



*Christ Church Cathedral*

# WHAT'S ON

Autumn 2017

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## Autumn at Christ Church: The Season of Saint Frideswide

Throughout the autumn, and especially in October's Season of Frideswide, worship at Christ Church celebrates many aspects of the civic life of our city and county, and of the hundreds of local communities that make up the Diocese of Oxford. Special events of the season include the annual Court Sermon, inaugurating the new legal year, the Civic Service, and special services dedicated to St Frideswide, Patron Saint of both the City and the University.

Frideswide (c650-727) is the reason that Oxford is here. An English princess and abbess, she established a religious site in what we now know as Oxford. Frideswide was the first abbess of this foundation and we keep her feast day annually on 19 October, the traditional day of her death.

The priory of St Frideswide was eventually established as a priory of Augustinian Canons in 1122 and lasted to the 1520s, when it was dissolved by Cardinal Wolsey to re-use its site for a new foundation to be called Cardinal College. After Wolsey fell from power in 1530, Henry VIII took over the foundation, renaming it *Aedes Christi* - better known as Christ Church.

Throughout the autumn at our Cathedral, we warmly invite you to share in the Cathedral's offering of worship and other events. We look forward to welcoming you.

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### Service

## St Frideswide Civic Service

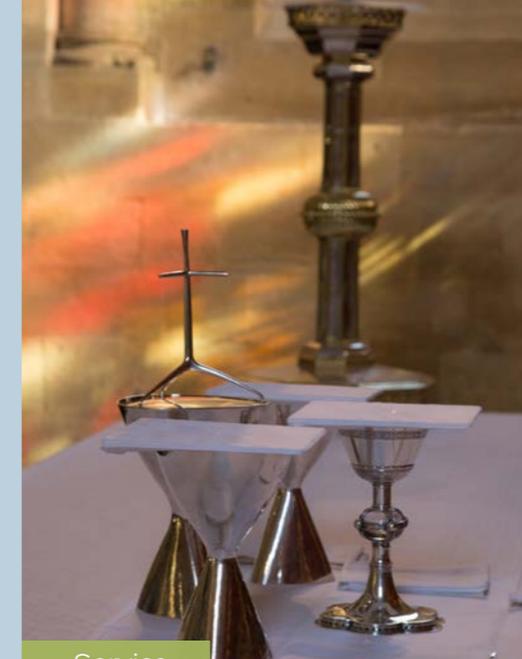
Cathedral • Tuesday 17th  
October • 6pm

An annual service celebrating Frideswide, Oxfordshire's patron saint, and highlighting an aspect of the life of our community. This year we focus on how Good Parenting contributes to a healthy, compassionate, responsible and productive society and we appreciate those who support parents struggling with the pressures of family life.

Joining the Bishops of Oxford and Dorchester will be mayors, council and religious leaders from around the county, as well as pupils from local schools, and representatives from a wide range of groups.

Seats are limited and it is advisable to arrive early. Doors open at 5.30pm.

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### Service

## St Frideswide Patronal Eucharist

Thursday 19th October • 6pm

The annual celebration giving thanks for St Frideswide, patron saint of the city and university of Oxford.

### Event

Ticketed  
event



## Through the Gate of Death - The Dream of Gerontius

Cathedral • Thursday 12th October  
• 7.45pm • £15 per ticket

Exploring the journey from this life to the next through Elgar's *Dream of Gerontius*. Keri Thomas, Stephen Darlington and Angela Tilby discuss death, dying and end of life care with the help of Newman's poem and Elgar's music.

Tickets £15 concessions available. For more information or to apply for tickets, contact the Revd Georgie Simpson, Oxford Centre for Spiritual Growth [info@ocsg.uk.net](mailto:info@ocsg.uk.net)

## College Chapel Events

Christ Church Cathedral is also the college chapel. Students are welcome to all cathedral events, but the events listed below are especially intended for members of the college and university.

For more information, contact the College Chaplain:  
The Revd Clare Hayns chaplain@chch.ox.ac.uk



### Event

#### Cathedral by Candlelight

Cathedral • Monday 2nd, Tuesday 3rd, Thursday 5th October, 8-9pm

Come and explore this beautiful holy space by candlelight

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### Event

#### Freshers' Evensong and Drinks

Cathedral • Sunday 8th October, 6pm

### Service

#### Taizé Services

Cathedral • Tuesday 17th October & 21st November, 9pm

A reflective service with sung meditative chants in the style of Taizé, led by students from Christ Church



### Service

#### Fifth Week Compline

Cathedral • Tuesday 7th November, 9pm

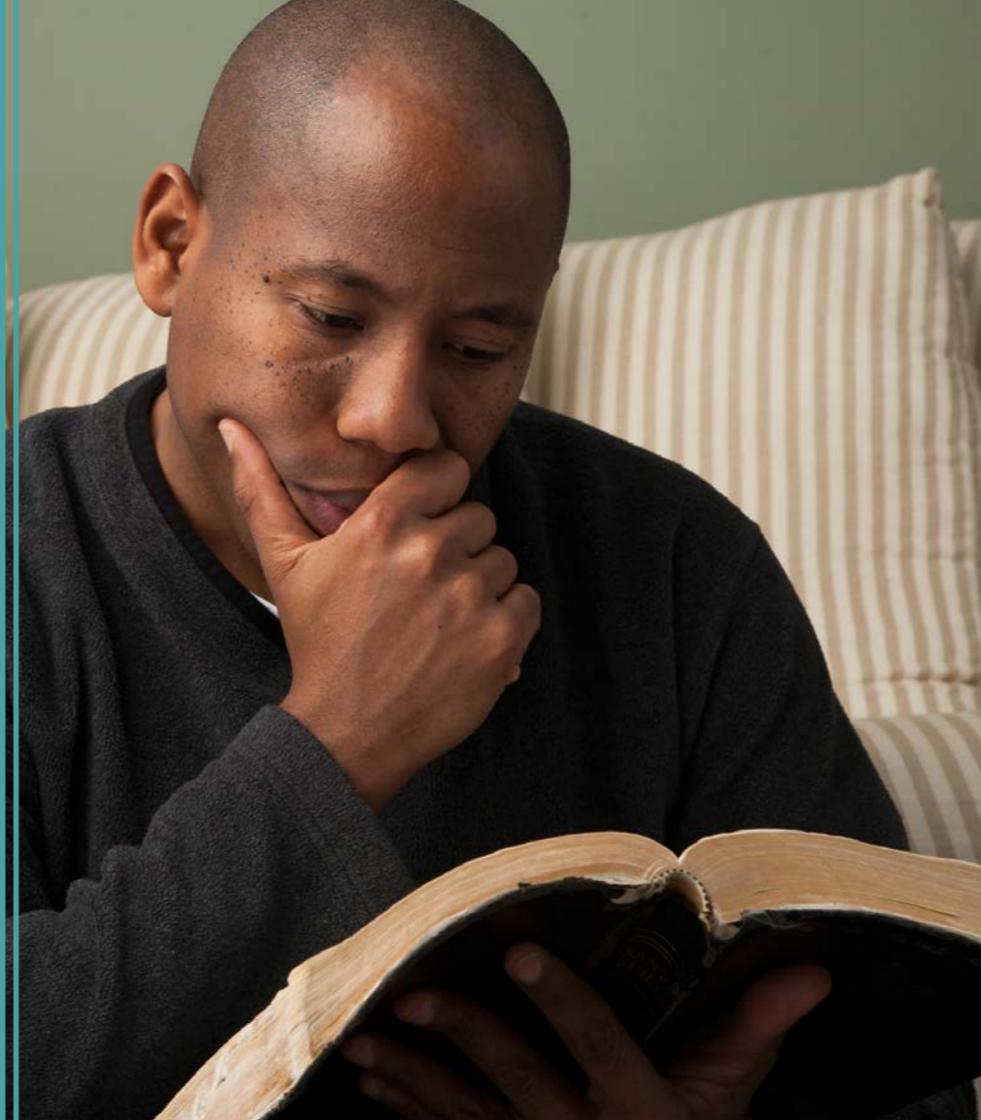
A short service of Sung Compline (night prayer) with a reflection

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### Service

#### Roman Catholic Mass

Cathedral • Tuesday 7th November, 12.15pm



### Service

#### After Eight: What is the point of being a Christian?

Cathedral • 8pm

Dates: Sunday 15th October, Sunday 29th October, Sunday 12th November, and Sunday 26th November

Our informal evening worship offers an hour's time and space to reflect in conversation, silence, music and prayer.

This term we ask "What is the point of being a Christian?" Inspired by Timothy Radcliffe's book of the same title, four Christians reflect on what motivates, inspires and hinders them in their faith and discipleship. Mark Speeks, Clare Hayns, Grant Bayliss and Sarah Foot.



Exhibition

## Faith and Peace: Perspectives from Three Religions

Cathedral North Transept • 21st October – 20th November 2017

A visual presentation of perspectives on peace from three great religious traditions, narrated through the stories of women.

Organised in partnership with the Peace Museum, Bradford and the Anglican Pacifist Fellowship the exhibition presents stories, images and artefacts associated with peace in the three faith traditions of Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

Entry free at Tom Gate to those visiting the exhibition

## Remembrance

Over the past few years our annual marking of Remembrancetide has acquired a new intensity. Commemorating the centenary of the Great War, we have been reminded of the scale of that conflict at the heart of our continent.

Here at Christ Church we have been reading out the names and short biographies of fallen members of our community on the centenary of their deaths. Each commemoration has ended with the age of the soldier: in most cases the men who died were in their twenties, but many were still teenagers. Six Christ Church men fell on the first day of the Battle of the Somme alone.

As we lament the bloodshed they endured and that violent conflict that still mars the world today, we recall Jesus's words: 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God', and we commit ourselves anew to the costly search for peace on earth.

Service

## Act of Remembrance

Saturday 11th November • 10:45am  
Cathedral

An opportunity to remember all who lost their lives in war, especially members of Christ Church and of our two local regiments, The Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars and the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, and their successor units. The service ends with a commitment to work for peace and the common good.



Families

## Remembrance Trail and Explorer Backpacks

Autumn Half Term (October) • 10am - 4pm

Families are welcome at Christ Church Cathedral. Bring the family to discover more about this unique and historic place of worship.

During half term, two free trails for children will be available. Younger children may borrow our Explorer backpacks, which contain binoculars and a magnifying glass, to help children engage with the cathedral in a fun and exciting way.

For more details contact [education@chch.ox.ac.uk](mailto:education@chch.ox.ac.uk)



Schools



## October Opportunities in the Arts

Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays in October • 10am- 2pm  
Cost: £5.00 per student plus VAT

During October, students may come to the Cathedral to find out more about the Cathedral and the many artists and architects who have helped to make its sacred space both profound and beautiful.

There will be an opportunity to draw inside the Cathedral and schools are welcome to request specific themes, such as Architecture, or Stained glass design and production.

During the day, students may be able, in small groups, to visit the College Library or our renowned Christ Church Picture Gallery art collection.

Schools



## Educational Visits and Workshops for Schools

Autumn term • Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays •  
Primary pupils: £3 plus VAT • Secondary pupils: £4 plus VAT

A microcosm of British history, the Cathedral is a place of worship and transformation. It offers rich learning experiences for pupils of all ages. Younger children can dress in the costume of a specific historical period and engage in story and role play. By exploring the Cathedral's sacred space, they deepen their understanding of Christian values and worship and how these have evolved over time.

Older students may take the opportunity to 'Grill a Canon'. By so doing, they can deepen their awareness of people and places of faith. A visit to the Cathedral can support RE and PSHE and many other curriculum subjects as well. The building can offer rich inspiration for studies in Art, Creative Writing, Music and the Humanities.

For more information contact: [Jacqueline.Holderness@chch.ox.ac.uk](mailto:Jacqueline.Holderness@chch.ox.ac.uk)

## Friends of Christ Church Cathedral Events

Friends

Ticketed event



### Visit to Stonor

Stonor • Tuesday 5th  
September • £25 per ticket

Stonor has been the home of the Stonor family for 850 years. It is set in a fold of the Chilterns 5 miles from Henley- on – Thames. The name comes from the circle of Standing Stones, one of which is incorporated into the southeast corner of the medieval chapel adjacent to the House – a symbol of how Christianity adapted a pagan site of worship.

Tickets for all events can be bought from:  
The Event Organiser, Friends of Christ Church Cathedral, Priory Room Office, CHRIST CHURCH, OX1 1DP

Friends

Ticketed event



### Lunchtime Lecture

McKenna Room • Tuesday  
24th October • 12 noon •  
£18 per ticket

Speaker: Professor Susan Gillingham. Susan Gillingham is Professor of the Hebrew Bible at the University of Oxford and Fellow and Tutor in Theology at Worcester College. An authority on the Psalms, she has written extensively on the subject and in 2015 she was the first British woman to be awarded a Doctorate of Divinity by the University.

Friends

Ticketed event



### Special Organ Recital

Cathedral • Friday 3rd  
November • 7:30pm •  
£18 per ticket

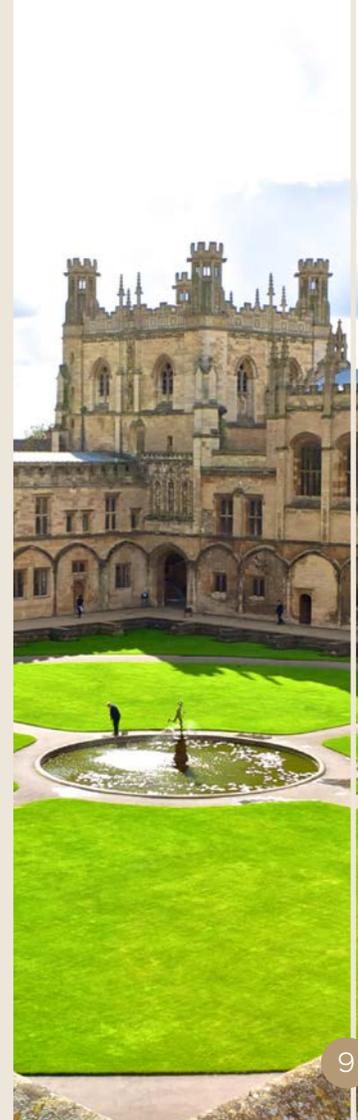
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### A Very Short History of Englands Cathedrals

Sir Michael Dummett Lecture  
Theatre • Wednesday 22nd  
November • 2:30pm •  
£18 per ticket



## Seasonal services at the Cathedral

### OCTOBER 2017

**Tuesday 10th October, 6pm**

Court Sermon

**Tuesday 17th October, 6pm**

St Frideswide Civic Service

**Thursday 19th October, 6pm**

St Frideswide Patronal Eucharist

### NOVEMBER 2017

**Thursday 2nd November, 6pm**

House Communion

**Saturday 11th November, 10.45am**

Remembrance Day Service

**Saturday 11th November, 6pm**

Evensong with Royal School of Church Music Awards



## Book a parish visit to your cathedral

The Dean and Chapter of Christ Church warmly invite parishes in the Diocese of Oxford to visit the Cathedral, to share in its worship and discover its history.

### The programme for the day is as follows:

- 3pm Arrive at Christ Church for a guided tour of the Cathedral
- 4pm Visit to the Treasury and Cathedral Shop
- 4pm Afternoon tea in the Great Hall
- 5pm Visit to Upper Library or Picture Gallery
- 6pm Choral Evensong
- 7pm End of visit

The programme runs during university term-times throughout the year: 15th Jan – 11th Mar / 23rd Apr – 17th June / 8th Oct – 2th Dec 2017.

There will be a charge for the tea but not for the guided tours.

For further information email the Cathedral Visitors Officer [miranda.hockliffe@chch.ox.ac.uk](mailto:miranda.hockliffe@chch.ox.ac.uk)

## Our regular pattern of worship at Christ Church Cathedral

The daily offering of worship to God is at the heart of Christ Church. Everyone is welcome to join the worshipping community of Christ Church Cathedral, whether for a single service, or more regularly.

### Sundays

- 8am Holy Communion (1662)
- 9am College Communion (College Community) \*
- 9.45am Matins and Sermon (1662)
- 11am Sung Eucharist (CW)
- 6pm Choral Evensong (1662)

### Weekdays

- 7.15am Morning Prayer (CW)
- 7.35am Holy Communion (CW)
- 1pm Holy Communion (Wednesdays only) (1662)
- 6pm Choral Evensong (1662)

On Mondays, Evening Prayer is either a said service or, during university term time, sung by the College Choir. On Thursdays, the evening service is usually a Sung Eucharist.

Cathedral Services begin five minutes later than 'normal' time (GMT or BST), because the Cathedral still keeps the old Oxford Time which is five minutes west of Greenwich. Thus 6pm Oxford time is 6.05pm.

\* Term time only.



## Who's who at Christ Church Cathedral

**Dean:** The Very Revd Professor Martyn Percy

**Sub Dean:** The Revd Canon Dr Edmund Newey

**Precentor:** The Revd Canon Dr Grant Bayliss

**Organist:** Canon Dr Stephen Darlington

**Registrar:** Mr John Briggs

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