



The University Church of St Mary the Virgin

High Street Oxford OX1 4BJ

From the Church Office

Dear Tour Group Leader,

Thank you for bringing your group to visit the University Church of St Mary the Virgin. We are very glad to welcome you to our historic building. This is a sacred place where worship has taken place for over 700 years.

In order to preserve the prayerful atmosphere which attracts many visitors to the Church, we would respectfully ask you to observe the following:

1. Please keep noise to a minimum in order to avoid disturbing those who have come here to pray. We particularly ask you to observe silence in the Chancel.
2. Each weekday, except Friday, we hold a service of Eucharist in the Chancel from 12.15 – 12.45 pm. Tour groups visiting during this time can disrupt the flow of the service and therefore we would like to ask you to avoid visiting during this period.
3. Finally, we would request that you only use the High Street entrance to access the Church. Our shop gets very busy and large groups of people passing through en route to the Church can be very disruptive for customers. We do of course hope that you will encourage your group to visit the shop after the tour has finished in order to purchase a memento of their visit!

Thank you once again; we hope you enjoy your visit.

Yours faithfully,

Revd Canon Brian Mountford
Vicar