

# THE CHAPEL

## TRINITY TERM 2019



Jesus College  
OXFORD



## FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Dear College community at Jesus,

You will all know that Megan left at the end of last term to begin new work in Cambridge. When I heard from her at the beginning of April, she and Adrian were (at last) about to move into their new home. It will be a busy time even by her standards, and she will be grateful for our prayers.

So now I must introduce myself. My name is John Findon, and after nine years at Keble, studying Modern History, Theology, and for a Doctorate in Church History, I was ordained in 1977 and served for forty years in the Diocese of Manchester. I am married, with three adult children, and three granddaughters, and for the last eighteen years of my ministry I was Rector of the wonderful Lancashire town of Bury.

Quite apart from the mileage, the distance from Oxford to Manchester seemed enormous in 1977. It feels if anything even greater to me now as I reverse the journey, dipping my toe once more into University life. There is the same buzz, the same persistent curiosity, which – even at my great age – I can remember from those days, but the contrast in terms of hopefulness and anticipation is overwhelming. Oxford offers certainly a greater variety of opportunities now than it did as I remember it, but the poverty of expectation among so many in our old industrial cities has increased, it seems to me, even more since those days. If I were therefore to offer a text for Jesus College to chew on in the sunshine of Trinity Term 2019, it would be this, from St Luke 12.48:

*From those to whom much is given, much will be required.*

It is encouraging, then, to note that two of our visiting Evensong preachers this term – Molly Kemp and Zoë Down – are alumnae who come back to us from work in needy communities in Bradford and Liverpool, and that in July, once again, members of the College will participate in helping to mount a Musical in a partnership with St James's Church in Rotherham. For another noticeable change since my earlier Oxford days has been the growth of a perceptible hunger among the rising generation to discover in a fresh way what human lives ought to look like in the world as it is. To discover how to be human is the vocation of us all. And if I had not discovered in my own journey that faith gives me the context in which to find fruitful answers to that question, I should not be writing this letter.

It goes without saying, I hope, that as your Chaplain my duty and joy will be to be available to you all, those of all faiths and those of none, as a listener and as a friend. I cannot compete with Megan's mastery of names, but I can emulate her commitment.

With my love to you all in this Trinity cocktail of frolics and Finals,

*John Findon*



## WEEK BY WEEK

<b>Sunday</b>	4.00-5.15pm	Choir Rehearsal	Chapel
	5.45-6.50pm	Choral Evensong	Chapel
<b>Monday - Friday</b>	9.00-9.20am	Morning Prayer	Chapel
<b>Tuesday</b>	6.15-7.00pm	Holy Communion Service (but not on Tuesday 30 April – Commemoration of Benefactors Service)	Chapel
<b>Wednesday</b>	6.00-7.00pm	Oxford Meditative Groups	Harold Wilson Room
	6.15pm (weeks 2,4,6,8)	College Christian Union	Chapel
	8.00pm (weeks 1,3,5,7)	OICCU Central	Wes Mem
<b>Thursday</b>	1.00-2.00pm	Scriptural Reasoning	Harold Wilson Room
	6.30-8.00pm	Choir Rehearsal	Chapel
<b>Friday</b>	1.10-2.00pm	Friday@I	Chapel

**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@I** 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 [timothy.brown@jesus.ox.ac.uk](mailto:timothy.brown@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

### Young Leaders

- 28 April **Good enough to be true. The Easter Gospel.**  
*The Chaplain*
- 5 May **Being Ruthful**  
*Anne Davey*  
*CEO, Oxford Diocesan Schools' Trust*
- 12 May **Hope in our own hands.**  
*Loretta Minghella OBE*  
*First Church Estates Commissioner; formerly CEO Christian Aid*
- 19 May **CHRISTIAN UNION EVENSONG**  
**The Unpredictable Results of Yes**  
*Molly Kemp*  
*Recent alumna working in charities Eden and Transforming Lives for Good, and associated churches in Bradford*
- 26 May **Biblical influencers: What can we learn?**  
*Zoë Down*  
*Recent alumna working in IntoUniversity in Liverpool, and supporting local church St. James in the City, Toxteth*
- 2 June **Baptism and Confirmation of Minyi Yao.**  
**Freedom in Christ**  
*The Rt Revd Dr Graham Tomlin*  
*Bishop of Kensington; formerly Chaplain of Jesus College Oxford*
- 9 June **The Feast of Pentecost**  
**“I am but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in”**  
**- youth, wisdom and leadership**  
*The Reverend Jeremy Tayler*  
*Rector of Henley with Remenham, one of the parishes in Jesus College's patronage*
- 16 June **Leavers' Evensong, beginning at 5.30 p.m.**  
**How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?**  
*The Chaplain*

The **Chapel Charity at Evensong** this term will be Christian Aid. Christian Aid Week falls in **3<sup>rd</sup> week** this term (12<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> 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!

## THE ARTS

In **7th Week** there will be a photographic exhibition in Chapel by Bethan Thomas, entitled 'Wildlife of Jesus College'. It will include video footage of badgers in Stevens Close.

The **St Andrew's University Madrigal Choir** will give a lunchtime concert in Chapel on **Monday 3rd June**.

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](mailto:lucia.svecova@jesus.ox.ac.uk).

**Don't forget, we have the Jesus College Chapel Choir CD available for sale at the Lodge, and the Choir will record a new CD in June. They will also sing Madrigals at 7.00 a.m. on 1 May in Second Quad, when strawberries and champagne will be served.**

### OTHER CHORAL SERVICES

The **Commemoration of Benefactors and Founders** is celebrated with an evening service on **Tuesday of 1<sup>st</sup> week** (30 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, on **30th May, the Thursday of 5th Week this year**. There will be a **Service of Choral Eucharist** at **6.15 p.m. in Chapel** on that evening.

### FOR MUSIC PRACTICE

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](mailto: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 4<sup>th</sup> week** (21 May). If you want to perform, please contact [ruby.turner@jesus.ox.ac.uk](mailto:ruby.turner@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 MULTIFAITH 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.scripturalreasoning.org](http://www.scripturalreasoning.org) and this is the major meeting in Oxford. We meet in the Harold Wilson Room on **Thursdays 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. Free, simple kosher snacks may be provided. For more information please contact [spencer.klavan@magd.ox.ac.uk](mailto:spencer.klavan@magd.ox.ac.uk).

### Subjects for the Term

2 May	Climate change
9 May	Nostalgia and Memory
16 May	Wealth
23 May	Authority
30 May	Marriage and Sexuality
6 June	Children
13 June	White Lies
20 June	Food

### 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 **Wednesdays 6.00pm-7.00pm** throughout term. **At the time of going to press the leaders for the eight weeks have not been finalized, but will be advertised in weekly Chapel publicity.**

### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> week** (15 May) 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 6<sup>th</sup> week** (6 June) at **12.15pm**.

It is hoped that there will be an hour of guided reflection, ecumenically led, making use of the pattern of the Ignatian 'Examen' in College on the Friday of Eighth Week. A time of calm reflection on where we are in our journey with God. Further details will be posted in Chapel Publicity.

### MUSIC IN ROTHERAM

#### Anna Sapuntsova writes:

The dates this year will be 22nd to 27th July, the first week of School holidays. The Rotheram side are asking us to arrive on Sunday 21st early evening to give the team chance to meet, work through the Musical, and make plans. We will be provided with food and accommodation for the week, and in return we are teaching the kids to sing, helping them with their lines, helping them with crafts for making scenery and costumes, and generally doing anything else that needs doing. The children will come to us from 10.00 to 4.00 every day, and the final performance will be on Saturday 27th. Children come from various backgrounds, and the project is giving them the opportunity to do something fun and creative, learn new skills, and (perhaps more importantly for some of them) a safe space where they are welcomed, fed, and cared for. Those of them who have supportive families will have a wonderful thing to share with them on performance day.

**Volunteers are urgently needed. Contact [anna.sapuntsova@jesus.ox.ac.uk](mailto:anna.sapuntsova@jesus.ox.ac.uk)**

### FOODS AND FESTIVALS FOR FAITHS AND CULTURES

Sunday 19th May	Buddha Day	(Vesakha Puja)
Wednesday 5 June	Eid-ul-Fitr	(breaking of Ramadan Fast) Celebration Dinner
Sunday 9 June	The Christian Festival of Pentecost	

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.

## PEOPLE

**The Chaplain** (The Reverend Dr John Findon) is glad to meet with students, regardless of religious affiliation, to offer pastoral support and welfare. If you want to see him, do contact him *via* pigeonhole, email ([chaplain@jesus.ox.ac.uk](mailto:chaplain@jesus.ox.ac.uk)) or telephone (2)79757. His office is XIV.2. Further details of the whole Welfare Team are on the Welfare Leaflet.

Chapel Clerk Team	Celia Riddiough, Immy Osborn, Joseph Woodman, Molly McRae, Sarah Lusty, Tim Parker, Xingyi Hu (Esther)
Chapel Music Co-ordinator	Peter Parshall
Organ Scholar in Residence	Lucia Svecova
Assistant Organist	Jack Colley
Assistant Conductors	Thomas Nicholas, James Cashman
Christian Union	Molly MacRae, Immy Osborn
Friday@I Concerts	Tim Brown
Scriptural Reasoning	Spencer Klavan
Roman Catholic Chaplaincy	Rasa Giniutaite
Choir Social Team	James Cashman, Eva Klein, Lynne Ye Evans
Interfaith Rep	Lorcan O'Brien
Chapel Publicity	Nick Wong (First week; future arrangements to be announced.)
Keeper of the Sherry	John Le Moignan, Anton Blackburn
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](mailto:joshua.venables@jesus.ox.ac.uk) or [ruby.turner@jesus.ox.ac.uk](mailto:ruby.turner@jesus.ox.ac.uk). The College Christian Union is part of the Oxford Inter-Collegiate Christian Union: see [www.oiccu.org](http://www.oiccu.org). Graduates may also appreciate the **Graduate Christian Forum**. For more information, see [www.graduatechristianforum.org](http://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.