

THE CHAPEL

MICHAELMAS 2016



Jesus College
OXFORD



FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Welcome (back) to Jesus College this Michaelmas Term for the new academic year.

The College Chapel and Chaplain are, by our founding statute, Church of England. Our founder Queen Elizabeth I not only caused the building of our own College, but she was integral to the building up of the established church of this country and the grounding of the Anglican Church. The Elizabethan Settlement established that the Church of England was to be both catholic and reformed: catholic insofar as it is part of the universal Church, and reformed insofar as it was shaped by the 16th-century Protestant Reformation.

Today's monarch remains the Supreme Governor of the Church of England, and our College Chapel upholds the faith expressed by this "catholic and reformed" Church. We do so with a particular Welsh nuance, shaped by the college's Co-Founder, Huw Ap Rhys, a clergyman of the Cathedral and Diocese of St. David's in Pembrokeshire.

Our College Chapel evolves and continues to be shaped both by our traditions and our contemporary life here together as a College. Our College community today is increasingly international and a place where people of all faiths and no faith are welcomed alike. So therefore is our Chapel.

Authentic Christianity is about hospitality and engagement with our world. In Chapel we strive to live out the love of God in our particular collegiate setting. We are committed to valuing those who are different to ourselves, to working for the flourishing of authentic faith, and to building up a society of peace and justice. Our inspiration for this comes from the life, work, and teaching of Jesus Christ, knowing that we cannot make God in our own image but we can dare to encounter the divine in the Other. Our College context gives us not only the benefit of an amazing academic education but also the possibility of true learning about our shared humanity, learning of such breadth, depth, and beautiful colour that we cannot help but enlarge our hearts.

All are welcome in this place. Meeting and talking, eating and walking, let us learn together: that is our calling.

Megan



WEEK BY WEEK OVERVIEW

Sunday	4.00-5.15pm	Choir Practice	<i>Chapel</i>
	5.45-6.50pm	Choral Evensong	<i>Chapel</i>
Monday - Friday	9.00-9.20am	Morning Prayer	<i>Chapel</i>
Monday	12.10pm-12.30pm	Franciscan Midday Prayer	<i>Chapel</i>
	1.10pm-1.45pm	Music on Mondays / CHARTS	<i>Chapel</i>
Tuesday	5.00pm-6.00pm	Oxford Meditative Groups	<i>Habakkuk Room</i>
Wednesday	1.00pm-2.00pm	Scriptural Reasoning	<i>Harold Wilson Room</i>
	6.30pm (<i>weeks 1,3,5,7</i>)	College Christian Union	<i>Chapel</i>
	8.00pm (<i>weeks 2,4,6,8</i>)	OICCU Central	<i>Wes Mem</i>
Thursday	4.30-6.00pm	Choir Practice	<i>Chapel</i>
	6.15-7.00pm	Holy Communion Service	<i>Chapel</i>
Friday	5.30pm-6.00pm	College Prayers	<i>Chapel</i>

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 opposite 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 a student or the Chaplain is present to lead it, we follow a modern Church of England service, praying for all members of College and the wider world. Otherwise all are welcome to make the most of this meditative time in their own ways, using the resources available, as a way to start the day well.

Franciscan Midday Prayer on Mondays is part of the Young Franciscans movement. A simple time of prayer lasting 20 minutes, it offers a pause for spirituality in the middle of the day.

Music on Mondays / CHARTS is a weekly slot for a short concert or to celebrate the arts in Chapel more broadly. See below for more information.

The Christian Union meets on Wednesdays. Weeks 1,3,5,7 are in Chapel at 6.30pm; weeks 2,4,6,8 at **Oxford Inter-Collegiate Christian Union** at Wesley Memorial Church at 8.00pm.

Oxford Meditative Groups (also known as **OMG**) is a new opportunity for students to experience meditative practices influenced by different faith traditions. If you are hurrying from academic commitments finishing at 5pm you will be able to slip in quietly. The various traditions and the dates their groups are attending are listed below. There will always be a number of people there so rest assured it will not be intimidatingly intimate.

Scriptural Reasoning is a practice of inter-faith reading. See below for more information.

Students often speak at Thursday **Holy Communion**; this Christian service is a popular gathering which combines sociable joy with a reflective peace. Sherry follows, before Formal.

College Prayers on Fridays are led by students, organised by the Prayer Rep.

SUNDAY CHORAL EVENSONG MISSION

- 9 October **FRESHERS' EVENSONG**
The Chaplain
- 16 October **Anointed for Mission**
The Reverend Canon Philip Mountstephen
Executive Leader, Church Mission Society
- 23 October **Social Justice and the Mission of the Church**
Ms Alison Webster
Social Responsibility Adviser, Diocese of Oxford
- 30 October **UNIVERSITY SERMON - THE RAMSDEN SERMON:**
The Extension of the Church within the British Commonwealth
The Reverend Dr Sam Wells
Vicar, St Martin-in-the-Fields; Visiting Professor of Christian Ethics, Kings College London
- 6 November **Does Size Really Matter? Small Church, Big Vision**
The Reverend Dr Vicky Johnson
Canon Residentiary, Ely Cathedral
- 13 November **REMEMBRANCE EVENSONG: Vulnerable Mission**
The Reverend Canon Paul Wright
Sub-Dean of the Chapels Royal; formerly long-serving military chaplain
- 20 November **CU EVENSONG**
It takes the whole world to understand the whole Gospel
The Right Reverend Dr Graham Kings
Mission Theologian in the Anglican Communion
- 27 November **CAROL SERVICE**
5.30pm *The Chaplain*

On **Sunday of 4th week** (30 October) we host the University Sermon at our regular Sunday Evensong. This sermon, endowed in 1847, traditionally moves around a number of colleges. It is our turn to welcome the University Party and Select Preacher, so do come along to meet senior University Officers and Bedels.

On **Sunday of 6th week** (13 November) we observe Remembrance Sunday with an Act of Remembrance at the beginning of the service.

The Carol Service on **Sunday of 8th week** (27 November) starts at the earlier time of **5.30pm**. This will be a moving service with candles, evocative music, and lots of rousing carols. Everyone is very welcome: do come at least once in your time at Jesus!

OXFORD MEDITATIVE GROUPS (OMG)

Oxford Meditative Groups (OMG) is a new opportunity for students to participate in meditation sessions hosted by Jesus College in the Habakkuk Room and led by different faith groups on Tuesdays at 5.00pm as follows:

11 October	Buddhist Meditation	The Ven Dr Khammai Dhammasami & Oxford University Buddhist Chaplaincy
18 October	Sufi Meditation	Mrs Siobhan Bygate & Bridging Spiritual Cultures
25 October	Christian Meditation	Mrs Ginny Ross & The Third Order of the Society of St. Francis
1 November	Mindfulness	Olivier Bazin & Oxford Mindfulness Centre
8 November	Buddhist Meditation	The Ven Dr Khammai Dhammasami & Oxford University Buddhist Chaplaincy
15 November	Sufi Meditation	Mrs Siobhan Bygate & Bridging Spiritual Cultures
22 November	Christian Meditation	Mrs Ginny Ross & The Third Order of the Society of St. Francis
29 November	Mindfulness	Olivier Bazin & Oxford Mindfulness Centre

SCRIPTURAL REASONING (SR)

Scriptural Reasoning is a practice of inter-faith reading where people of all faiths gather and reflect on short passages from their scriptures together. It is a worldwide movement www.scripturalreasoning.org just beginning to develop in Oxford. There is sometimes overlap between texts where different faiths share their Scriptures. We will be meeting in the Harold Wilson Room on Wednesdays 1.00-2.00pm. The texts given here are listed as Jewish; Christian; Muslim.

12 October	Encountering God	Exodus 3:1-8; Acts 9:1-9; Ta Ha 20:9-23
19 October	Wisdom	Deuteronomy 4:5-9; James 3:13-18; Luqman 31:12-19
26 October	Beginnings	Genesis 1:1-5; John 1:1-5; Fussilat (Elaborated) 41:9-12
2 November	Human Beginnings	Genesis 1:26-29; Genesis 2:4-9; Al-Baqara (The Cow) 2:29-33
9 November	Tree and Fruit	Genesis 3:6; John 15:16; Abraham 14:24
16 November	Going the Extra Mile	Genesis 24:10-20; Luke 10:25-37; al-Qasas (The Story) 28:23-28
23 November	Education and Knowledge	Deuteronomy 11:16-21; 2 Tim 3:13-17; Al-Alaq (The Clot, clinging mass) 96
30 November	Using God's Gifts	Exodus 31:1-11; 1 Corinthians 3:10-15; Saba 34:10-13

CHAPLAIN'S COLLOQUIA

Monday 31 October 5pm Tolerance Caroline Warman and Stuart White
Tuesday 22 November 6pm Faithful Ecology Sidra Malik and Ray Pierrehumbert

The first **Chaplain's Colloquium** this term considers **Tolerance**. It will take place on **Monday of 4th week** (31 October). We hear our own **Caroline Warman** (Tutorial Fellow in French) and **Stuart White** (Tutorial Fellow in Politics) discussing issues surrounding tolerance and freedom from the background of their own research and publications on the subject area. They will lead discussion for half an hour; then there will be further informal conversation for all over cheese and wine. Anyone interested in the theme or speaker is warmly invited and faith of any kind is definitely not a prerequisite. It will begin at **5.00pm**, in the **Ship Street Centre**, and last until around 6.30pm.

The second **Chaplain's Colloquium** this term is on the subject **Faithful Ecologies**. It will take place on **Tuesday of 7th week** (22 November). Speakers include **Sidra Malik** (a Muslim volunteer teacher in Oxford who specializes in "Green Islam") and **Ray Pierrehumbert** (Halley Professor of Physics at Jesus College, whose specialisms cover Environmental Science). They will lead discussion for half an hour; then as usual informal conversation will follow, over a simple vegetarian meal and non-alcoholic drinks. It will begin at **6.00pm**, in the **Ship Street Centre**, and last until around 8.15pm.

OTHER EVENTS THIS TERM

The **Roman Catholic Chaplaincy** have a lunchtime Mass in Jesus Chapel on **Thursday of 1st week** (13 October) at **12.15pm**.

The **Start of Year Social** follows the evening service on **Thursday of 1st week** (13 October) this term. After the usual **6.15pm** start we then go out and eat together (Noodle Nation).

Agape is a special evening of informal worship and Communion followed by a meal. One of the highlights of the term, it is a great opportunity for all the Christians in the College to meet and share hospitality. It is on **Monday of 3rd week** (24 October), at Stevens, at **7.00pm**.

The **Oxford Young Franciscans** group meets on **Wednesday of 3rd week** (26 October), at **St. Hugh's College**. This is a Film Night, "Finding St. Francis". Pizza and liquid refreshment will be provided. The event begins at **6.30pm**.

On **Wednesday of 5th week** (9 November), at **6.00pm**, the recently-founded Girls' Choral Foundation **Frideswide Voices** come to sing Choral Evensong as part of the University's **Organ Scholarship Outreach** work.

The **College Roman Catholic Mass** will be celebrated in Chapel on **Tuesday of 6th week** (15 November) at **6.00pm**, followed by drinks and formal hall together.

The **Turl Street Vocations Network Lunch** will be at Jesus College on **Tuesday of 7th week** (22 November). Beginning with a Eucharist at **12.30 pm** in **Jesus Chapel**, we share a sandwich lunch and conversation led by guest speaker, **The Revd Caroline Windley, Diocesan Director of Ordinands** in Oxford. Explore ministry and your own calling.

The **Cymdeithas y Dafydd ap Gwilym Annual Welsh Carol Service** takes place on **Tuesday of 8th week** (1 December) at **5.00pm**.

FOODS FOR FAITHS AND CULTURES

Sunday 23 October	Sukkot	Jewish Festival of Booths
Sunday 30 October	Divali	Hindu Festival of Lights
Monday 14 November	Guru Nanak's Birthday	Sikh Festival
Thursday 24 November	Thanksgiving	National (traditionally Harvest Festival) in Canada and the United States of America.

Each term, to complement our International Dinners in Hall, we will take account of a few **religious or cultural festivals in our dining**. These events may either be reflected in a single item of food, or an entire menu. Information will be available on these foods for all those who dine in Hall on the occasion. It's a chance to learn about a range of religious and cultural festivals and celebrate our diversity. Sign-up happens in the usual way, and the food will be at the same costs as normal. Come, learn, and eat!

INTERFAITH RESOURCES

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.

CHAPEL AND THE ARTS

The **College Chapel Choir** sings at **Sunday Evensong**. It rehearses 4.30pm-6.00pm 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 is required unless by arrangement. If you would like to join, or find out more, please contact Alix Middleditch, alexandra.middleditch@jesus.ox.ac.uk.

On **Wednesday of 5th week** (9 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 Clare McEvoy, clare.mcevoy@jesus.ox.ac.uk.

Every **Monday** during Full Term we have **Music on Mondays / CHARTS**. This lunchtime slot is a series either for music recitals or other artistic input, from poetry readings and talks to drama or any other idea you come up with. It runs **1.10pm-1.45pm**. Anyone is welcome to perform or come and listen. You can bring your lunch if you haven't already managed to eat.

If you want to take one of the performance slots, please contact Clare McEvoy clare.mcevoy@jesus.ox.ac.uk (music) or John Goodacre, john-francis.goodacre@jesus.ox.ac.uk (general arts).

If you have other ideas for performances in Chapel or bookings for the arts, please get in touch with the Chaplain.

The painting on the front of the term card is "Rockpool, Hosta Beach, North Uist" by Jonathan Pocock. The image depicts the boundary between land and sea; it invites the viewer to look, even dare to step beyond our terra firma. It also evokes the scene for Biblical stories of fishermen. With thanks to Iona House Gallery, Woodstock.

PEOPLE

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 Clerks	Thomas Cotterill, Ben Naylor, Imogen Rhodes
Chapel Clerks Emeriti	Clem Faux, Luke Green, Sophie-Ann Rebbettes, Mark Smith, Mia Talfourd-Cook
Chapel Publicity	George Berry
Christian Union and i-Reps	Oli Whitaker, Josh Newell, Elhana Sugiaman
Choir Social and Hospitality Team	George Berry, Bronny Harbinson
Interfaith Rep	Faisal Ebrahim
Keepers of the Sherry	Oli Whitaker, Josh Newell
MCR Chapel Rep	Karan Nagpal, Maxi Strobl
Ordinands on Placement	Shahriar Ashrafkhorasani (Wycliffe Hall) William Levanway (St. Stephen's House)
Organ Scholars	Alix Middleditch, Edward Buxton
Prayer Rep	Anna East
Roman Catholic Chaplaincy Reps	Clare McEvoy, Katie Harrison

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 oliver.whitaker@jesus.ox.ac.uk. The College Christian Union is part of the Oxford Inter-Collegiate Christian Union: see www.oiccu.org.

OICCU is running a range of events in **Freshers' Week**: do contact Oli to learn more.

On **Wednesday of 8th week** in the evening there is the **OICCU Carol Service** at the Sheldonian Theatre: everyone is very welcome.

Graduates may also appreciate the **Graduate Christian Forum**. For more information, see www.graduatechristianforum.org.

If you are looking for a **church** of any denomination, the Chaplain will be glad to help.

Jesus College has a diverse but very united community of Christians, and a broad range of students from many different faith and cultural backgrounds. Whether you are new to College or have been here a while everyone is always welcome to any event in Chapel or organised by the Chaplain.

Chapel Charity collections this term are going to **WaterAid** www.wateraid.org/uk. If you want to donate or find out more, please ask the Chaplain or one of her team.