Dear friends

As Christmas turns into Epiphany we start this term on a note of thankfulness. The Feast of the Epiphany in the Christian calendar recalls the gifts that the Three Kings (or magi, or sages, from the East) brought to the infant Jesus. Their myrrh, frankincense, and gold, were precious and mysterious, valuable and symbolic gifts that each said something important about who the Christ child was. (If you want to know more, let’s meet for a cuppa and I’ll tell you…) We each have gifts to celebrate and share. We can be thankful for our own individual gifts, for the gifts we hold in common in our College, and for each others’ gifts.

As I start on my final term as your Chaplain, I’m full of thankfulness for the gifts I have received here, for the many gifts we’ve shared - students, staff, alumni, Fellows, family members, visitors, and everyone whom I’ve met through the College. And as I move on to helping others realise their aspirations the food offered will be associated with these festivals or holy days. It’s a chance to learn about the food offered will be associated with these festivals or holy days. It’s a chance to learn about religious or cultural festivals in our dining hall. 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.

We celebrate St. David’s Day or Gŵyl Dewi Sant on Friday of 7th week (1 March). Current staff will be able to enjoy a coffee morning with Welsh cakes, while local alumni and retired staff will be invited to a Welsh tea in the afternoon. Daffodils will be everywhere!

The central celebration is in Chapel at 5.30pm and is open to all. Come and hear our choir singing in Welsh in this service where the only English spoken is the sermon, preached this year by The Revd Professor Jeremy Duff, Principal of St Padarn’s Institute, a new centre for ministry training in Wales. Inhabit something of our Welsh roots in our College history and traditions.

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. Holy Communion is a time when the Chapel is booked for quiet prayer.

The Christian Union meets on Wednesdays. Weeks 1,3,5,7 are at College 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 Harold Wilson Room 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 timothybrown@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! Updates will be on JCR Facebook.

God bless Megan

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**Foods and Festivals for Faiths and Cultures**

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See next page for more information.
Faith and Creativity

13 January  The Creativity of God, and Scientists  
*Dr Ruth Bancewicz*  
Church Engagement Director, The Faraday Institute for Science & Religion

20 January  God’s dhabar, the creative word  
*Professor Nicola Slee*  
Director of Research, The Queen’s Foundation Birmingham; poet

27 January  Faith and Imagination  
*The Chaplain*

3 February  CHRISTIAN UNION EVENSONG  
*Firm Foundations*  
*Nicholas Bewes*  
Chief Executive, Howard Group (Real Estate)

10 February  Playing the Fool  
*The Reverend Patrick Moriarty*  
Headteacher, Jewish Community Secondary School, Barnet, London

17 February  TURL STREET ARTS FESTIVAL EVENSONG  
5.30pm  
Let there be light… and again!  
*God’s ongoing creation project*  
*Clem Faux*  
Ministry Trainee, All Souls’ Langham Place, London; composer and musician

24 February  Something out of nothing much  
*Francesca Kay*  
Prize-winning novelist whose Roman Catholic roots have shaped her writing

3 March  New Songs  
*The Chaplain*

On **Sunday of 6th week** (17 February) we mark the end of the TURL STREET ARTS FESTIVAL with a joint choirs’ Evensong. This year, the service takes place at our own College Chapel, beginning at 5.30pm.

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.

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The cover image this term is “Row your boat, blue river” by Daphne Stephenson. The image was painted in Portugal and inspired by life in Kashmir: the fusion of international experiences is typical of this artist’s work. It is acrylic on canvas, 122 x 92 cm, reproduced by kind permission of the artist in conjunction with Iona House Gallery, Woodstock, which is exhibiting her work this Spring.

In **4th and 5th weeks** in Chapel we are hosting a small photography exhibition by **Rosalyn Green**, our Director of Human Resources. Entitled “**Beauty in Creative Detail**” it will feature new perspectives on the natural world. All are welcome to drop in to Chapel at any time to spend some moments with these inspirational images.

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.

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**TURL STREET ARTS FESTIVAL**

Look out for separate posters and publicity for the great Turl Street Arts Festival from the end of 4th week to the beginning of 6th week of term. But in the meantime to catch your notice:

On **Sunday 10th February** there is the **Street Fair** which will be held on Brasenose Lane.

On **Saturday 16th February** there is the **Jazz Ball** which will be hosted in our **Hall**.

And don’t forget the **Festival Evensong** on **17th February** hosted in our **Chapel** at 5.30pm the three choirs of Exeter, Jesus, and Lincoln come together and make glorious music.

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**FOR MUSIC PRACTICE**

The Chapel **Grand Piano**, the smaller Ship Street **Bastion Grand Piano**, and the Chapel **Harpischord** 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 Chapel.

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:

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**Principal’s Soiree**

The Soirée is a termly event, to be held this term on **Tuesday of 6th week** (19th February). 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!
Interfaith and Multi-faith Opportunities

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.scripturalereasoning.org and this is the major meeting in Oxford. We meet in the Harold Wilson Room on Thursdays 1.00-2.30pm. 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.

Faith and Contemporary Issues

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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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Resources Available in College

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.

Ecumenical Opportunities

Roman Catholic Chaplaincy in College

The College Roman Catholic Mass will be celebrated in Chapel on Wednesday of 3rd week (30 January) at 6.00pm, followed by drinks and formal hall together.

The Roman Catholic Chaplaincy have a Central luncheon Mass in Jesus Chapel on Thursday of 6th week (21 February) at 12.15pm.

Choral Evensong with Visiting Choir

St. Dunstan's College, London are bringing their Choir to Chapel on Monday of 6th week (18 February) to sing Choral Evensong at 5.30pm. Do come and support them and enjoy some peace at the end of a busy Monday!

Chapel Retreat

The Chapel Weekend is at Hilfield Friary 15-17 March. This weekend offers something to everyone - refreshment, restoration, and/or time out for God - at the end of 9th 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. If you are interested contact Craig Philbrick (craig.philbrick@wycliffe.ox.ac.uk), one of our ordinands on placement, who will be drawing the group together.

Visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury

The Archbishop of Canterbury, The Most Reverend Justin Welby, will be giving a talk at St Mary the Virgin (The University Church, High Street) at 3.30pm on Sunday 27th January. The title will be “Reimagining Britain: values for a changing world”. The event will last for one hour and will be followed by a reception. All welcome but tickets required via EventBrite. Contact Ana-Maria (universitychurch@ox.ac.uk) for more information.

Life Together #Oxford

5th Week: 10th to 14th February
Be yourself. Be curious. Be together…

Monks and nuns coming to a college near you. Meet a monk or nun at breakfast, lunch or tea. Join in monastic worship. Bring questions. Enjoy free food. Engage in lunchtime discussion.

@ SMV (The University Church, High Street) and spread across Colleges every day
See www.lifetogetheroxford.org for details
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, Tim Parker, Immy Osborn, Molly McRae
Chapel Music Co-ordinator  Peter Parshall
Organ Scholar in Residence  Lucía Svecova
Assistant Organist  Jack Colley
Assistant Conductor  Thomas Nicholas
Christian Union  Ruby Turner, Josh Venables
Friday@1 Concerts  Tim Brown
Scriptural Reasoning  Spencer Klavan
Catholic Chaplaincy  Rasa Giniutaite
Choir Social Team  Lynne Ye Evans, James Cashman
Interfaith Rep  tbc
Chapel Publicity  Seb Hatt
Keeper of the Sherry  John Le Moignan, 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.