ST PETER’S COLLEGE CHAPEL

MICHAELMAS TERM 2021
Chapel Worship

All members of St Peter’s and their guests are warmly invited to attend Chapel services subject to any coronavirus restrictions (any changes will be posted on the Chapel webpage on the College’s website). The main services on Sundays and Thursdays take the form of Choral Evensong. The Sunday Choral Service is usually accessible remotely via Zoom: contact the Chaplain for details. In addition, we have a service of Compline (Night Prayer) on Tuesday in weeks 2 and 6 at 8.30pm (*see St Peters Chapel Facebook pages for updates). There is an informal service of Holy Communion every fortnight on a Sunday morning followed by breakfast provided by the Chaplain.

Sundays
9.30am Informal Holy Communion (weeks 1 3 5 & 7)
6.00pm Choral Evensong (weeks 1-7)

Tuesdays
8.30pm Compline (weeks 2 & 6*)

Thursdays
8.30am Morning prayer (This may be on Teams)
6.15pm Choral Evensong (weeks 1-7)

The Chapel is set aside for quiet reflection and prayer every weekday from 8.15am-8.50am and on Fridays during term from 5.15-5.45pm when the Chaplain will lead quiet reflection followed by extended silence.

Occasional Offices and Special Events

In addition to the Remembrance service on Sunday 14 November, there will be a brief act of remembrance in Chapel on Thursday 11 November at 10.50am. A Roman Catholic Mass will be held on Friday of 4th week at 6pm in the Dorfman building. Please contact Patrick Clarke for further information.

Chaplain’s Events

Details of social activities and groups will be posted on the St Peter’s College Chapel Facebook page and on the Chapel noticeboard. The Chaplain will lead walks to Port Meadow on Wednesday 6 October leaving the Lodge at 4.10pm, and again on Saturday 23 October at 2pm. All welcome.

About the College Chapel

The College Chapel is the historic parish church of St Peter-le-Bailey in the Diocese of Oxford. Except during rehearsals and other events, the Chapel is open to all members of the College for quiet reflection and private prayer.

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Choral Evensong & Sermon  
Sundays, 6.00pm

The sermon series at Evensong this term will be ‘Songs for Life’, a series looking at themes from the Psalms and other Biblical texts.

1st Week, October 10th  
Preacher: The Chaplain  
Title: 'Cultivating Fruitfulness'

2nd Week, October 17th  
Preacher: Revd Dr Karen Hyde (Chaplain St Helen and St Katharine School)  
Title: 'Restoring the Soul’

3rd Week, October 24th  
Preacher: The Chaplain  
Title: 'Cultivating Thankfulness'

4th Week, October 31st  
Preacher: Brother Albert Robertson (Blackfriars)  
Title: ‘A Song of the Saints’

5th Week, November 7th  
Preacher: Revd Anthony Buckley (Vicar of St Michael Northgate)  
Title: ‘The Oxford Martyrs: What makes a life?'

6th Week, November 14th (Remembrance Sunday)  
Preacher: The Chaplain  
Title: 'Songs from Fragile Hearts' (The service includes an Act of Remembrance for those who have lost their lives in war)

7th Week, November 21st (Baptism and Confirmation service)  
Preacher: The Right Reverend Steven Croft, Bishop of Oxford  
Title: ‘A Song of Trust’

8th Week, November 28th  
Advent and Christmas Carol Service by candlelight  
This service is repeated on Thursday 2 December at 6pm  
*Please reserve tickets via Eventbrite from the middle of November
Chaplain
The College’s part-time Chaplain is the Revd Dr Elizabeth Pitkethly. The Chaplain has a background in teaching and academic music specialising in the area of the development of music societies in English Cathedral Cities in the first half of the eighteenth century. The Chaplain’s office is Besse 5 (t.278905) She can also be contacted by email (elizabeth.pitkethly@spc.ox.ac.uk). The Chaplain is a member of the College’s welfare team and is normally in College on Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays. She is happy to chat in confidence with any member of the College, irrespective of their faith background. Any student is invited to drop by to chat with the Chaplain in her room in Besse 5 on Thursdays between 3.15pm and 4.30pm (not week 6).

The Director of Music
The College’s new Director of Music is Quintin Beer, a specialist choral director, with a particular interest in sacred choral performance as part of liturgy. In addition to his work at St Peter’s, Quintin is Director of Music at St Cuthbert’s Church, Earls Court, an Anglo-Catholic church in West London which supports a professional choir. Quintin also maintains a freelance career as a choral conductor, singer, and teacher. He received his MA from the Royal Academy of Music, where he still teaches at the Junior Department. Quintin is always interested in hearing from anyone wishing to join the College Choir or wanting to be more involved in College music. He is very happy for people to email him directly at quintin.beer@spc.ox.ac.uk.

The College Organ Scholars
Stanley Godfrey (Allen Senior Organ Scholar) and Luke Marsh-Muir (Siraj Singh Kandhari Junior Organ Scholar) work with the Director of Music to direct and support the College Choir and music in Chapel.

Chapel Clerks
Chapel Clerks assist the Chaplain with setting up, welcoming people to the services and overseeing the ZOOM remote link. We currently have vacancies for Chapel clerks to join Matthew Antrobus, keeper of the candlesticks. Anyone interested should contact the Chaplain or drop by Chapel on Friday 8 October between 1.15pm and 1.45pm to find out what is involved.

Further information
For information on other faith communities please contact the Chaplain. For Chapel bookings—please contact the Director of Music for music, and the Chaplain for anything else. Procedure for booking the Chapel together with the Chapel protocols may be found on the Chapel pages of the College’s website. Christian Union contact: Talitha Tomlinson