From The Chaplain

Welcome back to College for Trinity Term. I hope it’s a great one for you all.

Here’s another great line-up of events and services for the term. Because of exams, there’s a little less going on, but you’ll still see there’s lots to choose from.

You may have noticed we’re doing more Arts in Chapel. See the inside back cover for a full programme of concerts, and don’t forget the popular Friday@1. This is all part of a wider project to raise the profile of the Arts in College. We’re also starting a “Friends of Music” to help resource and develop our Choir and the music we will be offering in Chapel in the years to come. Look out for our forthcoming leaflet that will tell you more about our music scheme and all we’re getting up to, and if you have music-loving friends or relatives, do pass it on. Exciting times ahead!

In the mean time, enjoy a blessed term and remember that you’re welcome to use the Chapel at any time of day or night for peace, prayer, and praise, as the term unfolds...

On the Cover

The cover image is an oil painting by Rory Browne, entitled ‘Along the Shore, Kelly Hall Tarn Waterlilies’. The artist writes:

“The verse that accompanies this piece is from Psalm 121: ‘I lift my eyes up to the mountains, where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.’

To some extent lily ponds are redolent of peace and tranquillity. Yet in all our lives what is on the surface is not necessarily representative of what lies beneath. We all have our personal, family, vocational issues to deal with. Life is never straightforward!

This view in the Lake District juxtaposes the tranquillity of a small tarn (Kelly Hall tarn) with the dramatic vista of old man Coniston in the distance. It references this contrast between life’s good times and its challenges. It also alludes to the Psalmist’s exaltation that God is always there for us, in the tough times as well as the good. We need only ‘lift our eyes up’ to access his support.

I hope that whatever you are dealing with in life, you may know God’s help and sense the tranquillity and peace of the lily pond through this painting.”

Week by Week

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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.

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. See page 6 for more information and the themes for each week.

Oxford Mindfulness Groups (also known as OMG) is an opportunity for students to experience meditative practices influenced by different faith traditions. If you are hurrying from academic commitments finishing at 5pm you will be able to slip in quietly. There will always be a number of people there so rest assured it will not be intimidatingly intimate. The various traditions and the dates their groups are attending are listed on page 6.

Students often speak at Tuesday Holy Communion; this service combines sociable joy with a reflective peace and the message of the Christian Gospel. Sherry follows, before Formal.

The Christian Union meets on Wednesdays. Weeks 1,3,5,7 are at Oxford Inter-Collegiate Christian Union (“Central”) at Wesley Memorial Church at 8.00pm; students from Jesus meet up at the Mitre at 7.30pm to go along together. The College CU meets in weeks 2,4,6,8 in Chapel at 6.30pm.

Friday@1 Josh writes: This is an informal performance corner for the creative arts to add some relaxation to every Friday lunchtime from 1.10pm. Get involved with performing by emailing joshua.venables@jesus.ox.ac.uk or just turn up to perform or listen each Friday! Music, poetry, drama, spoken word, anything else you can think of - we’d absolutely love to see you!
**Sunday Choral Evensong**

**Faith Matters**

22 April  
**Faith and Science**  
The Reverend Professor Alister McGrath  
*Director of the Ian Ramsey Centre for Science and Religion*

29 April  
**Forgetting Forgiveness**  
Professor Alexander McCall Smith  
*Novelist, Emeritus Professor of Medical Law at the University of Edinburgh*

6 May  
**BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION: Faith and Courage**  
The Right Reverend Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani  
*Bishop of Loughborough*

13 May  
**Faith and Law**  
Professor Norman Doe  
*Director of Centre of Law and Religion in Cardiff University, Visiting Fellow at Jesus*

20 May  
**Faith through Freshers’ Week and Finals...**  
The Chaplain

27 May  
**Faith in the Trinity**  
The Reverend Canon Adrian Daffern  
*Rector of Woodstock and Bladon, Assistant Archdeacon of Dorchester*

3 June  
**Faith and Tradition**  
The Reverend Andrew Moughtin-Mumby  
*Rector of St Peter’s Church, Walworth*

10 June  
**LEAVERS’ EVENSONG**  
The Chaplain

**Other Choral Services**

The **Commemoration of Benefactors and Founders** is celebrated with an evening service on **Tuesday of 1**st **week** (24 April) this term. All Scholars are particularly invited to join the Fellowship and the Benefactors of today in this important Chapel Service which leads into the Commemoration Dinner. The service will start at **6.15pm**.

**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 3**nd **week** (10 May) at **6.15pm in the Chapel** or, if you want to enjoy the Ascension in traditional fashion by singing and prayers from a rooftop, **6pm outside the Music Practice Room** (top of staircase 18).

**Roman Catholic Chaplaincy in College**

The **Roman Catholic Chaplaincy** have a lunchtime Mass in Jesus Chapel on **Thursday of 1**st **week** (26 April) at **12.15pm**.

The **College Roman Catholic Mass** will be celebrated in Chapel on **Monday of 3**nd **week** (7 May) at **6.00pm**, followed by drinks and formal hall together.

**Faith, Politics, and the Public Square**

**Former Prime Minister of Australia Kevin Rudd**, now a member of our MCR, will be speaking for us at a Chaplain’s Colloquium on **Tuesday of 2**nd **week** (1 May), at **8.30pm** in the Ship Street Centre.

The Chaplain’s Colloquium series touches on issues pertaining to spirituality and faith, all faiths and none, in a secular setting. After some formal input we break out into the Bastion area where we can talk to our speaker and one another about what he’s made us think about (or just enjoy the cheese and wine.) On this occasion, we’ll be having some Australian wine in our speaker’s honour. Kosher and non-alcoholic provisions will be available.

All members of College, their guests and friends are welcome.

**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 College has decided to celebrate **St. George’s Day** just as we celebrated Burns Night and St. David’s Day last term, so we will have a themed item on our lunch menu on 23 April.

**Buddha Day** is the day when Buddhists celebrate the birth, enlightenment, and final passing away of Gautama Buddha. We will mark this with table decorations as well as a themed lunch menu.

**Ramadan** is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, which begins in 2018 on 16 May. Please be sensitive to our Muslim members who will be fasting during this time. **Eid al-Fitr** is the feast of fast-breaking, and since it is the beginning of the new month after Ramadan it depends on the confirmed sighting of the new moon. We will mark this today with a themed item at lunch.
**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.

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**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. A free, simple kosher lunch is provided.

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**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.

**Chapel Music Diary**

On **Friday of 1st week** (27 April) in our regular lunchtime recital slot we welcome guest performer Sonia Lee. Sonia is a Canadian pianist who will be playing us a 30-minute piano recital beginning at 1.10pm featuring a programme of music from living composers.

On **Saturday of 1st week** (28 April) at 2.30pm we honour the memory of former Head Gardener Jeremy Dickson. Jeremy was a keen musician (organist and violinist) who played the organ in Chapel for staff events. He died suddenly in August 2017. There will be music played by friends and colleagues from the Oxford District Organists' Association.

Then at 5pm and taking up the theme of remembrance and thanksgiving for lives well-lived, the Chapel Choir will be performing the Requiem by Gabriel Fauré. All are welcome and a retiring collection will be made to support our Choir on our forthcoming Tour to Georgia in the summer.

On **Saturday of 2nd week** (5 May) at 3pm our current Organ Scholars, Ed Buxton and Lucia Svecova, and Assistant Organist Jack Colley, will together be giving a recital. This will partly be in rehearsal for Lucy's Prelim's recital. Do come along and support them! On **Friday of 3rd week** (11 May) in our regular lunchtime recital slot we welcome our Young Music Scholars. Come along at 1.10pm to meet Elsa, Olivia, and Barney, and hear what they have been up to. With thanks to St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Headington, and Larkmead School, Abingdon.

The **College Chapel Choir** sings at **Sunday Evensong** and a few special occasions. It rehearses 6.30pm-8.00pm 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.

Don't forget, we have the **Jesus College Chapel Choir CD** available for sale at the Lodge.

**Practice Makes Perfect**

The **Chapel Grand Piano**, the smaller **Ship Street Bastion Grand Piano**, and the **Chapel Harpsichord** are all available for use by those who would be willing to give a recital or contribute their musical gifts 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 **15 May (4th 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!
**People**

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 | Joe Woodman, Joe Hoyle, Tim Parker  
Sacristan | Thomas Cotterill  
Organ Scholars | Edward Buxton, Lucia Svecova  
Assistant Organist | Jack Colley  
Christian Union | Ruby Turner, Josh Venables  
Friday@I Concerts | Josh Venables  
Scriptural Reasoning | Spencer Klavan  
Catholic Chaplaincy | Rasa Giniutaite, Katie Harrison  
Choir Social Team | Hannah Scheithauer, Bronny Harbinson  
Interfaith Rep | Ed Lawrence  
Chapel Clerks Emeriti | Alan Jiang, Lois Williams, Ben Naylor, Imogen Rhodes, Mark Smith  
Chapel Publicity | Ed Lawrence  
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)

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 joshua.venables@jesus.ox.ac.uk or ruby.turner@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.

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**Jesus College has a diverse but very united community of Christians, and a broad range of students from many different faith and cultural backgrounds. Whatever your connection with the College, everyone is always welcome to any event in Chapel or organised by the Chaplain.**

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

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The Chapel Charity at Evensong this term will be Christian Aid. Christian Aid Week falls in 4th week this term (13th-19th 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. Loose holiday or travel coins are welcomed - we love to celebrate our diversity - and they all count. Between us - staff, students, Fellows, visitors - I’m sure we can make it all the way round!