WHO’S WHO

THE CHAPLAIN

The Reverend Dr Shaun Henson is our College Chaplain. His office is room 24 in the Main Building, adjacent to the Chapel entrance on the first floor.

Shaun is always pleased to speak in confidence with any member of College about any matter, regardless of their religious views. He is in College on most weekdays and Sundays during term, and is especially available by appointment.

Please contact him directly by e-mail: shaun.henson@st-hughs.ox.ac.uk or telephone: 01865 (2)74955

THE ORGAN SCHOLARS and CHAPEL MUSIC TUTOR

Charis Virgo, Cheryl Tan, and Alexander Yeandle are our Chapel Organ Scholars. At least one new Organ Scholarship is granted each year. Please see the Chaplain or the Chapel Music Tutor for an application. Dan Chambers is our Chapel Music Tutor and Organist.

THE CHOIR AND CHORAL AWARDS

St Hugh’s College Chapel Choir is an important and vibrant part of College life, and is integral to Chapel worship. The Choir rehearses every Friday at 5.00pm and Sunday at 4.30pm. The Choral Award holders for 2016-17 are Naomi Heffer, Anna Pathak, Taro Kobayashi, and Apollon Alexopoulos.

THE CHAPEL WARDENS

Chapel Wardens offer assistance with a variety of light duties for services. Please see the Chaplain if you are interested in serving.

GIVING IN CHAPEL

All money collected at Chapel services goes to a particular charity each term. Please see the Chapel notice boards for our Trinity term charity.

ON THE FRONT

Detail from The Incredulity of Saint Thomas by the Italian Baroque master Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio, c. 1601–1602.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHAPEL

Please see the Chapel and Faith section of our College website: www.st-hughs.ox.ac.uk/chapel-and-faith
THE ENCOUNTERS

All members of College, their guests, and the public are welcome at our services of Choral Evensong or Eucharist held each Sunday during full term. The Evensong service is in the beautiful Oxford tradition of the Book of Common Prayer with choral responses. Those present are warmly invited to sherry or juice and supper in College following each service.

A CHORAL EUCHARIST (also called MASS and HOLY COMMUNION) is celebrated in Chapel once or more per term on a Sunday evening.

We are an inclusive Christian community, accepting one another as equally made in God’s image. Those uncertain about their beliefs will find space without pressure in our services, alongside those whose faith is deepening. Those without religious beliefs, and members of other faiths, are also very welcome. The Chapel is open daily for quiet prayer and meditation. Those of all faiths and none are invited to use our MULTI-FaITH PRAYER AND QUIET ROOM located in the Wolfson Building at the foot of Staircase 3.

A CHAPEL COMMITTEE is drawn from all three Common Rooms to consider the life of the Chapel and to plan for subsequent terms. Please see ‘Who’s Who’ overleaf for help in contacting us with comments, questions, or ideas.

The Chaplain is available for COUNSELLING and to hear CONFESSIONS. The Chapel also offers BAPTISMS, CONFIRMATIONS, and WEDDINGS. A CATHOLIC MASS is held in Chapel once per term. FOR OTHER CHAPEL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES see the notice boards in the Chapel entrance, outside the JCR, and on our website (address overleaf).

‘ENCOUNTERS’

Among the most dramatic narratives in the Bible are the Easter encounters of Jesus’ disciples. What we find in these stories, perhaps to our surprise, is that even those closest and most devoted to Jesus found it quite hard to comprehend, or believe, that he might somehow actually be alive again after the crucifixion. In other words, they were just like the rest of us. The resurrection encounters happened in the most ordinary of settings, too. No halos, heavenly voices, or lightning to make things clearer. Mary Magdalene was in a cemetery when at first she mistook Jesus for the gardener. Two others were walking along a road when initially they thought him a stranger woefully ignorant of their deep troubles. Thomas considered him an imposter until he examined Jesus’ terrible wounds up close and at length for himself. Faith for most people is a lot like that of Thomas – involving wrestling with difficult questions, and plenty of time, patience, and grace. This term our speakers, who come from several sectors and even faith backgrounds, will help us along by sharing from their own encounters and rich understandings. We end the term with our annual Leavers’ Service, to bid at least a temporary goodbye to all those leaving us.

SPEAKERS AT CHORAL EVENSONG
Sundays at 6.15pm

23 April  THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER  
The Chaplain

30 April  THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (CHORAL MASS)  
Mr Shahriar Ashrafkhorasani

7 May  THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
Miss Arzoo Ahmed

14 May  THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
The Reverend Vaughan Roberts

21 May  THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
Miss Claire Browes

28 May  THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (CHORAL MASS)  
The Chaplain

4 June  PENTECOST (WHIT SUNDAY)  
Professor Anthony Todd Smith

11 June  LEAVERS’ SERVICE  
The Rt Hon Dame Elish Angiolini DBE QC

All are invited to the CATHOLIC MASS in Chapel on Wed 10 May at 6pm.

Shahriar Ashrafkhorasani is an Iranian-born Christian who will be ordained a Church of England priest in July. He previously worked in Iranian broadcasting, and was for a time imprisoned for his faith.

Arzoo Ahmed is Director of the Centre for Islam and Medicine. Her academic pursuits include management of the publication of Al-Muhaddithat, a 40-volume encyclopedia on the history of Muslim female scholarship.

Vaughan Roberts has been the rector of St Ebbe’s Church, Oxford, since 1998. He is the author of numerous books about various aspects of the Christian faith.

Claire Browes is a Ministerial Assistant at the University Church, Oxford. She read for a science degree at St Hugh’s, and will enter training for the priesthood this year.

Todd Smith is a Professor of Art in the United States. He designed and created the Chapel’s St Hugh sculpture, installed by the Archbishop of Canterbury in 2011.

Elish Angiolini has been the Principal of St Hugh’s since 2012. Previously the Lord Advocate of Scotland, she continues to have a distinguished career in law.