

Chapel Personnel

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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 Jack Pennystan.

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

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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 (fr.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.

Website, Facebook and Instagram

Visit our website at www.worc.ox.ac.uk/college-life/chapel for more details, and find us on Facebook and Instagram for updates and reminders of Chapel events.

 facebook.com/WorcesterCollegeChapel

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CHAPEL



TRINITY TERM
2025

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 7)
Monday	8.15 am	Morning Prayer
	6.00 pm	Choral Evening Prayer (weeks 2, 3, 4, 7) or said Evening Prayer
Tuesday	8.15 am	Morning Prayer and 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, weeks 1 and 5; The Playlist, week 7; Concert, 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 Asa Briggs 3.

Evening Services

Evening Services are usually sung five times a week in full term time. The College Choir sing on Sundays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, with Choristers from Christ Church Cathedral School usually joining us on Mondays and Tuesdays. Details of how to get involved, and of all the music to be sung at our services, can be found on the Chapel website. The College 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. On Tuesday mornings, we also celebrate Holy Communion.

Principal Services and Preachers, Trinity Term 2025

Sundays at 6 pm

First week (27 April)	Stations of the Resurrection: A Celebration of Easter The Chaplain
Second week (4 May)	The Associate Chaplain
Third week (11 May)	The Revd Fr Kenneth Macnab Parish Priest, Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady & St John, Goring-on-Thames
Fourth week (18 May)	The Chaplain
Fifth week (25 May)	The Revd Canon Dr Trystan Owain-Hughes Director of Ministry Development, The Church in Wales
Sixth week (1 June)	The Associate Chaplain
Seventh week (8 June)	College Communion for Pentecost The Revd Serena Tajima Rector of St Mary's, Banbury
Eighth week (15 June)	Leavers' Evensong The Chaplain

This Term's Charity: Oxford Hub

Every term we have a retiring collection at all our Sunday evening chapel services. This term we will support Oxford Hub (www.oxfordhub.org), a local charity aiming to tackle inequalities of health, education and opportunity here in Oxford. In a town and university where many are very fortunate, there are still communities where people struggle economically and socially. Oxford Hub was set up by students nearly 20 years ago to make a difference in these areas of our city - and is still making a remarkable difference today. We are delighted to support this work.

Special Events this term

Choral and Organ Awards Open Day

The Chapel will welcome prospective applicants for choral and organ scholarships at a special Evensong on Saturday of 0th week (26 April) at 6 pm.

Stations of the Resurrection: a Celebration of Easter

Easter Sunday fell just before term began: so come and celebrate the great festival of Christ's Resurrection in Chapel on Sunday of 1st week (27 April) when, at Evensong, the Paschal Candle (which reminds us of Jesus, the Light of the World) will be blessed and dedicated, the Choir will sing beautiful seasonal music, and the Chaplain will remind us why this Easter story of life and love and hope remains vital for us today. As always, drinks will follow in the Cloisters.

Surplicing of Choristers

All sorts of things mark the life of our community - one for our younger members comes when junior singers receive a surplice to mark the end of their time as 'Probationers' as they become full Choristers. Our whole choir, Choral Scholars & Choristers, will be singing at College Evensong to celebrate this occasion on Sunday of 4th week (18 May) at 6 pm. Come and join us!

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 (27 May) at 6 pm.

Holy Communion on Ascension Day

There will be a service of Holy Communion to mark the Feast of the Ascension at 6 pm on Thursday of 5th week (29 May).

The Playlist

A new name for our termly service comprising half an hour of uninterrupted music sung by the College Choir. Thursday of 7th week (12 June) at 6 pm.

Leavers' Evensong

All who are leaving College this summer are invited to come to a special Evensong on Sunday of 8th week (15 June). This will be a wonderful opportunity to give thanks for what has been, and to pray for all that is to come.

Music by the Lake

The Choir will present a concert of light music by the Lakeside on Monday of 8th week (16 June) at 6 pm. Details to follow.

End of Term Concert

As the College Choir prepares for its summer tour to France and Belgium, they sing a concert of English and French music at Broadwell Church on the border of Oxfordshire and Gloucestershire on the evening of Thursday of 8th week. Details and tickets will be available on the college website.