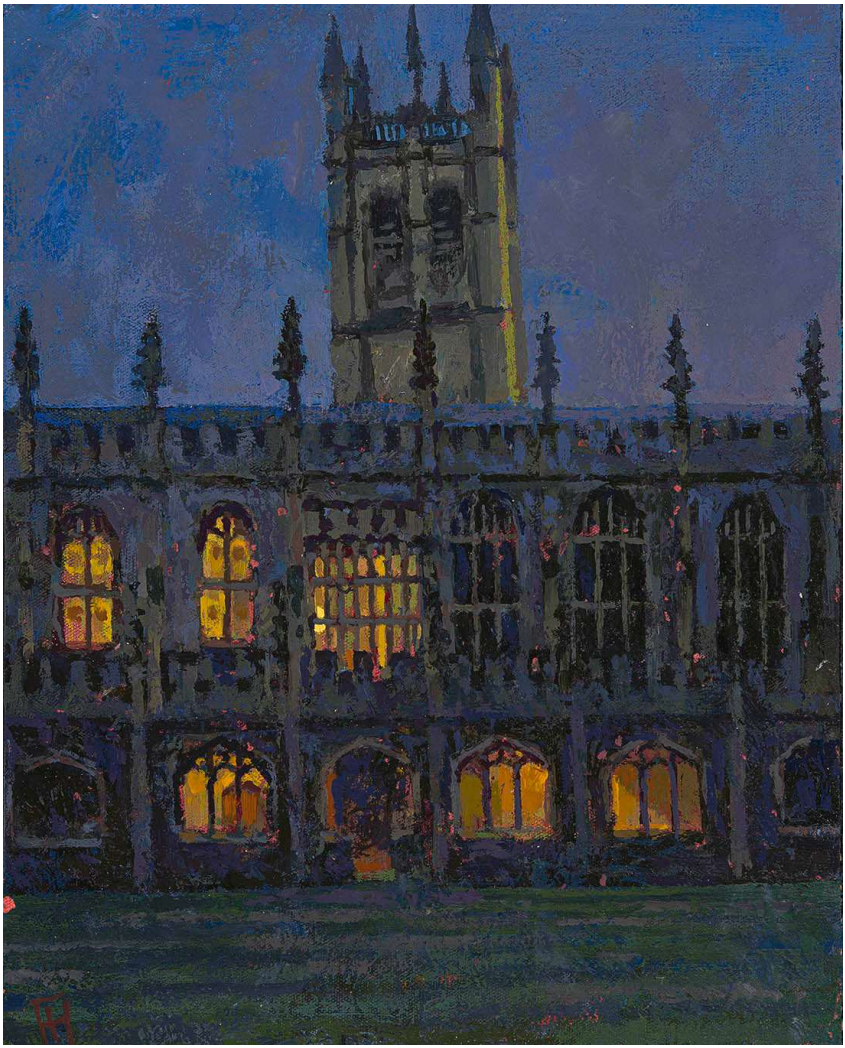
MICHAELMAS TERM 2025

CHAPEL SERVICES AND MUSIC



MAGDALEN COLLEGE OXFORD

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We welcome you to our worshipping community at Magdalen. Prayer and praise have been offered to God in this place since the fifteenth century, when the College was founded by William of Waynflete, Bishop of Winchester. The statutes of 1480 make provision for a Choir comprising sixteen boy Choristers and a number of adult Clerks, 'that the worship of God, from whom all good things come, might be increased more widely and better sustained'. That tradition continues unchanged today. The Choirmaster at Magdalen retains the ancient Latin title *Informator Choristarum,* and among those who have held the post over the centuries are John Sheppard, Daniel Purcell, Sir John Stainer, Sir William McKie, and, in more recent years, Dr Bernard Rose. Former choristers include the composer Ivor Novello; the comedian and actor, Dudley Moore, was Organ Scholar here; and a number of former Academical Clerks hold prominent positions in the musical, legal and media worlds.

We strive to dedicate all our services here to the glory of God. Our music is not an end in itself but part of a larger whole. In selecting music, we seek not only to inspire and to console, but also to challenge. There are many considerations, some of them practical – the volume of music to be learnt by the Choir in any one week, allowances for the periods of term in which illness inevitably strikes – and some seasonal – as we mark the feasts of the Church's year through appropriate liturgical music; some draw on the readings for the day, and others offer theological reflections. At the same time, we hope that the music sung in this Chapel represents not only something of the extraordinary heritage of which we are the current custodians through pieces written by former Clerks, Choristers, Informatores and Organ Scholars (indicated by the symbol ^{M} next to the name of a composer), but also the richness and diversity of sacred music from across the Christian world in that period, and particularly in the last half-century, when more music by women composers and lesser-known works from the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries have entered the repertoire. Living composers are indicated by the presence of their first name in addition to their surname.

We hope that you will return to this place regularly, but, even if you happen upon just one day in the life of a Chapel and Choir that has sung daily services for over five centuries, we hope that, in the singing and in the silence, in the spoken word and in the beauty of this house of God, you will feel that greater presence, and be blessed by the peace that passes all understanding.

MARK WILLIAMS
Informator Choristarum

ANDREW BOWYER
Dean of Divinity

MICHAELMAS TERM

Choral Services

Services are normally sung by the College Choir made up of boy Choristers, educated at Magdalen College School, and male and female Academical Clerks, who are ordinarily students at the College. Evensong on Saturdays is normally sung by the Consort of Voices, in which sopranos join the Academical Clerks. Tuesdays are usually sung by the Choristers alone, and Fridays by the Academical Clerks alone. Compline on Tuesdays is usually sung by two cantors drawn from the Academical Clerks and Consort of Voices. Details are given in the Music List when services depart from this pattern, such as during the school half-term holiday (24th to 31st October). At Festal Evensongs marking saints' days and major feasts of the Church's year, a seasonal antiphon is sung. On Sundays, at the Eucharist, there is a short homily of approximately five minutes, and at Evensong (in some weeks) a sermon of approximately ten minutes. On Sundays, the Eucharist is followed by a simple lunch in the College Hall, and Evensong by drinks in the Antechapel. Compline is followed by drinks in the Old Practice Room.

Organ Music

Organ music plays an integral part in our liturgy. The Assistant Organist, Drew Sellis, and Organ Scholars, Henry Morris and Sea-Am Thompson, play for the majority of the services in Chapel, assisted occasionally by the Informator Choristarum & Organist, Mark Williams, who ordinarily directs the Choir. Details of the organ, by Hermann Eule Orgelbau, can be found on the College website, and details of recitals are given on the penultimate page of this booklet.

Membership of the Choir

The Informator Choristarum, Mark Williams, is always pleased to hear from prospective applicants for Choristerships, Academical Clerkships and Organ Scholarships. To arrange an informal meeting, please contact choir@magd.ox.ac.uk

Retiring Collections

Our retiring collections will go to support the work of the Chapel's chosen charity for the term, **Homeless Oxfordshire**, a provider of accommodation and specialist support services for people experiencing homelessness in Oxfordshire. www.homelessoxfordshire.uk

SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER 2025

SEPTEMBER
13 SATURDAY JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, 407

4.30 pm **Choral Evening Prayer** *with participants in 'Be a Chorister for a Day'*
INTROIT *Plumstead* A Grateful Heart (Choristers)
RESPONSES *Malcolm Archer* PSALM 69: 1-14
READINGS Proverbs 8: 1-11; Ephesians 3: 14-19 HYMN 239
CANTICLE *Tallis* Glory to thee, my God, this night
MAGNIFICAT *Greatorex* Tell out my soul
ANTHEM *Dankworth* Light of the World
ANTIPHON *Plainsong* Salve Regina

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20 SATURDAY JOHN COLERIDGE PATTESON, 1871

6.00 pm **Choral Evensong** *before the Gaudy (2013-14)*
INTROIT *Trad. arr. Tippett* Steal away PSALM 104: 1-15
RESPONSES *Rose*[M] HYMN 413
READINGS Exodus 19: 1-9; John 20: 11-18
CANTICLES *Jackson* in G
ANTHEM *Matthew Martin*[M] Te lucis ante terminum
FINAL RESPONSES *Rose*[M]

SEATS IN THE INNER CHAPEL WILL INITIALLY BE OFFERED TO THOSE ATTENDING THE GAUDY CELEBRATIONS.

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24 WEDNESDAY

6.00 pm **Choral Evensong** (Choristers) *sung jointly with the Choristers of*
INTROIT *Shephard* Let him who seeks *Merton College*
RESPONSES *Plainsong*
READINGS Hosea 11: 1-11; 1 John 4: 9-end PSALM 119: 1-16
CANTICLES *Dyson* in C minor HYMN 250
ANTHEM *Roxanna Panufnik* Ubi caritas
FINAL RESPONSES *Plainsong*

OCTOBER
7 TUESDAY

9.00 pm **Compline** (Clerks)
HYMN *Plainsong* Te lucis ante terminum PSALM 4
ANTIPHON *Plainsong* Salve Regina

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9 THURSDAY DENYS, C. 250

6.00 pm **Choral Evensong** *to welcome new students of the College*
INTROIT *Smith Moore* We shall walk through the valley PSALM 48
RESPONSES *Tomkins*[M] HYMN 457 (i)
READINGS Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11; Matthew 26: 6-13
CANTICLES *D. Purcell*[M] in E minor
ANTHEM *James MacMillan* A New Song
FINAL RESPONSES *Tomkins*[M]

OCTOBER 2025

12 SUNDAY SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

11.00 am **Sung Eucharist**

MASS *Mozart* Spatzenmesse HYMNS 439 (i), 208, 272
READINGS 2 Kings 5: 1-3, 7-15c; Luke 17: 11-19
ALLELUIA *Plainsong* Domine, exaudi
PREACHER The Reverend Dr Andrew Bowyer, *Dean of Divinity*
MOTET *A. Gabrieli* O sacrum convivium
VOLUNTARY *Buxtehude* Praeludium in D BuxWV 139

6.00 pm **Choral Evensong** *with Founder's Prayers and Admission of Academical Clerks, Organ Scholar, Sacristan, and Robertshaw, Rose, and Waynflete Choristers*

INTROIT *Rachmaninoff* Bogoroditsye Dyevo HYMNS 401, 440
RESPONSES *Matthew Martin*[M] PSALM 144
READINGS Genesis 12: 1-4; Ephesians 6: 11-18
CANTICLES *Wood* in D
ANTHEM *Dobrinka Tabakova* Praise
FINAL RESPONSES *Matthew Martin*[M]
VOLUNTARY *Walton, arr. Robert Gower* Prologue *from* A Wartime Sketchbook

13 MONDAY EDWARD THE CONFESSOR, 1066

8.30 am Morning Prayer

14 TUESDAY

8.30 am Morning Prayer

6.00 pm **Choral Evening Prayer** (Choristers)

RESPONSES *Malcolm Archer* PSALM 73: 1-16
READINGS 1 Chronicles 16: 1-13; Revelation 11: 15-end
CANTICLE *Plainsong* O Blest Creator of the Light
MAGNIFICAT *Watson* in F
ANTHEM *Hurford* Litany to the Holy Spirit
ANTIPHON *Plainsong* Salve Regina

9.00 pm **Compline** (Cantors)

HYMN *Plainsong* Telluris ingens Conditor PSALM 31: 1-6
ANTIPHON *Plainsong* Salve Regina

Every man prays in his own language,
and there is no language that God does not understand.
Duke Ellington

15 WEDNESDAY TERESA OF AVILA, 1582

8.30 am Morning Prayer

6.00 pm **Choral Evensong**

RESPONSES *Smith* PSALM 17: 1-17
READINGS 1 Chronicles 29: 10-19; Colossians 3: 12-17
CANTICLES *Farrant* Short Service
ANTHEM *Parsons* Deliver me from mine enemies
FINAL RESPONSES *Marlow*

16 THURSDAY NICHOLAS RIDLEY & HUGH LATIMER, 1555

8.30 am Morning Prayer

6.00 pm **Choral Evensong**

RESPONSES *Matthew Martin*[M] PSALM 84
READINGS Nehemiah 8: 1-12; 1 Corinthians 14: 1-12
CANTICLES *Joanna Forbes L'Estrange* King's College Service
ANTHEM *Bairstow* Lord, I call upon thee
FINAL RESPONSES *Matthew Martin*[M]

17 FRIDAY IGNATIUS, 107

8.30 am Morning Prayer

6.00 pm **Choral Evening Prayer** (Clerks)

RESPONSES *Tallis* PSALM 89: 1-19
READINGS Hosea 6: 1-3; 2 Timothy 3: 10-end
CANTICLE *Plainsong* Before the ending of the day
MAGNIFICAT *Tallis* Dorian mode
ANTHEM *Byrd* Be unto me, O Lord, a tower
ANTIPHON *Plainsong* Salve Regina

18 SATURDAY **LUKE THE EVANGELIST**

6.00 pm **Festal Choral Evensong** (Consort of Voices)

INTROIT *Byrd* Miserere mihi Domine PSALM 103
RESPONSES *Byrd* HYMN 214 (ii)
READINGS Isaiah 61: 1-6; Colossians 4: 7-end
ANTIPHON *Plainsong* In omnem terram
CANTICLES *Hassler* Magnificat quinti toni; *Hassler* Nunc dimittis
ANTHEM *Palestrina* Mihi autem nimis
FINAL RESPONSES *Byrd*
VOLUNTARY *J.S. Bach* Allein Gott in der Höh sei Her BWV 663

Unfurl the sails, and let God sail us where he will. *St Bede*

OCTOBER 2025

19 SUNDAY EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

11.00 am **Sung Eucharist**

MASS *Palestrina* Missa Aeterna Christi munera HYMNS 271, 294, 477
READINGS Genesis 32: 22-31; Luke 18: 1-8
ALLELUIA *Plainsong* Timebunt gentes
PREACHER The Reverend Dr Laura Biron-Scott, *Assistant Chaplain*
MOTET *de la Rue* O salutaris hostia
VOLUNTARY *Reincken* Toccata in G

6.00 pm **Choral Evensong** *with Sermon*

RESPONSES *Tomkins*^{M} HYMNS 351, 425
READINGS Nehemiah 8: 9-end; John 16: 1-11 PSALM 149
CANTICLES *Walmisley* in D minor
ANTHEM *Haydn* Insanae et vanae curae
PREACHER The Reverend Dr Sam Wells, *Vicar, St Martin-in-the-Fields,*
FINAL RESPONSES *Tomkins*^{M} *London*
VOLUNTARY *Hindemith* Lebhaft *from* Sonate II

20 MONDAY

8.30 am Morning Prayer

21 TUESDAY

8.30 am Morning Prayer

6.00 pm **Choral Evening Prayer** (Choristers)

RESPONSES *Plainsong* PSALM 106: 1-12
READINGS Proverbs 22: 17-end; 2 Corinthians 12: 1-10
CANTICLE *Plainsong* O God, thy loving care for man
MAGNIFICAT *Diana Burrell* Service for Trebles
ANTHEM *Elgar* Doubt not thy Father's care
ANTIPHON *Plainsong* Salve Regina

9.00 pm **Compline** (Cantors)

HYMN *Plainsong* Salvator mundi Domine PSALM 91
ANTIPHON *Plainsong* Salve Regina

Let us not be surprised when we have to face difficulties. When the wind blows hard on a tree, the roots stretch and grow the stronger. Let it be so with us. Let us not be weaklings, yielding to every wind that blows, but strong in spirit to resist.

Amy Carmichael

SECOND WEEK

22 WEDNESDAY

8.30 am Morning Prayer

6.00 pm **Choral Evensong**

RESPONSES *Janet Wheeler* PSALM 108
READINGS Hosea 14; James 2: 14-26
CANTICLES *Tomkins*[M] First Service
ANTHEM *Judith Weir* I love all beauteous things
FINAL RESPONSES *Naylor*

23 THURSDAY

8.30 am Morning Prayer

6.00 pm **Choral Evensong**

RESPONSES *Smith* PSALM 115
READINGS Isaiah 24: 1-15; John 16: 25-33
CANTICLES *Victoria* Magnificat quinti toni; *Tye* Nunc dimittis
ANTHEM *Purcell* Jehova quam multi sunt hostes mei
FINAL RESPONSES *Marlow*

24 FRIDAY

8.30 am Morning Prayer

6.00 pm **Choral Evening Prayer** (Clerks)

RESPONSES *Plainsong* PSALM 119: 1-16
READINGS Jeremiah 14: 1-9; Luke 23: 44-56
CANTICLE *Grayston Ives*[M] A Song of Mercy and Truth
MAGNIFICAT *Sheppard*[M] First Service
ANTHEM *Anna Lapwood*[M] O nata lux
ANTIPHON *Plainsong* Salve Regina

25 SATURDAY RESTORATION OF THE PRESIDENT & FELLOWS, 1688

6.00 pm **Choral Evensong** (Consort of Voices) CRISPIN & CRISPINIAN, 287

RESPONSES *Paul Spicer* PSALM 119: 73-88
READINGS Zechariah 8: 14-end; John 20: 19-end HYMN 477
CANTICLES *Howells* Gloucester Service
ANTHEM *Parry* At the round earth's imagined corners
FINAL RESPONSES *Paul Spicer*
VOLUNTARY *Howells* Rhapsody No. 3

Prayer is the place of refuge for every worry, a foundation for cheerfulness,
a source of constant happiness, a protection against sadness.
St John Chrysostom

26 SUNDAY LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

11.00 am **Sung Eucharist** (Clerks)
MASS *Grandi* Missa Sine nomine HYMNS 295, 358 (ii), 383 (ii)
READINGS Ecclesiasticus 35: 12-17; Luke 18: 9-14
ALLELUIA *Plainsong* Confitemini Domino
PREACHER The Reverend Dr Andrew Bowyer, *Dean of Divinity*
MOTET *Grayston Ives*[M] Ego sum panis vivus
VOLUNTARY *J.S. Bach* Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele BWV 654

6.00 pm **Choral Evensong** (Clerks)
RESPONSES *Rose*[M] HYMNS 362, 456
READINGS Ecclesiastes 11, 12; 2 Timothy 2: 1-7 PSALM 119: 1-16
CANTICLES *Philip Moore* Second Service
ANTHEM *Anna Semple* Ad te, Domine
PREACHER The Reverend Professor Sabina Alkire, *Honorary Chaplain*
FINAL RESPONSES *Rose*[M]
VOLUNTARY *Jamie Powe* Surge

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27 MONDAY
8.30 am Morning Prayer

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28 TUESDAY **SIMON & JUDE, APOSTLES**
8.30 am Morning Prayer

9.00 pm **Compline & Benediction** (Cantors)
HYMN *Plainsong* Commune vos, apostoli PSALM 134
ANTIPHON *Plainsong* Salve Regina

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29 WEDNESDAY JAMES HANNINGTON, 1885
8.30 am Morning Prayer

6.00 pm **Choral Evensong** (Clerks)
RESPONSES *Rose*[M] PSALM 142
READINGS Baruch 5; Mark 1: 1-11
CANTICLES *Wood* in E
ANTHEM *Jonathan Seers* Look down, O Lord
FINAL RESPONSES *Rose*[M]

A moderately bad man knows he is not very good;
a thoroughly bad man thinks he is all right.
C.S. Lewis

THIRD WEEK

30 THURSDAY

8.30 am Morning Prayer

6.00 pm **Choral Evensong** (Consort of Voices)
RESPONSES *Byrd* PSALM 147
READINGS Isaiah 35; Matthew 11: 2-19
CANTICLES *Weelkes* Service for Trebles
ANTHEM *Schütz* Selig sind die toten
FINAL RESPONSES *Byrd*

31 FRIDAY MARTIN LUTHER, 1546

8.30 am Morning Prayer

6.00 pm **Choral Evening Prayer** (Clerks)
RESPONSES *Rose*[M] PSALM 149
READINGS Ecclesiasticus 44: 1-15; Revelation 19: 6-10
CANTICLE *Harris* Holy is the true light
NUNC DIMITTIS *Robin Doveton*
ANTHEM *Matthew Martin*[M] Justorum animae
ANTIPHON *Plainsong* Salve Regina

NOVEMBER

1 SATURDAY **ALL SAINTS**

6.00 pm **Festal Choral Evensong**
INTROIT *Lucy Walker* My heart, O God PSALM 150
RESPONSES *Rose*[M] HYMN 197
READINGS Isaiah 65: 17-end; Hebrews 11: 32-12: 2
ANTIPHON *Plainsong* O quam gloriosum est regnum
CANTICLES *Jackson* in G
ANTHEM *Harwood* O how glorious is the kingdom
FINAL RESPONSES *Rose*[M]
VOLUNTARY *Langlais* Incantation pour un jour Saint

Music…will help dissolve your perplexities and purify your character and sensibilities, and in time of care and sorrow, will keep a fountain of joy alive in you.
Dietrich Bonhoeffer

NOVEMBER 2025

2 SUNDAY FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

11.00 am **Sung Eucharist** **ALL SOULS**

MASS *Padilla* Missa Ego flos campi HYMNS 436, 414, 391
READINGS Isaiah 1: 11-18; Luke 19: 1-10
ALLELUIA *Plainsong* Paratum cor meum
PREACHER The Reverend Professor Robert Gilbert, *Fellows' Chaplain*
MOTET *Victoria* Jesu dulcis memoria
VOLUNTARY *J.S. Bach* Prelude in G major BWV 541

6.00 pm **Solemn Requiem Mass & Commemoration of the Departed**

Names of those to be remembered at this service should be emailed to chapel@magd.ox.ac.uk

MASS *Duruflé* Requiem
READINGS Philippians 1: 18-26; Luke 14: 1, 7-11

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3 MONDAY RICHARD HOOKER, 1600; MARTIN OF PORRES, 1639

8.30 am Morning Prayer

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4 TUESDAY

8.30 am Morning Prayer

6.00 pm **Choral Evening Prayer** (Choristers)

RESPONSES *Plainsong* PSALM 23
READINGS Ezekiel 18: 21-end; Matthew 18: 12-20
CANTICLE *Grayston Ives*^{M} The Lord hath clothed me
MAGNIFICAT *Daniel Saleeb*^{M} Westminster Service
ANTHEM *N. Boulanger* Lux aeterna
ANTIPHON *Plainsong* Salve Regina

9.00 pm **Compline** (Cantors)

HYMN *Plainsong* Christe, Redemptor omnium, conserva PSALM 150
ANTIPHON *Plainsong* Salve Regina

Nothing is sweeter than love,
nothing higher, nothing stronger, nothing larger,
nothing more joyful, nothing fuller, and nothing better in heaven or on earth.
Thomas à Kempis

FOURTH WEEK

5 WEDNESDAY

8.30 am Morning Prayer

6.00 pm **Choral Evensong**
RESPONSES *Smith* PSALM 27
READINGS Proverbs 3: 27-end; Matthew 18: 21-end
CANTICLES *Cardoso* Magnificat secundi toni; *Victoria* Nunc dimittis
ANTHEM *Poulenc* Salve Regina tertii toni
FINAL RESPONSES *Marlow*

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6 THURSDAY LEONARD, 6TH CENTURY; WILLIAM TEMPLE, 1944

8.30 am Morning Prayer

6.00 pm **Choral Evensong**
RESPONSES *Matthew Martin*[M] PSALM 33
READINGS Exodus 23: 1-9; Matthew 19: 1-15
CANTICLES *Noble* in A minor
ANTHEM *Howells* Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks
FINAL RESPONSES *Matthew Martin*[M]

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7 FRIDAY WILLIBRORD, 739

8.30 am Morning Prayer

6.00 pm **Choral Evening Prayer** (Clerks)
RESPONSES *Plainsong* PSALM 37: 1-21
READINGS Proverbs 3: 13-18; Matthew 19: 16-end
CANTICLE *Plainsong* Fast sinks the sun to rest
MAGNIFICAT *Gombert* Quarti toni
ANTHEM *Handl* Ecce quomodo moritur justus
ANTIPHON *Plainsong* Salve Regina

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8 SATURDAY SAINTS & MARTYRS OF ENGLAND

6.00 pm **Choral Evensong** (Consort of Voices)
RESPONSES *Cecilia McDowall* PSALM 42
READINGS Deuteronomy 28: 1-6; Matthew 20: 1-16 HYMN 446
CANTICLES *Ortiz* Magnificat octavi toni
Lassus Nunc dimittis secundi toni 'Un dubbio verno'
ANTHEM *Cecilia McDowall* Standing as I do before God
FINAL RESPONSES *Cecilia McDowall*
VOLUNTARY *Jackson* Fugue *from* Toccata, Chorale, and Fugue, Op. 16

The darker the night, the brighter the stars. The deeper the grief, the closer to God.
Fyodor Dostoyevsky

NOVEMBER 2025

9 SUNDAY — **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

10.55 am **Service of Remembrance** (Clerks)

Please assemble by the war memorial in the archway between St John's Quad and the Cloister, from where this service will begin.

INTROIT *Guest* For the Fallen — HYMNS 417, 353, 489
RESPONSES *Janet Wheeler*
READINGS Micah 4: 1-5; Philippians 4: 6-9
CANTICLE *Howells* Te Deum 'Collegium Regale'
ANTHEM *Nico Muhly* What shall be after him?
PREACHER The Right Honourable the Lord Geidt GCB GCVO OBE QSO (Magd 2000), *Honorary Fellow, Chair of the Council of King's College, London, Privy Councillor, Private Secretary to HM Queen Elizabeth II (2007-17)*
VOLUNTARY *Walford Davies* Solemn Melody

6.00 pm **Choral Evensong** *with Founder's Prayers*

INTROIT *Deborah Pritchard* I will lift up mine eyes — HYMNS 376, 383
RESPONSES *Rose*[M] — PSALM 40
READINGS 1 Kings 3: 1-15; Romans 8: 31-end
CANTICLES *Stanford* in A
ANTHEM *Rachmaninoff* Blagoslovi dushe moya hospoda
FINAL RESPONSES *Rose*[M]
VOLUNTARY *Ghislaine Reece-Trapp* In Paradisum

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10 MONDAY — LEO THE GREAT, 461

8.30 am Morning Prayer

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11 TUESDAY — MARTIN, C. 397

8.30 am Morning Prayer

6.00 pm **Choral Evening Prayer** (Choristers)

RESPONSES *Malcolm Archer* — PSALM 60
READINGS Ezekiel 34: 20-end; John 10: 1-18
CANTICLE *Stainer*[M] Holy Father, cheer our way
NUNC DIMITTIS *Burgon*
ANTHEM *Mark Blatchly* For the Fallen
ANTIPHON *Plainsong* Salve Regina

9.00 pm **Compline** (Cantors)

HYMN *Plainsong* Eia gaudete Martino — PSALM 4
ANTIPHON *Plainsong* Salve Regina

Remember that Wisdom never rushes. Even God's Son was gradually revealed to creation, in diverse ways. Wisdom is never in a hurry.
St Hildegard of Bingen

FIFTH WEEK

12 WEDNESDAY

8.30 am Morning Prayer

6.00 pm **Choral Evensong**

RESPONSES *Smith* PSALM 65
READINGS Leviticus 26: 3-13; Titus 2: 1-10
CANTICLES *Guerrero* Magnificat octavi toni
Victoria Nunc dimittis tertii toni
ANTHEM *Tomkins*[M] My shepherd is the living Lord
FINAL RESPONSES *Marlow*

13 THURSDAY CHARLES SIMEON, 1836

8.30 am Morning Prayer

6.00 pm **Choral Evensong**

RESPONSES *Matthew Martin*[M] PSALM 69: 1-22
READINGS Hosea 6: 1-6; Matthew 9: 9-13
CANTICLES *Watson* in E
ANTHEM *Richard Pantcheff* Hymn of St Columba
FINAL RESPONSES *Matthew Martin*[M]

14 FRIDAY SAMUEL SEABURY, 1796

8.30 am Morning Prayer

6.00 pm **Choral Evening Prayer** (Clerks)

RESPONSES *Tallis* PSALM 74: 1-18
READINGS Malachi 4; John 4: 5-26
CANTICLE *Plainsong* O Father, who didst all things make
MAGNIFICAT *Sheppard*[M] First Service
ANTHEM *Tallis* Te lucis ante terminum
ANTIPHON *Plainsong* Salve Regina

15 SATURDAY

6.00 pm **Choral Evensong** (Consort of Voices)

INTROIT *Trad. arr. Tippett* By and by PSALM 78: 1-17
RESPONSES *Paul Spicer* HYMN 336
READINGS Micah 6: 6-8; Colossians 3: 12-17
CANTICLES *Mathias* Jesus Service
ANTHEM *William Lovelady, arr. James Vivian* Psalm 104
FINAL RESPONSES *Paul Spicer*
VOLUNTARY *Buxtehude* Praeludium in G minor BuxWV 149

The living owe it to those who no longer can speak to tell their story for them. *Czeslaw Milosz*

NOVEMBER 2025

16 SUNDAY SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

11.00 am **Sung Eucharist**

MASS *Walton* Missa Brevis HYMNS 234 (ii), 307, 205
READINGS Malachi 4: 1-2a; Luke 21: 5-19
ALLELUIA *Plainsong* Qui timent Dominum
PREACHER The Reverend Dana English, *Assistant Priest, United Benefice of*
ANTHEM *Franck* Panis angelicus *Holland Park, London*
VOLUNTARY *Widor* Allegro *from* Symphony No. 6, Op. 42

6.00 pm **Choral Evensong** *with Sermon*

RESPONSES *Smith* HYMNS 385, 252
READINGS Daniel 6; Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23 PSALM 97
CANTICLES *Judith Bingham* Oriel Service
ANTHEM *Nico Muhly* With Eys Lift Up
PREACHER The Reverend Dr Gillian Straine, *Associate Priest, St. Paul's*
FINAL RESPONSES *Marlow* *Knightsbridge, London CEO, GoHealth*
VOLUNTARY *Paul Ayres* Toccata *from* Suite for Eric

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17 MONDAY HUGH, 1200

8.30 am Morning Prayer

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18 TUESDAY ELIZABETH, 1231

8.30 am Morning Prayer

6.00 pm **Choral Evening Prayer** (Choristers)

RESPONSES *Plainsong* PSALM 94
READINGS Habbakuk 3: 1-19a; 1 Corinthians 4: 9-16
CANTICLE *Plainsong* Creator of the earth and sky
MAGNIFICAT *Simon Johnson* Plainsong tones
ANTHEM *Mendelssohn* If with all your hearts
ANTIPHON *Plainsong* Salve Regina

9.00 pm **Compline** (Cantors)

HYMN *Plainsong* Christe, qui splendor et dies PSALM 31: 1-6
ANTIPHON *Plainsong* Salve Regina

If the heart of one's friend is open to another, the truth glows between them, the good enfolds them, and each becomes a mainstay to his companions, a helpmate in his endeavour, and a potent factor in his attaining his wish. There is nothing surprising in this: souls ignite one another, minds fertilise one another, tongues exchange confidences; and the mysteries of this human being, a microcosm in this macrocosm, abound and spread.

Abu Sulayman al-Sijistani

SIXTH WEEK

19 WEDNESDAY HILDA, 680; MECHTILD, 1280

8.30 am Morning Prayer

6.00 pm **Choral Evensong**

RESPONSES *Tomkins*^{M} PSALM 99, 100
READINGS Zechariah 8: 1-13; Mark 13: 3-8
CANTICLES *Tomkins*^{M} First Service
ANTHEM *Mundy* O Lord the maker of all thing
FINAL RESPONSES *Tomkins*^{M}

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20 THURSDAY EDMUND, 870; PRISCILLA LYDIA SELLON, 1876

8.30 am Morning Prayer

6.00 pm **Choral Evensong**

RESPONSES *Janet Wheeler* PSALM 104: 1-23
READINGS Zechariah 10: 6-end; 1 Peter 5: 1-11
CANTICLES *Dyson* in F
ANTHEM *Trad. arr. René Clausen* There is a balm in Gilead
FINAL RESPONSES *Naylor*

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21 FRIDAY

8.30 am Morning Prayer

6.00 pm **Choral Evening Prayer** (Clerks)

RESPONSES *Plainsong* PSALM 106: 1-12
READINGS Micah 4: 1-5; Luke 9: 28-36
CANTICLE *Grayston Ives*^{M} The Beatitudes
MAGNIFICAT *Piers Connor Kennedy* Worcester Canticles
ANTHEM *Nico Muhly* Thi Goyng Out
ANTIPHON *Plainsong* Salve Regina

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22 SATURDAY CECILIA, C. 230

6.00 pm **Choral Evensong** (Consort of Voices)

INTROIT *Tavener* Mother of God, here I stand PSALM 108
RESPONSES *Cecilia McDowall* HYMN CP 618
READINGS Isaiah 10: 33-11: 9; 1 Timothy 6: 11-16
CANTICLES *Stanford* in C
ANTHEM *Britten* Hymn to St Cecilia
FINAL RESPONSES *Cecilia McDowall*
VOLUNTARY *Whitlock* Allegro Risoluto *from* Plymouth Suite

God loved us before he made us; and his love has never diminished and never shall.
Julian of Norwich

NOVEMBER 2025

23 SUNDAY **CHRIST THE KING**

11.00 am **Sung Eucharist**

MASS *Vierne* Messe Solennelle HYMNS 296, 499, 394
READINGS Jeremiah 23: 1-6; Luke 23: 33-43
ALLELUIA *Plainsong* De profundis
PREACHER The Reverend Dr Andrew Bowyer, *Dean of Divinity*
MOTET *Bairstow* Let all mortal flesh keep silence
VOLUNTARY *Franck* Pièce Heroïque

6.00 pm **Festal Choral Evensong** *with Sermon & Founder's Prayers*

INTROIT *Gibbons* Hosanna to the Son of David HYMNS 443, 388
RESPONSES *Tomkins*[M] PSALM 77: 1-7
READINGS 1 Samuel 8: 4-20; John 18: 33-37
ANTIPHON *Plainsong* Habet in vestimento
CANTICLES *Rogers*[M] in E minor
ANTHEM *Taverner* Christe Jesu, pastor bone
PREACHER The Reverend Michael Coren, *Associate Priest, St Luke's*
FINAL RESPONSES *Tomkins*[M] *Burlington, Canada; journalist & author*
VOLUNTARY *Preston* Alleluyas

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24 MONDAY

8.30 am Morning Prayer

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25 TUESDAY CATHERINE, 4TH CENTURY

8.30 am Morning Prayer

6.00 pm **Choral Evening Prayer** (Choristers)

RESPONSES *Plainsong* PSALM 119: 73-88
READINGS Jeremiah 30: 18-24; John 10: 22-30
CANTICLE *Grayston Ives*[M] The Song of God's Chosen One
MAGNIFICAT *Weelkes* Short Service
ANTHEM *Simon Lole* The Father's Love
ANTIPHON *Plainsong* Salve Regina

9.00 pm **Compline** (Cantors)

HYMN *Plainsong* Jesu corona virginum PSALM 91
ANTIPHON *Plainsong* Salve Regina

There is a light that shines beyond all things on earth,
beyond all of us, beyond the heavens,
beyond the highest, the very highest heavens.
This is the light that shines in our hearts.
Chandogya Upanishad

SEVENTH WEEK

26 WEDNESDAY

8.30 am Morning Prayer

6.00 pm **Choral Evensong**

RESPONSES *Smith* PSALM 119: 145-160
READINGS Jeremiah 31: 1-9; Matthew 15: 21-31
CANTICLES *D. Purcell*[M] in E minor
ANTHEM *Philips* Ave Maria
FINAL RESPONSES *Marlow*

27 THURSDAY

8.30 am Morning Prayer

6.00 pm **Choral Evensong**

RESPONSES *Matthew Martin*[M] PSALMS 126, 127
READINGS Jeremiah 31: 10-17; Matthew 16: 13-end
CANTICLES *Joanna Forbes L'Estrange* King's College Service
ANTHEM *Howells* A Spotless Rose
FINAL RESPONSES *Matthew Martin*[M]

28 FRIDAY

8.30 am Morning Prayer

6.00 pm **Choral Evening Prayer** (Clerks)

RESPONSES *Plainsong* PSALMS 137, 138
READINGS Jeremiah 31: 31-37; Hebrews 10: 11-18
CANTICLE *Plainsong* High word of God, who once didst come
NUNC DIMITTIS *Palestrina* à 12
ANTHEM *Guerrero* Ego vox clamantis in deserto
ANTIPHON *Plainsong* Salve Regina

29 SATURDAY DAY OF INTERCESSION & THANKSGIVING FOR THE MISSIONARY WORK OF THE CHURCH

6.00 pm **Choral Evensong** (Consort of Voices) PSALMS 142, 143

INTROIT *Poulenc* Timor et tremor HYMN 5
RESPONSES *Byrd*
READINGS Isaiah 51: 17-52: 2; Ephesians 5: 1-20
CANTICLES *Victoria* Magnificat primi toni
Paweł Łukaszewski Nunc dimittis
ANTHEM *Lassus* Alma redemptoris mater
FINAL RESPONSES *Byrd*
VOLUNTARY *Scheidemann* O Gott, wir danken deiner Güt

When we serve the poor and the sick, we serve Jesus. *St Rose of Lima*

30 SUNDAY **ADVENT SUNDAY**

11.00 am **Sung Eucharist**

MASS *Victoria* Missa Alma redemptoris mater HYMNS 15, 280, 7
READINGS Isaiah 2: 1-5; Matthew 24: 15-28
ALLELUIA *Plainsong* Ostende nobis
PREACHER The Reverend James Anderson, *Bursar, Girton College, Cambridge, &Assistant Curate, St George's Tufnell Park, London*
MOTET *Dobrinka Tabakova* Alma redemptoris mater
VOLUNTARY *J.S. Bach* Kyrie, Gott heiliger Geist BWV 671

6.00 pm **Service of Music and Readings for Advent**

Admission to this service is free and open to all, but by ticket only. Seats will be released to members of the College and foundation, and to the wider public, by announcement in the Porters' Lodge, and on the College and Choir websites in November.

DECEMBER

1 MONDAY **ANDREW THE APOSTLE**

8.30 am Morning Prayer

2 TUESDAY

8.30 am Morning Prayer

6.00 pm **Choral Evening Prayer** (Choristers)

RESPONSES *Malcolm Archer* PSALM 14
READINGS Zephaniah 3: 14-end; 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-end
CANTICLE *Plainsong* O heavenly word of God on high
NUNC DIMITTIS *Matthew Martin*[M] Westminster Service
ANTHEM *Warlock* Adam lay ybounden
ANTIPHON *Plainsong* Alma redemptoris mater

9.00 pm **Compline & Benediction** (Cantors)

HYMN *Plainsong* Conditor alme siderum PSALM 134
ANTIPHON *Plainsong* Alma redemptoris mater

He comes not as a fierce man of war, threatening all things living with death, but as a newly born babe, bringing the hope of rebirth and life into the entire realm of death. He comes – but the land of destruction does not meet, does not embrace, does not praise, does not even see its Saviour, and does not hear the Word of God keeping silence in a manger. Virtually in vain does the glory which Jesus Christ had with God the Father before the world was on the lips of the angels, follow Him descending into the world and pursuing Him, attain even unto the earth.

Metropolitan Philaret of Moscow

EIGHTH WEEK

3 WEDNESDAY FRANCIS XAVIER, 1552

8.30 am Morning Prayer

6.00 pm **Choral Evening Prayer** (Clerks)
RESPONSES *Rose*[M] PSALM 18: 1-16
READINGS Isaiah 65: 17-66: 2; Matthew 24: 1-14
CANTICLE *Plainsong* Creator of the stars of night
NUNC DIMITTIS *Grayston Ives*[M] Magdalen Service
ANTHEM *Steven Griffin*[M] A Hymn to the Virgin
ANTIPHON *Plainsong* Alma redemptoris mater

4 THURSDAY JOHN OF DAMASCUS, C. 749; NICHOLAS FERRAR, 1637

8.30 am Morning Prayer

6.00 pm **Choral Evensong**
RESPONSES *Janet Wheeler* PSALM 23
READINGS Micah 5: 2-5a; John 3: 16-21
CANTICLES *Wood* in D
ANTHEM *Trad. arr. Bob Chilcott* Still, still, still
FINAL RESPONSES *Naylor*

5 FRIDAY

8.30 am Morning Prayer

6.15 pm **Short Carol Service for Magdalen students**

Members of the college will be given priority for seating in the inner chapel at this short service of carols for choir and congregation (c. 30 minutes).

6 SATURDAY NICHOLAS, C. 326

6.00 pm **Choral Evensong** (Consort of Voices)
INTROIT *Kerensa Briggs* A Tender Shoot PSALM 33
RESPONSES *Paul Spicer* HYMN 6
READINGS Micah 7: 8-15; Romans 15: 30-16: 7, 25-end
CANTICLES *Tavener* Collegium Regale
ANTHEM *Berlioz* The Shepherds' Farewell
FINAL RESPONSES *Paul Spicer*
VOLUNTARY *Kerensa Briggs* Light in Darkness

To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary.
To one without faith, no explanation is possible.
St Thomas Aquinas

SERVICES FOLLOWING THE END OF TERM

7 SUNDAY SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4.00 pm **Carols by Candlelight** *for Friends of the Choir and Alumni*

Admission to this service is by ticket only; Priority booking is given to Friends of the Choir, with the remaining tickets offered to Alumni. Please contact the Development & Alumni Office for further information on booking - development.office@magd.ox.ac.uk

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11 THURSDAY

6.00 pm **Alumni Carol Service** *at All Saints Church, Margaret Street, London* (Consort of Voices)

Information and booking details for this service will be available on the College and Choir websites in October.

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13 SATURDAY LUCY, 304; SAMUEL JOHNSON, 1784

5.00 pm **Carols by Candlelight I**

Admission to both 'Carols by Candlelight' services is by ticket only; the charge for tickets goes to support the Chapel's chosen Christmas charities for the year. Tickets for the public will be released for sale in November, and information on booking may be found on the College and Choir websites.

Please note that the services on Sunday 7th, Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th are identical in content.

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14 SUNDAY THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5.00 pm **Carols by Candlelight II**

See notes above.

REGULAR CHORAL SERVICES IN THE HILARY TERM
WILL RESUME ON SUNDAY 18TH JANUARY 2026

ORGAN RECITALS & FRIENDS OF THE CHOIR

Saturday Lunchtime Recitals

Admission is free to this series of recitals on Saturdays at noon, featuring organists from Magdalen College, from other colleges in Oxford, and from further afield. Recitals last 30-40 minutes.

Saturday 18th October 12.00 pm
WILLIAM MASON
King's College School, Cambridge

Saturday 25th October 12.00 pm
MARCUS MCDEVITT
New College, Oxford

Saturday 1st November 12.00 pm
DREW SELLIS
Magdalen College, Oxford

Saturday 8th November 12.00 pm
RUDYARD COOK
The Queen's College, Oxford

Saturday 15th November 12.00 pm
HUGH ROWLANDS
New College, Oxford

Saturday 22nd November 12.00 pm
HENRY MORRIS
Magdalen College, Oxford

Saturday 29th November 12.00 pm
EDWARD GAUT
Pusey House, Oxford

Saturday 6th December 12.00 pm
SEA-AM THOMPSON
Magdalen College, Oxford

Guest Organ Recitals

Performed by leading professional organists from the UK and elsewhere, these take place on Monday evenings, lasting approximately one hour, and are followed by drinks in the Antechapel. Tickets £10 (£5 students), will be available on the door or in advance from Eventbrite (see the Choir website for more information).

Monday 13th October 5.30 pm
MICHAŁ SZOSTAK
International concert organist

Monday 17th November 5.30 pm
KATHERINE DIENES-WILLIAMS
Guildford Cathedral

Supporting the Choir and Chapel

The Chapel and Choir are grateful for the generous support of the College for their core activities, but look to benefactors to support additional activities, including recordings, concerts and tours. If you are interested in joining the Friends of Magdalen College Choir or wish to discuss ways of supporting music at the College, please contact the Informator Choristarum, through the Choir Administrator at choir@magd.ox.ac.uk, or collect a leaflet from the Chapel.

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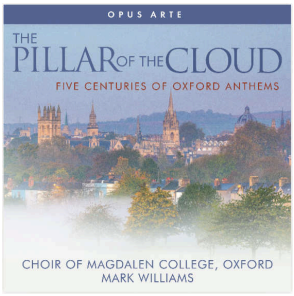

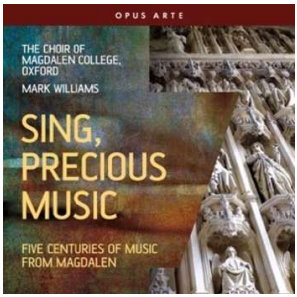

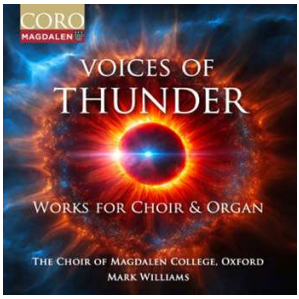

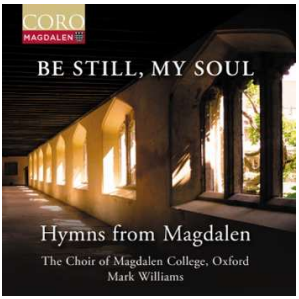

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