

THE CHAPEL

Michaelmas term 2024



Cover Image: From my wanderings this summer, a poem by St John of the Cross flanked by the Lord's Prayer in Arabic, a fertile juxtaposition curated by designer Veere Grenney to adorn a Moorish-featured fountain in his fabulous orchard garden in Tangier, Morocco

Dear All,

We go again! Welcome back or, if like me you are new to College, welcome. In a spirit of admission and greeting, let me say that I am a graduate twice over (in Law and Theology, from London and Cambridge respectively), married with two daughters (one seen here engrossed in a book), a chaplain of over twenty years' standing and for leisure - or more often punishment - an avid football fan (third tier Lincoln City, since you ask ...)

But enough of me; I am here for you, and look forward to meeting you, getting to know you and supporting you in whatever ways



are most helpful. You have come to Jesus to read a particular subject, but the ability to read ourselves and the world around us are essential skills we all seek

to hone. As Alberto Manguel observes in *A History of Reading*, 'we read to understand or to begin to understand. We cannot do but read. Reading, almost as much as breathing, is our essential function'.



In that vein, addresses at Choral Evensong this term will be Reading Life. Join us as we read the room, read the road, read the runes and even read the riot act. You will be most welcome and might just discern – like I did four decades ago as a questioning law student – that faith offers a context and an imagination in which to find fruitful answers to the core question of our lives: how to be human.

With my love to you all,

Philip

WEEK BY WEEK

Sunday 5.45pm Evensong

The Chapel's main weekly service, with beautiful music and excellent speakers; also available online.

Weekdays 9-9.30am Morning Prayer

Chapel is booked at this time for prayer and reflection. If the Chaplain or a student is available to lead it, we follow a modern Church of England liturgy.

Monday 4.30-5.00pm Quest for Quiet

An opportunity for quiet and stillness at the start of the working week. Meditations are based on secular mindfulness techniques and assume no religious background.

Tuesday 6.15pm Eucharist

A simple, modern service of Holy Communion – no hymns, no sermon, no demands.

Thursday 8.15pm Night Song

A short meditative service of Compline with psalms and prayers for the end of the day.

Sunday Choral Evensongs

Reading Life

Evensong takes place in Chapel on Sundays at 5.45pm. Sung by the Choir, it offers beautiful music and compelling speakers. Students of all faiths and none find hope and solace here. Afterwards, there's a chance to chat to our guest speaker over sherry in the Harold Wilson Room. Services are also streamed on the Chapel Facebook page.

13 October, Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

The Chaplain

READING THE ROOM

Freshers Week and beyond: finding your tribe

20 October, Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity

The Rev'd Margot Hodson, Director of The John Ray Institute

READING THE RUNES

Discerning future hope and promise

27 October, Bible Sunday

The Chaplain

READING THE ROAD

Driving tests, the Highway Code and navigating life's long path

3 November, All Saints

Francesca Kay, Novelist

READING BETWEEN THE LINES

Meanings beyond the merely superficial

10 November, Remembrance Sunday

The Rev'd Canon Nicholas Jepson-Biddle,

Director of the Kew Institute for Theology & Gardening

READING MUSIC - A PERFORMANCE OF FAURE'S REQUIEM

Remembrance Sunday: memory, healing and the creative arts

17 November, Second Sunday before Advent

The Chaplain

READING AND OXFORD

Inter Faith Week: reading each other's sacred texts, encountering difference, open to Holy Envy

24 November, Christ the King

The Rev'd Dr Peter Groves, Assistant Archdeacon of Oxford

READING THE RIOT ACT

Christ the King: justice and truth in a world of might and misinformation

1 December, Advent Sunday

THE CAROL SERVICE

Carols and Readings for Advent, Christmas and Epiphany

PEOPLE

The Chaplain (Rev'd Philip Harbridge) is an Anglican priest and – as part of the Welfare Team – he's here for all members of College, regardless of faith or background. If you want to talk something over, great or small, Philip offers a willing ear. Please don't hesitate to drop by his office (Staircase XIV.2) in Third Quad, or email (chaplain@jesus.ox.ac.uk) or phone (279757) him.

Director of Chapel Music: Peter Parshall (peter.parshall@jesus.ox.ac.uk)

Organ Scholars: Himeno Niimi and Conrad Spencer

Keeper of the Sherry: Ed Launders-Grieve

Chapel Clerks: Situation vacant – could this be you?

Christian Union (joint with Exeter and Balliol): Justin Borlase, Amy Bloch and Emily White

Roman Catholic Rep: Monica Fox

SPECIAL EVENTS

These 'red-letter' days are a mix of the secular and religious, marked by an installation, a talk or a service, some distinctive to particular faiths or traditions, others an opportunity for sharing across 'borders'. In each case, please look out for publicity a week or so in advance.

6 October	A Vigil for Peace, Remembrance and Unity
10 October	World Mental Health Day
12 October	Yom Kippur
13-20 October	Week of Prayer for World Peace
17-23 October	Sukkot
28 October	Black History Month – A Reflection
30 October	College Mass for Roman Catholics
31 October	Diwali
10-17 November	Inter Faith Week
11 November	Remembrance Day
12 November	Jigsaw: Back to the Grind
16 November	Anapanasati
19 November	World Toilet Day
20 November	Transgender Day of Remembrance
25 November	Cymdeithas Dafydd ap Gwilyam Carol Service

THE CHAPEL

The Chapel is open all day: a house of prayer and a place of peace and stillness for everyone.

MULTI FAITH ROOM

This can be found on the stairs up to Fourth Quad. It is a shared, neutral space intended for anyone to pray, reflect or just be quiet. Prayer mats can be found in the cupboards.

JIGSAW

A termly gathering for those of different faiths to celebrate/piece together a life in common.

INTER FAITH SCRIPTURAL REASONING SOCIETY

Discusses perspectives on Christian, Jewish and Muslim texts. Wednesdays, 1pm – Harold Wilson Room. Contact oxford.scripturalreasoning@gmail.com for details.

LUNCHTIME RECITALS

Music recitals take place in Chapel on Thursday lunchtimes, 1.15-2pm.

KEYBOARDS FOR PRACTICE

A piano & harpsichord are available in Chapel but must be booked with the Chaplain before use

