

Chapel Termcard

Michaelmas Term 2021



People

The Chaplain (Rev'd Dr. Chris Dingwall-Jones) is available to talk to all students, regardless of their beliefs, about any issues or concerns they might have, whether academic, pastoral, or spiritual. Please do get in touch for help, advice, or just a chat, via email (chaplain@jesus.ox.ac.uk) or telephone (2)79757. The Chaplain is also part of the College Welfare Team.

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Dear All,

Welcome to a new term and a new year at Jesus College!

Michaelmas Term is a time of reorientation. Some familiar faces have graduated, some new faces have arrived, and we all come together into a new College community, the same, but different.

Community, however, isn't just something that 'happens' – it takes deliberate work, emerging from shared experiences, shared goals, shared space. Community has rules, written or unwritten, it has benefits and expectations. Our experience of the COVID-19 pandemic has reminded us that community is both resilient and fragile, that it can persist over distance and through adversity, but that it also changes shape under these conditions.



The image on the front of this Term Card shows a mural on Leopold Street, off Cowley Road. The mural was painted by local artist Andrew 'Mani' Manson, and features a poem by Steve Larkin, spoken word artist and founder of Hammer and Tongue. It aims to capture the history and culture of this area of Oxford where 'all are welcome, always have been'.

This aspiration echoes the call in the Gospels to 'love your neighbour,' but immediately raises the question asked by a lawyer in Luke's Gospel – 'who is my neighbour?'. In September this year, the heads of the Church of England, the Roman Catholic Church, and the Orthodox Church issued a joint message 'For the Protection of Creation' reminding us that 'no-one is safe until everyone is safe, that our actions really do affect one another' - an important message as we approach the COP26 climate conference in Glasgow later this term.

The risk of community is that we come to define ourselves over-against one another. What can begin as light hearted fun can easily grow into animosity and even violence, as has historically been the case in the rivalry between Jesus and Exeter Colleges (look it up...). A truly inclusive community requires a constant decision to show mercy and care even when this is difficult – a lesson of which we need to be reminded again and again.

This term, our visiting preachers will address the theme of community – from intentional religious communities, to interpretative communities, to community building and working for change. As we come together in this new year to build a new community, it is my hope and prayer that Chapel can be at the heart of College life, a space for all students, staff and fellows regardless of their religious beliefs. I hope to welcome many of you to join us over the coming term.

In fellowship and love,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C. Dingle Jones". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Evensong Speakers

This term's theme is 'Community'

Evensong takes place in Chapel on a Sunday evening at 5.45pm. Services will also be streamed live on the Chapel Facebook page, and available on YouTube soon afterwards unless otherwise noted.

- 10 October** Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity
Building a Community
Preacher: The Chaplain
- 17 October** First Evensong of St. Luke the Evangelist
*Sacred Writings for our Instruction:
Women and the Intertextual Luke*
Preacher: The Rev'd Charlotte Gibson (Curate, St. Peter's, Harborne;
Founder of the Women's Theology Network)
- 24 October** Last Sunday after Trinity
Community: A Lesson in Growth
Preacher: The Rev'd Laura Collingridge (Curate, St. John's, Bishops
Hatfield; Alumna of the Community of St. Anselm)
- 31 October** All Saints' Day
The Need to Belong – Identity and Community
Preacher: The Rev'd Norman Shanks (Former Leader of the Iona
Community)
- 7 November** Third Sunday before Advent
Living Together
Preacher: Mthr Lucy Gardener (Tutor in Christian Doctrine, St.
Stephen's House, Oxford)
- 14 November** Remembrance Sunday
Community, Conflict, and Remembrance
Preacher: The Chaplain
- 21 November** Sunday Next before Advent
Cantata Vespers – JS. Bach BWV 140
"Wachet auf, ruft uns die stimme"
Disturbing Community
Preacher: Fr. Angus Ritchie (Director, Centre for Theology and
Community)
- 28 November** Advent Sunday
Carol Service
Preacher: The Chaplain

Week By Week

Sunday	8.30am	Eucharist A simple, modern service of Holy Communion.
	5.45pm	Evensong The main weekly service, with beautiful music and excellent speakers. (Also available online, live on Facebook and soon after on YouTube).
Weekdays	9 – 9.30am	Morning Prayer Chapel is booked at this time for quiet prayer and reflection. If the Chaplain or a student is available to lead it, we follow a modern Church of England service.
Tuesday	6.15pm	Eucharist A simple, modern service of Holy Communion.
Wednesday	4.30 – 5pm	Meditation An opportunity for stillness and reflection in the middle of the week.
Thursday	8.15pm	Compline A short, meditative service with psalms and prayers for the end of the day.

Roman Catholic Chaplaincy

College Mass will take place in Chapel on **Wednesday 27 October at 6pm.**

Lunchtime Recitals

Music recitals will take place in Chapel on **Tuesday** and **Friday** lunchtimes. See additional publicity for details.

Interfaith Scriptural Reasoning

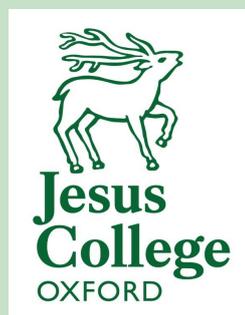
Discusses perspectives on Christian, Jewish, and Muslim texts. Venue tbc.
Contact oxford.scripturalreasoning@gmail.com for details

Syria and Silence

Workshops and a conversation with Sufi Derwish Ahmad Alkatib will take place on October 17th and 18th, details tbc, contact the Chaplain for more information.

Keyboards for Practice

A piano and a harpsichord are available in Chapel; arrangements to use these must be made with the Chaplain



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