

# Christmas in Oxford 2017

## University, department and college opening hours

### Central University

- The University Offices, Examination Schools and most other central offices are closed from 17:00, Thursday 21 December until 09:00, Tuesday 2nd January 2018.
- The submissions desk at Examination Schools will also be closed during this period. If you are intending to submit work during this period by post or deposit in the Examination Schools post box you will not obtain proof of submission.
- Student Information will be closed during this period. Enquiries will be dealt with in January 2018.

### Departments and faculties

- Opening times for departments and faculties may vary but most will be closed for a similar period as the central University (17:00, 21 December until 09:00, 2nd January 2018). Check the website for any possible variations.

### Colleges

- Most colleges will keep the Lodge open for enquiries throughout the Christmas period but check with the individual college for detailed opening hours, and for details of available facilities. (Jesus College Lodge will be staffed throughout the College closure period).

## Health services

### NHS out-of-hours medical and dental service

#### Banbury road medical centre

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December: Closed

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> December: Closed

Monday 1st January: Closed

- In an emergency call 999.
- For non-emergency services call 111 or 01865 515731, open throughout the Christmas period. Your call will be answered by a call centre who will triage your enquiry, and you will be contacted by an on-call GP. [More information](#) on out-of-hours services in Oxfordshire.
- [Guide to local NHS Services](#)
- [NHS Choices website](#)

## Chemists

Chemists will work on a rota during the holiday period and if the chemist is closed it will display the opening times and location of the nearest place that is open.

- [Cowley Pharmacy](#), 258 Cowley Road

Christmas Eve Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2017 7am – 9pm  
Christmas Day, Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2017: 10:00-18:00  
Boxing Day, Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> December 2017: 12:00-18:00  
New Year's Day, Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018: 12:00-18:00

- [Woodstock Road Chemist](#), 59 Woodstock Road

Christmas Eve Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2017 09.00 – 18.30  
Christmas Day, Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2017: closed  
Boxing Day, Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> December 2016: closed  
New Year's Eve, Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017: 09.00- 18.30  
New Year's Day Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018: closed

## Sexual health and contraception

- Emergency contraception is available at chemists. For people aged under 21 it is free of charge, if you are over 21 it is £26.00.
- [Oxfordshire Sexual Health Service](#)

At the Churchill Hospital, Old Road, Headington:  
Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>-Wednesday 27 December 2017: closed  
Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> December 2017: closes at 15:15  
New Year's Day, Monday 1 January 2018: closed

At Rectory Road:  
Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> -Wednesday 27 December 2017: closed  
New Year's Day: closed

[View opening hours for all clinics.](#)

## Advice and support

- [Oxford University Counselling Service](#)

The Counselling Service will close at 13:00, Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2017 and will reopen at 09:00, Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018.

- [Nightline](#)

Closed Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017 to Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

- [Talking Space](#)

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December and Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> December 2017: closed

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> December – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> December 2017: 08.00 – 17.00

New Year's Day, Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018: closed

- [Samaritans](#)

Open 24 hours throughout Christmas and New Year. Call: 116 123, or email [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org). If English is not your first language, the Samaritans also provide [support for non-English speakers](#).

- Further details of emergency and help service contacts visit the Help page of the [Oxford Students website](#).

## Places of worship

Attending a traditional Christmas church service or carols can be an interesting way to experience British traditions but there are also many other religious places to worship in Oxford.

You can find information on individual college Christmas services on the [Oxford Students website](#).

A selection of places of worship in Oxford:

- [Woodstock Road Baptist Church](#), Baptist
- [St Ebbe's Church](#), Church of England
- [St Aldate's Church](#), Church of England
- [Holy Trinity Oxford](#), Greek Orthodox
- [Wesley Memorial Church](#), Methodist
- [The Oxford Oratory](#), Roman Catholic
- [Blackfriars](#), Roman Catholic
- [Oxford University Catholic Chaplaincy](#), Roman Catholic
- [Oxford Buddha Vihara](#), Buddhist
- [Oxford Hindu Temple](#), Hindu
- [Central Oxford Mosque](#), Muslim
- [Oxford Jewish Congregation](#), Jewish

## Other activities in and around Oxford

### Sport

- [Oxford University Sport](#) (gym and swimming pool), Iffley Road

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2017 - Tuesday 2nd January 2018: closed

- [Oxford United Football Club](#) vs Wigan Athletic, 15:00, Saturday 23rd December 2017, Kassam Stadium
- [Oxford United Football Club](#) vs MK Dons, 15:00, Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018, Kassam Stadium

### Shops, supermarkets, restaurants and pubs

- Most shops and supermarkets will have reduced hours and nearly all shops will be closed on Christmas Day. For supermarkets open around Christmas please check individual store websites.
- Some restaurants and pubs are open on Christmas day, but many require advance booking, or are only open for drinks. Restaurant suggestions: [Quod](#); [Old Parsonage](#); [Gees](#); [Browns](#). Pub suggestions: The Kings Arms; Victoria Arms; The Mitre; The Isis Farmhouse; The Rose and Crown.
- Oxford Ice rink: Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day closed: Please see link for timetable. <http://www.fusion-lifestyle.com/centres/oxford-ice-rink/timetables/ice-rink?date=2018-01-01>
- Phoenix Picture House Cinema Closes Christmas Day and then on New Year's Day for 1 week see website for showtimes [https://www.picturehouses.com/cinema/Phoenix\\_Picturehouse/Whats\\_On](https://www.picturehouses.com/cinema/Phoenix_Picturehouse/Whats_On)
- Odeon Cinema George Street and Magdalen Street closes Christmas Day see website for showtimes: [http://www.odeon.co.uk/cinemas/oxford\\_george\\_st/115/](http://www.odeon.co.uk/cinemas/oxford_george_st/115/)
- Ultimate Picture Palace closes week before Christmas, opens for Boxing Day and then reopens on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January see website for showtimes [https://www.picturehouses.com/cinema/Phoenix\\_Picturehouse/Whats\\_On](https://www.picturehouses.com/cinema/Phoenix_Picturehouse/Whats_On)
- New Theatre Oxford "War Horse" Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017 – Saturday January 6<sup>th</sup> 2018 <http://www.atgtickets.com/shows/war-horse/new-theatre-oxford/>
- Oxford Playhouse: Panto "Jack and the Beanstalk" running from now until Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2018 <https://www.oxfordplayhouse.com/>

### **Volunteering in Oxford**

Oxford Hub have a range of volunteering opportunities over the Christmas holidays:

Volunteer with older people and keep them company in December- contact [abigail.rose@oxfordhub.org](mailto:abigail.rose@oxfordhub.org) to find out more.

Join the team getting involved with community gardening at Oxgrow- contact Emma at [emma@oxfordhub.org](mailto:emma@oxfordhub.org)

Take a look at the Oxford Hub website for more opportunities!

### **College Communities**

Students who are staying in college over the Christmas vacation set up Facebook pages with details of activities and events in college