For over five hundred years, Corpus Chapel has been a place of worship and music performed for the glory of God and for the lifting of the human spirit. It is a cause of real sadness that our worship is still constrained in the face of Covid, not to mention all the social meals, hot chocolate, cake, sherry and pizza that are part of Chapel life as well.

Throughout this current academic year, and with everyone’s safety the overriding consideration, Corpus Chapel has been podcasting a Service of the Word with music with a short address each Sunday and other certain feast days. With a large proportion of the College community back in residence for Trinity, it is hoped that music will be recorded by the Choir each week. When ‘live’ worship will return this term remains to be seen: we will adapt and respond as the term progresses in the light of ensuring the health and safety of our community. The schedule of services below is as things stand in 0th Week of Trinity – we will update as we can. Podcasts and links will be made available through my weekly E-pistle and also placed in the Chapel section of the College website.

Please check back the Chapel website for updates and watch for my Chapel E-pistles as the term progresses: stay safe and kind.

Judith (the Chaplain)
19 April 2021
Sundays

This term, the preachers at Chapel are all from our ‘Home Team’. We look forward to having visiting preachers from further afield again in the new academic year.

Week 1
25 April  Easter 4
A Service of Music and Readings for Eastertide
Preacher: the Chaplain

Week 2
2 May  Easter 5
Preacher: the Chaplain (‘Sermon Swap’ with Exeter College Chapel)

Week 3
9 May  Easter 6
Preacher: Avril Baigent, Chapel Homilist

Week 4
16 May  Easter 7/Sunday after the Ascension
Preacher: the Revd Stephen McCarthy, Chapel Homilist

Week 5
23 May  Pentecost
Preacher: the Revd Andrew Allen, Chaplain & Fellow, Exeter College (CCC 2002) (‘Sermon Swap’ with Exeter College Chapel)

Week 6
30 May  Trinity Sunday
Preacher: Prof Helen King, Chapel Homilist

Week 7
6 June  Trinity 1
Preacher: the Revd Stephen McCarthy, Chapel Homilist

Week 8
13 June  Trinity 2
Preacher: the Chaplain
Services on Weekdays

Week 1
Joint Corpus/Oriel Roman Catholic Mass
Tuesday, 27 April, 6 pm
A termly Roman Catholic Mass for Corpus and Oriel members is an established tradition. It is Oriel’s turn to host this term and due to current restrictions, the Mass will be livestreamed from the Catholic Chaplaincy. There will be a link provided for College members closer to the time. Any queries about attending the Mass, please contact the Lay Chaplain, Alvea Fernandes (alvea.fernandes@cathchap.ox.ac.uk).

Week 2
Compline for Eastertide
Wednesday, 5 May
Compline (or the ‘Night Office’) is an ancient and reflective service, which takes about 20 minutes – the perfect way to close the day.

Week 3
Ascension Day
Thursday, 13 May
This important day in the Christian year commemorates the risen Christ’s ascension into heaven and begins our preparations to celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.
Preacher: The President

Week 4
Compline for Eastertide
Wednesday, 19 May
Compline (or the ‘Night Office’) is an ancient and reflective service, which takes about 20 minutes – the perfect way to close the day.

Week 6
Feast of Corpus Christi
Thursday, 3 June
Corpus Christi Day is our Name Day. It was one of the most popular holy days in the middle ages and the dedication of our College by Bishop Fox reflects its wide appeal. Now, as then, the day celebrates God’s gift of community to humanity when bread is broken and shared.
Preacher: the Chaplain

Week 8
Compline for Ordinary Time
Wednesday, 16 June
Compline (or the ‘Night Office’) is an ancient and reflective service, which takes about 20 minutes – the perfect way to close the day.
People

Chaplain & Dean of Welfare
The Revd Canon Dr Judith Maltby
Judith is both Dean of Welfare and Chaplain, and is here to be of help to all members of the College, especially members of the Junior and Middle Common Rooms, on welfare or faith matters. There is a lot more information about what she does on the College website and in the College Welfare Guide. Email is the most efficient way to arrange a meeting.

College Lecturer and Advisor in Music
Dr Katharine Pardee
Dr Pardee’s role involves supporting music more widely in the College as well as in the Chapel. If you play an instrument or sing, she would love to hear from you.

Organ Scholars
Brandon Qi, Senior Organ Scholar
Ally Trowell, Junior Organ Scholar
Matthew Murphy, Organ Scholar Emeritus (mcmsaez@yahoo.ie)
Together, the Organ Scholars run the Chapel music programme. The Chapel Choir welcomes singers of all faiths and none. Contact Ally, Brandon and Matthew, for more information.

Chapel Homilists
Avril Baigent is a Roman Catholic lay theologian pursuing doctoral studies at Durham University. She read History at Corpus in the 1990s. Prof Helen King is Professor Emerita of Classical Studies of the Open University, a member of the Corpus SCR, and a Licenced Preacher in the Diocese of Oxford. The Revd Stephen McCarthy is a DPhil student in Theology here at Corpus and is a priest in the Episcopal Church (USA). The Chapel Homilists preach regularly in Chapel and there is more about them on the Chapel website.

Chapelwardens
Augy Allain-Labon (& Lector), Constance Everett-Pite (& Lector); Florence Goodrich (& Acolyte); Eugenie Nevin (& Lector); Arvieri Putra
Podcasting or ‘Live’ services, we always welcome volunteers to read and lead intercessions. If you would like to do that, please contact one of the Lectors or the Chaplain.

Chapel Reps
Joe Layzell, Nicole Man, Adam Winnifrith (CU Reps); Layana Fernandes (RC Rep)

‘Cover’ Illustration for TT2021
This illustration comes from our own Special Collections and depicts King David playing his harp, making music before the altar of the Lord. It is southern Flemish in origin and dates from the 15th century (CCC MS 18 (b) f. 8); with thanks to the College Archivist, Mr Julian Reid, for his assistance.