

# **THE CHAPEL** Michaelmas 2019



# HERTFORD COLLEGE, OXFORD

### 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> weeks) Holy Communion, followed by free buffet supper (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)

#### 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 Naomi Cooper and Tom Mills Philippa for further details.

#### **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)

#### SPECIAL EVENTS THIS TERM

#### **Jewish Contacts:**

October is a busy month for festivals. Further info:michael@mychaplaincy.co.uk or tracey@mychaplaincy.co.uk and JSoc presidents@oxfordjsoc.co.uk for further information.

#### **Roman Catholic Mass:**

This term's Mass takes place at **6pm** on the **Monday of 3<sup>rd</sup> week**. Followed by free supper. Contact Eileen Casey for further details.

#### **College Communions:**

Slightly more formal services marking special dates in the life of the college. **St Luke (the doctor)** is celebrated on **Thursday of 2<sup>nd</sup>** (24<sup>th</sup> October). This service will incorporate both anointing for those involved in the care of others. **All Souls** is an opportunity to remember those who have died, on **Thursday of 3<sup>rd</sup>** (31<sup>st</sup> October). It is a special reflective service where we have the rare opportunity to grieve, to remember, and to support one another. Names of those we have lost are read out.

#### **Remembrance:**

**11am, Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November** Short Act of Remembrance with two minute silence in OB quad.

#### **Compline Workshop:**

Tuesday of 5<sup>th</sup> week, 9pm

Come and learn the what, why, and how of this popular and soothing service over hot chocolate and doughnuts. Particularly useful for those who might want to give it a go, by coming along, or even by leading.

#### Transgender Day of Remembrance:

Annual vigil, 7pm on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November.

# Service of Nine Lessons and Carols By Candlelight:

6pm on Wednesday of 8<sup>th</sup> (4<sup>th</sup> December)

# 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!







**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October: Diwali** This Hindu, Jain, and Sikh festival of Lights is in honour of Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth. It also commemorates the Diwali legend of the return of Rama and Sita to Rama's kingdom after exile. Come along for some sweetness and light!

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November**: **Thanksgiving**. Traditionally a harvest festival, this is a national celebration in Canada and the USA. It is an important cultural festival for those associated with North America.

**Eight Week**: Christmas Dinner in Hall. Christmas is widely celebrated as the Christian festival remembering the birth of Jesus, or the Incarnation of the Son of God. Come along for some festive fun and traditional food.

If you have a faith feast to celebrate in term time, please let the Chaplain know, so we can all join in.

#### 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 comprehensive link to the many faith communities on the university and the city:

https://edu.admin.ox.ac.uk/faith-societies

# EVENSONG PREACHING SERIES: Living Well Sundays, 5.45pm

13 <sup>th</sup> October 1 <sup>st</sup> Week	The Chaplain, The Reverend Mia Smith Welcome Service Living Well at Hertford
20 <sup>th</sup> October	The Principal, Will Hutton
2 <sup>nd</sup> Week	Religion and public life
27 <sup>th</sup> October	Reverend Ravi Holy
3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	Living beyond chaos
3 <sup>rd</sup> November	The Very Reverend Jeffrey John
4 <sup>th</sup> Week	Saints: Those who have lived well
10 <sup>th</sup> November	The Reverend (Wing Commander) Rebekah Canon
5 <sup>th</sup> Week	Remembrance Sunday
17 <sup>th</sup> November	The Reverend Bonnie Evans-Hills
6 <sup>th</sup> Week	Living well in a world in crisis
24 <sup>th</sup> November	Rabbi Debbie Young-Somers
7 <sup>th</sup> Week	Living better: A Sabbath for us and the land
1 <sup>st</sup> December	The Reverend Doctor Tim Howles
8 <sup>th</sup> Week	Advent Carols: Looking the future, thinking about the present

Members of College and their guests are invited to join he Chaplain and preacher for drinks in the Old Lodgings after the service. Evensong Offerings this term will support the work of **Home-Start Oxford** (registered charity 1108612) who provide support to vulnerable pre-school children and their families. See the notice board or <u>http://home-startoxford.org.uk/</u> for further information.

## **About our Sunday Preachers**



**Will Hutton**, Principal of Hertford College, is a political economist and writes for the Observer. He is also a co-founder of the Big Innovation Centre and a non-executive director of the Satellite Applications Catapult. He has written a number of best-selling books, notably the 'State We're in' (1995) and, as an anti-Brexit campaigner, most recently 'Saving Britain'.



**Ravi Holy** is the Vicar of Wye by day and a comedian by night. He described himself in a Telegraph interview as a half-Asian, Old Etonian, ex-drug addict and reformed Satanist. His daughter describes him as 'fully vicar, and fully punk'. He is married to Nikki, and is the father of twins.



**Jeffrey John** is an Honorary Fellow of Hertford College. He read Classics and Modern Languages at Hertford 1971-5. Post curacy he returned to Oxford, holding roles in research, chaplaincy, and as Dean of Divinity at Magdalen. After serving in parish ministry and as Canon in Southwark Diocese, he was appointed Dean of St Albans in 2004.



**Rebekah Canon** has served RAF Lossiemouth, Cranwell, the Falkland Islands and is currently Padre at RAF Benson. Pre RAF & Ordination, she held a variety of sensible and not so sensible roles, in the arts, prisons, and mental health. Her academic background is in theatre, working in Thailand, Moscow, and Bali. She enjoys reading, snowboarding, and travel.



**Bonnie Evans-Hills** is coordinator for the UK Coalition, under the auspices of the UN Office for Genocide Prevention. She has considerable experience in interreligious dialogue, peace-building, and community development - working with the European Commission, World Council of Churches, Anglican Communion, and the Church of England, among others.



**Debbie Young-Somers** is Community Educator for Reform Judaism. She is a regular broadcaster on Pause for Thought and local radio, writes regularly for papers and magazines, and is published in books on Jewish-Christian dialogue, and Ritual immersion and infertility.



**Tim Howles** is curate of St Andrew's, Headington – just a 20 minute cycle up the hill! His interests including thinking about how the Christian religion might form part of a wider societal response to the challenge of climate change and wondering whether West Bromwich Albion will ever return to the Premier League ... in that order.

## **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.





Charlotte Corderoy & Andrew Liu, 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.



#### Torrance Chen, Chapel Welcome Assistant ensures that

you are made welcome in Chapel, and have

what you need to join in. We are recruiting a team to undertake an hour's paid work for services (plus free food); contact Torrance or the Chaplain if you are interested.



#### Vicky Arnold, David Heathcote, & Hannah Watkin, Compline Leadership Team, lead our plainchant at Compline, and ensure

we are all suitably somnorific on Tuesday nights. New team members welcome.



**George Palmer, Choir Librarian**, organises and collates choir music and keeps on top of our vast and growing library.



Naomi Cooper &Tom Mills, Christian Union Reps. Get in touch with them for further

information on OICCU.



Eileen Casey, Roman Catholic Rep, oversees our termly Roman Catholic Mass in Chapel.



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 <a href="mailto:firstname.surname@hertford.ox.ac.uk">firstname.surname@hertford.ox.ac.uk</a>