Day** with **Madrigals** on Second Quad at 7am. The JCR and MCR then provide champagne and strawberries. May Day falls on **Monday of 2nd week**.

On **Sunday of 3rd week** (7 May) at **2.30pm** is a performance given by the great Spanish pianist and composer **Josué Bonnín de Góngora**. His music is interpersed with poetry readings by Spanish poet and Professor of Aesthetics at Madrid University, **Ilia Galán**. The theme is “Involving Hearts to God’s Ways”. Entry is free and all are welcome. There will be a retiring collection.

On the cover: Kevin Dunn’s painting “Consuming Fire” is the first in a series of works called “Palimpsest”, in which he is exploring the idea of things being erased, hidden, over-written, rewritten, and then exposed as layers flake away. Pentecost, the Church’s celebration of the Holy Spirit, is on June 4 this term; images of fire, light, sacred buildings and holy texts are all ways of representing the spiritual in Christian iconography. We see all these in a variety of different ways here, with the subtle but clearly decipherable cross drawing our eye in a burst of gold. © Kevin Dunn 2016.
The Chaplain (The Reverend Dr Megan Daffern) is glad to meet with students, regardless of religious affiliation, to offer pastoral support and welfare. If you want to see her, do contact her via pigeonhole, email (chaplain@jesus.ox.ac.uk) or telephone (2)79757. Her office is XIV.2. Further details of the whole Welfare Team are on the Welfare Leaflet.

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Sacristan
Thomas Cotterill

Publicity
Abigail Motley, George Berry

Christian Union
Tom Iszatt

Choir Social Team
Hannah Scheithauer, Bronny Harbinson

Interfaith Rep
Ben Tucker

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Judith Clarke (Ripon College, Cuddesdon)
William Levanway (St. Stephen’s House)

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Edward Buxton

Assistant Organists
Jack Colley, Adrian Daffern, Robert Dixon

Young Organ Scholar
Louis Moss

Catholic Chaplaincy Rep
Katie Harrison

The Christian Union welcomes all Christian students across the College, regardless of denomination, and those who want to learn more about Jesus Christ and Christianity. To find out more, please contact thomas.iszatt@jesus.ox.ac.uk. The College Christian Union is part of the Oxford Inter-Collegiate Christian Union: www.oiccu.org.

Graduates may also appreciate the Graduate Christian Forum. For more information, see www.graduatechristianforum.org.

If you are looking for a church of any denomination, the Chaplain will be glad to help.

Jesus College has a diverse but united community of Christians, and a broad range of students from many different faith and cultural backgrounds. Whether you are new to College or have been here a while everyone is always welcome to any event in Chapel or organised by the Chaplain.