About the University Church

The University Church of St Mary the Virgin is a vibrant, welcoming, and inclusive church within the Church of England. Standing in the centre of Oxford, St Mary’s is the spiritual heart of the oldest university in Britain. With dignified liturgy and beautiful music, we strive to be a community of intelligent and faithful Christian witness, unafraid to engage with the modern world.

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Special Events at the University Church

Moot
The Moot explores a wide range of topics, from science and religion to faith and politics, and offers an hour of group discussion.

Mondays, Old Library, 19:45-21:00

16 Oct Work: Identity, Ambition, and Fulfilment
The Revd Alan Ramsey

6 Nov Finding new ways of being as we grow older
The Revd Canon Angela Tilby

1517
A five-part series of talks — cultural, legal, intellectual — of the year 1517, exploring the world in which the Reformation took shape.

Wednesdays, Old Library (1st and 8th November in Chancel), 19:30-20:30

18 Oct Theology: How to be Saved in 1517
Dr Sarah Mortimer

25 Oct Law: Sanctuary and the Benefit of Clergy
Prof Sir John Baker

1 Nov Poetry: John Skelton and Evil May Day, 1517
Prof Mishtooni Bose

8 Nov Art: The University Church on the Eve of the Reformation
Prof Gervase Rosser

15 Nov Music: Walter’s Geystliches gesangk Buchley
Prof Owen Rees

Excellent Women

Thursdays, Old Library, 19:30-21:00

19 Oct Dame Rose Macaulay: Anglican Apologist
Dr Judith Maltby

2 Nov Margaret Oliphant: Doubt, Despair and the Supernatural
Dr Alison Milbank

16 Nov Noel Streatfeild: Families and the Vicarage
Dr Clemence Schultz

A Climate for Change
Climate Outreach & University Church present climate scientist Katharine Hayhoe, writer of A Climate for Change: Global Warming Facts for Faith-Based Decisions. 7.30pm in the nave, followed by drinks.

15 Nov 19:30
Sunday Services

8 Oct  
**Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity**
10:30  Sung Eucharist  
*Preacher: The Revd Dr William Lamb*

15 Oct  
**Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity**
10:30  Sung Eucharist with University Sermon  
*Preacher: The Revd Canon Professor Sarah Foot, Regius Professor of Ecclesiastical History*

22 Oct  
**Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity**
10:30  Sung Eucharist  
*Preacher: The Revd Rachel Weir, Chaplain of Highgate School*

29 Oct  
**Last Sunday after Trinity**
10:30  Sung Eucharist  
*Preacher: The Venerable Dr Joanne Grenfell, Archdeacon of Portsdown*

5 Nov  
**All Saints’ Sunday**
9:30  Family Service  
10:30  Sung Eucharist with University Sermon  
*Preacher: The Rt Revd Stephen Conway, Bishop of Ely*
15:30  German Lutheran Service

12 Nov  
**Remembrance Sunday**
10:30  Sung Eucharist  
*Preacher: The Very Revd Michael Sadgrove, Former Dean of Durham*

19 Nov  
**Second Sunday before Advent**
10:30  Sung Eucharist  
*Preacher: The Revd James Crockford*

26 Nov  
**Sunday Next before Advent**
10:30  Sung Eucharist  
*Preacher: The Revd Alan Ramsey*

Sunday Events

**Michaelmas Lunches**
12:00  Lunch will be served in the Old Library from 12:00 on the 8 October, 29 October and 19 November. All welcome.

**Children’s Church**
10:30  Children are invited to the Old Library during the 10:30 Sung Eucharist for games, stories, and activities.  
For more information, contact Debbie Hall  
(debbietheduck@hotmail.com)

Sunday Forum

5 Nov  
**Transforming Education? The Future of Church Schools**
12:00-13:00  Join us in the Old Library for a panel discussion, including the Rt Revd Stephen Conway, the Chair of the National Society, which was established in 1811 to provide schools for the poor in England and Wales.

3 Dec  
**Responding to the Refugee Crisis**
12:00-13:00  With the unparalleled migration of refugees across the globe, we consider the plight of Syrian refugees, their resettlement in the UK, and what we can do to help.

Regular Services

**Midweek Services (Monday - Friday)**
9:00  Morning Prayer  
12:15  Holy Communion
For details of Choral Evensong, please see the weekly schedule.

5 Oct  
**Latin Communion**
8:00  The University’s termly celebration of the Latin Communion will be on Thursday 5 October at 8:00 in the Chancel.

23 Nov  
**Compline by candlelight**
21:00  This ancient form of night prayer goes back over a thousand years. With plainsong and candlelight, it’s a great way to chill out during a hectic week.

Regular Events

**The University Church Book Club**
Every Tuesday of term in the Jam Factory at 18:00 – newcomers welcome at any time. For more information please contact  
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**A Chance to Think: Bible Study**
Every Thursday lunchtime following the 12:15 Holy Communion, we offer a lunch-break bible study. Please bring your sandwiches. Hot drinks are provided.

**Poetry Workshop**
Wednesday evenings, 2nd-6th week inclusive. 17:30-18:30, The Old Library.

Advent and Christmas at St Mary’s

3 Dec  
**First Sunday of Advent**
10:30  Sung Eucharist  
*Preacher: The Revd Charlotte Bannister-Parker*
18:00  International Advent Carol Service  
An International Carol Service with the German Lutheran Congregation, followed by glühwein and stollen in the Adam de Brome Chapel.

10 Dec  
**Second Sunday of Advent**
10:30  Sung Eucharist  
*Preacher: The Revd Julia Baldwin, Chaplain, Brasenose College*
11 Dec  
**Frideswide Voices**
18:00  Carol Service

16 Dec  
**Carols Galore**
12:30  Join us for a lunchtime Carol Service for shoppers in Oxford city centre with traditional Christmas carols and a brass band.

17 Dec  
**Third Sunday of Advent**
10:30  Sung Eucharist  
*Preacher: Revd Canon Dr Judith Maltby*
18:00  Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols. Traditional Christmas music from the University Church Choir.

24 Dec  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**
10:30  Sung Eucharist  
*Preacher: The Revd James Crockford*

24 Dec  
**Christmas Eve**
16:30  Crib Service  
A service for children and families.
23:30  Midnight Mass.  
*Preacher: The Revd Dr William Lamb*

25 Dec  
**Christmas Day**
10:30  Sung Eucharist for Christmas Day  
*Preacher: The Revd Dr William Lamb*