

MICHAELMAS TERM 2026

CHAPEL SERVICES AND MUSIC



MAGDALEN COLLEGE OXFORD

COVER IMAGE: Musician carved into the organ screen, which was designed by Lewis Nockalls Cottingham and installed in the Chapel between 1830 and 1835. Photo by Hugh Warwick.

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 late 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. We seek to inspire, to nourish, to console, and also to challenge. We hope that the music sung in this Chapel represents not only something of the extraordinary heritage of which we are the current proud custodians – through pieces written by former or current 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, 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

JANE SHAW
Acting Dean of Divinity

MICHAELMAS TERM

Choral Services

Services are normally sung by the College Choir made up of Choristers, educated at Magdalen College School, and 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 (23rd to 30th 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.

Organ Music

Organ music plays an integral part in our liturgy. The Assistant Organist, Drew Sellis, and Organ Scholars, Sea-am Thompson and Sebastian Moreau, play for the majority of the services in Chapel, assisted occasionally by the Informar Choristarum & Organist, Mark Williams, who ordinarily directs the Choir. Details of the organ, built in 2022 by Hermann Eule Orgelbau, can be found on the College website, and details of recitals are given on the penultimate page of this booklet.

Retiring Collections

Our retiring collections will go to support the work of the Chapel's chosen charity for the term, **Crisis Skylight Oxford**, which works with those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness to find a home, find work, and to improve health and wellbeing. www.crisis.org.uk/get-help/oxford/

SERVICES BEFORE THE START OF TERM

SEPTEMBER

19 SATURDAY

THEODORE OF TARSUS, 690

6.00 pm Choral Evensong *before the Gaudy (1991-93)*

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

INTROIT *Parry* I know my soul hath power

PSALMS 100, 101

RESPONSES *Stewart^M*

HYMN 336

READINGS Wisdom 9: 1-12; Luke 2: 41-end

CANTICLES *Grayston Ives^M* Edington Service

ANTHEM *Stainer^M* How beautiful upon the mountains

FINAL RESPONSES *Marlow*

VOLUNTARY *Howells* Paean

SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER 2026

27 SUNDAY

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

4.30 pm Choral Evening Prayer *with participants in 'Be a Chorister for a Day'*
INTROIT *Mendelssohn* Lift thine eyes (Choristers)
RESPONSES *Sarah MacDonald* PSALMS 126, 127
READINGS Ezekiel 37: 15-end; 1 John 2: 22-end HYMN 239
CANTICLE *Stainer^M* Holy Father, cheer our way
MAGNIFICAT *Greatorex* Tell out my soul
ANTHEM *Bennett* Song at Evening
ANTIPHON *Plainsong* Salve Regina
VOLUNTARY *Vierne* Final *from* Symphony No. 1, Op. 14

OCTOBER

1 THURSDAY

REMIGIUS, 533; ANTHONY ASHLEY COOPER, 1885

6.15 pm Choral Evensong (Choristers) *sung jointly with the Choristers of*
INTROIT *Plumstead* A Grateful Heart *Merton College*
RESPONSES *Plainsong* PSALM 19
READINGS Nehemiah 8: 1-12; 1 Corinthians 14: 1-12 HYMN 436
CANTICLES *Bairstow* Magnificat in E-flat
Matthew Martin^M Nunc dimittis *from* Westminster Service
ANTHEM *Parry* Long since in Egypt's plenteous land

THIS SERVICE WILL
TAKE PLACE IN
MERTON COLLEGE
CHAPEL

6 TUESDAY

WILLIAM TYNDALE, 1536

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

8 THURSDAY

6.00 pm Choral Evensong *to welcome new students of the College*
INTROIT *Whitbourn^M* Lighten our darkness PSALM 41
RESPONSES *Rose^M* HYMN 377
READINGS Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11; John 16: 25-33
CANTICLES *Howells* in G
ANTHEM *Joanna Marsh* Evening Prayer
FINAL RESPONSES *Rose^M*
VOLUNTARY *Diemer* Fiesta

Yesterday is gone.
Tomorrow has not yet come.
We have only today.
Let us begin.
St Teresa of Calcutta

OCTOBER 2026

11 SUNDAY

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

11.00 am Sung Eucharist

MASS *Guerrero* Missa Surge propria HYMNS 395, 457 (i), 436
READINGS Exodus 32: 1-14; Matthew 22: 1-14
ALLELUIA *Plainsong* Confitemini Domino
PREACHER The Reverend Professor Jane Shaw, *Acting Dean of Divinity*
MOTET *G. Gabrieli* O quam suavis est
VOLUNTARY *J.S. Bach, arr. Dupré* Sinfonia from Cantata No. 29

6.00 pm Choral Evensong with Founder's Prayers and Admission of Academical

Clerks, Organ Scholar, Sacristan, and Robertshaw, Rose, and Waynflete Choristers
INTROIT *Rose^M* We will rejoice HYMNS 339, 333
RESPONSES *Sasha Johnson Manning* PSALM 139: 1-18
READINGS Proverbs 3: 1-18; 1 John 3: 1-15
CANTICLES *Stanford* in B-flat
ANTHEM *Philip Moore* Lo! God is here!
FINAL RESPONSES *Naylor*
VOLUNTARY *Stanford* Fantasia in D minor, Op. 57

12 MONDAY

WILFRID OF RIPON, 709

12.00 pm Noon Prayer

13 TUESDAY

EDWARD THE CONFESSOR, 1066

6.00 pm Choral Evening Prayer (Choristers)

RESPONSES *Sarah MacDonald* PSALM 69: 1-19
READINGS Proverbs 27: 11-end; Galatians 6: 1-10
CANTICLE *Plainsong* O blest Creator of the light
MAGNIFICAT *Stuart Beer^M* First Service
ANTHEM *Berkeley* O that I once past changing were
ANTIPHON *Plainsong* Salve Regina

9.00 pm Compline (Cantors)

HYMN *Plainsong* Iste Confessor PSALM 31: 1-6
ANTIPHON *Plainsong* Salve Regina

Yesterday I was clever, so I wanted to change the world.
Today I am wise, so I am changing myself.

Rumi

FIRST WEEK

14 WEDNESDAY

6.00 pm

Choral Evensong

RESPONSES *Stewart^M*

PSALM 74

READINGS Isaiah 51: 1-6; 2 Corinthians 1: 1-11

CANTICLES *Sumsion* in G

ANTHEM *Varley Roberts^M* Seek ye the Lord

FINAL RESPONSES *Marlow*

15 THURSDAY

TERESA OF AVILA, 1582

6.00 pm

Choral Evensong

RESPONSES *Tomkins^M*

PSALM 78: 1-17

READINGS Ecclesiasticus 18: 1-14; 1 Corinthians 11: 17-end

CANTICLES *Tomkins^M* Fifth Service

ANTHEM *Hayes^M* Lord, thou hast been our refuge

FINAL RESPONSES *Tomkins^M*

16 FRIDAY

NICHOLAS RIDLEY & HUGH LATIMER, 1555

6.00 pm

Choral Evening Prayer (Clerks)

RESPONSES *Tallis*

PSALM 84

READINGS Ecclesiasticus 28: 2-12; Mark 15: 33-47

CANTICLE *Plainsong* Before the ending of the day

MAGNIFICAT *Sheppard^M* First Service

ANTHEM *Byrd* O Lord, rebuke me not

ANTIPHON *Plainsong* Salve Regina

17 SATURDAY

IGNATIUS, 107

6.00 pm

Choral Evensong (Consort of Voices)

INTROIT *Sheppard^M* Libera nos

PSALM 89: 1-19

RESPONSES *Ayleward*

HYMN 383 (ii)

READINGS Isaiah 44: 21-end; John 21: 15-end

CANTICLES *Hooper* Short Service

ANTHEM *Lassus* Osculetur me

FINAL RESPONSES *Ayleward*

VOLUNTARY *J.S. Bach* Dies sind die heil'gen zehn Gebot BWV 678

Let nothing perturb you, nothing frighten you.

All things pass.

God does not change.

Patience achieves everything.

St Teresa of Avila

OCTOBER 2026

18 SUNDAY

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

11.00 am Sung Eucharist

MASS *Byrd* Mass for four voices

HYMNS 237, 307, 445

READINGS Exodus 33: 12-end; Matthew 22: 15-22

ALLELUIA *Plainsong* Paratum cor meum

PREACHER The Reverend Dr Oliver Wright, *Honorary Chaplain*

MOTET *Rogers^M* Lord, who shall dwell?

VOLUNTARY *Buxtehude* Praeludium in D BuxWV 139

6.00 pm Festal Choral Evensong with Sermon

RESPONSES *Matthew Martin^M*

HYMNS 214, 381

READINGS Ecclesiasticus 38: 1-14; Colossians 4: 7-18

PSALM 103

ANTIPHON *Plainsong* In omnem terram

CANTICLES *Judith Bingham* Oriel Service

ANTHEM *Harris* Strengthen ye the weak hands

PREACHER The Reverend Professor Jane Shaw, *Acting Dean of Divinity*

FINAL RESPONSES *Matthew Martin^M*

VOLUNTARY *Iain Farrington* Prelude on 'Herr Gott, dich loben alle wir'

19 MONDAY

LUKE THE EVANGELIST

12.00 pm Noon Prayer

HENRY MARTYN, 1812

20 TUESDAY

6.00 pm Choral Evening Prayer (Choristers)

RESPONSES *Plainsong*

PSALM 104: 24-end

READINGS Ecclesiasticus 34: 9-end; Luke 10: 38-42

CANTICLE *Plainsong* O God, thy loving care for man

MAGNIFICAT *Long* in F

ANTHEM *Mendelssohn* Laudate pueri Dominum

ANTIPHON *Plainsong* Salve Regina

9.00 pm Compline (Cantors)

HYMN *Plainsong* Salvator mundi Domine

PSALM 91

ANTIPHON *Plainsong* Salve Regina

Our Lord loves you and loves you tenderly; and if He does not let you feel the sweetness of His love, it is to make you more humble and abject in your own eyes.

St. Pio of Pietrelcina

SECOND WEEK

21 WEDNESDAY

6.00 pm

Choral Evensong

RESPONSES *Sasha Johnson Manning*

PSALM 106: 1-12

READINGS Jonah 1; Luke 5: 1-11

CANTICLES *Bevan* Magnificat quinti toni; *Beach* Nunc dimittis

ANTHEM *Mendelssohn* I waited for the Lord

FINAL RESPONSES *Naylor*

22 THURSDAY

6.00 pm

Choral Evensong

RESPONSES *Tomkins^M*

PSALM 108

READINGS Exodus 12: 1-20; 1 Thessalonians 4: 1-12

CANTICLES *Morales* Magnificat octavi toni; *Esquivel* Nunc dimittis

ANTHEM *Rhiannon Randle* Da pacem Domine

FINAL RESPONSES *Tomkins^M*

23 FRIDAY

6.00 pm

Choral Evening Prayer (Clerks)

RESPONSES *Plainsong*

PSALM 115

READINGS Isaiah 64; Matthew 27: 45-56

CANTICLE *Grayston Ives^M* A Song of Mercy and Truth

MAGNIFICAT *Guerrero* Quarti toni

ANTHEM *Mouton* Salva nos, Domine

ANTIPHON *Plainsong* Salve Regina

24 SATURDAY

CRISPIN & CRISPINIAN, 287

6.00 pm

Choral Evensong (Consort of Voices)

RESPONSES *Humphrey Lucas*

PSALM 119: 1-16

READINGS 2 Samuel 7: 18-end; Acts 2: 22-33

HYMN 401

CANTICLES *Ireland* in F

ANTHEM *Bruckner* Os justi

FINAL RESPONSES *Humphrey Lucas*

VOLUNTARY *Schumann* Fugue on BACH, Op. 60, No. 2

You thought you were being made into a decent little cottage, but He is building a palace.
He intends to come and live in it Himself.

C.S. Lewis

OCTOBER 2026

25 SUNDAY

LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

11.00 am Sung Eucharist (Clerks)
MASS *Lotti* Messa a tre voci
READINGS Deuteronomy 34: 1-12; HYMNS 452, 295, 272
Matthew 22: 34-end
ALLELUIA *Plainsong* In exitu
PREACHER Professor Jeremias Adams-Prassl, *Founder's Chaplain, Dean of*
MOTET *Ben Ponniah* Ave verum corpus *Degrees, and Tutor in Law*
VOLUNTARY *Dobrinka Tabakova* Sanctus *from* Orbis factor

6.00 pm Choral Evensong (Clerks)
INTROIT *Sheppard^M* I give you a new commandment HYMNS 472 (i), 461
RESPONSES *Rose^M* PSALM 119: 89-104
READINGS Ecclesiastes 11, 12; 2 Timothy 2: 1-7
CANTICLES *Grayston Ives^M* Magdalen Service
ANTHEM *Anna Lapwood^M* O nata lux
FINAL RESPONSES *Rose^M*
VOLUNTARY *Varley Roberts^M* Postlude

26 MONDAY

ALFRED THE GREAT, 899

12.00 pm Noon Prayer

27 TUESDAY

9.00 pm Compline (Cantors)
HYMN *Plainsong* Telluris ingens Conditor PSALM 134
ANTIPHON *Plainsong* Salve Regina

28 WEDNESDAY

SIMON & JUDE, APOSTLES

6.00 pm Festal Choral Evensong (Consort of Voices)
INTROIT *Sally Beamish* Gaudet in coelis PSALM 119: 1-16
RESPONSES *Humphrey Clucas* HYMN 195
READINGS 1 Maccabees 2: 42-66; Jude 1-4, 17-end
ANTIPHON *Plainsong* Qui vult venire post me
CANTICLES *Noble* in B minor
ANTHEM *Grayston Ives^M* There is a land of pure delight
FINAL RESPONSES *Humphrey Clucas*
VOLUNTARY *Widor* Allegro vivace *from* Symphony No. 5, Op. 42

To gently push aside and silence the many voices that question my goodness,
and to trust that I will hear the voice of blessing – that demands real effort.

Henri Nouwen

THIRD WEEK

29 THURSDAY

JAMES HANNINGTON, 1885

6.00 pm

Choral Evensong (Clerks)

RESPONSES *Plainsong*

PSALM 143

READINGS Isaiah 35; Matthew 11: 2-19

CANTICLES *Piers Connor Kennedy* Worcester Canticles

ANTHEM *Tallis* In pace

FINAL RESPONSES *Plainsong*

30 FRIDAY

6.00 pm

Choral Evening Prayer (Clerks)

RESPONSES *Rose^M*

PSALM 149

READINGS 2 Samuel 11: 1-17; Matthew 14: 1-12

CANTICLE *Grayston Ives^M* The eyes of the Lord

NUNC DIMITTIS *Morley* Short Service

ANTHEM *Anna Semple* Ad te, Domine

ANTIPHON *Plainsong* Salve Regina

31 SATURDAY

MARTIN LUTHER, 1546

6.00 pm

Choral Evensong *in memory of Dr Stephen Ashcroft (Fellow 1975-2025)*

INTROIT *Purcell* Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts

PSALM 150

RESPONSES *Matthew Martin^M*

HYMN 413

READINGS Ecclesiasticus 44: 1-15; Revelation 19: 6-10

CANTICLES *Grayston Ives^M* Edington Service

ANTHEM *J.S. Bach* O Jesu Christ, meins Lebens Licht

FINAL RESPONSES *Matthew Martin^M*

VOLUNTARY *J.S. Bach* Prelude in C minor BWV 546/i

THIS SERVICE IS OPEN
TO THE PUBLIC.
SEATING PRIORITY WILL
BE GIVEN TO FRIENDS,
FAMILY, AND
COLLEAGUES OF
DR ASHCROFT.

On the question of relating to our fellow man – our neighbour's spiritual need
transcends every commandment. Everything else we do is a means to an end.

But love is an end already, since God is love.

Edith Stein

NOVEMBER 2026

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1 SUNDAY

ALL SAINTS

11.00 am Sung Eucharist

MASS *Victoria* Missa O quam gloriosum HYMNS 197, 302, 231

READINGS Revelation 7: 9-end; Matthew 5: 1-12

ALLELUIA *Plainsong* Venite ad me

PREACHER The Reverend Dr Laura Biron-Scott, *Assistant Chaplain*

MOTET *Victoria* O quam gloriosum

VOLUNTARY *Buxtehude* Toccata in F BuxWV 157

6.00 pm Festal Choral Evensong with Sermon

RESPONSES *Rose^M* HYMNS 396, 478

READINGS Isaiah 65: 17-end; Hebrews 11: 32-12: 2 PSALM 148

ANTIPHON *Plainsong* O quam gloriosum est regnum

CANTICLES *Wood* in E-flat (no. 2)

ANTHEM *Gregory Rose^M* Psalm 150

PREACHER The Right Reverend Dr John Inge KCVO, *Bishop of Worcester*

FINAL RESPONSES *Rose^M* 2008-24

VOLUNTARY *Dupré* Placare Christe servulis

2 MONDAY

ALL SOULS

12.00 pm Noon Prayer

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 *Fauré* Requiem

READINGS Philippians 2: 1-4; Luke 14: 12-14

3 TUESDAY

RICHARD HOOKER, 1600; MARTIN OF PORRES, 1639

6.00 pm Choral Evening Prayer (Choristers)

RESPONSES *Malcolm Archer* PSALM 17

READINGS Ezekiel 18: 21-end; Matthew 18: 12-20

CANTICLE *Plainsong* O Saviour Jesus, Lord of all

MAGNIFICAT *Rose^M* in E

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

If I should ever die, God forbid, let this be my epitaph:
'The only proof he needed for the existence of God was music.'

Kurt Vonnegut

FOURTH WEEK

4 WEDNESDAY

12.00 pm Noon Prayer

5 THURSDAY

6.00 pm Choral Evensong

RESPONSES *Tomkins^M*

PSALM 27

READINGS Exodus 23: 1-9; Matthew 19: 1-15

CANTICLES *Byrd* Second Service

ANTHEM *Byrd* Vigilate

FINAL RESPONSES *Tomkins^M*

6 FRIDAY

LEONARD, 6TH CENTURY; WILLIAM TEMPLE, 1944

6.00 pm Choral Evening Prayer (Clerks)

RESPONSES *Plainsong*

PSALM 33

READINGS Proverbs 3: 13-18; Matthew 19: 16-end

CANTICLE *Plainsong* Fast sinks the sun to rest

MAGNIFICAT *Palestrina* Tertii toni

ANTHEM *Handl* Ecce quomodo moritur justus

ANTIPHON *Plainsong* Salve Regina

7 SATURDAY

WILLIBRORD, 739

6.00 pm Choral Evensong (Consort of Voices)

RESPONSES *Cecilia McDowall*

PSALM 37: 1-18

READINGS Deuteronomy 28: 1-6; Matthew 20: 1-16

HYMN 397

CANTICLES *Wood* Collegium regale

ANTHEM *Cecilia McDowall* Standing as I do before God

FINAL RESPONSES *Cecilia McDowall*

VOLUNTARY *Fricker* Pastorale

No matter where we are, God is as close as a prayer. He is our support and strength.
He will help us make our way up again from whatever depths we have fallen.

Billy Graham

NOVEMBER 2026

8 SUNDAY

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

10.55 am Service of Remembrance

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 *Sasha Johnson Manning*

PSALM 121

READINGS Micah 4: 1-5; Philippians 4: 6-9

CANTICLE *Stanford* Te Deum in B-flat

ANTHEM *Vaughan Williams* Lord, thou hast been our refuge

PREACHER The Right Reverend Nicholas Baines, *Bishop of Leeds 2014-25*

VOLUNTARY *Duruflé* Fugue sur le nom d'Alain

6.00 pm Choral Evensong with Founder's Prayers

INTROIT *Judith Weir* A Wreath

HYMNS 492, 392

RESPONSES *Matthew Martin^M*

PSALM 82

READINGS Judges 7: 2-22; John 15: 9-17

CANTICLES *Howells* in G

ANTHEM *Bainton* And I saw a new heaven

FINAL RESPONSES *Matthew Martin^M*

VOLUNTARY *Elgar* Allegro maestoso from Sonata in G, Op. 28

9 MONDAY

MARGERY KEMPE, c. 1440

12.00 pm Noon Prayer

10 TUESDAY

LEO THE GREAT, 461

6.00 pm Choral Evening Prayer (Choristers)

RESPONSES *Plainsong*

PSALMS 53, 54

READINGS Ezekiel 34: 20-end; John 10: 1-18

CANTICLE *Tallis* Glory to thee, my God, this night

NUNC DIMITTIS *Tallis* in the Dorian mode

ANTHEM *Boyce* The sorrows of my heart

ANTIPHON *Plainsong* Salve Regina

9.00 pm Compline (Cantors)

HYMN *Plainsong* Dum sacerdotum celebrant fides

PSALM 4

ANTIPHON *Plainsong* Salve Regina

The soul is the greening life force of the flesh, for the body grows and prospers through her,
just as the earth becomes fruitful when it is moistened. The soul humidifies the body
so it does not dry out, just like the rain which soaks into the earth.

St Hildegard of Bingen

FIFTH WEEK

11 WEDNESDAY

MARTIN, C. 397

6.00 pm

Choral Evensong *sung jointly with the Chamber Choir of Haberdashers'*

RESPONSES *Rose^M*

Girls' School

READINGS Leviticus 26: 3-13; 1 Thessalonians 5: 12-28

PSALM 60

CANTICLES *Howells* Collegium regale

ANTHEM *Ireland* Greater Love hath no man

FINAL RESPONSES *Rose^M*

12 THURSDAY

6.00 pm

Choral Evensong

RESPONSES *Tomkins^M*

PSALM 65

READINGS Hosea 6: 1-6; Matthew 9: 9-13

CANTICLES *Weelkes* First Service

ANTHEM *Ramsey* How are the mighty fallen

FINAL RESPONSES *Tomkins^M*

13 FRIDAY

CHARLES SIMEON, 1836

6.00 pm

Choral Evening Prayer (Clerks)

RESPONSES *Plainsong*

PSALM 69: 1-22

READINGS Malachi 4; John 4: 5-26

CANTICLE *Plainsong* O Father, who didst all things make

MAGNIFICAT *Dufay* Quinti toni

ANTHEM *Josquin* In te Domine speravi

ANTIPHON *Plainsong* Salve Regina

14 SATURDAY

SAMUEL SEABURY, 1796

6.00 pm

Choral Evensong (Consort of Voices)

INTROIT *Chesnokov* Angel vopiyashe

PSALM 73

RESPONSES *Cecilia McDowall*

HYMN 420

READINGS Micah 6: 6-8; Colossians 3: 12-17

CANTICLES *Ireland* in F

ANTHEM *Jonathan Dove* Vast ocean of light

FINAL RESPONSES *Cecilia McDowall*

VOLUNTARY *Jamie Powe* Surge

The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for all that He,
in His goodness, sends to us day after day.

St Gianna Molla

NOVEMBER 2026

15 SUNDAY

SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

11.00 am Sung Eucharist

MASS *Kodály* Missa brevis

HYMNS 232, 305, 443

READINGS Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-end; Matthew 25: 14-30

ALLELUIA *Plainsong* De profundis

PREACHER Professor Laurie Maguire, *Founder's Chaplain, Emeritus Fellow,*

ANTHEM *Mawby* Ave verum corpus *and former Tutor in English*

VOLUNTARY *Kodály* Ite missa est

6.00 pm Choral Evensong with Sermon

RESPONSES *Stewart^M*

HYMNS 357, 408 (i)

READINGS 1 Kings 1: 15-40; Revelation 1: 4-18

PSALM 89: 20-36

CANTICLES *Sumsion* in G

ANTHEM *Brahms* Wo ist ein so herrlich Volk

PREACHER The Reverend and Worshipful Justin Gau, *Barrister,*

Chancellor, and Vicar General of the Dioceses of Bristol and St Edmundsbury

FINAL RESPONSES *Marlow*

and Ipswich

VOLUNTARY *Reubke* Fugue from Sonata on the 94th Psalm

16 MONDAY

MARGARET, 1093

12.00 pm Noon Prayer

17 TUESDAY

HUGH, 1200

6.00 pm Choral Evening Prayer (Choristers)

RESPONSES *Sarah MacDonald*

PSALM 89: 1-19

READINGS Habakkuk 3: 1-19a; 1 Corinthians 4: 9-16

CANTICLE *Plainsong* Creator of the earth and sky

MAGNIFICAT *Malcolm Archer* Berkshire Service

ANTHEM *Vaughan Williams* The Call

ANTIPHON *Plainsong* Salve Regina

9.00 pm Compline (Cantors)

HYMN *Plainsong* Christe, qui splendor et dies

PSALM 31: 1-6

ANTIPHON *Plainsong* Salve Regina

When I get to heaven I shall see three wonders there. The first wonder will be to see many people there whom I did not expect to see, the second wonder will be to miss many people whom I did expect to see, and the third and greatest wonder of all will be to find myself there.

John Newton

SIXTH WEEK

18 WEDNESDAY

ELIZABETH, 1231

6.00 pm

Choral Evensong

RESPONSES *Tomkins^M*

PSALM 94

READINGS Zechariah 8: 1-13; Mark 13: 3-8

CANTICLES *Tomkins^M* Fifth Service

ANTHEM *Crecquillon* Domine respice in me

FINAL RESPONSES *Tomkins^M*

19 THURSDAY

HILDA, 680; MECHTILD, 1280

6.00 pm

Choral Evensong

RESPONSES *Stewart^M*

PSALMS 98, 99

READINGS Zechariah 10: 6-end; 1 Peter 5: 1-11

CANTICLES *Dyson* in F

ANTHEM *Wood* O thou the central orb

FINAL RESPONSES *Marlow*

20 FRIDAY

EDMUND, 870; PRISCILLA LYDIA SELLON, 1876

6.00 pm

Choral Evening Prayer (Clerks)

RESPONSES *Plainsong*

PSALM 104: 24-end

READINGS Micah 4: 1-5; Luke 9: 28-36

CANTICLE *Grayston Ives^M* The Beatitudes

MAGNIFICAT *Hidalgo* Quarti toni

ANTHEM *Gombert* Salve Regina

ANTIPHON *Plainsong* Salve Regina

21 SATURDAY

6.00 pm

Choral Evensong (Consort of Voices)

INTROIT *Lassus* Jubilate Deo

PSALM 106: 1-12

RESPONSES *Ayleward*

HYMN 456

READINGS Isaiah 10: 33-11: 9; 1 Timothy 6: 11-16

CANTICLES *H. Praetorius* Magnificat quinti toni

Palestrina Nunc dimittis a 8

ANTHEM *Tomkins^M* O praise the Lord

FINAL RESPONSES *Ayleward*

VOLUNTARY *J.S. Bach* Prelude and Fugue in F minor BWV 534

Love is the expression of the one who loves, not of the one who is loved.
Those who think they can love only the people they prefer do not love at all.
Love discovers truths about individuals that others cannot see.

Søren Kierkegaard

NOVEMBER 2026

22 SUNDAY

CHRIST THE KING

11.00 am Sung Eucharist

MASS *Mozart* Coronation Mass

HYMNS 296, 271, 433

READINGS Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24; Matthew 25: 31-end

ALLELUIA *Plainsong* Potestas eius

PREACHER The Reverend Professor Sabina Alkire, *Honorary Chaplain*

MOTET *Philips* Ecce vicit Leo

VOLUNTARY *J.S. Bach* Pièce d'Orgue BWV 572

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

RESPONSES *Tomkins*^M

HYMNS 394, 373 (TN. CP 466)

READINGS 1 Maccabees 2: 15-29; Matthew 28: 16-end

PSALM 97

ANTIPHON *Plainsong* Habet in vestimento

CANTICLES *Byrd* Second Service

ANTHEM *Gibbons* Great Lord of Lords

PREACHER Mr Alastair Dutton, *Secretary General, Caritas Internationalis*

FINAL RESPONSES *Tomkins*^M

VOLUNTARY *J.S. Bach* Fugue in A minor BWV 543/ii

23 MONDAY

CLEMENT, C. 100

12.00 pm Noon Prayer

24 TUESDAY

6.00 pm Choral Evening Prayer (Choristers)

RESPONSES *Plainsong*

PSALM 119: 17-32

READINGS Jeremiah 30: 18-24; John 10: 22-30

CANTICLE *Varley Roberts*^M Lay not up for yourselves

MAGNIFICAT *Byrd* Short Service

ANTHEM *Dering* O bone Jesu

ANTIPHON *Plainsong* Salve Regina

9.00 pm Compline (Cantors)

HYMN *Plainsong* Exultet coelum laudibus

PSALM 91

ANTIPHON *Plainsong* Salve Regina

Unless one always speaks the truth, one cannot find God who is the soul of truth.

One must be very particular about telling the truth.

Through truth, one can realise God.

Sri Ramakrishna

SEVENTH WEEK

25 WEDNESDAY

CATHERINE, 4TH CENTURY

6.00 pm

Choral Evensong

RESPONSES *Stewart^M*

PSALM 119: 73-88

READINGS Jeremiah 31: 1-9; Matthew 15: 21-31

CANTICLES *Joanna Forbes L'Estrange* King's College Service

ANTHEM *Eleanor Daley* Christ hath a garden

FINAL RESPONSES *Marlow*

26 THURSDAY

6.00 pm

Choral Evensong

RESPONSES *Matthew Martin^M*

PSALM 119: 145-160

READINGS Jeremiah 31: 10-17; Matthew 16: 13-end

CANTICLES *Nico Muhly* Magdalen Service

ANTHEM *Toby Young* O splendour of God's glory bright

FINAL RESPONSES *Matthew Martin^M*

27 FRIDAY

6.00 pm

Choral Evening Prayer (Clerks)

RESPONSES *Tallis*

PSALMS 128, 129

READINGS Jeremiah 31: 31-37; Hebrews 10: 11-18

CANTICLE *Plainsong* High word of God, who once didst come

MAGNIFICAT *Sheppard^M* First Service

ANTHEM *Tomkins^M* Above the stars my Saviour dwells

ANTIPHON *Plainsong* Salve Regina

28 SATURDAY

6.00 pm

Choral Evensong (Consort of Voices)

INTROIT *Tallis* Miserere nostri

PSALMS 137, 138

RESPONSES *Ayleward*

HYMN 15

READINGS Isaiah 51: 17-52: 2; Ephesians 5: 1-20

CANTICLES *Gibbons* Second Service

ANTHEM *Victoria* Alma Redemptoris Mater

FINAL RESPONSES *Ayleward*

VOLUNTARY *Howells* Master Tallis's Testament

He became what we are that He might make us what He is.

St Athanasius

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2026

29 SUNDAY

ADVENT SUNDAY

11.00 am Sung Eucharist

MASS *Vierne* Messe solennelle

HYMNS 5, 280, 7

READINGS Isaiah 64: 1-9; Mark 13: 24-end

ALLELUIA *Plainsong* Ostende nobis

PREACHER The Reverend Professor Jane Shaw, *Acting Dean of Divinity*

MOTET *James MacMillan* Christus vincit

VOLUNTARY *Langlais* Acclamations *from Suite Médiévale*, Op. 56

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.

30 MONDAY

ANDREW THE APOSTLE

12.00 pm Noon Prayer

DECEMBER

1 TUESDAY

CHARLES DE FOUCAULD, 1916

6.00 pm Choral Evening Prayer (Choristers)

RESPONSES *Malcolm Archer*

PSALM 7

READINGS Zephaniah 3: 14-end; 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-end

CANTICLE *Plainsong* O heavenly word of God on high

MAGNIFICAT *Daniel Saleeb^M* Westminster Service

ANTHEM *Trad. arr. Alexander Berry^M* Away in a manger

ANTIPHON *Plainsong* Alma Redemptoris Mater

9.00 pm Compline (Cantors)

HYMN *Plainsong* Conditor alme siderum

PSALM 134

ANTIPHON *Plainsong* Alma Redemptoris Mater

The whole life of Christ was a continual passion; others die martyrs,
but Christ was born a martyr. His birth and his death were but one continual act,
and his Christmas Day and his Good Friday are but the evening and morning
of the one and the same day.

John Donne

EIGHTH WEEK

2 WEDNESDAY

6.00 pm

Choral Evensong

RESPONSES *Sasha Johnson Manning*

PSALM 18: 1-22

READINGS Isaiah 65: 17-66: 2; Matthew 24: 1-14

CANTICLES *Stanford* in B-flat

ANTHEM *Nelson* Out of your sleep

FINAL RESPONSES *Naylor*

9.00 pm

Organ meditation

Messiaen La Nativité du Seigneur

PLAYED BY DREW SELLIS, SEA-AM THOMPSON AND SEBASTIAN MOREAU

3 THURSDAY

FRANCIS XAVIER, 1552

6.00 pm

Choral Evening Prayer (Clerks)

RESPONSES *Plainsong*

PSALM 14

READINGS Micah 5: 2-5a; John 3: 16-21

CANTICLE *Plainsong* Creator of the stars of night

NUNC DIMITTIS *Victoria Tertii toni*

ANTHEM *Lassus* Conditor alme siderum

ANTIPHON *Plainsong* Alma Redemptoris Mater

4 FRIDAY

JOHN OF DAMASCUS, c. 749; NICHOLAS FERRAR, 1637

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).

5 SATURDAY

6.00 pm

Choral Evensong (Consort of Voices)

INTROIT *Leighton* Coventry Carol

PSALM 27

RESPONSES *Humphrey Clucas*

HYMN 10

READINGS Micah 7: 8-15; Romans 15: 30-16: 7, 25-end

CANTICLES *Blair* in B minor

ANTHEM *Cheryl Frances-Hoad* There is no rose

FINAL RESPONSES *Humphrey Clucas*

VOLUNTARY *J.S. Bach* Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland BWV 659

It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness
and thus to open doors of hope.

Pope Benedict XVI

SERVICES FOLLOWING THE END OF TERM

6 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

10 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.

12 SATURDAY

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 6th, Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th are identical in content.

13 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 17TH JANUARY 2027

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 17th October 12.00 pm

MICHAEL VETTER

Dom St Petri, Bautzen

Saturday 14th November 12.00 pm

SEA-AM THOMPSON

Magdalen College, Oxford

Saturday 24th October 12.00 pm

JACOB BENDA

University of St Thomas, St Paul, Minnesota

Saturday 21st November 12.00 pm

VALENTINA HUANG

Palmer Episcopal Church, Houston, Texas

Saturday 31st October 12.00 pm

MICHAEL BENNETT

St John the Evangelist, Walton-on-the-Hill

Saturday 28th November 12.00 pm

DREW SELLIS

Magdalen College, Oxford

Saturday 7th November 12.00 pm

SEBASTIAN MOREAU

Magdalen College, Oxford

Saturday 5th December 12.00 pm

ROBERT MARSH

Christ Church, Skipton

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 Ante-chapel. Tickets £10 (£5 students), will be available on the door or in advance from Eventbrite (see the Choir website for more information).

Monday 9th November 5.30 pm

PETER WRIGHT

Concert organist

Monday 23rd November 5.30 pm

BENJAMIN SHEEN

Jesus College, Cambridge

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.

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



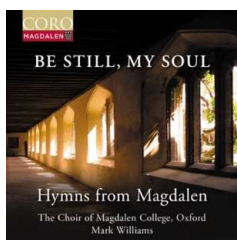
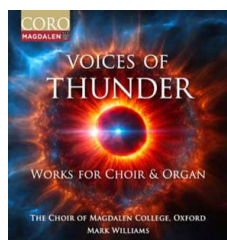
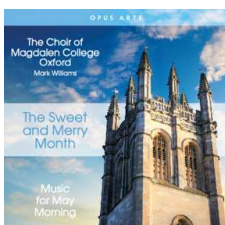
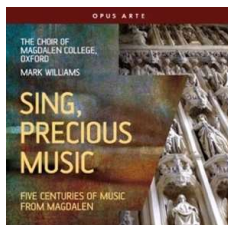
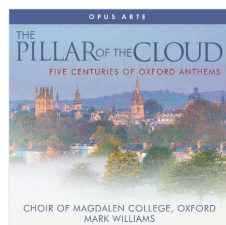
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