

Chapel Personnel

Chaplain

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Sacristans

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The Director of Music is pleased to receive enquiries from prospective members of the Choir at any time.

The Christian Union representative is Kezia Chacko.

The Catholic Chaplaincy representative is Elize Davila.

Other Religious Traditions

A number of other denominations and faiths have centres of worship and community life in Oxford. A few are listed here. Please contact the Chaplain for further information.

The Roman Catholic Chaplaincy holds a mass in college each term. The chaplains are Fr Damian Howard SJ, Fr William Pearsall SJ and Alvea Fernandes. catholic.chaplaincy@ox.ac.uk

The Jewish Chaplains are Rabbi Moish and Tanya Blum. Tel. 07385 474 933. Email: moish@mychaplaincy.co.uk; tanya@mychaplaincy.co.uk. Website: www.mychaplaincy.co.uk

The Greek Orthodox Chaplain is the Very Revd Ian Graham (frian_graham@yahoo.co.uk). The Russian Orthodox Chaplain is the Very Revd Stephen Platt (ft.stephen.platt@gmail.com).

The Hindu Chaplain is Shaunaka Rishi Das (01865 304303); shaunaka@ochs.org.uk

The Muslim Chaplain is Dr Afifi Al-Akiti (afifi.al-akiti@worc.ox.ac.uk)

The College Grace

Nos miseri homines et egeni, pro cibis quos nobis ad corporis subsidium benigne es largitus, tibi Deus omnipotens, Pater caelestis, gratias reverenter agimus; simul obsecrantes, ut iis sobrie, modeste, atque grate utamur. Insuper petimus, ut cibum angelorum, verum panem caelestem, verbum Dei aeternum, Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum, nobis impertiaris: utque illo mens nostra pascatur, et per carnem et sanguinem ejus foveamur, alatur, et corroboremur.

We unhappy and unworthy people do give thee most reverent thanks, almighty God, our heavenly Father, for the victuals which thou hast bestowed on us for the sustenance of the body, at the same time beseeching thee that we may use them soberly, modestly and gratefully. And above all we beseech thee to impart to us the food of angels, the true bread of heaven, the eternal word of God, Jesus Christ our Lord, so that the mind of each of us may feed on him and that through his flesh and blood we may be sustained, nourished and strengthened.

Worcester College Prayer


Tibi, benignissime Deus, operis omnis boni omnisque doni perfecti Authori, gratias humillime agimus, quod ad Collegium hoc fundandum piissimum virum Thomas Cookesium inspiraveris (cujus memoria sit in benedictionem); rogantes ut nos, tanta illius liberalitate ad bonarum literarum pietatisque studia animati, utrarumque praemia adipiscamur per Jesum Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.


Preces Vespertinae, 1906


TO THEE, most beneficent God, Author of every good work and of every perfect gift, we humbly give thanks, that thou didst inspire that most pious man Thomas Cookes (blessed be his memory) to found this College; and we pray that, so inspired by his great generosity to study sound learning and virtue, we may attain the rewards of both, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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HILARY TERM
2025

CHAPEL



All are welcome to attend Chapel services: members of any religion or of none, members of Worcester or not. Our services are broadly Church of England in nature and draw on that rich inheritance in language and music. These offer a strong appeal for anyone who has ever felt the need to sit and take a moment with eternity. If you have never experienced this type of worship, Worcester Chapel offers you this gift.

Weekday Services

Sunday	6.00 pm	College Evensong (Holy Communion, week 8)
Monday	8.15 am	Morning Prayer
	6.00 pm	Choral Evening Prayer (weeks 2, 4, 7, 8) or said Evening Prayer
Tuesday	8.15 am	Morning Prayer
	8.30 am	Holy Communion
	6.00 pm	Choral Evensong
Wednesday	8.15 am	Morning Prayer
	9.00 pm	Compline
Thursday	8.15 am	Morning Prayer
	6.00 pm	Choral Evensong (Holy Communion, week 1; Mixtape Worship, week 7; The Way of the Cross, week 8)
Friday	8.15 am	Morning Prayer

The Chaplain

The Chaplain, the Revd Marcus Green, is available to all members of College for conversation, guidance, or a listening ear. He leads the Chapel community in its regular worship, which is likewise open to everyone regardless of their religious affiliation or experience. As Chaplain, he also supports other faith-based activities in College including use of the Multi-Faith Prayer Room and the Woodroffe Society discussion group. The Chaplain's room is Briggs 3.

The College Choir

The College Choir sings at Chapel services five times a week throughout term time, with boys from Christ Church Cathedral School usually joining us on Mondays and Tuesdays. Details of the choir, and of all the music to be sung at our services, can be found on the Chapel website. The Choir has a terrific social and musical heritage, and the Director of Music is always delighted to hear from any student who is interested in singing with us.

Reading in Chapel

If you would like to join the team of readers who read the Bible during Chapel services, please contact the Chaplain.

Daily Prayer

How do you begin the day in the best frame of mind? How do you get your heart and your brain into gear? Come and join those who say Morning Prayer each day from Monday to Friday at 8.15 am in the Chapel followed by breakfast. This is a chance to pray for the things that are worrying you and to hear Bible readings for the day. There is a long history of daily prayer in this place, where for centuries students have been enriched by the daily diet of psalms, Bible readings, and prayers.

Principal Services and Preachers, Hilary Term 2025

Sundays at 6 pm unless stated otherwise

First week (19 January)	Epiphany Carol Service The Chaplain
Second week (26 January)	The Rt Revd Dr Steven Croft Bishop of Oxford, Old Member, and Honorary Fellow Holocaust Memorial Sermon
Third week (2 February)	Candlemas The Revd Prof Alister McGrath Andreas Ideos Professor Emeritus of Science and Religion
Fourth week (9 February)	The Assistant Chaplain
Fifth week (16 February)	The Chaplain LGBTQ+ History Month Sermon
Sixth week (23 February)	Jodie Lintern Student Outreach Pastor, St Aldates Church, Oxford
Seventh week (2 March)	The Revd Clare Hayns Vicar of St Mary's Iffley, Oxford
5 March	Ash Wednesday 12.30 Holy Communion 21.00 Compline
Eighth week (9 March)	The Chaplain
13 March	The Way of the Cross Music and Readings for Lent

This Term's Charity

Every term we have a retiring collection at all our Sunday evening chapel services. This term we will support HoverAid, a charity that provides medical and food relief to remote places in Madagascar using hovercraft.

Special Events this term

Epiphany Carol Service

To begin the term, please join us for a service of music and readings for the season of Epiphany on Sunday of 1st week (19 January) at 6 pm. No tickets are required.

Holocaust Memorial Day

We mark Holocaust Memorial Day with a special service of Evensong on its eve (Sunday of 2nd week; 26 January). The Bishop of Oxford will preach.

A Service for LGBTQ+ History Month

On Sunday of 5th week (16 February) we reflect and celebrate LGBTQ+ History Month at Evensong. The Chaplain will preach.

Chill in the Chapel

On Monday of 5th week, join us in the Chapel at 9 pm. Bring a blanket or a cushion and settle down for half an hour of music to escape the rush and soothe your mind. No words. Just peace. All welcome.

Roman Catholic Mass

We are delighted that our friends from the University Catholic Chaplaincy come to Chapel each term to celebrate Mass. This term our College Mass will be on Tuesday of 5th week (18 February) at 6 pm.

Concert in Hall

The Choir will sing a Concert in Hall on Saturday of 6th week (1 March) featuring music by the seventeenth-century composer Dieterich Buxtehude. Watch out for more details!

Mixtape Worship

As term comes toward its end, join us for something a little different: a Chapel service comprising half an hour of uninterrupted choral music. Thursday of 7th week (6 March) at 6 pm.

The Way of the Cross: Music and Readings for Lent

The Chapel presents a meditative service of music, readings and reflection as we begin the journey that will take us toward Easter, on Thursday of 8th week (13 March) at 6 pm.