Services & Music List

Canterbury Cathedral January 2025

Welcome

Canterbury Cathedral is the seat of the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Cathedral Church of the Diocese of Canterbury, the Mother Church of the Anglican Communion, and a place of pilgrimage welcoming visitors from across the world.

For over fourteen hundred years God has been worshipped here. With its roots in the Benedictine tradition, the ongoing daily pattern of morning and evening prayer and Eucharist continues the prayers and praises of countless generations in this Cathedral.

Alongside this we host a large number of special services, some regular, some occasional. These mark the feasts of the Church's year and significant events in the life of our local community, or offer opportunities for exploring faith and spirituality in creative and diverse ways.

Whether you are a regular worshipper with us, someone who has come to the Cathedral for a special event, or a visitor making a once in a lifetime journey to Canterbury, you are most welcome and an equal part of this community whose story reaches back to Augustine's mission to England in 597.

We invite everyone who attends our services to contribute to the ongoing costs of maintaining this beautiful Cathedral and investing in our ongoing ministry. It costs us approximately £30,000 a day to care for the building and people of this place and to continue to invest in the high quality of music that is offered here. There are regular collections at the end of our services, you can make use of the digital payment points or scan the QR code below. Whatever you can give it is gratefully received. Thank you.



Regular worship

At the heart of Cathedral life is the regular rhythm of daily prayer. The day begins each morning with the quiet, said services of Morning Prayer and the 8.00am Eucharist, and ends with the service of Choral Evensong or Said Evening Prayer. In term time Children's Church meets on Sunday mornings. The Cathedral's principal act of worship every week is the 11.00am Sunday Choral Eucharist.

Live streaming

Choral Eucharists on Sunday, Choral Evensongs, and other special services are routinely live-streamed and available on our website and via YouTube. If you attend these services you may be seen on camera, and by attending these services you give your permission to appear in this way. If you have any queries or concerns about this please contact the Precentor in advance (precentor@canterburycathedral.org). To watch these services online visit www.canterbury-cathedral.org

Silent Prayer Thursdays as part of Evening Prayer

(Previously 'The Julian Prayer Meetings')

An opportunity to be still in the midst of the business of life and rest in the holiness and peace of this sacred place. If you are drawn to silent prayer, please join us weekly on Thursdays* in the Crypt for an extended time of silent prayer as part of a said service of Evening Prayer ending at 6.15 pm. Whether you stay for ten minutes or half an hour, this space is for people of all denominations, faiths or none who wish to have some quiet, reflective time, resting in the present moment.

Taizé Prayer 12.30pm on Mondays** in the Western Crypt

Drawing on the pattern of worship from the Taizé Community these lunch time services are an invitation to encounter God and one another in the sharing of simple songs, listening to scripture and spending time in silence. Dates for the new year are 20 January - 10 February, and 3 - 31 March.

Archbishops of Canterbury commemorated in January

- 6th Roger Walden, 61st Archbishop, 1406 Buried at St Paul's Cathedral
- 8th Aethelhelm, 20th Archbishop, 926
 Buried in The Chapel of Our Lady and St Benedict
- 10th William Laud, 76th Archbishop, 1645 Buried at St John's College, Oxford
- 13th Berhtwald, 8th Archbishop, 731 Buried at St Augustine's Abbey
- 18th John Moore, 88th Archbishop, 1805 Buried at St Mary-at-Lambeth
- 24th William Wake, 82nd Archbishop, 1737 Buried at Croydon Minster

Visiting Choirs

The Choir of St Paul's College, the University of Sydney is the flagship ensemble of the musical life at St Paul's College within the University of Sydney. An auditioned choir composed of students and Lay Clerks, it features some of Australia's most exciting young musicians. During the academic term, the Choir primarily sings Evensong in the College Chapel. Additionally, it regularly tours regional Australia, presents an annual baroque opera, and performs frequent concerts and special services.

St Clement's Church Choir sings the regular services in the Cinque Port town of Sandwich. Music is traditional and is based around its enthusiastic open-access SATB adult choir which includes members from all walks of life. It values the opportunity to sing in its local cathedral in Canterbury as well as other cathedrals in the south-east.

The Tudeley Singers is an amateur choir based in Kent. Formed in 2018, the choir sings services in cathedrals during the holidays, as well as a number of concerts each year in aid of various charities.

Spring Term Organ Recitals

All organ recitals will start at 6.15pm in the Cathedral's Quire and will be free of charge with a retiring collection. Programmes for these concerts are included in the monthly Services and Music List.

Friday 10 January: Ivan Leung, Organ Scholar, Canterbury Cathedral Friday 7 March: Ed Gaut, Keble College, Oxford

Organ Open Evening

An Organ Open Evening, run by our Assistant Director of Music, Jamie Rogers, will be held on Friday 28 March at 6.30pm. This will include an introduction to the Cathedral's organ (refurbished by Harrison & Harrison in 2020), a demonstration, and a chance for keen organists to play a short piece of their choice, time allowing.

The Open Evening will be free of charge and un-ticketed and anyone wishing to play should write to music@canterbury-cathedral.org in advance.

Join the choir

If you know a boy in school year 2 or 3, or a girl in school year 6 or 7, who enjoys singing, please email music@canterbury-cathedral.org to learn more about becoming a chorister here.

Enquiries are warmly welcomed at any time, and it is possible to meet children and their parents for a conversation, and for informal pre-auditions.

More information about the Cathedral's musicians can be found at https://www.canterbury-cathedral.org/worship/music/

David Newsholme Director of Music

1	Wednesday The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus		of Jesus
	8.00am	Holy Communion	Jesus Chapel, Crypt
	9.15am	Morning Prayer	Our Lady Martyrdom
	5.30pm	Evensong	Quire
		sung by the Choir of St Paul's College, the	he University of Sydney
		James, arr. Roland Peelman, The ca	rol of the birds
		Rose, Responses	
		Psalm 8	
		Howells, Collegium Regale	
		Gruber, arr. David Drury, Silent nig	ght
		Hymn 593ii (omit vv. 2, 4, 6) At the	e name of Jesus (Evelyns)
2	Thursday	Basil the Great and Gregory of Nazia the Faith, 379 and 389	anzus, Bishops, Teachers of
	7.30am	Morning Prayer	Our Lady Martyrdom
	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Mary Magdalene, Crypt
	5.30pm	Evensong	Quire
	L.	sung by the Choir of St Paul's College, the University of Sydney	
		Rose, Responses	
		Psalm 13	
		Brewer in D	
		Balfour Gardiner, Evening hymn	
		Hymn 87 Thou who was rich beyond	d all splendour (Fragrance)
3	Friday		
	7.30am	Morning Prayer	Our Lady Martyrdom
	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Anselm, North Quire Aisle
	5.30pm	Evensong	Quire
		sung by St Clement's, Sandwich	
		Smith, Responses	
		Psalm 18.1-16	
		Wood in E-flat, no. 2	
		John Rutter, Nativity carol	
		Hymn 811 Thou didst leave thy thro	one and thy kingly crown
		(Margaret)	

4	Saturday			
	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Gregory, South-East Transept	
	9.15am	Morning Prayer	Our Lady Martyrdom	
	5.30pm	Evensong	Quire	
	•	sung by the Tudeley Singers		
		Radcliffe, Responses		
		Psalm 23		
		Stanford in A		
		Rachmaninov, Bogoroditse Devo		
		Hymn 24 The day thou gavest, L		
5	Sunday	The Second Sunday of Chris	tmas	
	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt	
	9.15am	Morning Prayer	Our Lady Martyrdom	
	11.00am	Eucharist	Quire	
		sung by the Tudeley Singers		
		Rheinberger, Cantus Missae		
		Psalm 147.12-20		
		Preacher: The Reverend W M D	alrymple, Precentor	
		Golovanov, Otche nash		
		Hymns 61 (omit vv. 3, 4) Christi	ans, awake! salute the happy	
			st Nowell the angel did say (The	
		first Nowell); 71 Jesus Christ the	Lord is born (Puer nobis	
		nascitur)		
	5.30pm	Solemn Evensong	Quire	
		sung by the Tudeley Singers		
		Byrd, Sing joyfully		
		Radcliffe, Responses		
		Psalm 97		
		Dyson, Magnificat in F		
		Holst, Nunc dimittis		
		Harris, Faire is the heaven		
		Hymn 98i (omit vv. 4, 5) From t	he eastern mountains	
		(Evelyns)		

THE EPIPHANY 6 Monday

7.30am **Morning Prayer**

Holy Communion 8.00am

Jesus Chapel, Crypt **Eucharist** Quire sung by Lay Clerks (Decani I verse) Byrd, Mass for three voices Psalm 72.10-15 Byrd, Vidimus stellam eius Hymns 96i Brightest and best of the sons of the morning

Our Lady Martyrdom

(Epiphany); 99 Hail to the Lord's Anointed (Crüger); 105 We three kings of Orient are (Three kings of Orient)

7 Tuesday

5.30pm

7.30am	Morning Prayer	Our Lady Martyrdom
8.00am	Holy Communion	St Gabriel, Crypt
5.30pm	Evensong	Quire
	sung by boy choristers and Lay Clerks	
	Rose, Responses	
	Psalm 37	
	Byrd, Short service	
	Howells, Here is the little door	
	Hymn 97 Christ is our light! the bright and	d morning star
	(Godmanchester)	-

Wednesday 8

7.30am	Morning Prayer	Our Lady Martyrdom
8.00am	Holy Communion	Our Lady Martyrdom
12.30pm	Holy Communion	Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt
5.30pm	Evensong	Quire
	sung by girl choristers	
	plainchant, Responses	
	Psalms 41	
	Bairstow in E-flat	
	Wood, Mater ora filium	
	Hymn 100 How brightly gleams the	e morning star! (Wie schön
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Hymn 93 Arise, shine out, your light has come (Church				ght has come (Church
triumphant)				с

Sunday	The Baptism of Christ (The First Sunday of Epiphany)	
8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt
9.15am	Morning Prayer	Our Lady Martyrdom
11.00am	Eucharist	Quire
	sung by Lay Clerks	
	Taverner, The meane mass	
	Psalm 29	
	Preacher: The Dean	
	Handl, Ante luciferum genitus	
	Hymns 108 When Jesus came to Jord	lan (Offertorium); 107
	The sinless one to Jordan came (Solothurn); 103 O worship the	
	Lord in the beauty of holiness (Was I	Lebet)
5.30pm	Epiphany Carol Service and Far	ewell to the
	Archdeacon of Maidstone	
	sung by boy choristers, girl choristers and	Lay Clerks Quire
	Marenzio, Tribus miraculis	
	Psalm 72.1-15	
	Cornelius, arr. Atkins, The three kin	gs
	Warlock, Bethlehem Down	
	Stanford, Magnificat in C	
	Britten, A New Year carol	
	Hymns 104 Songs of thankfulness and praise (St Edmund);	
	103 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness (Was Lebet);	
	99 (omit v. 5) Hail to the Lord's Anointed (Crüger); 93 Arise,	
	shine out, your light has come (Church triumphant); 96i	
	shine out, your light has come (Chur	ch triumphant); 96i
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13	Monday	Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers, Teac	ther of the Faith, 367
	7.30am	Morning Prayer	Our Lady Martyrdom
	8.00am	Holy Communion	Holy Innocents, Crypt
	5.30pm	Said Evening Prayer	Western Crypt
14	Tuesday		
	7.30am	Morning Prayer	Our Lady Martyrdom
	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Stephen, North-East Transept
	5.30pm	Said Evening Prayer	Western Crypt
15	Wednesday		
	7.30am	Morning Prayer	Our Lady Martyrdom
	8.00am	Holy Communion	Jesus Chapel, Crypt
	12.30pm	Holy Communion	Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt
	5.30pm	Evensong sung by girl choristers	Quire
		plainchant, Responses	
		Psalm 78.1-17	
		Becky-Ellice Creighton, Canter	bury service
		Vaughan Williams, The call	

Hymn 742i O for a thousand tongues to sing (Richmond)

16	Thursday 7.30am 8.00am 5.30pm	Morning Prayer Holy Communion Evening Prayer with Silence	Our Lady Martyrdom St Mary Magdalene, Crypt Western Crypt
17	Friday	Antony of Egypt, Hermit, Abbot, 3	56
	7.30am	Morning Prayer	Our Lady Martyrdom
	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Anselm, South Quire Aisle
	5.30pm	Evensong	Quire
	•	sung by Lay Clerks (Decani II verse)	
		Anthony Piccolo, Responses	
		Psalm 89.1-19	
		Cleobury, Short service	
		Byrd, Reges Tharsis, a4	
		Hymn 658 Help us, O Lord, to lear	m (Sandys)
18	Saturday	Beginning of the Week of Prayer fo	r Christian Unity
	8.00am	Holy Communion S	t Gregory, South-East Transept
	9.15am	Morning Prayer	Our Lady Martyrdom
	5.30pm	Evensong	Quire
	-	sung by boy choristers and Lay Clerks	
		Ayleward, Responses	
		Psalms 93; 94	
		Murrill in E	
		Mendelssohn, When Jesus our Lord	l was born in Bethlehem
		Hymn 704 Let all the world in ever	y corner sing (Luckington)

19	Sunday	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity		
	The Second Sunday of Epiphany		ny	
	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt	
	9.15am	Morning Prayer	Our Lady Martyrdom	
	11.00am	Eucharist	Quire	
		sung by boy choristers and Lay Clerks		
		Stanford in C and F		
		Psalm 36. 5-10		
		Preacher: Father Giovanni Prandini	, Assistant Priest, St	
		Thomas's Roman Catholic Church,	Canterbury	
		Elgar, O salutaris hostia, no. 3	<i>.</i>	
		e	Hymns 104 Songs of thankfulness and praise (St Edmund); 440	
		. 8	Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness (Schmücke dich); 475	
		Forth in the peace of Christ we go (
	5.30pm	Evensong		
	F	sung by girl choristers and Lay Clerks	Quire	
		Matthew Martin, Responses	Č.	
		Psalm 96		
		Howells, Collegium Sancti Iohannis	s Cantabrigiense	
		Gibbons, See, see the word is incar	e	
		Hymn 729 My God, how wonderful thou art (Westminster)		
20	Monday	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity		
	7.30am	Morning Prayer	Our Lady Martyrdom	
	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Gabriel, Crypt	
	12.30pm	Taizé Prayer	Western Crypt	
	5.30pm	Evensong	Quire	
	•	sung by girl choristers and Lay Clerks	_	
		Matthew Martin, Responses		
		Psalm 104		
		plainchant, Magnificat		
		Amy Summers, Nunc dimittis		
		Poulenc, Videntes stellam		
		Hymn 770 Restore in us, O God (N	Varenza)	

21	Tuesday	Week of Prayer for Christian Unit	
	7.30	Agnes, Child Martyr at Rome, 304	
	7.30am	Morning Prayer	Our Lady Martyrdom
	8.00am	Holy Communion	Our Lady Martyrdom
	5.30pm	Evensong	Quire
		sung by boy choristers and Lay Clerks	
		Ayleward, Responses	
		Psalm 106	
		Sumsion in G	
		Handl, Omnes de Saba venient	
		Hymn 787i Take my life, and let it	t be (Nottingham)
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22	•	Week of Prayer for Christian Unit	
	7.30am	Morning Prayer	Our Lady Martyrdom
	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Martin, North-East Transept
	12.30pm	Holy Communion	Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt
	5.30pm	Evensong	Quire
		sung by girl choristers	
		plainchant, Responses	
		Psalm 108	
		Hurford in A	
		Byrd, Out of the orient crystal skie	es
		Hymn 702 Lead us, heavenly Fathe	er, lead us (Mannheim)
23	Thursday	Week of Prayer for Christian Unit	T <i>r</i>
23	Thursday	-	
	7.30am	Morning Prayer	Our Lady Martyrdom
	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Nicholas, Crypt
	5.30pm	Evening Prayer with Silence	Western Crypt

24	Friday	Week of Prayer for Ch	ristian Unity	
	-	Francis De Sales, Bisho	p of Geneva, Teacher of the Faith, 1622	
	7.30am	Morning Prayer	Our Lady Martyrdom	
	8.00am	Holy Communion	St John the Evangelist, South-East Transept	
	5.30pm	Evensong	Quire	
	•	sung by Lay Clerks (Cantoris II verse)		
		Andrew Millington, Responses		
		Psalm 119.1-16		
		Howells in E		
		Macpherson, O be joyf	ul in the Lord, all ye lands	
		Hymn 486 Christ is the	e King! O friends rejoice (Vulpius	
		(Gelobt sei Gott))		
25	Saturday	Wook of Prover for Ch	ristion Unity	
23	Saturday	Week of Prayer for Ch The Conversion of I	-	
	8.00am			
		Holy Communion	Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt	
	9.15am	Morning Prayer	Our Lady Martyrdom	
	5.30pm	Evensong	Quire	
		sung by Lay Clerks		
		Handl, Honestum fecit		
		Andrew Millington, Re	esponses	
		Psalm 119.73-88		
	Guerrero, Magnificat octavi toni			
plainchant, Nunc dimittis				
		Palestrina, Magnus San		
		, 1	preme, and Judge of the earth (Old	
		104th)		

26	Sunday	The Third Sunday of Epiphany	
	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt
	9.15am	Morning Prayer	Our Lady Martyrdom
	11.00am	Eucharist	Quire
		sung by Lay Clerks	
		Tallis, Mass for four voices	
		Psalm 19.1-6	
		Preacher: The Reverend A P Dodd,	Canon Treasurer
		Tallis, O sacrum convivium	
		Hymns 291 (vv. 5-8 & Doxology) C	hrist is made the sure
		foundation (Westminster Abbey); 24	43 Come, thou Holy Spirit,
		come (Veni Sancte Spiritus); 641i G	lorious things of thee are
		spoken (Abbot's Leigh)	
	5.30pm	Evensong	Quire
		sung by girl choristers and Lay Clerks	
		Byrd, Responses	
		Psalm 33.1-12	
		Judith Weir, St John's College servi	се
		Bull, Almighty God, which by the le	
		Hymn 584 All my hope on God is fo	e
27	Monday		
	7.30am	Morning Prayer	Our Lady Martyrdom
	8.00am	Holy Communion	Holy Innocents, Crypt
	12.30pm	Taizé Prayer	Western Crypt
	5.30pm	Evensong commemorating Hol	ocaust Memorial Day
			Quire
		sung by girl choristers and Lay Clerks	
		Purcell, Thou knowest, Lord, the se	crets of our hearts
		Byrd, Responses	
		Psalms 126-131	
		Gibbons, Short service	
		Duruflé, Introit & Kyrie, from Requ	iiem, op. 9
		Hymn 559 God of freedom, God of	justice (Rhuddlan)

28	Tuesday	Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Philosopher, Teacher of the Faith,		
	-	1274		
	7.30am	Morning Prayer	Our Lady Martyrdom	
	8.00am	Holy Communion	Jesus Chapel, Crypt	
	5.30pm	Evensong	Quire	
sung by boy choristers and Lay Clerks		sung by boy choristers and Lay Clerks		
		Ayleward, Responses		
		Psalms 136-138		
		Ayleward, Short service		
		Berkeley, Look up, sweet babe		
		Hymn 653 Happy are they, they that love God (Binchester)		

29 Wednesday

	7.30am	Morning Prayer	Our Lady Martyrdom
	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Mary Magdalene, Crypt
	12.30pm	Holy Communion	Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt
	5.30pm	Evensong	Quire
	-	sung by girl choristers	
		plainchant, Responses	
		Psalm 142	
		Rose, Magdalen College service	
		Stanford, A song of wisdom	
		Hymn 669 I heard the voice of Jes	sus say (Kingsfold)
30	Thursday	Charles, King and Martyr, 1649	
	7.30am	Morning Prayer	Our Lady Martyrdom
	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Stephen, North-East Transept
	5.30pm	Evening Prayer with Silence	Western Crypt

31	Friday		
	7.30am	Morning Prayer	Our Lady Martyrdom
	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Anselm, South Quire Aisle
	5.30pm	Evensong	Quire
	-	sung by Lay Clerks (Decani I verse)	
		Philip Moore, Responses ii	
		Psalms 149;150	
		Sumsion in G	
		Lloyd, Adoro te devote	
		Hymn 21 O strength and stay uph	olding all creation (Strength
		and Stay)	2