Come and See

For almost five hundred years Christ Church Cathedral has stood at the heart of the city of Oxford as a place of encounter and transformation. Tucked away at the far side of a stunningly beautiful quadrangle, Oxford’s Cathedral isn’t immediately prominent, but now as ever, it is open to all as a place to meet and worship God.

During this season of Lent, Holy Week and Easter, in common with our fellow Christians across the globe, we will be marking the life-changing events of Christ’s passion, death and resurrection. More than any other time in the Church’s year, these weeks around Easter have the power to draw us into an encounter with God who made us, who saves us and sanctifies us.

On behalf of all at the Cathedral I invite you to ‘come and see’ (John 1:39): come and see this beautiful place; come and share in the worship that is offered here; come and meet the God we seek to serve and allow yourself to be changed, challenged and enriched, challenged by his blessing.

The Revd Canon Edmund Newey, Sub Dean

PS The second phase of our lighting upgrade means there will be scaffolding in the Cathedral for the next few months. There will be some changes to the way we use the building, but all regular services will continue unaffected. Please bear with us!
THE GREAT WAR: Its end and effects

A series of FREE public lectures:
Tuesdays • 4.30–6pm • Sir Michael Dummett Lecture Theatre

15 January: Gary Sheffield
BRITAIN AND THE FIRST WORLD WAR: WAS IT ALL WORTH IT?

22 January: Margaret MacMillan
HOW FAR DID THE VERSAILLES TREATY MAKE PEACE?

29 January: Mark Chapman
THE IMPACT OF THE GREAT WAR ON THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION

5 February: Martin Ceadel
THE INTER-WAR PEACE MOVEMENTS

12 February: Annika Mombauer
CHANGING GERMAN VIEWS OF THE GREAT WAR

19 February: Hew Strachan
CHANGING BRITISH VIEWS OF THE GREAT WAR

26 February: Rob Johnson
THE WAR IN THE MIDDLE EAST

5 March: Ali Allawi
THE MCMAHON CORRESPONDENCE, THE SYKES-PICOT AGREEMENT, AND THE BALFOUR DECLARATION: BRITISH POLICY ON THE MIDDLE EAST

Faith and Politics Lecture: What Keeps Countries Poor?

Friday 1 February • 5.30–6.45pm
Sir Michael Dummett Lecture Theatre

Nick Lea, Deputy Chief Economist to DFID, on the future of global poverty and inequality.

FREE. Organised by Christ Church Chaplaincy
Lent

We spend our lives surrounded by statistics: rising temperatures, declining birth rates, frightening percentages of people facing a range of challenges to their health, education or wellbeing. Reliable statistics are hugely important, but the plethora of figures that confronts us daily often brings paralysis rather than empowerment.

In Lent the Church offers us just one statistic: forty days. In times past the Church would often demand strict discipline; nowadays we talk not of imposition but of invitation. As the minister says at the opening of the Ash Wednesday liturgy:

*I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God’s holy word.*

How we respond to that invitation is very much up to us. But, whether it’s through a new commitment to waste less or to volunteer more, the offer open to us all is to encounter God, the world and one another afresh, learning what it is to be a Christ-like people: united in contemplation, compassion and courage.

*The Revd Canon Edmund Newey, Sub Dean*
Eucharist for Ash
Wednesday with ashing

Wednesday 6 March • 6pm • All welcome

We mark the beginning of Lent with a special service of Eucharist, including the imposition of ashes. Sung by the Cathedral Choir.

Mothering Sunday

Sunday 31 March • 11am • All welcome

Do join us for Choral Eucharist with the presentation of flowers at 11am. For other services that day, see p.9.

Transfer: Drawings as carriers of motifs and ideas in the 16th and 17th centuries

Friday 16 November 2018 – Monday 4 March 2019
Christ Church Picture Gallery

Included in the show are such famous works as Perugino’s Head for Joseph of Arimathaea, Domenichino’s monumental putto and Vasari’s Procession of Pope Leo X, but also lesser known works, like Simon Vouet’s off-sets of a Madonna and an adoring angel and Elisabetta Sirani’s Saint Preaching from a Window.

£4 Adults/ £2 Concessions/ Free for members of the University and National Art pass holders. Please check the gallery’s website for opening hours. www.chch.ox.ac.uk/gallery. 01865 276 172
Easter

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week... Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you. When he had said this he showed them his hands and... Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you’. (John 20:19–21)

Peace is perhaps the least expected of the gifts of Easter: joy, transformation, the hope of new life, these are wondrous blessings, but perhaps ones that we can observe also in the rhythms of the natural world. Peace is of a different order and takes us by surprise. Peace is the first gift that the risen Jesus brought to his disciples and he brings it to us too.

The peace of Christ is more than the absence of conflict, noise or dissent. Christ's peace is 'the dearest freshness deep down things' of which the poet Gerard Manley Hopkins wrote. It does not deny suffering and hatred – ‘he showed them his hands and his side’, still bearing the marks of the nails and the spear – but it puts those afflictions in their place. Evil and its effects do not have the last word: the last word belongs to the Word made flesh, who died and rose again for us. May the deep peace of the risen Christ be with us all this Eastertide.

The Revd Canon Edmund Newey, Sub Dean
Holy Week and Easter at the Cathedral

During Holy Week, as is our custom in the Cathedral, a series of daily Reflections will be offered by a member of the Cathedral Chapter. This year the speaker will be Canon Professor Sarah Foot. See p.9.

Palm Sunday 14 April
11am   Choral Eucharist with procession

Wednesday 17 April
7.30pm  JS Bach *St John Passion*
Christ Church Cathedral Choir will perform Bach’s *St John Passion* as part of our devotions for Holy Week. Choir and orchestra conducted by Steven Grahl.
FREE event, no tickets required

Maundy Thursday, 18 April
7.30pm  Liturgy of the Upper Room
A Choral Eucharist, marking Jesus’s Last Supper with his disciples, in which he washed their feet. Our service is followed by a Vigil until Midnight. The evening liturgy replaces our usual 6pm Evensong.
Our usual Maundy Thursday Chrism Eucharist for the Diocese of Oxford will take place at Dorchester Abbey this year while the scaffolding is in place.

Good Friday, 19 April
10am   Good Friday Liturgy
12noon  *Journey to the Cross* (for families)
6pm   Good Friday meditation

Easter Eve, Saturday 20 April
9pm  Easter Vigil with baptism, confirmation and the first Eucharist of Easter
With the Bishop of Oxford. The evening liturgy replaces our usual 6pm Evensong.

Easter Day, Sunday 21 April
8am   Holy Communion
9.45am  Choral Matins
11am   Choral Eucharist
6pm   Choral Evensong
Friends of Christ Church Cathedral

Supper talk:
The private lives of the Anglo-Saxon saints with Dr Janina Ramirez

Monday 4 February 2019 • 7.30 for 8pm
The McKenna Room

The Anglo-Saxon saints surround us in street names, school dedications and in our ancient cathedrals, but is there still a place for the Anglo-Saxon saints today? Dr Ramirez is a presenter, lecturer and researcher. She is currently Course Director for the Undergraduate Certificate in History of Art in the Department for Continuing Education at the University of Oxford.

£45 including a two-course supper with wine and coffee. Black tie.
Tickets by post from the Hon. Sec of the Friends, Priory Room Office, Christ Church, Oxford OX1 1DP

Spring Concert with Frideswide Voices

Saturday 16 March • 4pm
North Transept of the Cathedral

Directed by Will Dawes, Frideswide Voices will perform many of their favourite anthems. Frideswide Voices is a choir for girl choristers in Oxford, founded in 2014, and draws its members from 20 local schools in Oxford and the surrounding area. The choir is in residence at Christ Church Cathedral (Michaelmas Term), New College Chapel (Hilary Term) and Magdalen College Chapel (Trinity Term). Frideswide Voices plays a key role at the annual St Frideswide Patronal Eucharist in October.

Tea and biscuits from 3.30pm. Tickets: £15 by post from the Hon. Sec of the Friends, Priory Room Office, Christ Church, Oxford OX1 1DP
# Special Events and Services at Christ Church Cathedral in February, March and April 2019

## FEBRUARY 2019

**Friday 1 February**
5.30pm Faith and Politics lecture

**Feast of Candlemas**

**Saturday 2 February**
6pm Candlemas Carols with RSCM choirs

**Tuesday 5 February**
4.30pm Great War Lecture

**Saturday 9 February**
Be a Chorister for a Day
Details 01865 260650

**Tuesday 12 February**
4.30pm Great War Lecture

**Tuesday 19 February**
4.30pm Great War Lecture

**Tuesday 26 February**
4.30pm Great War Lecture

## MARCH 2019

**Tuesday 5 March**
4.30pm Great War Lecture

**APRIL 2019**

**Palm Sunday**

**Sunday 14 April**
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.45am Choral Matins
11am Choral Eucharist with procession
6pm Choral Evensong with Reflection by Canon Foot

**Monday 15 April**
7.15am Morning Prayer
7.35am Holy Communion
6pm Choral Evensong with Reflection by Canon Foot

**Tuesday 16 April**
7.15am Morning Prayer
7.35am Holy Communion
6pm Choral Evensong with Reflection by Canon Foot

**Wednesday 17 April**
7.15am Morning Prayer
7.35am Holy Communion
1pm Holy Communion
6pm Said Evening Prayer
7.30pm JS Bach St John Passion

**Maundy Thursday**

**Thursday 18 April**
7.15am Morning Prayer
7.35am Holy Communion
11am Chrism Eucharist at Dorchester Abbey
7.30pm Choral Eucharist with foot-washing and vigil until Midnight with Reflection by Canon Foot

**Easter Eve**

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9pm Easter Vigil with baptism, confirmation and first Eucharist of Easter
Note: Our evening liturgy replaces Evening Prayer

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**Good Friday**

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7.15am Morning Prayer
10am Good Friday Liturgy
12noon Journey to the Cross: for children and families
6pm Good Friday Meditation with Reflection by Canon Foot

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Understanding Easter for Primary Schools

Primary school pupils can learn more about the Easter story and the concepts of Resurrection and Salvation. The children will have the option to dress in biblical costumes and engage in role play as they follow Jesus and his disciples on the road to Jerusalem. They will learn about Jesus’s journey to the cross and about the significance of each stage of that journey. £3+VAT per pupil

Workshops for Secondary Schools

In this unique building, Secondary pupils can encounter a microcosm of this country’s political and religious history. We encourage enquiry, engagement and aspiration through tailor-made workshops, including RE themes and concepts. We offer a wide range of cross-curricular opportunities, such as the chance to ‘grill a Canon’, examine fine textiles and vestments or to explore our special collections. £4+VAT per pupil

For more information, contact jacqueline.holderness@chch.ox.ac.uk or 01865 286003 www.chch.ox.ac.uk/schools

Medieval Mysteries

Monday 18 February • 2–4pm

Come and take part in a fun family event at Christ Church! Find out about life in Oxford in the Middle Ages. There will be crafts, costumes, artefacts and more... The afternoon includes a short guided tour of the Cathedral, and the chance to explore the medieval mysteries of this wonderful building, which dates back to Saxon times but was mainly designed and built in the 13th and 14th centuries.

Numbers are strictly limited. To book, see: www.oxford.gov.uk/museumfoxford £5 per child (accompanying adult free)

The Princess Who Hid in a Tree is a new book by the Cathedral’s Education Officer, Jackie Holderness. Illustrated by award-winning artist Alan Marks, the book tells the story of our patron saint, St Frideswide.
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)
- 9.45am: Matins and Sermon (1662)
- 11am: Choral Eucharist (CW)
- 6pm: Choral Evensong (1662)

**Weekdays**
- 7.15am: Morning Prayer (CW)
- 7.35am: Holy Communion (CW)
- 1pm: Holy Communion (Wednesdays only) (1662)
- 6pm: Evening Prayer – 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 Choral Eucharist.

Please note that our services begin five minutes later than ‘normal’ time, because the Cathedral keeps the old ‘Oxford Time’ (i.e. five minutes west of Greenwich). This means 6pm Oxford Time is 6.05pm GMT or BST.

Churchgoers from parishes in the Diocese of Oxford are welcome to visit their Cathedral to pray whenever they wish. To apply for a free entry pass (via Tom Gate) to the Cathedral, see www.chch.ox.ac.uk/yourcathedral

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Book a parish visit to your Cathedral

The Dean and Canons 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 Upper Library or Picture Gallery
- 4.30pm: Afternoon tea in the Great Hall
- 5pm: Visit to the Treasury and Cathedral Shop
- 6pm: Choral Evensong
- 7pm: End of visit

There will be a charge for tea but guided tours are FREE.

For further information go to www.chch.ox.ac.uk/cathedral or email Miranda Hockliffe at miranda.hockliffe@chch.ox.ac.uk
Who’s who at Christ Church Cathedral

Dean: The Very Revd Professor Martyn Percy
Sub Dean: The Revd Canon Dr Edmund Newey
Canon Precentor: The Revd Canon Dr Grant Bayliss
Organist: Professor Steven Grahl
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