

MAGDALEN COLLEGE CHAPEL



MICHAELMAS TERM 2025

WELCOME

All members of the College are invited to use the Chapel as a place for quiet reflection, prayer and worship. Services are conducted according to the rites of the Church of England, but people of all faiths – and of none – are welcome to attend. A multi-faith prayer room is also available to use in St Swithun's Quad.

THE DEAN OF DIVINITY (Chaplain)



The Reverend Dr Andrew Bowyer
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Andrew is a Church of England priest. He offers pastoral care to College members and officiates at Chapel services, assisted by the Chaplains and Ordinands on placement.

THE INFORMATOR CHORISTARUM (Director of Music)



Mr Mark Williams
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Mark is responsible for the recruitment, training and direction of the Choir. He is also a Tutorial Fellow in Music, and a Personal Tutor. Mark is assisted by Mr Drew Sellis (Assistant Organist and Tutor to the Choristers) and by the Organ Scholars, Henry Morris and Sea-Am Thompson.

Chaplains

Professor Jeremias Adams-Prassl *Founder's Chaplain*
The Reverend Professor Sabina Alkire *Honorary Chaplain*
The Reverend Wealands Bell *Honorary Chaplain*
The Reverend Dr Laura Biron-Scott *Assistant Chaplain*
The Reverend Professor Robert Gilbert *Fellows' Chaplain*
Professor Laurie Maguire *Founder's Chaplain*
The Reverend Dr Andrew Shamel *Honorary Chaplain*
The Reverend Professor Jane Shaw *Honorary Chaplain*
Dr Ralph Walker *Founder's Chaplain*
The Reverend Dr Oliver Wright *Honorary Chaplain*

Vergger Ms Joan Jones

Ordinand Sofia Radaelli

Sacristans

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TIMES OF SERVICES IN FULL TERM

<i>Sunday</i>	9.45am Morning Prayer in Cloisters IV:2 11.00am Sung Eucharist Followed by a light lunch in Hall	6.00pm Choral Evensong Followed by refreshments in the Antechapel
<i>Monday</i>	8.30am Morning Prayer	No evening service
<i>Tuesday</i>	8.30am Morning Prayer	6.00pm Choral Evening Prayer 9.00pm Sung Compline
<i>Wednesday</i>	8.30am Morning Prayer	6.00pm Choral Evensong
<i>Thursday</i>	8.30am Morning Prayer	6.00pm Choral Evensong
<i>Friday</i>	8.30am Morning Prayer	6.00pm Choral Evening Prayer
<i>Saturday</i>	No morning service	6.00pm Choral Evensong

SPECIAL SERVICES THIS TERM

Saturday 13 September, 4.30pm	<i>Be a Chorister for a Day</i> Choral Evening Prayer
Saturday 20 September, 6.00pm	Evensong before the Gaudy (2013-14) *
Wednesday 24 September, 6.00pm	Evensong sung jointly by the Choristers of Merton College and of Magdalen College
Thursday 9 October, 6.00pm	Evensong to welcome new students *
Sunday 12 October, 6.00pm	Evensong with Admission of the Organ Scholar, Academical Clerks, and Head Choristers
Saturday 18 October, 6.00pm	Festal Evensong for St Luke
Saturday 1 November, 6.00pm	Festal Evensong for All Saints' Day
Sunday 2 November, 6.00pm	Solemn Requiem Mass for All Souls' Day *
Monday 3 November, 6.00pm	Roman Catholic Mass
Sunday 9 November, 10.55am	Service of Remembrance (<i>starting in the Cloister</i>)
Sunday 30 November, 6.00pm	Service of Music & Readings for Advent **
Friday 5 December, 6.15pm	Short Carol Service for Magdalen students *
Sunday 7 December, 4.00pm	Carols by Candlelight for Friends of the Choir & Alumni ♦
Thursday 11 December, 6.00pm	Alumni Carol Service at All Saints, Margaret St **
Saturday 13 December, 5.00pm	Carols by Candlelight **
Sunday 14 December, 5.00pm	Carols by Candlelight **
Tuesday 16 December, 3.30pm	Staff Children's Crib Service ♦

♦ These services are by invitation only. For further details, please contact the College.

* Priority for seating will be given to members of the College attending these services.

** Details on how to apply for seats at ticketed services will be advertised on the College and Choir websites later in October.

The Music List can be found on the College and Choir websites

www.magd.ox.ac.uk/chapel-and-choir

www.magdalencollegechoir.com

HOMILIES, SERMONS AND ADDRESSES

12 October	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
11.00am	The Reverend Dr Andrew Bowyer <i>Dean of Divinity</i>
19 October	EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
11.00am	The Reverend Dr Laura-Biron Scott <i>Assistant Chaplain</i>
6.00pm	The Reverend Dr Sam Wells <i>Vicar, St Martin-in-the-Fields, London</i>
26 October	NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
11.00am	The Reverend Dr Andrew Bowyer <i>Dean of Divinity</i>
6.00pm	The Reverend Professor Sabina Alkire <i>Honorary Chaplain</i>
2 November	TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
11.00am	The Reverend Professor Robert Gilbert <i>Fellows' Chaplain</i>
9 November	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
11.00am	The Right Honourable the Lord Geidt GCB GCVO OBE QSO (Magd. 2000) <i>Honorary Fellow, Chair of the Council of King's College, London,</i> <i>Privy Councillor, Private Secretary to HM Queen Elizabeth II (2007-17)</i>
16 November	SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT
11.00am	The Reverend Dana English <i>Assistant Priest, United Benefice of</i> <i>Holland Park, London</i>
6.00pm	The Reverend Dr Gillian Straine <i>Associate Priest, St Paul's Church,</i> <i>Kingsbridge, London & CEO GoHealth</i>
23 November	CHRIST THE KING
11.00am	The Reverend Dr Andrew Bowyer <i>Dean of Divinity</i>
6.00pm	The Reverend Michael Coren <i>Associate Priest, St Luke's Burlington,</i> <i>Canada & journalist</i>
30 November	ADVENT SUNDAY
11.00am	The Reverend James Anderson <i>Bursar, Girton College, Cambridge &</i> <i>Assistant Curate, St George's Tufnell Park, London</i>

RETIRING COLLECTIONS

Donations collected in Chapel in Michaelmas Term will support the work of **Homeless Oxfordshire** a provider of accommodation and specialist support services for people experiencing homelessness in Oxfordshire.



COMPLINE (NIGHT PRAYER)

Tuesdays, 9.00pm, Magdalen College Chapel

Broadcast live on the Choir's YouTube channel

Compline is a short, meditative, candlelit service (c. 20 minutes) of Gregorian chant, readings, silence, and prayers. All are welcome.

DEAN OF DIVINITY'S DRINKS

Tuesdays, c. 9.30pm (following Compline), Old Practice Room

Port, cheese, snacks, and soft drinks available. All are welcome.

THE ADDISON SOCIETY

Fridays, 1.00-2.00pm, Cloisters IV:2 A forum for conversation about the arts, culture, current affairs, and spirituality. A new topic is considered each week. A free sandwich lunch is provided. Look out for the invitation in the weekly Chapel email.

WEEK 5 STUDENT LUNCH

Wednesday 5th November, 1.00-2.00pm, Terry Newport Room (enter via Chaplain's Quad)
Free sandwiches, cookies, coffee, and tea, jointly hosted by the Dean for Welfare and the Dean of Divinity. All Magdalen students are welcome to attend.

INTER-FAITH DINNER

Monday 10th November, 7.00pm, Terry Newport Room (enter via Chaplain's Quad)

An opportunity for those of different religious faiths at Magdalen to gather for food and conversation. The guest speaker will be Imam Monawar Hussain, MBE DL FRSA MCCT. Sign up via the link in the weekly Chapel email.

BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION

Those who are interested in being baptised or confirmed are invited to contact the Dean of Divinity in anticipation of a special service on Sunday 31st May, 2026.

BOOK CLUB

Open to College members, the Book Club will be reading *Treacle Walker* by Alan Garner. Contact the Dean of Divinity for a free copy and details of meeting times.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Tickets for the popular Advent Carol Service (30th November, 6.00pm) and the two Carols by Candlelight services (13th and 14th December, 5.00pm) are released in October. Announcements will be made on the Chapel & Choir pages of the College website.

CHAPEL COMMUNITY RETREAT TO DURHAM

26th -28th March 2026 A time to walk, read, explore, and relax. Open to students, staff, and Fellows. Please contact the Dean of Divinity to express interest or for more information.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR VOLUNTEERING

In the Chapel... We encourage volunteers interested in reading, ushering, or assisting as altar servers at Chapel services. Contact simon.martina-perez@magd.ox.ac.uk (Head Sacristan) or the Dean of Divinity to find out more.

In the community... *The Porch Day Centre, Cowley:* a charity supporting the homeless and vulnerably housed in Oxford.

The Oxford Hub: a service that connects student volunteers to community projects.

Please contact the Dean of Divinity for more information on these.

ADDITIONAL FAITH CONTACTS

Scan the code for details of various faith societies and belief groups, and to connect with Roman Catholic, Orthodox Christian, Jewish, Muslim, and Buddhist chaplains. Contacts include:



Hannah Baker hannah.baker@magd.ox.ac.uk *Christian Union*

Rabbi Moish Blum moish@mychaplaincy.co.uk *Jewish Chaplaincy*

Shaunaka Rishi Das shaunaka@ochs.org.uk *Hindu Chaplaincy*

Rafiah Niha rafiah.niha@magd.ox.ac.uk *Muslim Student Rep.*

Patrick Warren patrick.warren@magd.ox.ac.uk *Roman Catholic Rep.*

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