

**THE CHAPEL
HILARY 2019**



**HERTFORD COLLEGE,
OXFORD**

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Welcome to Hilary Term 2019!

I wonder if you have any New Year's resolutions? Last year, I resolved to cut down on my single use plastic, discovering the world of shampoo bars, bamboo toothbrushes, and my Hertford keep cup. It was a successful quest, changing some of my habits for good.

This will be a tricky year for the UK, as the uncertainties of Brexit loom larger than ever. Divisions seem to be on the increase, and wisdom in high places seems in short supply. What kind of habits might help us to live well together as a College, as a city, and as a country?

This term in Chapel we have plenty of ideas in our continuing theme of **Faith, Formation, & Flourishing**. Both the MacBride Sermon (2nd week) and the Inter-Collegiate Evensong (5th week) enable us to engage with the university beyond Hertford; Holocaust Memorial Day gives space to reflect and remember (3rd week); we think about community with the Chaplain to the Thames Valley Police Force (7th week), and we look at our food choices and the environment in 2nd week. We explore the ethics of AI with the Bishop of Oxford in 4th week, and how singing increases community and wellbeing in 6th week.

Speaking of habits, have you ever met a monk or a nun in real life? Come and do so in 5th week, at our Meet a Monk tea party and our special Compline. Lent is very late this year, so our annual Pancake Race takes place in 8th week, followed by the customary pancakes. Get your running shoes on and your frying pan ready.

As the weather is currently so cold, our thoughts turn to the homeless, and this term's retiring collections at our Evensong, chosen by Charlotte Corderoy, will be for Homeless Oxfordshire. Please give if you are able.

Everyone is welcome to all Chapel events and services, regardless of faith.

With warmest wishes for your thriving in 2019

Mia



WHAT'S ON IN CHAPEL?

REGULAR CHAPEL SERVICES

Sunday 5:45pm: CHORAL EVENSONG (BCP), our principal service, with guest speakers. Followed by drinks.

Tuesday 10pm: Compline by Candlelight – A short plainchant service. Come early to light up.

Thursday 6pm: (except 8th week) Holy Communion, followed by free Chaplain's Buffet (with vegan option)

Chapel Activities:

Wednesday Lunchtime: HCMS recital. Free, with a retiring collection for the HCMS fund.

Fridays 5:30-7pm, Sundays 4:30-5:30: Choir Practice (contact the Organ Scholars - see below - for further information)

Roman Catholic Mass:

This term's Mass takes place at **6pm** on the **Monday of 3rd week**. Followed by free supper. Contact Elena Burgess for further details.

The Christian Union:

The C.U. meets on **Wednesday Evenings**. Weeks 1,3,5,& 7 are at **Oxford Inter-Collegiate Christian Union**, 8pm in the Wesley Memorial Chapel, and weeks 2,4,6, & 8 in College in **NB1/4**. Contact Philippa Kent for further details.

Choir Concert:

Saturday 23rd February, 7:30pm
JS. Bach and Arvo Pärt by candlelight. In Chapel. See the Organ Scholars for further information.

SPECIAL EVENTS THIS TERM

MacBride Matins with University Sermon 10am, Sunday of 2nd week.
Our preacher is the Revd Canon Professor Mark D. Chapman.

Christian Union Mission Week 7-10 February (4th Week) Details at: <https://www.oiccu.org/home>

Inter-Collegiate Evensong 5:30pm on the Sunday of 5th week.
The University Church of St Mary the Virgin hosts the University Sermon preached by Francis Spufford.

Life Together #Oxford

5th Week A group of monks and nuns will be at Oxford colleges this week and you can join in their daily prayer. They will be with us for 'Meet a Monk Tea' on Monday at 3pm and Compline on Tuesday at 10pm. See www.lifetogetheroxford.org for more info.

Annual Pancake Race:

Tuesday of 8th 11am in OB Quad.

College Communion:

Ash Wednesday is celebrated on **Wednesday of 8th** (6th March). A traditional service of Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes. Space to reflect at the end of a busy term, with some beautiful music.

Exploring Faith

University is a great time to explore the big questions of purpose in life; please email the chaplain if you would like to investigate ways of doing this. For details of the Alpha course, visit www.staldates.org.uk/courses/alpha

EVENSONG PREACHING SERIES: FAITH, FORMATION, AND FLOURISHING

Sundays, 5.45pm

13 th January 1 st Week	Service of Carols and Readings <i>to celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany</i>
20 th January 2 nd Week	The Chaplain <i>The Vegan Diet – A Christian Option?</i>
27 th January 3 rd Week	Ms Heather Mann <i>Holocaust Memorial Evensong</i>
3 rd February 4 th Week	The Right Reverend Dr Stephen Croft, Bishop of Oxford <i>Artificial Intelligence</i>
10 th February 5 th Week	Inter-Collegiate Evensong <i>at the Church of St Mary The Virgin</i>
17 th February 6 th Week	Ms Esther Brazil <i>Singing and Wellbeing</i>
24 th February 7 th Week	The Reverend Helen Arnold <i>Chaplain to the Thames Valley Police Force</i>
3 rd March 25 th 8 th Week	The Chaplain <i>Living well together</i>

Members of College and their guests are invited to join the Chaplain and preacher for drinks in the Old Library after the service. Coffee is served in the Old Library after dinner.

Evensong Offerings this term will support the work of **Homeless Oxfordshire** (registered charity 297806), helping the homeless off the streets and back into society.

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About our Sunday Preachers



Mark Chapman is Professor of the History of Modern Theology, University of Oxford, and Vice Principal and Professor of the History of Modern Theology at Ripon College Cuddeston. He is visiting professor at Oxford Brookes, and Vice-chair of the Ecclesiological Investigations International Research Network



Heather Mann is one of Hertford College's Junior Deans, and a D Phil student, examining the historical memory of teachers in England and France in order to understand the construction of collective memory particularly with regards to the Holocaust. Prior to her studies, Heather taught in secondary schools in the UK and in Germany.



Steven Croft has been Bishop of Oxford since 2016, and a member of the House of Lords since 2013. A graduate of Worcester College, Steven has outlined his three priorities for ministry as children and young people, serving the poorest in our communities, and encouraging lay discipleship. He has written a number of books, and his interests include Artificial Intelligence.



Esther Brazil was a choral scholar at Queen's, where she read Philosophy and Theology before studying singing at the Royal Academy of Music and embarking on a career as a classical singer. She is now testing a vocation to the priesthood, and works as Ministerial Assistant at the University Church.



Helen Arnold took up the role of Lead Chaplain to the Thames Valley Police Force in 2018. Born in Scotland, Helen had a pre-ordination career as a social worker, working in a variety of fields, including mental health. Prior to her current role, she was Chaplain of Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge.

FAITH FEASTS

Each term we take into account a range of **religious or cultural festivals** in our dining. These may be a single item of food, or, occasionally, an entire menu. Information on the events will be provided for diners. It's a great opportunity to learn about a range of religious and cultural festivals, and to celebrate our diversity as a College. Sign-ups and purchasing of food will take place in the usual way. So turn up, tuck in, and learn something fun!



Friday 24th January: Burns Night celebrating the life of Robert Burns, Scottish poet. Come and feast on that “Great chieftain o’ the puddin-race”, haggis, with the traditional neeps and tatties.

Tuesday 5th February Chinese New Year. Come and celebrate the Year of the Pig. If you were born in 1971, 1983, 1995, or 2007, then this is your year. Pigs are popular, broad minded, gentle and honest. They are associated with wealth. Come and feast like a pig on delicious Chinese food.

Monday 18th February: Minor Purim is a Jewish festival celebrated in Leap Years. As the major Purim is during the vacation, we mark this special celebration of freedom with food and fancy dress. There will be a prize for the best costume or mask.

Tuesday 5th March Shrove Tuesday is celebrated with the annual pancake race in OB quad, followed by pancakes in the Old Library.

WANT TO WORSHIP?

The Chaplain will be very pleased to help any student of **any faith** to find a place to worship, or to connect with a **faith community** in Oxford. Here’s a sample of contacts to get you started:

The Oxford University Sikh Society:
www.ousikhsoc.com
The Oxford Jewish Chaplaincy:
<http://oxfordchap.weebly.com>

The Oxford Islamic Chaplaincy:
afifi.al-akiti@orinst.ox.ac.uk
The Hindu Chaplaincy:
shaunaka@ochs.org.uk

CHAPEL OPPORTUNITIES

Hertford College Chapel Choir has a well deserved reputation as Oxford's best non-auditioning choir, combining great music and high quality performances, with a fun, friendly, and inclusive atmosphere.

The choir rehearse on Friday evenings (5:30-7pm) and Sunday afternoons (4-5:30pm), and sing evensong each Sunday evening during term time. With a number of social events throughout the year, as well as free Formal Hall on Sundays, there is plenty of time to quickly make friends. The Choir holds a concert this term, plus an exciting overseas tour is on the cards (details to follow).

The choir is open to anyone regardless of their singing experience, and love to welcome new members every year. Contact Hannah Towndrow, Senior Organ Scholar, for further details.



Are you a **LEADER**?

All of us lead others at some time in our lives. A lot of our leadership depends on competence, or chemistry, but the one thing which will dictate our success or failure as a leader is our **character**. How can we build the kind of character which will help us thrive as leaders?

Get in touch with the Chaplain if you would like to join our termly leadership seminars, "**Leaders Who Lunch**".

Do you like **money**? **Free food**? **CV** building opportunities?

Then come and join our team as a **Chapel Welcome Assistant**.

The role involves setting up / clearing away at services and welcoming attendees at two services per week during term time. A small honorarium is offered, along with **free suppers** on Thursdays and **free Formal Hall** on Sundays.

Please see the Chaplain, Mia Smith, for further details.

Homeless Oxfordshire is Chapel's chosen charity this term. Please give generously on Sundays, if you are able.

On February 9th 2019, 7:30pm, at University Church, a charity performance of Handel's oratorio Jephtha will support their work. World-renowned tenor, James Gilchrist, solos in the title role, alongside students from across the University. Charlotte Corderoy has details.

CHAPEL PEOPLE



Mia Smith, Chaplain.

Mia leads the life of the Chapel, and has a role in welfare. She is happy to speak to members of the community (confidentially) on any matter. Her office is NB1/4.



Vicky Arnold, David Heathcote, Anu Vasirani, & Hannah Watkin, Compline Leadership Team, lead our plainchant at Compline, and ensure we are all suitably somnolent on Tuesday nights. New team members welcome.



Anu Vasirani, Choir Librarian, organises and collates choir music and keeps on top of our vast and growing library.



Hannah Towndrow & Charlotte Corderoy, Senior and Junior Organ Scholars, together organise and direct the music for our Chapel services. They also lead the choir, and love to welcome new choir members.



James Potter, Chapel Music Advisor works with the Chaplain and Organ Scholars on all aspects of Chapel music.



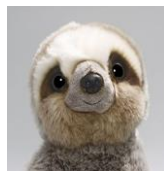
Philippa (Phili) Kent, Christian Union Rep. Get in touch with Phili for further information on OICCU.



Elena Burgess, Roman Catholic Rep, oversees our termly Roman Catholic Mass in Chapel.



Torrance Chen and Osman Rokni: Chapel Welcome Assistants ensure that you are made welcome in Chapel, and have what you need to join in. They need another team member – see the Chaplain for further details.



Heathcote the Organ Sloth reminds us, in the fast pace of term, to slow down and enjoy the music, and can be seen waving from the loft during the Peace at Eucharist.

To email Hertford members, please use firstname.surname@hertford.ox.ac.uk