

A photograph of the University Church of Cambridge, a Gothic Revival church with a prominent spire and large stained glass windows. The church is made of light-colored stone. In the foreground, there are pink flowering branches. The sky is blue with some light clouds.

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at the University Church

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Moments of Great Calm

The Revd Canon Dr William Lamb, Vicar

One of the intriguing things that I have noticed in the course of the last couple of years is the increasing number of people who stop and sit and pray or meditate when they visit the University Church.

Whereas in the past, large groups would race through the building gleaning as much about the history of the place in the shortest amount of time from the High Street to Radcliffe Square, the Church no longer serves as a convenient short cut. More often than not, people now stop and stay. They take their time.

Now there is nothing particularly remarkable about using a Church to pray. But I suspect that the experience of the pandemic has given us a renewed appreciation of the value of using this glorious space to pray, to think with, to be silent, to contemplate the mystery of our lives in the light of God's grace. In the past, we may have taken this for granted. No more.

In his poem, *Kneeling*, the priest and poet, R S Thomas writes about the experience of prayer. The imagery he uses always reminds me of the interior of St Mary's:

Moments of great calm
Kneeling before an altar
Of wood in a stone church
In summer, waiting for God
To speak; the air a staircase

For silence; the sun's light
Ringing me, as though I acted
A great role. And the audience
Still; all that close throng
Of spirits waiting, as I,
For the message.
Prompt me, God
But not yet. When I speak
Though it be you who speak
Through me, something is lost.
The meaning is in the waiting.

Many guides to the spiritual life will say that the act of prayer demands a stillness of the soul, a willingness to create the space to really listen to our deepest desires and yearnings. We often bring with us all sorts of distractions. It can take time to discover the inner peace and tranquillity that enables us to hear the voice of God.

But Thomas alerts us to the fact that 'the meaning is in the waiting'. Sometimes we rush too quickly to find the words to express our needs and desires. We lose something in our impatience. It may be that all the distractions that come bubbling to the surface when we pray are precisely the things which are in need of God's grace and healing.... a present worry, a problem at work, an anxiety that we have lived with for years, ►

a buried grief, a broken or difficult relationship. Sometimes it may help if our distractions become the focus of our prayers. And it takes time to cultivate this kind of attentiveness. It demands patience. We must wait to allow the depths of our heart to unfold.

If we are honest, this does not always come naturally to us. The world is in such a rush and we are often swept along with the frantic pace of modern living. There is a curious restlessness about our lives. We sometimes struggle to know what to do with our solitude. We are too easily tempted to keep running. And yet, as one of the great theologians of the Christian Church reminds us, 'Our hearts are restless until they find their rest in thee'. When you come into St Mary's next, remember that we need to be silent before the great mystery of God. For it is into this silence that the Father speaks. He speaks one Word, which is his Son Jesus Christ, and this Word is spoken 'always in eternal silence, and in silence must be heard by the soul' (St John of the Cross, *Maxims on Love*).

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Faith Seeking Understanding

Find out more about our plans for the future.

In the course of the last few years, the Parochial Church Council has developed a new Vision and Strategy to provide a focus for our life together. Grounded in the maxim, 'Faith Seeking Understanding', we seek to celebrate our inheritance of faith. For centuries, the University Church of St Mary the Virgin has been a place of public worship, sacred learning and intellectual inquiry. Standing at the heart of the medieval city, it is the place where the University of Oxford began.

Today the University Church welcomes about 500,000 visitors a year. The building is open to the public every day. We serve a Collegiate University of over 26,000 students and approximately 20,000 employees. Hosting many University events, St Mary's also provides one of the premier venues for concerts and performances in the city. As the place where the charity OXFAM began, we seek to respond to human need through service to the local community and by campaigning on issues of social justice and climate action.

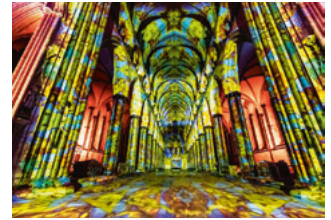
An exhibition in the De Brome Chapel will provide further information about our plans for the future. Details about our Vision and Strategy are also freely available on our website. We hope that you will support the ministry of the University Church.

Renaissance

Journey through the Renaissance world through the eyes of the artists and creatives at that time, brought to life in a spectacular fully curated son-et-lumiere experience.

Friday 23rd - Tuesday 27th June | 9.30pm - 11.30pm

The Renaissance was a time of major transformation in the world, through cultural, artistic, political and economic growth from the 14th to the 17th century. Some of the greatest thinkers emerged through this period which changed the world. In *Renaissance*, Luxmuralis invites the viewer to become immersed amongst the greatest paintings and artworks of the time, to explore through light art and bespoke compositions the wonder and awe that revolutionised Europe and bridged the gap from the dark ages to modern day civilisation. Sound and light art are projected onto architectural features, transforming and enveloping the public. Visitors will walk through and experience light and sound art installations digitally and artistically created by artistic collaboration 'Luxmuralis'.



You will need to book your time slot in advance on this website: <https://artsfestivaloxford.org>

Jesus and the Displaced: Christology and the Redemption of Habitation

This year the Bampton Lectures will be given by the Revd Dr Willie James Jennings, Yale Divinity School. A systematic theologian, Dr Jennings teaches in the areas of theology, black church and Africana studies, as well as post-colonial and race theory. Dr Jennings is the author of The Christian Imagination: Theology and the Origins of Race published by Yale University Press. It is one of the most important books in theology written in the last 25 years and is now a standard text read in colleges, seminaries, and universities. Here he writes about his lectures.

We are in a crisis of displacement that joins the problems of housing, homelessness, and forced migration to the horrors of white supremacy, patriarchy, and war. Our crisis of displacement – geographic, racial, social, and environmental – demands we consider both the body and the building, both the design and creation of subjects and built environments in their inextricable connection and relation. Taking the work of the great African American theologian and mystic Howard Washington Thurman in his famed text, *Jesus and the Disinherited* as inspiration and guide, these lectures outline a Christology aimed at redeeming habitation.

Thurman's *Jesus and the Disinherited* was a Christological

intervention into the ways fear, deception, and hate mangle the human spirit. Offering us a portrait of the life of Jesus and what he called the religion of Jesus, Thurman situated what would famously be called the love-ethic of Jesus as the central energy and reality that would rehabilitate the human spirit and redeem humanity. I will, following Thurman, return to Jesus, but now with his mother Mary to help us rethink the body and the building. In this regard, I will again consider these three realities – fear, deception, and hatred – but now in relation to the built environment and in relation to the fabrications of a self and the formation of subjectivity.



LECTURE 1 MARY, JESUS, AND THE DWELLING CONDITION: AN INTERPRETATION

Tuesday 23 May at 10.00am at the University Church

This lecture considers Jesus as a place of dwelling where we are invited to participate in redeeming construction. Jesus becomes the place where building, the body, and design may be rethought in the light of his life and ministry, drawing us toward envisioning a kind of freedom that always aims at building life together in ways that allow the earth to speak through us of God's glory. In this regard, I will imagine the instructing life of Mary, considering the significance of Mary as not only theotokos, but also pedagogue of God. Mary is the one who guides Jesus in what it means to dwell, that is, she is the one who teaches Jesus of life in the land and how to allow the earth to speak through him. By taking seriously Jesus as both the voice of God and the one who gives voice to the land, I will situate new life-giving possibilities for the body and building against its three adversarial conditions, fear, deception (delusion), and hatred.

LECTURE 2 DECONSTRUCTING THE FEARFUL CONDITION

Tuesday 23 May at 11.30am at the University Church

This lecture meditates on the problem of fear as both currency and virus enhanced by the structures of the built environment. What does it mean to have fear

built into the built environment? I posit an answer to this question by drawing a connection between a fearing or fearful body and forms and configurations of fear designed into place. How might we reconfigure place to welcome the stranger, refuse the anticipation of hostility, and draw the body into new practices of hospitality that work themselves down to the ground? Turning again to the life of Jesus, especially the events following his resurrection, I outline the work of draining fear from place.

LECTURE 3 OVERCOMING THE DELUSION CONDITION OF HOME OWNERSHIP

Tuesday 30 May at 10.00am at the University Church

We have entered the delusion condition that we can individually or even as collectives own what belongs only to God, the creation. Modern colonialism forced upon us a new kind of possessive logic that mutated indigenous understandings of land and place possession. Rather than a vision of possession that means being possessed by land and animal and a place through which they speak through us resourcing our identities, the colonialists pressed the vision that first articulated possession of land and place as a commodity and thereby formed body and building inside that mutated vision of possession. Home ownership has become the site where we find the outworking of this mutation and with it visions of the self that breed narcissism, obsessive managerial



logics, and various forms of chauvinism. This lecture considers the life of Jesus as an intervention into ownership precisely as a site of sharing. It is that reality of a shared life in Jesus that must work its way down into the dirt and out to the shape of ownership.

LECTURE 4 ADDRESSING THE HATEFUL CONDITION OF THE LINE

Tuesday 30 May at 11.30am at the University Church

My final lecture returns to Thurman's reflection on the love-ethic of Jesus but now to consider Jesus as a site of love and the ethical dimensions of that site for addressing the problem of the line, that is, the ways in which bordered and boundaried existence resources hate. Hatred is from the beginning an ancient characteristic of sin, yet the production of the line (property line, border line, prison line) all help to materialize hate in profound ways. Considering the redemptive character of Jesus's peregrination, I want to rethink the relation of mobility to hospitality, and the ethical demand to transgress the line. Here I want to consider again the so-called great commission of Matthew 28, to go into the world and offer witness, making disciples of all nations which I will designate as garden disciples, disciples that learn to touch the earth and the peoples of the earth in ways that give witness to thriving life and shared living.

Regular Events

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

**Fridays during University Term | Old Library
12.45pm - 1.30pm**

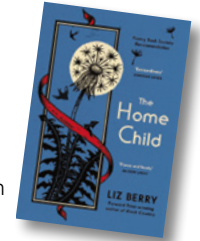
The Acts of the Apostles is the focus for our Bible study this term. It tells of the earliest disciples as they are drawn by the Holy Spirit to become a community that is genuinely inclusive, bringing God's salvation to all people and challenging the divisions created by Empire. The theologian Willie James Jennings describes it as a book of 'revolution', that highlights the disrupting, joyful presence of the Spirit of God, and our reading will be guided by his recent commentary *The Book of Acts* in the *Belief: A Theological Commentary on the Bible* series. Everyone is welcome to join us for these weekly Bible studies which begin on 5th May.



POETRY HOUR

**Wednesdays during University Term | Old Library
5.30pm - 6.30pm**

Poetry Hour is a forum for a diverse group of poets who have been reading and writing poetry together since 2015 in a relaxed and supportive environment. This term we will be reading and responding to the collection *The Home Child*, by Liz Berry (Chatto & Windus 2023). Wednesdays from 5.30 pm – 6.30 pm in the Old Library. Please do join us.



SUNDAY FORUM

**Sunday lunchtimes | Old Library | 12noon - 1.00pm
16 April, 11 June**

Look out for the Sunday forum following the main Sunday morning service at St Mary's. A range of speakers will be invited to focus our minds on issues of community, justice, and the common good.

Fearfully and wonderfully made

Sunday 16 April | Old Library | 12noon - 1.00pm

We believe that we are all fearfully and wonderfully made in God's image, yet the world can be a hostile place for those whose gender and identity journeys do not conform to the gender binary or other 'expected norms'. Chrissie Chevasutt, Outreach and Development Worker for Trans, Intersex and Non-Binary people for St Columba's United Reformed Church, will be leading us to consider the question 'what does it take for trans, non-binary and intersex people to flourish?'

Marriage: the long view

Sunday 11 June | Old Library | 12noon - 1.00pm

The Revd Dr Erica Longfellow, Dean of Divinity and Chaplain at New College, will help us consider our current debates about marriage through the lens of the radical changes that took place at the Reformation. We will challenge some of the myths about 'traditional marriage', and ask what we might like to keep from our Anglican past, and what we might need to change, as we think about equal marriage.

Short Talks

THE STORY OF AN ICON

Thursday 27 April | Old Library | 4.00pm - 5.30pm

Joanna Tulloch is a poet, artist, and icon painter who lives in Oxford. She will talk about how she became interested in icon painting and will give a presentation of various hand-painted icons, some by her and others the work of Greek and Russian icon painters. The main focus will be on icons of the Virgin Mary (known as the Mother of God in Orthodoxy), including their history, characteristics, and meaning. This talk is part of our Volunteer Monthly Series.

THE BELLS OF ST MARY'S

Tuesday 23 May | Old Library | 4.00pm - 5.30pm

Simon Bond is part of the Oxford Society of Change Ringers, the University Bell Ringers. The society rings the University Church bells for degree ceremonies, Encaenia, on May morning and for the upcoming Coronation of His Majesty Charles II. Simon will be talking about the history of university bellringing and the University Church bells. This talk is part of our Volunteer Monthly Series.



FAMILY CRAFT AND CHAT

Saturday 13 May | University Church | 10.30am - 12.00pm

***The Revd Hannah Cartwright,
Assistant Priest***

When I look at the beautiful image of Mary, with the toddler Jesus climbing all over her (which hangs behind the High Altar in the Chancel) and I think about the Holy Family and their somewhat unconventional, yet also wonderfully ordinary life, I find great comfort in knowing that they probably experienced the same sleepless nights, beautiful cuddles, arguments over bathtime and precious moments we all do when we live with small children. Jesus was fully God, but he was fully human too; with all that comes with learning about the world and growing up in family and community.

It is a real joy to be welcoming so many babies and children into our community in this season. We are all part of one big family of faith, but some of us have particular responsibility for nurturing or parenting babies and small children - a role which comes with its own particular joys and challenges!

Come and swap stories, chat and catch up with others over a cup of tea/juice and some craft for the little (or big) kids in your life. Children of all ages are welcome to drop in informally with their parents, grandparents, godparents or guardians. Buggy access is via the High Street entrance and if you need somewhere quiet to feed/nap or want to warm a bottle just let us know.



CHILDREN'S CHURCH WITH GODLY PLAY

First Sunday of the Month | Old Library | 10.30am - 11.15am | 7 May, 4 June, 2 July, (break in August), 3 September

Children's Church with Godly Play takes place monthly in the Old Library on the first Sunday of the month during the first 45 minutes of the 10.30am Sung Eucharist. It is particularly suitable for children aged 3-8 years old and their families.

CHILDREN AT ST MARY'S

We are delighted to have children worshipping with us at St Mary's at the 10.30am service. A selection of toys and books are available in the Newman Room (behind the glass brick wall) next door to the baby changing facilities.





Bird Boxes in Holywell Cemetery

The Revd Professor Andy Gosler, Professor of Ethno-ornithology, University of Oxford.

A significant narrative in nature conservation over the last 15 years has been the growing realisation that amongst the most important places for nature's riches (biodiversity) are the sacred sites of diverse faith traditions. Considered globally, sacred sites are where our ancestors rest, connecting people deeply with the spiritual presence of place. Whether sacred sites become rich in biodiversity because people behave differently there, or biodiverse places become recognised as sacred, sacred sites offer rich opportunities to conserve nature and to connect people of all ages with it. Where no chemicals have been used, churchyards can have special importance for birds, butterflies, and fungi. So I was delighted to be invited to help with an initiative to encourage wildlife in the Holywell Cemetery by providing nestboxes for birds. In so doing I was keen to encourage birds for which churchyards can have a special role, and in particular the Spotted Flycatcher (*Muscicapa striata*), a migratory species that winters in Africa and whose British population has declined by 89% since 1970. So, on 11 March, Tess, Janie, Will and I erected nine birdboxes around the site. While four of these were a standard type that would undoubtedly attract tits (Great, Blue and Coal use the site), four were of an open-front design placed in ivy suitable for Spotted Flycatchers and Robins. A ninth box, suitable for a Barn Owl or Kestrel was erected at the back of the site overlooking the neighbouring meadow. Now we wait, pray and see.



For more information see 'Caring for God's Acre'
<https://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/>
 and *Religion and Nature Conservation: Global Case Studies* Edited by
 Radhika Borde, Alison A Ormsby, Stephen M Awoyemi, Andrew G Gosler.
 London: Routledge, 2022.

Social Events



PARISH LUNCHES

**Sundays during University
Term 12noon - 2.00pm
23 April, 5 June, Old Library**

Lunch will be served in the Old Library following the main Sunday morning service. Everyone is welcome.

SECOND COFFEE

We are always delighted to welcome students and young people at the University Church. Our Second Coffee group offers a chance to catch up and compare notes weekly with an outing for coffee or drinks after the congregational gathering that follows the 10.30 service on Sundays. We also offer a range of activities, including organised dinners, with or without a discussion, movie evenings, walks and picnics, Saturday breakfasts, a book club and visits to museums or galleries. We are always open to suggestions for discussion, study or fun. To join us, meet in the De Brome Chapel after the 10:30 service.



COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS

**Wednesdays during University
Term | 11.15am - 12noon**



Join us for this informal chance to get together and enjoy local coffee and some doughnuts, as well as company and conversation, in the De Brome Chapel from 11.15am. Whether you are regular at St Mary's or just passing through, you are very welcome to join us.

GARDENING DAYS

**Saturdays | 10.00am - 12.30pm
13 May, 10 June**



Holywell Cemetery is one of Oxford's best kept secrets – a haven of tranquillity and reflection in a city where space and stillness are increasingly at a premium. On the second Sunday of the month, a group of volunteers help to maintain this space. We gather at 10.00am with gloves and suitable clothing and work to enhance this space. Afterwards there is an opportunity for a pub lunch. Please email admin@universitychurch.ox.ac.uk to let us know that you plan to join us.

Special Events



BEATING OF THE BOUNDS

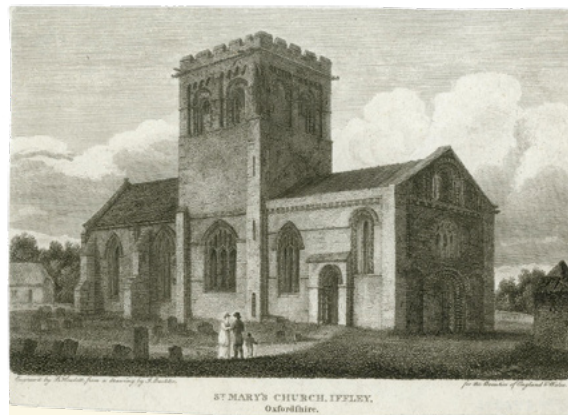
Thursday 18 May
9.00am - 11.30am

In this ancient tradition to mark Ascension Day, we are joined by a group of schoolchildren from local schools as we walk around the boundaries of the ancient parish of St Mary's. The journey starts promptly at St Mary's with prayers at 9.00am. Booking is required for this event. Check out the website for more details.

ANNUAL INTERFAITH FRIENDSHIP WALK

Thursday 15 June | 6.00pm - 8.00pm

Join us for a walk through the city centre with people of many faiths. We will begin our journey from the synagogue in North Oxford via St Giles Church and then on to the University Church in Radcliffe Square before ending our journey at the Central Mosque in East Oxford. This is a great community celebration and everyone is very welcome to join us.



WALKING BOOTS

Saturday 17 June | 10.30am - 2.00pm

A walk from the church to Iffley via Christ Church Meadow and the Thames Path to look at the church of St Mary which is one of the finest 12th century churches in England. Fine dogtooth carving over west and south doors, and a John Piper window inside. Returning to the church along Meadow Lane to take in Ascot's Ayot nature reserve. Bring a picnic/refreshments for an en route break.

FREE LUNCHTIME RECITALS PIANO RECITAL

Thursdays during University Terms 1.00pm - 1.45pm

If you are in Oxford during the lunch hour, come and join us in the beauty of St Mary's for our lunchtime concerts. The programme includes chamber music, organ recitals, and the occasional jazz concert. You are welcome to bring your sandwiches to eat during the concert.

13 April 2023 Apolline Khou and
Emily Rooke
20 April 2023 Liz Merrifield/Leo Panish
27 April 2023 Vedran Jejanin
4 May 2023 Kira Frulo
11 May 2023 Yuzhang Li

18 May 2023 Xin Ru Chen
25 May 2023 Xiaowen Shang
1 June 2023 Diana Hinds
8 June 2023 Kasparas Mikuzis
15 June 2023 Oxford High School
Student Showcase

ODYSSEY ENSEMBLE LAUNCH CONCERT IN AID OF CHILD REFUGEES IN OXFORD

Saturday 22 April 2023 | 7.00pm

The evening will feature music and poetry around the theme of refugees and birds, as a metaphor for migration. Jenkins/Qahramany: Wounded Wings (Collaborative new commission featuring music composed by BBC composer Sarah Jenkins, played under poetry written and read by Afghan refugee poet Merzia Qahramany), Vaughan Williams: The Lark Ascending (Elodie Chousmer-Howelles, Soloist), Christopher Tin: The Lost Birds (UK premiere of 2023 Grammy-nominated work for choir and orchestra with The Oxford Gargoyles) Proceeds from the event will go towards unaccompanied asylum seeking children in Oxford. Book on our website.

SPRING OPERA RECITAL

Monday 29 April | University Church | 7.00pm

Valery Sherlock will be giving a recital featuring works including arias and duets from Operas by Mozart, Verdi, Puccini and Massenet. Tickets on our website.



OSLO BOYS' CHOIR CONCERT

Monday 19 May | University Church | 6.00pm

Concert given by the Boys' Choir of Oslo Cathedral in Norway. Featuring Choral choir music, hymns, psalms and generic church music.

Services at the University Church *Trinity Term 2023*

Principal Services

16 April 2023 **The Second Sunday of Easter**

- 8.30am** Holy Eucharist
10.30am Sung Eucharist
Preacher: The Revd Hannah Cartwright
3.30pm Evening Prayer (said)

23 April 2023 **The Third Sunday of Easter**

- 8.30am** Holy Eucharist
10.30am Choral Eucharist
Preacher: Dr Sarah Mortimer
3.30pm Choral Evensong

25 April 2023 **ANZAC Day**

- 6.00pm** Service of Commemoration

30 April 2023 **The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

- 8.30am** Holy Eucharist
10.30am Choral Eucharist
Preacher: Professor Elisabeth Dutton
3.30pm Choral Evensong

5 May 2023 **Coronation Weekend**

- 4.30pm** Service of Thanksgiving to mark the Coronation of HM King Charles III
This service is ticketed.

7 May 2023

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 8.30am** Holy Eucharist
10.30am Choral Eucharist with University Sermon
Preacher: Dr Catherine Wilcox
3.30pm German Lutheran Service

14 May 2023

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

- 8.30am** Holy Eucharist
10.30am Choral Eucharist with Baptism
Preacher: Dr Sarah Mortimer
3.30pm Choral Evensong

18 May 2023

Ascension Day

- 6.00pm** Choral Eucharist at Merton College
Preacher: The Revd Hannah Cartwright

21 May 2023

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

- 8.30am** Holy Eucharist
10.30am Choral Eucharist with University Sermon
Preacher: The Revd Dr Elenie Poulos
3.30pm Choral Evensong

28 May 2023

Pentecost

- 8.30am** Holy Eucharist
10.30am Choral Eucharist with Baptism and Confirmation
Preacher: The Bishop of Oxford
3.30pm Choral Evensong
Preacher: The Revd Dr Willie James Jennings

3 June 2023

- 10.30am** Pride Service

4 June 2023

Trinity Sunday

- 8.30am** Holy Eucharist
10.30am Choral Eucharist
Preacher: The Revd Alan Ramsey
3.30pm German Lutheran Service

8 June 2023

Corpus Christi

- 6.00pm** Choral Eucharist at Corpus Christi College
Preacher: The Revd Canon Flora Winfield
Third Church Estates Commissioner

11 June 2023

The First Sunday after Trinity

- 8.30am** Holy Eucharist
10.30am Choral Eucharist
Preacher: The Revd Max Kramer, Chaplain, Keble College
3.30pm Choral Evensong

18 June 2023

The Second Sunday after Trinity

- 8.30am** Holy Eucharist
10.30am Choral Eucharist
Preacher: The Revd Canon Bruce Kinsey, Chaplain, Balliol College

25 June 2023

The Third Sunday after Trinity

- 8.30am** Holy Eucharist
10.30am Sung Eucharist
Preacher: The Revd Dr Jane Baun, Chaplain, Wadham College
3.30pm Ordination Service
Preacher: The Bishop of Oxford

Daily Services

- 9.00am** Morning Prayer
12.15pm Holy Eucharist

University Sermons *Trinity Term 2023*

The practice of delivering University Sermons dates back to the earliest days of the University of Oxford. Each year men and women from many different traditions are invited by the Vice-Chancellor to deliver sermons 'before the University'. The University's motto from Psalm 27, *Dominus illuminatio mea* (The Lord is my light), captures something of its purpose: the illumination of the mind in the context of prayer. Today, these sermons occur at the University Church and in College Chapels across the University. They provide an opportunity to hear thinkers from a range of disciplines and perspectives, drawing together the life of learning, spiritual discovery, and the quest for truth.



Thursday 20 April	Holy Communion (Latin). At St Mary's at 8.00am. <i>Preacher:</i> The Reverend Katherine Price, Vicar of Wantage
Sunday 23 April	St Mark's Day Sermon. At Magdalen College at 6.00pm. <i>Preacher:</i> The Reverend Dr Alun Ford, Chaplain to the Bishop of Southwark
Sunday 8 May	Commemoration Day Sermon. At St Mary's at 10.30am. <i>Preacher:</i> Dr Catherine Wilcox, Novelist and Academic Director of the Manchester Writing School, Manchester Metropolitan University
Sunday 21 May	University Sermon. At St Mary's at 10.30am. <i>Preacher:</i> The Revd Dr Elenie Poulos PhD GAICD, Adjunct Fellow, Macquarie University, Australia
Sunday 28 May	University Sermon (Whit Sunday). At the Cathedral at 6.00pm. <i>Preacher:</i> Please check the Cathedral website.
Sunday 4 June	University Sermon (Trinity Sunday). At the Queen's College at 6.15pm. <i>Preacher:</i> The Revd Jarel Robinson-Brown, Assistant Curate, St Botolph-without-Aldgate, Diocese of London
Sunday 18 June	St John Baptist's Day Sermon. At Magdalen College at 10.00am. <i>Preacher:</i> Professor Peter McCullough, Sohmer Fellow in English Renaissance Literature, Lincoln College



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.

Find out more about the University Church on our website **www.universitychurch.ox.ac.uk**

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