Welcome to all Freshers, and welcome back to everyone else. College life has continued over the summer, as some Graduates will know, and as the staff will be able to tell you - but it’s just lovely to have Jesus filled with students again.

There are lots of Chapel-related events going on this term, as well as the usual round of services. I hope that each and every one of you will find something in this booklet that will attract you, whether it’s music or mindfulness, chats about ethics or sacred texts, food and festivities, carols or communion services.

Please remember that you and your friends, families, and guests are all welcome at our services and events. It’s so special that Chapel brings together Fellows, Staff, MCR and JCR, as well as alumni and all our extended family. Any questions, thoughts, or suggestions, drop me a line: chaplain@jesus.ox.ac.uk.

Have a great term!

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Christmas and Carols

It seems like a long way away but we have already begun planning our Carol Services in some detail. OxMas (8th week, Michaelmas term) has become quite an institution throughout the university so we try and ensure you are well catered for - even though it’s a whole month before Christmas!

We have our main Carol Service in Chapel on **Sunday 25 November at 5.30pm.** It usually begins in darkness and then we get handheld candles lit throughout the Chapel - it’s beautiful, and all students say they’re glad to have attended it at least once in their time here. If you could arrive by **5.20pm** that will help us to make sure it all goes smoothly. Amazing music, of course!

The **Cymdeithas y Dafydd ap Gwilym Annual Welsh Carol Service** takes place in Chapel on **Monday of 8th week (26 November) at 4pm.** Great to go to even if you don’t speak Welsh...

And also on **Monday of 8th week (26 November) at 6pm and again at 9pm,** in the **Sheldonian Theatre,** the Oxford Inter-Collegiate Christian Union is organising two massive University-wide Carol Services. All welcome.

If you are wondering why you’re hearing yet more carols from the Chapel on **Wednesday of 8th week (28 November)** that’s because we have a special **Alumni Carol Service.**

On **Thursday of 8th week (29 November)** in Hall at dinner you get yet more jovial contributions from our choir. Let them bring more celebration to your festive dining!
## Week by Week

**Sunday**
- 4.00-5.15pm **Choir Practice**  
  Chapel
- 5.45-6.50pm **Choral Evensong**  
  Chapel

**Monday - Friday**
- 9.00-9.20am **Morning Prayer**  
  Chapel

**Tuesday**
- 3.30-5.00pm **Scriptural Reasoning**  
  Harold Wilson Room
- 5.00-6.00pm **Oxford Meditative Groups**  
  Harold Wilson Room
- 6.15-7.00pm **Holy Communion Service**  
  Chapel

**Wednesday**
- 6.15pm (weeks 2,4,6,8) **College Christian Union**  
  Chapel
- 8.00pm (weeks 1,3,5,7) **OICCU Central**  
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**Thursday**
- 6.30-8.00pm **Choir Rehearsal**  
  Chapel

**Friday**
- 1.10-2.00pm **Friday@1**  
  Chapel

**Saturday**
- 10.00-11.00am **Prayer Meeting**  
  Seminar Room B
- 11.00am-12.00pm **Deep Chat (weeks 1-7)**  
  Seminar Room A

**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 the Chaplain is present, we follow a modern Church of England service, praying for the College and the wider world. Otherwise, please make the most of this meditative time 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.

**Oxford Mindfulness Groups** (also known as OMG) is an opportunity for students to experience meditative practices influenced by different faith traditions. If you are coming on from something, you will be able to slip in quietly. See page 6 for more information.

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 6.15pm. There is also an informal **Prayer Meeting** on Saturday mornings.

**Friday@1** 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!

**Deep Chat** is a weekly relaxed discussion group on big topics ranging from lad culture to animal welfare to human nature. Come along and chat or just listen and think through some interesting and important issues for the world we live in!
SUNDAY CHORAL EVENSONG

Faith and Public Life

7 October  
FRESHERS’ EVENSONG  
5.30pm  
Faith and Politics  
The Reverend Rose Hudson-Wilkin  
Chaplain to the Speaker of the House of Commons; Chaplain to the Queen; Priest-in-Charge, St. Mary-at-Hill, City of London; led prayers at the Royal Wedding

14 October  
Care in the Community?  
Joanna Moriarty  
Head-hunter at Green Park Executive Search; Director in the Charities and Social Enterprise practice

21 October  
Faith and Service to the Queen  
Dr Andrew Harter CBE  
High Sheriff of Cambridgeshire; Computer Scientist; founder and CEO of Virtual Network Computing

28 October  
Christian Hope in the face of Climate Change  
Lydia Reese  
Partner in Action Manager, A Rocha (a Christian Conservation Charity)

4 November  
Fairness, Finance, and Faith  
Stephen Beer  
Chief Investment Officer, Central Finance Board of Methodist Church; Politician

11 November  
REMEMBRANCE EVENSONG  
The Reverend Squadron Leader Eddie Wynn MBE  
RAF Chaplain, Brize Norton

18 November  
CHRISTIAN UNION EVENSONG  
To Heal the Broken-Hearted  
The Reverend Graham Sykes  
Chaplain, Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust

25 November  
CAROL SERVICE  
5.30pm  
The Chaplain
**Roman Catholic Chaplaincy in College**

The **College Roman Catholic Mass** will be celebrated in Chapel on **Wednesday of 3rd week** (24 October) at **6.00pm**, followed by drinks and formal hall together.

The **Roman Catholic Chaplaincy** have a Central lunchtime Mass in Jesus Chapel on **Thursday of 6th week** (15 November) at **12.15pm**.

### 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.

**Diwali** receives our attention in a week-long celebration in **Fifth Week**. Look out for decorations and candles to celebrate the light as the nights draw in. On **Thursday 8th November** we will have a drinks reception in the Ship Street Centre, followed by a special formal along the lines of our popular **International Formal Dinners**. You’ll get to hear about Diwali and enjoy themed food and entertainment. For more information, or to get involved, contact edward.lawrence@jesus.ox.ac.uk.

**11 November 2018** marks 100 years since **Armistice Day** brought the First World War to an end. Across the country, church and chapel bells will be rung at **12.30pm**. We have contrasting **concerts** at **3pm** and **8.30pm** in **Chapel** (see page 7 of this booklet). Atti the JCR President and his committee are also planning different ways of marking this as a college - look out for more news nearer the time. A formal **Act of Remembrance** takes place in **Chapel** at **5.45pm** at the beginning of a special **Choral Evensong**. Poppies will adorn tables at dinner.

### Chapel Charity

This term our collections will go to **IndiGO Volunteers**. They help people suffering from the effects of poverty, war, and inequality. They run a fee-free system connecting volunteers directly with projects and charities around the World. **Dr Gillian Douglas**, Lecturer in Medicine, has just completed a 600km cycle ride to raise money for them so we are supporting her efforts. See [http://www.indigovolunteers.org/](http://www.indigovolunteers.org/) for more information. You may even want to volunteer yourself: talk to Gillian to find out more.
**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. There is sometimes overlap between texts where different faiths share their Scriptures. It is a worldwide movement [www.scripturalreasoning.org](http://www.scripturalreasoning.org) and this is the major meeting in Oxford. We meet in the Harold Wilson Room on **Tuesdays 3.30pm-5.00pm**. 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. Free, simple kosher snacks may be provided.

For more information please contact spencer.klavan@magd.ox.ac.uk.

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**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 5.00pm-6.00pm** throughout term.

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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.
Our cover image this term is “Summer Moon” by Lesley Maclaren. It is oil on panel, 40 x 40cm, reproduced by kind permission of the artist in conjunction with the Iona House Gallery, Woodstock.

Gaze into it: you may see the change of seasons, the making of new homes, the vibrant yet deep hues of new possibilities as the new academic year begins.

Throughout 4th week (Sunday 28 October - Saturday 3 November) we host an art exhibition of work by Sebastian Hatt (second year, Biological Sciences). Please do drop in freely and have a look.

On Tuesday of 5th week (6 November), at 1.10pm, we have the Freshers’ Concert. Everyone is welcome to come and listen; if you are a Fresher and want to perform something, please get in touch with Lucy Svecova, lucia.svecova@jesus.ox.ac.uk.

On Sunday of 6th week (11 November), at 3.00pm, we mark the Centenary of Armistice Day with a Remembrance Concert: Life, Love, and Loss. This will include music by the Chapel musicians selected to memorialize those who have lost their lives in war.

Then at 8.30pm that evening (11 November), the choral octet Amici della Voce run by our own singing teacher, David Crown, will be performing a late evening concert, with music to include Byrd’s Mass for Four Voices. A great way to be still and remember.

The College Chapel Choir sings at Sunday Evensong and a few concerts and other 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 lucia.svecova@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 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 a termly event, to be held this term on Tuesday of 4th week (30 October). If you want to perform, please contact lucia.svecova@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: Jen Evans, Joe Woodman, Joe Hoyle, Tim Parker
Chapel Music Co-ordinator: Peter Parshall
Organ Scholar in Residence: Lucia Svecova
Assistant Organist: Jack Colley
Assistant Conductor: Tom Nicholas
Christian Union: Ruby Turner, Josh Venables
Friday@1 Concerts: Josh Venables
Scriptural Reasoning: Spencer Klavan
Catholic Chaplaincy: Rasa Giniutaite
Choir Social Team: Lynne Ye Evans, James Cashman
Interfaith Rep: Ed Lawrence
Chapel Publicity: Ed Lawrence, Seb Hatt
Keeper of the Sherry: Anton Blackburn
Ordinands on Placement: Craig Philbrick (Wycliffe Hall), Laura Ward (St. Stephen’s House)
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.

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.

There will also be Church Search breakfasts as part of Freshers’ Week at 9.30am on Sunday 30 September in the MCR and Sunday 7 October in the JCR. Current students will be able to accompany you to church services after a croissant and coffee.