

**From the Dean of Divinity
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Hello and welcome!

I'm Andrew, the College Chaplain. It's my job to look after the religious and spiritual life of the College. I oversee activities that take place in our beautiful Chapel, where worship in the Christian tradition has been offered since the 15th Century.

Magdalen is home to a multi-cultural and multi-faith community. As a member of the College's welfare team, it's also my job to offer non-judgemental pastoral support to everyone in the College, whether they belong to a religious tradition or not. So, if you're ever looking for someone who will listen and offer confidential support, please don't hesitate to send me an email and we can find a time for a chat.

Oxford hosts a number of chaplaincies for various religions, as well as various secular 'belief groups', and I'm more than happy to connect you to these, as appropriate. Additionally, the College has a multi-faith prayer room which is open to everyone and can be accessed by asking the porters for the key.

I invite you to visit the Chapel whenever you like. It's a peaceful sanctuary at the heart of our community, where everyone is welcome: believers, sceptics, doubters, those who identify as LGBT+, and those who come simply to appreciate the architecture and the music.

Our Chapel is home to a world-renowned Choir, with a repertoire ranging from mediaeval to modern, so be sure to come to a choral service or concert during your time in College to experience it for yourself.

A Term Card listing all Chapel services and events planned for Michaelmas will be emailed to you at the start of Term. Look out for an invitation to attend a tour of the Chapel, followed by free pizza and drinks, in the Freshers' Week schedule. You might also like to drop-in to the Old Practice Room on any Tuesday night in Term, where from 9.30 pm, I host free drinks and snacks. Additionally, everyone is welcome to attend meetings of the Addison Society on regular Thursdays from 1.00-2.00 pm Cloisters IV:2 (lunch provided). It's an informal and friendly meeting to discuss ethics, politics, spirituality, and the arts.

There are many opportunities for volunteering at Chapel services, so if you think you might like to help, please be in touch!

I'm looking forward to meeting you!
Andrew

