## 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**

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<td>Who Decides? The Ethics of Medical Treatment</td>
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### Music and Mind
A three-part series on Wednesday evenings in 2nd, 4th and 6th week, exploring concepts of music, transcendence, and psychology.

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<td>Music, Modernity and Meaning</td>
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<td>Listening Well: Managing Modern Life with Music</td>
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### Singing the Word
Delve into the rich history of plainchant - and learn to sing it, too - in this fascinating workshop series. On Thursday evenings in 3rd, 5th, and 7th week, join us in the Old Library for a glass of wine and a short talk on the history and music of the medieval church, followed by singing practice. Afterwards, participants will gather in the Chancel to sing the ancient and beautiful office of Compline by candlelight.

**Old Library, 20.00-20.50, Chancel, 21.00**

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<td>Singing the Word</td>
<td>Fr Peter Allan CR (Mirfield)</td>
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### Fiction and Gospel Truth: Can Novels Tell Godly Stories?
Join us in the Vaults and Garden café for a talk by the priest and novelist, The Revd George Pitcher. His most recent novel is *A Dark Nativity* (London: Unbound, 2017).

**19:30**

### Mardi Gras Open Mic Night
Join us in the Vaults and Garden café for an evening of crépes, music and jollity before Lent begins.

**19:30**

### International Women’s Day
Join us for a special lunchtime Eucharist led by women in celebration of International Women’s Day. The preacher will be Dr Mariama Ifode-Blease and the service will feature music by the medieval mystic Hildegard von Bingen.

**12:15**

**19:30** Challenges and Opportunities for Women in the 21st Century: A Global Perspective Panel Discussion and Q&A.
14 Jan **Second Sunday of Epiphany**
9:30 Latin Litany with University Sermon  
*Preacher:* Fra’ John Eidinow, Director of Studies in Classics, St Benet’s Hall
10:30 Choral Eucharist  
*Preacher:* The Revd Dr William Lamb

21 Jan **Third Sunday of Epiphany**
10:30 Choral Eucharist  
*Preacher:* Brother James Koester, Superior, SSJE

28 Jan **Fourth Sunday of Epiphany**
10:30 Choral Eucharist with University Sermon  
*Preacher:* Professor Mona Siddiqui OBE, University of Edinburgh

4 Feb **The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)**
9:30 Family Service
10:30 Choral Eucharist  
*Preacher:* The Revd James Crockford
15:30 German Lutheran Service

11 Feb **Sunday Next before Lent**
10:30 Choral Eucharist  
*Preacher:* The Revd Dr William Lamb

14 Feb **Ash Wednesday**
20:00 Choral Eucharist  
*Preacher:* The Revd Dr William Lamb

18 Feb **First Sunday of Lent**
10:30 Choral Eucharist  
*Preacher:* The Revd Dr Malcolm Guite, Chaplain, Girton College, Cambridge

25 Feb **Second Sunday of Lent**
10:30 Choral Eucharist  
*Preacher:* The Revd James Crockford
17:30 Intercollegiate Service with University Sermon  
*Preacher:* The Rt Revd Martin Seeley, Bishop of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich

4 Mar **Third Sunday of Lent**
9:30 Family Service
10:30 Choral Eucharist  
*Preacher:* The Revd Wendy Wale, Chaplain, Wadham College
15:30 German Lutheran Service
Sunday Events

Hilary Lunches
12:00 Lunch will be served in the Old Library from 12:00 on Sunday 21 January and Sunday 4 March. 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.

A Life Worth Living
An Introduction to Christian Humanism. In four discussions, we explore the ways in which the Christian tradition can help us to live well.
4 Feb 12:00-13:00 Trust 18 Feb 12:00-13:00 Forgiveness
11 Feb 12:00-13:00 Desire 25 Feb 12:00-13:00 Hope

Regular Services

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

11 Jan Latin Communion
8:00 The University’s termly celebration of the Latin Communion will be on Thursday 11 January at 8:00 in the Chancel.

Regular Events

The University Church Book Club
Every Tuesday of term (Tuesday 16 January to Tuesday 6 March) in the Nosebag at 18:00 – newcomers welcome at any time.

Lunchtime Bible Study
Every Thursday lunchtime, following the 12:15 Holy Communion, we offer a lunch-break bible study from 12:45-13:30. Please bring your sandwiches. Hot drinks are provided.

Reflection Mornings
Saturday mornings at 10:30, Old Library. 27th January (“Imagining the Divine”) and 17th March (“True Prayer”). Pastries, coffee, and tea are provided.

Poetry Workshops
Wednesday evenings on 24 January, 7 February and 21 February, at 17:30-18:30, Old Library.
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<td>Palm Sunday</td>
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<td>Sung Eucharist with Procession of Palms&lt;br&gt;Preacher: The Revd Professor Andrew McGowan, Dean and President, Berkeley Divinity School at Yale</td>
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<td>30 Mar</td>
<td>Good Friday The Three Hours' Devotion</td>
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<td>Stations of the Cross&lt;br&gt;13:00 Music and Reflection on the Passion&lt;br&gt;14:00 The Good Friday Liturgy&lt;br&gt;Preacher: The Revd Professor Andrew McGowan</td>
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<td>1 Apr</td>
<td>Easter Sunday</td>
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<td>Choral Eucharist with Easter Ceremonies&lt;br&gt;Preacher: The Revd Dr William Lamb</td>
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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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