Welcome to Exeter College Chapel

Daily prayer has been offered in the College Chapel since its foundation by Walter de Stapledon in 1314. The prayers of today join with those of our predecessors, as we continue to pray for the life of the College, University, and world.

Prayer and music form the core of worship in Exeter Chapel and the College’s Choir sings three to four Services each week, as we seek to explore God and find understanding for our lives.

This booklet provides information for services and activities in Exeter Chapel. Please also do look at the term card and the Chapel’s pages on the College website: www.exeter.ox.ac.uk/college/chapel.

You are welcome to come into the Chapel any time it is free. Whatever your reason for visiting Exeter Chapel, you are most welcome.

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An Introduction to Services in Exeter College Chapel

CHORAL EVENSONG

The principal service in Exeter College Chapel is Choral Evensong. This service was created by Thomas Cranmer (1489 – 1556), combining the ancient, pre reformation monastic offices of vespers and compline. The service is shaped around the liturgy of the word – that is, readings and psalms from the Bible – and punctuated by the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis; canticles taken from Luke’s gospel and sung by the choir. This is a service of prayer and reflection. The sung prayers [the preces and responses] are short petitions reflecting different aspects of life, asking for God’s guidance to those in authority, peace, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

At Exeter this service is sung by the choir. The congregation actively participates through singing the hymns, praying the Lord’s prayer, and joining in some of the responses. But the majority of the service is sung by the choir, providing a space to be free to think, or feel, or respond to that which you hear. The psalms – the ancient hymns of praise, lament, and prayer of the Jewish people – are sung either to Anglican chant or plainsong, whilst the canticles are sung to settings by composers covering at least six centuries of musical history. Their different forms reflect changing tastes and customs in the development of music, as well as expressing different approaches to expressing a relationship and knowledge of God. The service also includes an anthem; a more elaborate setting of words from scripture, poetry, or prose, which capture a glimpse of the transcendence of God.

On Sundays the service is expanded to include the confession and absolution, as well as a sermon which explores the readings and music in the context of today’s society, challenging and encouraging, and helping to elucidate how religion still has a role to play in today’s society.
MATTINS

This is a simple act of prayer and praise: it includes two readings, a psalm, and some prayers at the beginning of the day, asking for God’s blessing and guidance on that which we have to do each day. This service is without music and lasts for approximately 20 minutes.

COMPLINE

In the monastic tradition compline was the office [service of the word] sung before retiring to bed. It is sung to plainsong melodies, and is a chance to reflect on the day that has been, and to still the mind before sleeping.

HOLY EUCHARIST

According to St Paul, on the night before Christ was crucified he had dinner with his friends. He took some bread, broke it, and gave it to his disciples as a symbol by which to remember him. Jesus did the same with the wine, to act not only as a memorial of Christ but also to show the sacrifice he was about to make for the salvation of the world. From this simple act the ritual of the Eucharist emerged.

This Service, also called the Mass, the Communion, or the Lord’s Supper consists of four sections. The Gathering, whereby we bring ourselves before God; we bring our sins and our fears, our hopes, and our dreams and at the beginning of the service laying them before our loving God. The Liturgy of the Word indicates the Jewish roots of Christian worship. In the early church Christians would listen to the reading of the Hebrew Scriptures and then, following a sermon would break bread as a memorial of Christ. The Liturgy of the Sacrament includes the Eucharistic Prayer. There has been much debate as to what actually happens at the Eucharist, whether the bread becomes the flesh of Christ, or symbolises it, or simply acts as a way of uniting a community. It is important to remember that through Word, Sacrament, and, each other we can begin to feel God’s presence with
us. The Service concludes with The Dismissal; having been sustained by Christ’s Body and Blood, by our prayers, and fellowship, Christians are called to live out their faith in the world.

The Eucharist is the great gift Christ gave to his Church. It therefore is the policy of this Chapel that all who seek to follow Christ are welcome to receive Communion. If you feel you can’t receive communion, but want a blessing, please feel free to come forward too.

This term we use the stories illustrated in the windows as the inspiration for the readings during the services.

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|         | Crucifixion | Mark 15. 21ff; Matt 27, etc |
|         | Israelites feed on manna | Exodus 16 |
|         | The Institution of the Eucharist | Mark 14. 22 – 25; parallels in Luke, and Matthew |

| 8 [apse] | Elisha watches Elijah taken up | 2 Kings 2 |
|         | Ascension | Luke 24. 50 – 53; Acts 1 |
|         | God descents on Mt Sinai | Exodus 19 |
|         | Pentecost | Acts 2 |

| 9 [apse] | Israelites cross the Red Sea | Exodus 14 |
|         | Baptism of Christ | Mark 1. 9ff, and parallels |
|         | Moses receives law | Exodus 20 |
|         | Jesus is tempted | Mark 1. 12 – 13, and parallels |

| 10       | Peter and John heal the cripple | Acts 3 |
|          | Ananias drops dead | Acts 5 |
|          | Peter sees animals carrying sheet | Acts 10. 9 – 16 |
|          | Angel leads Peter from gaol | Acts 12 |
|          | Peter tells Tabitha to rise | Acts 9 |
|          | Cornelius accepted into the church | Acts 10 |

| 11       | 7 chosen to serve | Acts 6. 1 - 7 |
|          | The apostles heal many | Acts 5. 12 – 16 |
|          | Stephen’s speech to his captors | Acts 7 |
|          | Stoning of Stephen | Acts 7 |
|          | Philip preaching in Samaria | Acts 8. 4 - 8 |
|          | Ethiopian eunuch | Acts 8. 9ff |

| 12       | Paul in Athens | Acts 17. 16 – 34 |
|          | Magicians burn books | Acts 19 |
|          | Paul bitten by snake | Acts 28 |
|          | Saul struck blind | Acts 9 |
|          | Paul strikes magician blind | Acts 13 |
|          | Paul & Barnabas heal cripple | Acts 14 |
Organ Voluntaries: Psalm 121

When William Petre gave the College its second statutes in 1562, he specified that Psalm 121 be appointed as the College Psalm, to be said daily by members of the College. Whilst this is no longer a requirement, all services conclude with the final verses of Psalm 121, ‘the Lord preserve your going out and your coming in: from this time forth, forever more. Amen.’

During the forthcoming Trinity Term we will premiere eleven new pieces of music, all especially composed for our chapel and based on this text. In order to achieve the strongest possible cohesion between that sentence and the following organ voluntary, a highly diverse array of international composers have been asked to write concise organ postludes for each of the eight Sundays of term and the Feast of Ascension, together with two reflective organ preludes. Composers were encouraged to draw inspiration from the meaning of the sentence itself, its speech rhythm, as well as the occasion of the respective Sunday or Feast Day for which the piece is written. Exeter College is grateful for the partnership with the charity Deus Ex Musica (https://www.deus-ex-musica.com) and Dr Delvyn Case, its founder and director and a current visiting fellow at Exeter.
FIRST WEEK

21 SUNDAY
6pm Choral Eucharist

Setting: Mass no. 2 (in G) Schubert
Gradual: Easter Anthems
Anthem: Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem Stanford
Hymns: 110; 102; 115; 120
Readings: Acts 9. 36 – 42; Mark 16. 1 - 8
Preacher: The Chapel Reader
Voluntary: Psalm 121 Johannes Kobald

22 Monday
7.30am OICCU Prayers

23 Tuesday
8.30am Mattins

1.10pm Organ Recital
George Balfour Christchurch Cathedral, Oxford

6.15pm Choral Evensong
Responses: Sumson
Canticles: The Fourth Service Batten
Anthem: The Lord is my strength Coleridge-Taylor
For the Psalm: The Easter Anthems
Hymns: 105 [ii]; When a knight
Readings: Numbers 21. 1 – 9 ; Revelation 12. 1 – 12
Voluntary: Imperial March Elgar
21 – 27 April

24  **Wednesday**
8.30am  Mattins

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25  **Thursday**
8.30am  Mattins

**9pm  Choral Compline**
Psalm 118
Reading: John 20
Hymn: As spring buds forth
Anthem: This joyful Eastertide *Wood*

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26  **Friday**
8.30am  Mattins

**6.15pm  Choral Evensong**
Responses: *Sumison*
Canticles: Evening Service in F *Ireland*
Anthem: Haec dies *Byrd*
Psalm 118
Hymns: 117; 119 [t 107]
Readings: Genesis 37; Acts 12
Voluntary: Heut’triumphieret Gottes Sohn BWV 630
SECOND WEEK

28 **SUNDAY**  
6pm  **Choral Evensong**  
Easter IV  
Responses: *Sumsion*  
Canticles: Evening Service in G *Stanford*  
Anthem: Blessed be the God and Father *Wesley*  
Psalm 84  
Hymns: 351; 113; 364 [t.362]  
Readings: Judges 16.23 – end; Revelation 21. 1-7  
Preacher: Maria Noth  
Voluntary: Psalm 121 *Josh Rodrigeuz*

29 **Monday**  
7.30am  **OICCU Prayers**  
*Catherine of Siena*

30 **Tuesday**  
8.30am  **Mattins**

1.10pm  **Organ Recital**  
Marcus McDevitt *New College, Oxford*

6.15pm  **Choral Eucharist: Eve of St Philip and James**  
Mass setting: Missa de capella *Monteverdi*  
Gradual: The Easter Anthems  
Readings: Acts 8. 4 – 8; John 1. 43 – 51  
Hymns: 104; 295; 112  
Voluntary: Voluntary IV *Cecil*
28 April – 4 May

1  **Wednesday**  
   *Ss. Philip and James*
   8.30am  Mattins

2  **Thursday**  
   *Athanasius*
   8.30am  Mattins

   9.00pm  **Choral Compline**
   Psalm 118
   Reading: John 20
   Hymn: As spring buds forth
   Anthem: Rise up, my love, my fair one *Willan*

3  **Friday**
   8.30am  Mattins

   6.15pm  **Choral Evensong**
   Responses: *Sumtion*
   Canticles: Evening Service in F *Wise*
   Anthem: Be still *Beamish*
   Psalms 29, 30
   Hymns: 101(omit *); 108
   Readings: Judges 11.29 – end; Acts 6. 1 - 7
   Voluntary: Intermezzo *Summers*
THIRD WEEK

5  **SUNDAY**  
   6pm  **Choral Evensong**  
   Responses: *Trendell*  
   Canticles: The Second Service *Byrd*  
   Anthem: Beati quorum via *Stanford*  
   Psalm 23  
   Hymns: 103; 62, 121  
   Readings: Isaiah 53. 1 – 12; Acts 8. 26 – 40  
   Preacher: The Rev’d Mark Birch  
   Voluntary: Psalm 121 *June Boyce Tilman*  

6  **Monday**  
   7.30am  OICCU Prayers  

7  **Tuesday**  
   8.30am  Mattins  
   1.10pm  Organ Recital  
   Luke Mitchell *The Queen’s College, Oxford*  

6.15pm  **Choral Evensong**  
   Responses: *Trendell*  
   Canticles: Evening Service G *Sumion*  
   Anthem: Geistliches Lied *Brahms*  
   Psalms 132, 133, 134  
   Hymns: 349; 476  
   Readings: Judges 6.36 – 40; Revelation 5  
   Voluntary: Prelude in a BWV 533
8  Wednesday  
  8.30am  Mattins

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9  Thursday

8am    Choral Mattins on the Tower
  Responses: Trendell
  Canticles: Taizé; Anglican Chant
  Anthem: Ascendens Christus in Altum Alleotti
  Hymns: 130 [i]; 394
  Readings: Psalm 47; Acts 1. 1 – 11

6pm    Festal Choral Eucharist
  Setting: Coronation Mass Mozart
  Anthem: God is gone up! Finzi
  Hymns: 130[i]; 128[ii]; 352; 271
  Readings: 2 Kings 2; Luke 24.44 – 53
  Voluntary: Psalm 121 Eun Young Lee

10  Friday

  No services today
12 **SUNDAY**  
6pm **Choral Evensong**  
Responses: *Trendell*  
Canticles: Evening Service in D *Dyson*  
Anthem: Lord, thou hast been our refuge *Vaughan Williams*  
Psalm 95  
Hymns: 106; 134; Christ triumphant  
Readings: Exodus 14; Revelation 7  
Preacher: The Rev’d Jonathan Kester  
Voluntary: Psalm 121 *Delvyn Case*

13 **Monday**  
7.30am **OICCU Prayers**

14 **Tuesday**  
8.30am **Mattins**

1.10pm **Organ Recital**  
Ewa Belmas *Concert Organist*  
6.15pm **Choral Eucharist**  
Mass setting: Mass in E *Rheinberger*  
Gradual: *Sarum*  
Readings: 2 Kings 19. 14 – 19; Matthew 4. 1 – 11  
Hymns: 296 [i]; 492; 55  
Voluntary: Prelude in G BWV 541
12 – 18 May

15 Wednesday
8.30am Mattins

16 Thursday
8.30am Mattins

Caroline Chisholm

17 Friday Vigil of Pentecost

Anthems: If ye love me Tallis
Veni sancti spiritus Mozart
The Spirit of the Lord Elgar
Psalm 104. 24 – end
Hymns: 139 [i]; 367 [i] 342[t.178]
Readings: Poetry; Ezekiel 37.1 – 14;
Romans 8. 14 – 7; John 15.26 – 16.15
Voluntary: Toccata on ‘Veni creator spiritus’ Demessieux
FIFTH WEEK

19  **SUNDAY**  PENTECOST (WHITSUNDAY)

6pm  Choral Eucharist

Mass setting: Collegium Regale *Howells*
Anthem: Loquebantur variis linguis *Tallis*
Hymns: 142; Creator Spirit, 431, 137
Readings: Exodus 19; Acts; John 20. 19 – 23
Preacher: The Catechist
Voluntary: Psalm 121 David Maw

20  **Monday**  *Alcuin*

7.30am OICCU Prayers

21  **Tuesday**  *Helena*

8.30am Mattins

1.10pm Organ Recital

Anna Steppler Peterhouse, Cambridge

6.15pm  **Choral Evensong**

Responses: *Ayleward*
Canticles: Evening Service in Ab *Harwood*
Anthem: A Prayer of St Columba *McDowell*
Psalm 136
Hymns: 263 (vv1,3,5,7); Sing of the Lord’s goodness
Readings: Daniel 3; Acts 10. 9 – 16
Voluntary: Lobe den Herrn, O meine Seele *Karg-Elert*
22  **Wednesday**  
8.30am  Mattins

23  **Thursday**  
8.30am  Mattins

24  **Friday**  
8.30am  Mattins

6.15pm  **Choral Evensong**  
*John and Charles Wesley*

Responses: *Ayleward*
Canticles: Evening Service in D *Brewer*
Anthem: Evening Hymn *Balfour Gardiner*
Psalm 139
Hymns: 415; 414
Readings: Daniel 5; Acts 17. 16 – 34
Voluntary: Fugue in C BWV 545
SIXTH WEEK

26 SUNDAY The Feast of the Holy and Undivided Trinity
6pm Choral Evensong
   Responses: Ayleward
   Canticles: The Short Service Weelkes
   Anthem: Cantique de Jean Racine Fauré
   Psalm 8
   Hymns: 148; 146; 159 (Stanford setting)
   Readings: Genesis 18; Mark 1
   Preacher: The Rev’d Josh Barnett Tracey
   Voluntary: Psalm 121 Maria Corley

27 Monday
7.30am OICCU Prayers

28 Tuesday Lanfranc
8.30am Mattins
1.10pm Organ Recital
   Damin Spritzer Oklahoma State University

6.15pm Choral Evensong
   Responses: Ayleward
   Canticles: Evening Service in d Walmisley
   Anthem: Alta Trinita beata attr. Laudario di Cortona
   Psalms 144, 145
   Hymns: 343; 354
   Readings: Jonah 3; John 3. 1 – 17
   Voluntary: First Movement (Sonata 4) Guilmant
26 May – 2 June

29  **Wednesday**
8.30am  Mattins

30  **Thursday**
8.30am  Mattins

31  **Friday**
8.30am  Mattins

**6.15pm  Choral Eucharist**
Mass Setting: Missa Brevis S. Joannis de Deo *Haydn*
Magnificat: Evening Service in Ab *Mc Donald*
Hymns: 166 [t.205]; 185; 186
Readings: Ruth 2; Luke 1. 26 – 46
Voluntary: Offertoire (la Madonne) *Chaminade*
SEVENTH WEEK

2  **SUNDAY**  
*Trinity I*

6pm  **Choral Evensong**
Voluntary: Psalm 121 *Alexandra Bryant*
Responses: *Rose*
Canticles: Evening Service in *A Stanford*
Anthem: Abendlied *Rheinberger*
Psalm 119, 97 - 112
Hymns: 336; 423 [i] 244
Readings: Nehemiah 7; Acts 7
Preacher: The Rev’d Prof Mark Chapman
Voluntary: Psalm 121 *William Cooper*

3  **Monday**  
*Martyrs of Uganda*

7.30am  OICCU Prayers

4  **Tuesday**  
*Petroc*

8.30am  Mattins

1.10pm  Organ Recital
  Cathy Lamb *Concert Organist*

6.15pm  **Choral Evensong**
Responses: *Rose*
Canticles: Evening Service in Eb (no. ii) *Wood*
Anthem: Daniel servant of the Lord *Smith Moore*
Psalms 147,148
Hymns: 401; 365
Readings: Daniel 6; Acts 14
Voluntary: Finale (Sonata 4)*Guilmant*
2 – 8 June

5 Wednesday
8.30am Mattins

6 Thursday
8.30am Mattins

7 Friday
8.30am Mattins

6.15pm Roman Catholic Choral Eucharist
Mass Setting: O quam gloriosum *Victoria*
Anthem: Thou wilt keep him *Wesley*
Hymns: tbc
Readings: tbc
Voluntary: Paean *Groom Te Velde*
EIGHTH WEEK

9  SUNDAY  
6pm  Commemoration of Benefactors
  
Trinity II
  
6pm  Commemoration of Benefactors
  
Voluntary: Psalm 121 Carlos Carrillo
Introit: I was glad Parry
Te Deum in C Britten
Anthem: O sing unto the Lord McDowall
Psalms 121; 150
Hymns: 381; 353; 427
Readings: 1 Kings 3. 16 – 28; Romans 12
Preacher: The Dean of Westminster
Voluntary: Psalm 121 Xavier Beteta

10  Monday  
7.30am  OICCU Prayers

11  Tuesday  
8.30am  Mattins

1.10pm  Organ Recital Chris Bragg University of St Andrew’s

6.15pm  Choral Eucharist
  
Setting: Communion Service in C/F Stanford
Anthem: O taste and see Vaughan Williams
Hymns: 436; 275; 280; 394
Readings: Acts 19; Mark 14. 22 – 25
Voluntary: Prelude in G Mendelssohn
12  **Wednesday**
   8.30am  Mattins

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13  **Thursday**
   8.30am  Mattins

   **9pm  Choral Compline**
   Psalm 91
   Reading: Jeremiah 3
   Hymn: 241
   Anthem: Exultate justi *Viadana*

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14  **Friday**  *Richard Baxter*
   8.30am  Mattins

   **6.15pm  Choral Evensong**
   Responses: *Rose*
   Canticles: Evening Service in A *Sumzion*
   Anthem: And I saw a new heaven *Bainton*
   Psalms 90, 91
   Hymns: Hills of the north; 475
   Readings: 1 Samuel 17; Colossians 3
   Voluntary:  Fugue in G *Mendelssohn*
NINTH WEEK

16  Sunday
3.00pm  Leavers’ Service

Introit: Faire is the heaven  *Harris*
Responses: *Rose*
Canticles: Collegium Regale  *Howells*
Anthem: There is an old belief  *Parry*
Psalm 121
Hymns: tbc
Readings: 1 Samuel 17; Revelation 12
Voluntary: Psalm 121  *Johannes Kobald*

Choral Services recommence on Sunday 13 October at 6pm.