THE CHAPEL
HILARY 2018
Happy New Year! and welcome back.

I hope you’ve had a good vacation. Either way, please feel free to invite yourself for coffee or tea to catch up after a snowy December and as a new January slowly dawns. The days are getting longer now so we know it will soon be time for daffodils.

There’s lots going on through Chaplaincy this term (even more than ever before). Please read on carefully: in fact there’s so much to tell you about, I need to cut this introductory note short. So read, digest, and enjoy. And look forward to my email reminders...

With best wishes

Megan

BIGGER AND BETTER THAN EVER BEFORE...

FOODS AND FESTIVALS
FOR FAITHS AND CULTURES

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Each term, 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.

The highlight of this series in Hilary Term will be a week long Chinese New Year celebration culminating in a festive Chinese New Year dinner. Chinese food will be enjoyed, of course; but there’ll also be students to talk about their experiences of celebrating this festival in their own home cultures as well as traditional musical performances. It falls during the week of the Turl Street Arts Festival, and so we are hoping that there’ll even be some Chinese performance art to help us celebrate and learn about Chinese culture. Support your Chinese friends and rejoice in our spiritual and cultural diversity.

For more information, contact sailesh.vyas@jesus.ox.ac.uk or yinyan.che@jesus.ox.ac.uk.
SUNDAY CHORAL EVENSONG

NORTH AND SOUTH, EAST AND WEST

14 January  EPIPHANY EVENSONG: ...From the East
The Chaplain

21 January  That All May Be Free: Christian Unity and Mission in the West and Beyond
The Reverend David Hull
Methodist Chaplain at Kingswood School, Bath

28 January  Downwards: Life from Death for the Deep South
The Reverend James Taylor
Vicar of The Town Church, Jersey

4 February  Down and Out
Sister Frances Dominica DL OBE
Anglican nun of All Saints Sisters of the Poor, Founder of Helen House Hospice, The Porch Centre for the Homeless, and Douglas House

11 February  East meets West: Tales from the Georgian Orthodox Church
Father George Trapaidze
Parish Priest, Georgian Orthodox Cathedral of Nativity of Our Lord

18 February  TSAF EVENSONG: Exeter College
The Reverend Dr Malcolm Guite
Poet, Singer-Songwriter, and Chaplain of Girton College, Cambridge

25 February  CU EVENSONG: Jesus Was A Northerner
The Reverend Neil Short
Vicar of St. James in the City, Liverpool

4 March  LENT AND PASSIONTIDE: Lifted Up
The Chaplain

On Sunday of 6th week (18 February) we mark the end of the TURL STREET ARTS FESTIVAL with a joint choirs’ Evensong. This year, the service takes place at Exeter College Chapel, beginning at 6pm.

The Chapel Charity at Evensong this term supports the new charity on our doorstep, The Oxford Winter Night Shelter (OWNs). Administered at the Church of St. Michael at the North Gate, this is a collaboration between seven city churches to provide beds for the homeless from 1st January - 31st March.

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY IN COLLEGE

The College Roman Catholic Mass will be celebrated in Chapel on Monday of 4th week (5 February) at 6.00pm, followed by drinks and formal hall together.

The Roman Catholic Chaplaincy have a lunchtime Mass in Jesus Chapel on Thursday of 7th week (1 March) at 12.15pm.

SHROVE TUESDAY: A CELEBRATION OF PSALMS

Shrove Tuesday in 5th week (13 February) is perhaps better known as “Pancake Day”. In Christian tradition, this was the opportunity to use up food before the Lenten fast the following day (see below). Falling as it does during the Turl Street Arts Festival, the Choir and Theology Lecturer Dr Josh Hordern have decided to have an event at 5.30pm in Chapel to celebrate the Psalms in Word and Music. (This may also have something to do with the Chaplain’s recently-published book on the Psalms for Lent, Songs of the Spirit. Professor John Barton will say a few words to mark the occasion). Word has reached the Chaplain that pancakes and refreshments may also be served as a way of marking this Shrovetide party.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday in 5th week (14 February), with a special Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes, marks the beginning of Lent. The service starts at 6pm. The Choir will be singing.

DEFEATING TERRORISM: A MUSLIM’S PERSPECTIVE

Imam Monawar Hussain MBE DL, founder of The Oxford Foundation, Muslim Tutor at Eton College, Department of Theology at Birmingham University, and Chaplain at the Oxford University Hospitals Trust, reflects on issues central to recent news coverage. This a Chaplain’s Colloquium like the Ben Okri event (see p.7) on Thursday of 6th week (22 February), at 8.30pm in the Ship Street Centre. Beginning with a formal address to begin, after a few questions we break out into the Bastion area for cheese and wine (kosher provision and soft drinks will also be available). All welcome, of any faith or none. www.theoxfordfoundation.com/

ST. DAVID’S DAY OR GŵYL DEWI SANT

We celebrate our Welshness in Chapel on Thursday of 7th week (1 March) at 5.30pm. Come and hear our choir singing in Welsh in this service where the only English spoken is the sermon, preached this year by the Archdeacon of Carmarthen, The Venerable Dorrien Davies, whom some of our Chapel Choir met when on tour in St. David’s Cathedral in 2016.

INTERFAITH RESOURCES: AVAILABLE EVERYDAY

Small items and books for a range of 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.
Oxford Mindfulness Groups

Oxford Mindfulness Groups (OMG) gives students the chance to participate in mindfulness sessions hosted by Jesus College in the Harold Wilson Room and led by a variety of different groups - of faith or no faith - on Tuesdays at 5.00pm throughout term.

16 January Buddhist Mindfulness Oxford University Buddhist Chaplaincy
23 January Secular Mindfulness Oxford Mindfulness Centre
30 January Hindu Mindfulness Oxford Hindu Chaplaincy
6 February Christian Mindfulness Oxford Franciscan Network
13 February Sufi Mindfulness Bridging Spiritual Cultures
20 February Secular Mindfulness Oxford Mindfulness Centre
27 February Buddhist Mindfulness Oxford University Buddhist Chaplaincy
6 March Christian Mindfulness Oxford Franciscan Network

Spirituality

The Chapel Weekend is at Hilfield Friary 9-11 March. This weekend offers something to everyone - refreshment, restoration, and/or time out for God - at the end of 8th week. Hilfield Friary is an Anglican Franciscan Community of brothers, with men, women, and children living alongside them. Their aims include promoting justice and reconciliation in a troubled world, and proclaiming a wise ecology in the face of our culture’s environmental foolishness. The Community shares in a rhythm of daily prayer, helps to look after the Friary land and buildings, and offers hospitality to guests and visitors. People of all backgrounds are welcome – Christians, those of other faiths and of none – for rest, retreat, and renewal of life.

It will be our seventh visit as a group, and in the past everyone’s adored it. Look at the Chapel Facebook page to see some photos. If you are interested, do contact the Chaplain.

Scriptural Reasoning

Scriptural Reasoning (SR) 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.scripturalereasoning.org just beginning in Oxford. There is sometimes overlap between texts where different faiths share their Scriptures. We will be meeting in the Harold Wilson Room on Mondays 1.00-2.00pm. We spend time with texts from Jewish, Christian, and Muslim traditions, and discuss ancient, medieval, and modern interpretations of Scripture, modern day practices which reflect these texts, and what they mean personally for individuals and faith communities. Rabbi Michael Rosenfeld-Schueler helps lead it, and a free, simple kosher lunch is provided.

15 January Mercy and Forgiveness
22 January Fear
29 January Suffering
5 February Art
12 February Music
19 February Prayer
26 February Charity
5 March Gender Relations

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, and taking up the provision of singing lessons, are 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 now available at the Lodge.

The Turl Street Arts Festival runs from 4th to 6th week (4-18 February). You will find a full schedule of events @TurlStreetArtsFestival on Facebook.

Throughout 5th week, 11-18 February, an art exhibition will also be on display in Chapel by our very own member, Bev Saunders, also known as Lady Shadbolt. She is also the artist of our cover image. The theme of Bev’s exhibition is Angels and Shadows.

The Festival Evensong is in Exeter Chapel on Sunday 18 February (see p. 4)

“The Magic Lamp: Literature, Spirituality, and Art” with Ben Okri

Author Ben Okri, whose “The Famished Road” won the Booker Prize in 1991, and who has continued to write with a great output of novels, short stories, and poetry, visits Jesus College on Monday 12 February (5th week) as part of TSAF. After spending time with our English students in the afternoon, he will speak in the evening at an event in the Ship Street Centre at 8.30pm. He will explore connections between literature, spirituality, and art in many forms, as one of our Chaplain’s Colloquium events. Thus after a public conversation with the Chaplain in the Lecture Theatre, there will be a breakout time for further smaller conversations with him and one another in the Bastion area, over cheese and wine. There will also be a book-signing at this event, with thanks to Blackwells (so you may want to bring a means of buying a book if you enjoy what he has to say). He will be focusing in particular on his recent thinking and inspiration which you can see in his book “The Magic Lamp”, hence the title of this event.

Practice makes Perfect...

The Chapel Grand Piano is available for use by those who would be willing to give a recital or contribute their musical gifts substantially to a concert or other College event. For more information, contact the Chaplain.

The Lodgings Grand Piano is also available by appointment with the Shadbolt family. Please contact helen.gee@jesus.ox.ac.uk to arrange time to access the instrument. Bev encourages you not to be shy to ask! This is particularly relevant to those of you who will contribute to:

Principal’s Soiree

The Soirée is now a termly event, to be held this term on 19 February (6th week). If you want to perform, please contact john.colley@jesus.ox.ac.uk. If you are interested in attending, look out for an email from Helen Gee - and remember, first come, first served!
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.

Chapel Clerk Team  Lois Williams, Ealish Swift, Alan Jiang, Katie Harrison
Sacristan  Thomas Cotterill
Organ Scholars  Edward Buxton, Lucia Svecova
Assistant Organist  Jack Colley
Christian Union  Tom Iszatt
Chapel Publicity  Ed Lawrence, Tim Parker
Scriptural Reasoning  Spencer Klavan
Catholic Chaplaincy  Rasa Giniutaite, Katie Harrison
Choir Social Team  Hannah Scheithauer, Bronny Harbinson
Interfaith Rep  to be confirmed by the JCR in Week 1
Chapel Clerks Emeriti  Ben Naylor, Imogen Rhodes, Mark Smith
Ordinand on Placement  Jonathan Tearne (Wycliffe Hall)
Young Organ Scholar  Barnaby Merriman (Larkmead School)
Young Music Scholars  Olivia Nyagua, Elsa Rea (St. Joseph’s Catholic Primary)
TSAF Reps  Iolo Jones, Gwenno Jones, Calvados Che

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: see 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 very 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.

The front cover features a photograph by Bev Saunders entitled Tramontane (2018).