



*Christ Church*  
OXFORD

# Guest Information



Christ Church



117 St Aldates Building



Liddell Building

Thank you for choosing to stay with us. Whether you are visiting for business, study or pleasure, our professional and friendly team are dedicated to providing the highest standards of service.

We hope you will find this Guest Information booklet helpful.

Please let us know if there is anything we can do to make your stay more enjoyable: [conferenceoffice@chch.ox.ac.uk](mailto:conferenceoffice@chch.ox.ac.uk)

For the immediate rectification of room faults or for general information:

**Christ Church and 117 St Aldates residents:** 01865 276150 or [porters@chch.ox.ac.uk](mailto:porters@chch.ox.ac.uk)

**Liddell Building residents:** 01865 276999 or [liddell.lodge@chch.ox.ac.uk](mailto:liddell.lodge@chch.ox.ac.uk)

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# General Information

Christ Church, established by Henry VIII in 1546, is a unique foundation of College and Cathedral. It is home to some 650 undergraduate and postgraduate students and over 100 academic staff. Christ Church occupies a 150-acre site in the heart of the city, including The Meadow, preserved for centuries and bounded by the Rivers Isis and Cherwell.

**Christ Church also has two annexes, throughout this document please see the relevant additional sections for your chosen accommodation.** **117 St Aldates** is located on what is probably the oldest street in Oxford. From the eighth century it would have carried traffic from the Midlands, across the river, towards the south. In the fourteenth century, shops stood on the site and later the Red Lion Inn occupied the plot until about 1740. Today's accommodation was built in 1938 as a rather glamorous Art Deco showroom, called Therm House, for the Oxford and District Gas Company. **The Liddell Building**, 58-60 Iffley Road, Oxford, OX4 1EQ, was designed as a single quad and opened in 1991. It is approximately one mile from Christ Church. The accommodation comprises three and four single bedroom flats with shared kitchen, dining area and bathroom facilities.

## The Porters' Lodge (Reception)

### Christ Church and 117 St Aldates residents:

The Porters' Lodge at Tom Gate is staffed 24-hours a day and is the main information point within Christ Church: 01865 276150.

### Liddell Building residents:

The 24-hours a day Porters' Lodge is situated at the main entrance: 01865 276999. If the reception is not staffed, please call the porters' mobile phone: 07548 235528.

Every effort will be made to locate and return lost property [postage costs may be charged]. Items are kept for 30 days before disposal or donation to charity. We accept no responsibility for left items.

## Access

**Please wear your lanyard / ID badge to demonstrate to staff that you are a residential guest.**

Your key fob will give you access to: the gates, the building, staircase, flat/ room and the laundry areas. For security purposes lost fobs must be reported to the Porters' Lodge immediately and there may be a charge for replacements. We cannot take any responsibility for items and belongings left in rooms once a fob has been lost.

### Christ Church gate information: [For Christ Church residents and visiting 117 St Aldates and Liddell residents]

The main gate, Tom Gate, located on St Aldates is usually open from 0700 – 1930 hrs. At all other times you will need to use your room key fob to open the small wicket gate within the main gate. If you forget your fob, please ring the bell on the wall on the left-hand side of Tom Gate for attention.

Canterbury Gate [leading onto Oriel Square] is usually open from 0900 hrs [1000 hrs on Saturday and Sunday] – 1730 hrs; between the hours of 1730 and midnight the room key fob will open the wicket gate within Canterbury Gate. There is no entry through Canterbury Gate between midnight and 0800 hrs and access can only be gained through Tom Gate [see above].

Meadow Gate is the tourism entrance and is usually open from 1000 [1400 hrs on Sunday] – 1615 hrs. The Meadow is a tranquil area of pasture and ideal for an early morning stroll or an energetic jog. If you are meeting friends in Oxford they are welcome to visit during opening hours, information about entry fees are listed on our website and are applicable to your guests.

### 117 St Aldates residents:

The key fob is also required to call the lift when on the ground floor level. To activate the electricity in your room, insert the fob into the box located on the wall. There is no access to the kitchens in the building.

### Liddell Building residents:

The key fob will also provide access over the Jubilee Bridge in Christ Church Meadow and the Handel Davies Common Room.

## WiFi

We offer complimentary WiFi. 1. Select 'The Cloud' from the network list 2. Open browser and follow the on-screen instructions to register. 3. Once registered you will seamlessly connect to The Cloud WiFi. Further details are provided in your bedroom or a leaflet may be collected from the Porters' Lodge.

# *Meal Information*

## **Christ Church and 117 St Aldates residents:**

Breakfast is provided between 0730 – 0900 hrs Monday – Saturday, 0800 – 0930 hrs on Sundays, in the unique setting of the Great Hall with its stunning hammer beam roof and wonderful paintings.

## **Liddell Building residents:**

The Liddell Building is a self-catering establishment and there is an equipped kitchen in each flat. Basic utensils, crockery, microwave and fridge as well as tea and coffee-making facilities are provided. Please note: tea and coffee is supplied as a welcome to new arrivals and is not replenished during your stay. Please leave the shared facilities clean and do not leave cooking unattended - see the separate instructions on the kitchen noticeboard. Please keep the fire doors closed at all times. Recycling bins are in the kitchen; the bin in your room is for general waste only. We will replace small items accidentally broken without charge unless there are many breakages. If after you leave we find numerous broken items, excessive mess or other damage you may be charged. In nice weather it is possible to have picnics on the grounds, please always respect the needs and privacy of other guests on-site and use the lawn between Staircase 6 and 7 and the first part of the main lawn up to the bird table. Please note: no ball games are to be played in the grounds.

# *Safety and Security Information*

Security is taken very seriously and to ensure your safety we have a Closed Circuit Television [CCTV] system that monitors the main gates and quads. Oxford City Centre also has an extensive CCTV system, which is operated by Oxford City Council and the Thames Valley Police. The Police Station is located on St Aldates. If you have something to report, visit during opening hours or call: 01865 841148. The Police non-emergency number is 101. For security reasons please do not hold open doors for other guests. Please remember that if you have any concerns at any time contact the Porters' Lodge and they will be more than happy to help you.

## **Fire Safety**

Instructions about what to do in the event of a fire are attached to the wall, just inside the door to your room. Please read these instructions carefully and familiarise yourself with the escape route and fire assembly point. The fire alarm system is monitored by the Porters' Lodge 24/7; if an alarm sounds in your staircase the Porters will immediately take action. It is important that you respond to all fire alarms; please do not stop to collect belongings but move quickly to the correct fire assembly point for your staircase. Please respond quickly to any instructions from the Porters as your safety and the safety of others is of paramount importance.

## **Liddell Building residents:**

Fire alarms are tested at approx. 1000 hrs every Wednesday.

## **Medical Assistance**

In an emergency call 999 or 112. Please then alert the Porters' Lodge stating the name of the patient and bedroom location, in order for them to make access arrangements. For all non-emergency cases please contact the Porters' Lodge who will be able to assist you in making arrangements.

## **Christ Church and 117 St Aldates residents:**

The closest Pharmacy is located within Boots, Cornmarket and is open from 0800 – 2000 hrs Monday to Saturday and 1100 – 1700 hrs on Sundays.

## **Liddell Building residents:**

The closest Pharmacy is located within Boots, 151A Cowley Road, and is open from 0900 – 1800 hrs Monday to Saturday and 1000 – 1600 hrs on Sundays.

# Housekeeping Information

## Your Room

We hope you have found your room to be pleasant and comfortable. If there are any problems or faults, please report these immediately to the Porters' Lodge.

Christ Church is a no smoking/vaping institution. This applies to all buildings and outside areas. If you wish to smoke please go off-site.

Your Housekeeper will make your bed daily [except Sundays], two clean towels are provided for each guest on arrival, bedding and towels are changed twice weekly for long stay guests. A blanket and a hairdryer are available. If you do not wish to be disturbed, please hang your 'Do Not Disturb' notice on the outside door handle. If it is displayed, we will respect your privacy and your room will not be serviced. However, in the interests of guest wellbeing, rooms will be checked every 24-hour period by a member of the Housekeeping team and we ask guests to allow the housekeeper access to clean the room on a regular basis. If you wish to smoke please either go off-site or use one of the designated external areas where a receptacle is provided. Check-out is by 1000 hrs on the day of departure, please return the key fob to the Porters' Lodge.

### 117 St Aldates residents:

Check-out is by 1000 hrs on the day of departure, please leave the key in the drop box when vacating the building.

### Liddell Building residents:

Check-out is by 1000 hrs on the day of departure, please return the key fob to the Porters' Lodge.

## Bedroom Safes

A complimentary safe is provided in all of our bedrooms. Please follow the instructions for the two different types of safe:  
1. *Fob access* – hold your room key fob over the black area at the top. Once the green light has stopped flashing, turn the handle left to lock, and right to unlock.  
2. *Keypad* – input a four-digit code and then press # (lock). To unlock enter your code.  
Please note Christ Church cannot be held responsible for any valuables left unattended or in the bedroom safes provided.

## Complimentary Laundry Facilities

All facilities are self-service and include an iron and ironing board. Instructions on how to operate the machines are displayed in each of the laundry rooms. If you require a full service laundry facility or dry cleaning contact Elite Dry Cleaners on 01865 204116 or Oxwash on 01865 688325.

### Christ Church residents:

The four laundries are located in the basement of Peckwater Quad Staircase 8; the basement of Meadow Building Staircase 4; Blue Boar Quad in the tunnel under Blue Boar 1 and St Aldates Quad Staircase 5. Washing powder can be purchased from the Porters' Lodge.

### 117 St Aldates residents:

The laundry is located in the basement.

### Liddell Building residents:

The entrance to the laundry room is to the left and adjacent to the undercover entrance into The Handel Davies Common Room.

## The Heating System

The heating season generally runs from 1 October to 1 May subject to outside temperatures. Central heating systems are set to run from 0600 – 1200 hrs and 1400 – 2200 hrs each day. Outside of these hours turning the radiator valves on or off will have no effect. Do not dry clothes on the radiators, please make use of the laundry facilities provided.

### Christ Church residents:

The type of heating you have will depend on the room you have been allocated:

*Meadow Building, Blue Boar, St Aldates Quad, Tom 1, 2 and Peckwater Quad*; all rooms have radiators, the temperature can be controlled by altering the valve on the side.

*Tom 5 and Canterbury Quad* have night storage heaters – the unit will need to be switched on at the wall and on the top of the heater [heater does not produce instant heat].



# *Christ Church Cathedral*

The Cathedral at Christ Church, which dates from the twelfth century, serves the Anglican communities of Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Berkshire and is one of the five smallest cathedrals in England. Services are held daily in the Cathedral and everyone is welcome to attend. <http://www.chch.ox.ac.uk/cathedral-services>

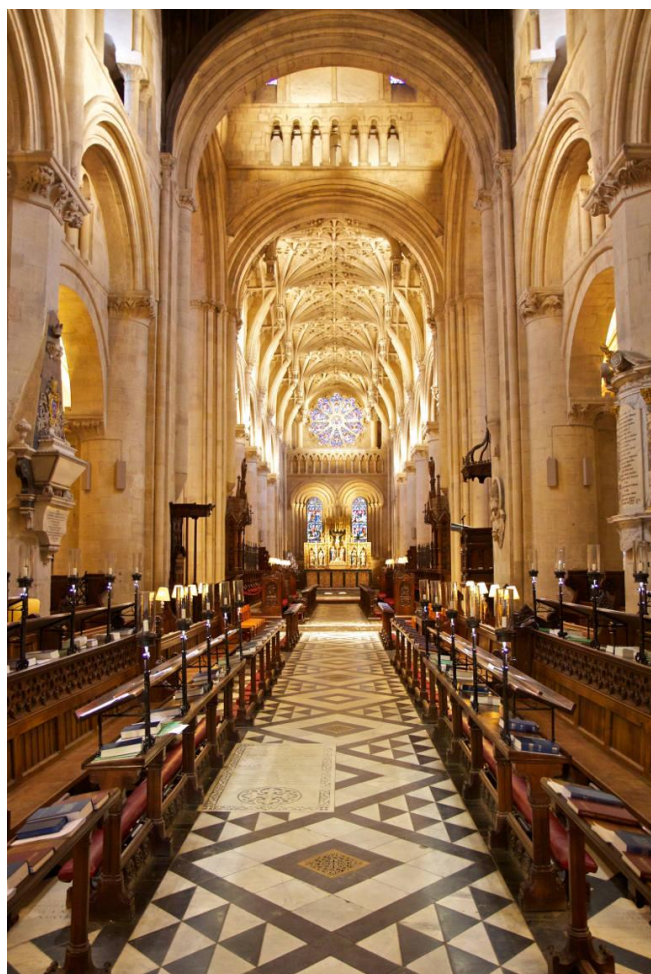
## *The Visitor Centre and Shop*

The Visitor Centre and Shop are located within the thatched barn in the Meadow. Here you can hire a multimedia guide for £3, or get a 10% discount for an extensive range of Christ Church and Oxford souvenirs. Please show your lanyard or ID badge.

Any of your guests wishing to visit Christ Church, would need to book tickets on-line. <https://www.chch.ox.ac.uk/plan-your-visit/tickets>

## *Christ Church Picture Gallery*

Christ Church is unique among the Oxford and Cambridge colleges in possessing an important collection of Old Master paintings and drawings. The collection is strong in Italian art from the 14th to the 18th centuries, with paintings by Filippino Lippi, Tintoretto, Veronese, Annibale Carracci, Salvator Rosa and many more. There are also notable works by northern painters such as Sir Anthony van Dyck, Frans Hals and Hugo van der Goes. The Picture Gallery at Christ Church also boasts one of the most important private collections of Old Master drawings in the country. There is a small shop in the Picture Gallery which sells a selection of postcards, posters, greeting cards and publications. Entry is free to residential guests [please show your lanyard or ID badge]. <https://www.chch.ox.ac.uk/gallery>



## Local Information

We hope that the following information will help you to make the most of your visit to the City of Dreaming Spires! There are plenty of buildings of interest and other attractions around the local area that are worth seeing.

For detailed information, maps, discounted tickets for local attractions and much more, please visit <https://www.experienceoxfordshire.org>.

Please note the following listings are suggestions and not recommended or tested by Christ Church.

### Places of Worship

There are many churches and places of worship in central Oxford and the surrounding area, 'Daily Info' have a helpful website with a map showing each location, visit: <https://www.dailyinfo.co.uk/oxford/guide/religion>.

Those listed below are closest in proximity to Christ Church:

Anglican: Christ Church Cathedral

St Aldates Church, St Aldates [Evangelical]

Baptist: New Road Baptist Church, Bonn Square

Methodist: Wesley Memorial Church, New Inn Hall Street

Roman Catholic: Blackfriars Priory, 64 St Giles

Jewish: Oxford Synagogue, 21 Richmond Road

Muslim: Oxford Mosque, Manzil Way

### Theatres and Cinemas

Oxford is well-known for its selection of theatres and there is a varied mixture of professional and amateur productions. Some college gardens host outdoor productions during the summer and there are many concerts and recitals during the year in the oldest music room in Europe, the Holywell Music Room, in Holywell Street. The New Theatre, George Street, stages many professional events including ballet and West End musicals.

There is also the Oxford Playhouse, Beaumont Street, which produces a wide range of live performances. There are three cinemas in Central Oxford; Curzon, Westgate Shopping Centre and Odeon in Magdalen Street and George Street – visit for film listings or go to <https://www.dailyinfo.co.uk/oxford>.

### Liddell Building residents:

St John the Evangelist Church, just few steps from the Liddell Building, offers a wide range of events from choir performances, piano and jazz concerts, to poetry reading. Plunge into the imagination of live performance on the stage of Pegasus Theatre, on the crossing of Iffley Road and Magdalen Road. The iconic Cowley Road venue, O2 Academy, is a landmark spot in Oxford's entertainment scene with two venues hosting the best live music and club events and local talent. Single-screen local cinema, The Ultimate Picture Palace, Cowley Road, screens classic, cult and foreign films.

### Shopping

The main shopping areas are Cornmarket, High Street and Queen Street. The Westgate Shopping Centre has over 100 stores featuring the best of the British High Street as well as prestigious global brands.

There are two small supermarkets which also have cash machines: Sainsbury's Local and Tesco Metro on St Aldates.

### Liddell Building residents:

Cowley Road runs from The Plain near Magdalen Bridge, through the inner city area of East Oxford, to the industrial suburb of Cowley. There are two small supermarkets nearby, Sainsbury's Local on The Plain and 134b Cowley Road, and Tesco Metro, 159-161 Cowley Road. The Iffley and Cowley Roads run parallel, so it is possible to walk through Temple Street or James Street to get to the Cowley Road. The nearest cash points [ATMs] are outside all supermarkets.

## Attractions

### **Ashmolean Museum, Beaumont Street**

The Ashmolean is the University of Oxford's Museum of Art and Archaeology. There are a range of world famous collections from Egyptian mummies to contemporary art. There is also a café in the basement and a restaurant on the top floor.

### **Bodleian Library, Broad Street**

The Bodleian Library is one of the world's oldest libraries. The Library opened in 1602 and has since been used as a working library belonging to the University of Oxford. They offer a regular programme of guided tours, including the Radcliffe Camera, as well as self-guided tours.

### **Botanic Garden, High Street**

The Oxford Botanic Garden is the oldest in the UK and with nearly 6,000 different types of plant, the Garden is a year-round oasis of biodiversity, right in the heart of the city.

### **Carfax Tower, Cornmarket**

The clock tower is all that remains of the 13th century St. Martin's Church. The clock chimes on the hour and for a small fee you can climb the 99 steps to the top for a view over Oxford.

### **City Sightseeing Bus Tour**

The hop on, hop off bus is an easy way to see some of Oxford's attractions. One of the bus stops is opposite Christ Church, St Aldates [G4, stop 7].

### **Church of St Mary the Virgin, High Street**

Dating from the 11th century, the church is historically the most important building in Oxford. The church and the tower offer wonderful architecture and exceptional views of the Oxford skyline.

### **Hertford Bridge, New College Lane**

Hertford College's version of the Venetian Bridge of Sighs, built in 1903.

### **Oxford Castle, New Inn Hall Street**

The site of a Norman Medieval Castle, it includes St George's Tower, crypt, 18th century prison wing and a man-made mound.

### **Oxford Colleges, various locations**

Many of the colleges allow visitor access and some offer tours. Exit Christ Church via Canterbury Gate onto the cobbled street and you will find our neighbouring colleges Oriel, Corpus Christi and Merton.

### **Pitt Rivers Museum, Parks Road**

This Museum displays archaeological and ethnographic objects from all parts of the world.

### **Saxon Tower of St Michael, Cornmarket**

This tower is the oldest building in Oxford dating back to around 1040.

### **Sheldonian Theatre, Broad Street**

The Ceremonial Hall of the University of Oxford. A beautiful Grade I listed venue.

### **Walking Tours, Experience Oxfordshire [<https://www.experienceoxfordshire.org>]**

A walking tour with a licenced tourist guide who will show you the best sights on offer, as well as providing you with lots of local knowledge and historical information.

### **Punting**

Try punting, a favourite Oxford pastime and a great way to relax and sightsee; visit the Magdalen Bridge Boathouse.

### **Gyms**

Pure Gym, St Ebbe's Street, just two-minutes from Christ Church; it's possible to buy day and weekly passes.

**Liddell Building residents:** visit Oxford University Iffley Road Sports Complex, just five-minutes from the Liddell Building; it's possible to buy day and monthly passes.

### **Oxford Ice rink, Oxpens Road**

Offering skating sessions or lessons and has some special events.

## Places to Eat and Drink

### Restaurants

There are several restaurants offering cuisine from around the globe within walking distance of Christ Church. The Westgate Shopping Centre, only a five-minute walk away, houses over 20 restaurants and eateries including **Comptoir Libanais** [Lebanese], **Pizza Pilgrims** and **Mowgli Street Food**, Indian home and street food. For a river-side retreat, visit **The Head of the River** and **The Folly**.

If you are looking for chain restaurants head to George Street, an eight-minute walk away, to establishments such as **Bella Italia** and **Côte Brasserie**. Or why not try **No. 1 Ship Street** off Cornmarket for modern British cuisine in cosy surroundings. Little Clarendon Street, Woodstock Road and Jericho restaurants are worth the 15-minute or so walk – try **Pierre Victoire**, a best-loved independent French Restaurant, **Brown's Brasserie**, **Brasserie Blanc** and **Branca**.

### Cafés

Just across the road from Christ Church is Oxford's own Ice Cream Café, **George and Danver** [G&D's] selling homemade ice cream, bagels and cakes; it is open from 0800 hrs until midnight every day. Coffee lovers should head to **Jericho Coffee Traders** on High Street, an espresso bar focusing on exacting standards of espresso and filter coffees accompanied by locally made pastries and cakes. If you are looking for an atmospheric lunch or afternoon tea, **The Vaults & Garden Café** is an excellent choice – housed in the University Church crypt, just off the High Street, down Catt Street.

### Pubs and Bars

Oxford has many good pubs and we have included just a few places as a guide. Just outside the walls of Christ Church is **The Bear**, Alfred Street, which is the oldest pub in Oxford dating back to 1242; it also houses a large collection of neckties.

**The White Horse**, Broad Street, a Grade II listed building dating back to the 16th Century is a traditional pub famous for filming of popular TV shows such as 'Inspector Morse', 'Lewis' and 'Endeavour'. Take a walk to Bath Place off Holywell Street to the **Turf Tavern**, a pub which is full of character famous for serving prime ministers, US presidents-to-be, actors, academics and literary figures including Bill Clinton, Richard Burton, Elisabeth Taylor, Stephen Hawking or C. S. Lewis.

If Cocktail bars are more your style then try **The House** on Blue Boar Street or the rooftop bar of **The Varsity Club**, High Street or head over to the Westgate for trendier bars such as **The Alchemist**.



# Travel Information

Oxford Train Station is a 15-minute walk from Christ Church and 30 minutes from the Liddell Building. It has regular departures to many locations including Bournemouth, Birmingham and Reading. Great Western Railway operates a regular service to London Paddington. Chiltern Railway operates a service to London Marylebone, this includes stopping at the popular Bicester Village shopping outlet.

Cycling is a very popular means of getting around Oxford. It's also a great way for visitors to explore the surrounding areas. Bike hire is available from Bainton Bikes or a folding Brompton Bike from their dock by the railway station. Please consider road safety and wear a helmet where possible.

If you are interested in car hire, there are several companies which offer this service: Hertz 01865 920164, Avis Cars 03445446087 or Co Wheels pay-as-you-go. Alternatively, book a taxi. Many of the taxi firms operate on a pre-booked service, call 001 Taxis: 01865 240000.

Travel to London by bus either on the X90 service or The Oxford Tube, both depart from the Gloucester Green Bus Station and run a frequent service. The Airline coach service runs 24 hours, 7 days a week directly from Oxford Gloucester Green Bus Station to London Heathrow Airport [journey time approx. 90 minutes] or London Gatwick Airport [journey time approx. 2.5 hours].

## Christ Church and 117 St Aldates residents:

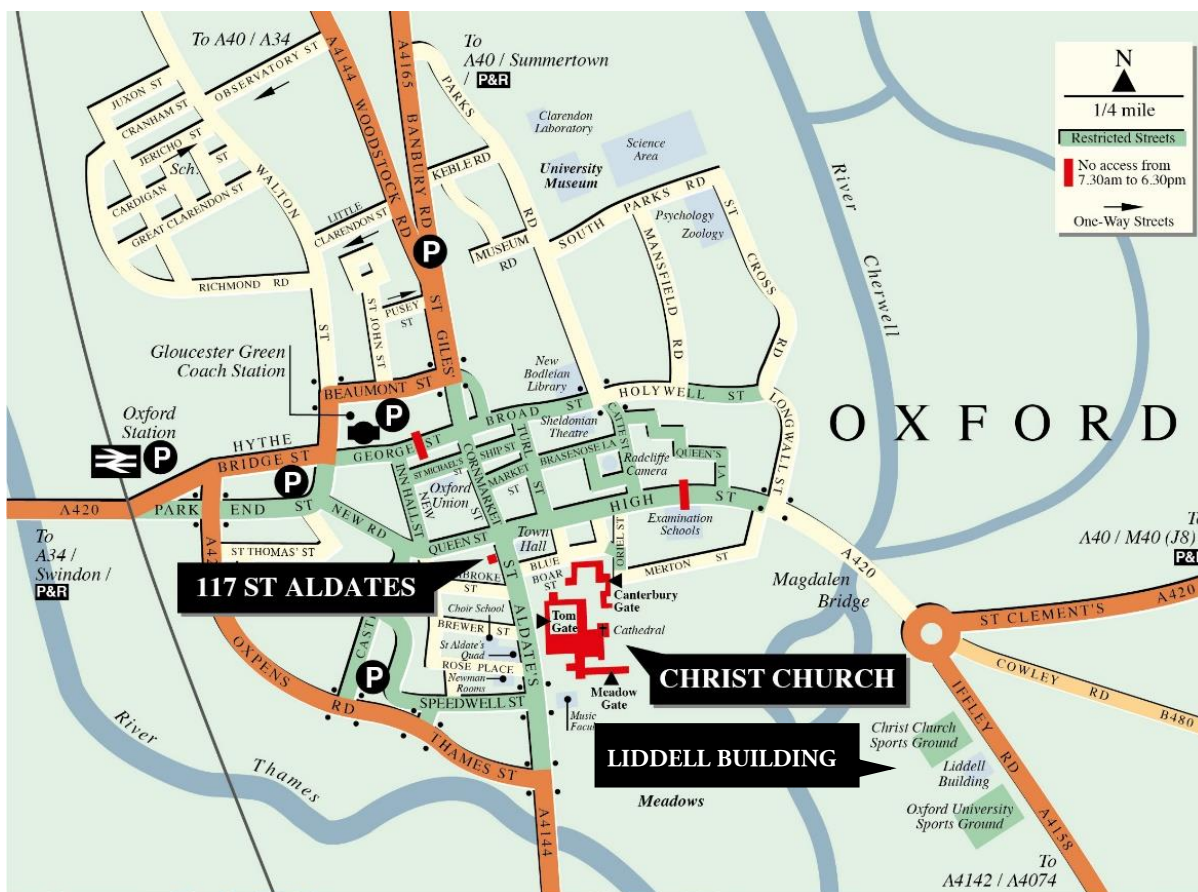
For local bus travel, Stagecoach has a good network of services. The majority of buses depart from Magdalen Street. The S5 [Stop C4] route links Oxford and Bicester. The S7 [Stop C3] service links Oxford and Woodstock where you will find Blenheim Palace, Historic House and Gardens.

## Liddell Building residents:

The majority of buses towards Oxford City Centre depart from Iffley Road [Bus 3 and 3A; the bus stop is just two minutes' walk, turn left at the main entrance].

# Feedback

We would love to hear your feedback, please leave a review via your booking method!



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