Services & Music List

Canterbury Cathedral November 2025

WELCOME

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.



WORSHIP

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@canterbury-cathedral.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 are 3rd November (workshop in the Community Studio), 10th, 17th and 24th November.

*most Thursdays with occasional variations, check the Pew Sheet for details **during choir term time

Please note that all details may be subject to last minute changes.

Archbishops of Canterbury Commemorations

Archbishops of Canterbury commemorated in November

- 1st Aelfsige, 23rd Archbishop, 959
 Buried at Winchester
 Robert of Jumieges, 33rd Archbishop, 1052
 Buried at Jumieges
- 2nd Richard Bancroft, 74th Archbishop, 1610
 Buried in St Mary-at-Lambeth
- 6th William Temple, 98th Archbishop, 1944

 Buried in the Cloister Garth, memorial in St John the Evangelist Chapel
- 9th Gilbert Sheldon, 78th Archbishop, 1677 Buried at Croydon Minster
- 10th Justus, 4th Archbishop, 627 or 631 Buried at St Augustine's Abbey
- 16th Aelfric, 28th Archbishop, 1005
 Buried in the South-East Transept
 Edmund Rich of Abingdon, 46th Archbishop, 1240
 Buried at Pontigny Abbey
 Walter Reynolds, 51st Archbishop, 1327
 Buried on the South side of the Quire
- 17th Reginald Pole, 70th Archbishop, 1558

 Buried in the Chapel of Saints and Martyrs of Our Own Time, Corona
- 19th Baldwin, 42nd Archbishop, 1190 Buried at Tyre
- 21st William de Corbeil, 38th Archbishop, 1136 Buried in the Chapel of Our Lady and St Benedict, Martyrdom
- 22nd John Tillotson, 80th Archbishop, 1694 Buried at St Lawrence Jewry
- 24th William Sancroft, 79th Archbishop, 1693 Buried at St Peter and St Paul, Fressingfield

MUSIC

Organ Recitals

Join us for a series of informal recitals featuring the Cathedral's resident organists and guests. These recitals are free of charge and un-ticketed, with a retiring collection. Dates are as follows, starting at 6.15pm in the Quire. Programmes for these concerts are included in the monthly Services and Music List.

Friday 14 November: Stephanie Gaunt, Organ Scholar

Handel's Messiah by Candlelight

On Saturday 22 November 2025 at 7.30pm, the girl choristers and Lay Clerks of Canterbury Cathedral will be joined by period instrument ensemble, The Harmonious Society of Tickle-Fiddle Gentlemen, and a stellar line up of critically-acclaimed soloists, for a candlelit performance of Handel's Messiah. This concert will be an intimate presentation of some of Handel's most enduring music in the beautiful surroundings of Canterbury Cathedral's Quire.

Tickets are available from the Canterbury Festival Box Office.

https://canterburyfestival.co.uk/whats-on/canterbury-cathedral-presents-handels-messiah-by-candlelight-2/

Telephone: 01227 457568

Address: Canterbury Festival Box Office, Festival House, 8 Orange Street,

Canterbury, Kent CT1 2JA

MUSIC

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 Saturday ALL SAINTS' DAY
8.00am Holy Communion All Saints, South Quire Aisle
9.15am Morning Prayer Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt
4.00pm Said Evening Prayer Western Crypt
5.30pm Eucharist Quire

sung by Lay Clerks (Decani I verse) Victoria, Missa 'O quam gloriosum' Psalm 149

Victoria, O quam gloriosum

Hymns 312 Ye watchers and ye holy ones (Lasst Uns Erfreuen); 303i How bright these glorious spirits shine! (Beatitudo); 308 Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days! (Hannover)

2 Sunday The Fourth Sunday before Advent

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)9.15am Morning Prayer

Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt

11.00am Eucharist

Quire

sung by Lay Clerks

Lotti, Missa primi toni

Psalm 32.1-8

Preacher: The Reverend Dr Jeremy Law,

Dean of Chapel, Canterbury Christ Church University

Byrd, Justorum animae

Hymns 644 God is Love: let heav'n adore him (Abbot's Leigh); 683 Jerusalem the golden (Ewing); 769 Rejoice! The Lord is

King (Gopsal)

5.30pm Solemn Evensong for All Saints with Induction and Installation of the Canon Precentor, and a Non-Executive Member of Chapter Quire

sung by Lay Clerks

Byrd, Gaudeamus omnes

Tallis, Responses

Psalms 148; 150; 133

Gombert, Magnificat quarti tonii

plainchant, Nunc dimittis

Byrd, Beati mundo corde

Hymns 589 Angel-voices ever singing (Angel Voices);

312 Ye watchers and ye holy ones (Lasst Uns Erfreuen)

3 Monday All Souls' Day (Transferred)

Richard Hooker, Priest, Anglican Apologist, Teacher of the

Faith, 1600

7.30am Morning Prayer Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt
8.00am Holy Communion Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt
4.00pm Said Evening Prayer Western Crypt
5.30pm Requiem Eucharist Quire

sung by Lay Clerks

Victoria, Missa pro defunctis, a6

Hymns 799i The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want (Crimond);

10 Abide with me, fast falls the eventide (Eventide);

211 Now is eternal life (Christchurch)

4 Tuesday

7.30am Morning Prayer Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt
8.00am Holy Communion Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt
5.30pm Evensong Quire

sung by boy choristers and Lay Clerks

Ayleward, Responses

Psalms 22; 23

Byrd, Short service

Farrant, Call to remembrance, O Lord

Hymn 729 My God, how wonderful thou art (Westminster)

5 Wednesday

7.30am	Morning Prayer	Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt
8.00am	Holy Communion	Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt
12.30pm	Holy Communion	Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt
5.30pm	Evensong	Quire

sung by girl choristers plainchant, Responses

Psalm 29

Rose, Magdalen College service

N. Boulanger, transc. David Bednall, Lux aeterna

Hymn 792 The God of love my shepherd is (University)

6	Thursday	William Temple, 98 th Archbishop of Canterbury, Teacher of the Faith, 1944		
	7.30am	Morning Prayer	Our Lady Undercroft,	Crypt
	8.00am	Holy Communion	Our Lady Undercroft,	Crypt
	5.30pm	Evening Prayer with Silence	Western	Crypt
7	Friday	Willibrord of York, Bishop, Apostle of Frisia, 739		
	7.30am	Morning Prayer	Our Lady Undercroft,	Crypt
	8.00am	Holy Communion	Our Lady Undercroft,	Crypt
	5.30pm	Evensong sung by Lay Clerks (Cantoris I verse) Humphrey Clucas, Responses Psalm 37.1-22 Ortiz, Magnificat primi toni plainchant, Nunc dimittis Barry Ferguson, Throw away thy rod Hymn 809 Thou art the Way: by thee		Quire
8	Saturday	The Saints and Martyrs of England		
	8.00am	Holy Communion	Our Lady Undercroft,	Crypt
	9.15am	Morning Prayer	Our Lady Undercroft,	Crypt
	5.30pm	Evensong sung by boy choristers and Lay Clerks Ayleward, Responses Psalms 41-43 Ireland in F Parsons, Ave Maria Hymn 301, t. 291 God, whose city's s (Westminster Abbey)	sure foundation	Quire

9 Sunday The Third Sunday before Advent **Remembrance Sunday** 8.00am **Holy Communion** (BCP) Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt **Morning Prayer** 9.15am Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt 10.15am **Civic Wreath Ceremony** Buttermarket 10.45am Remembrance Service Nave sung by boy choristers and Lay Clerks Preacher: The Dean D. Guest, For the fallen Parry, My soul, there is a country Hymns 814 Thy hand, O God, has guided (Thornbury); 746 O God, our help in ages past (St Anne); NEH440 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation (Lobe den Herren) 12.15pm **Eucharist** Western Crypt sung by Lay Clerks Byrd, Mass for three voices Psalm 17.1-8 Gerald Hendrie, Ave verum corpus Hymns NEH492 O God of earth and altar (King's Lynn); NEH498 Son of God, eternal Saviour (Everton); NEH494, t.413 Christ is the world's true Light (Nun Danket) 5.30pm Evensong Quire sung by girl choristers and Lay Clerks Howells, Responses

> Howells, Collegium Sancti Johannis Cantabrigiense Vaughan Williams, Lord, thou hast been our refuge

Hymn 357 All people that on earth do dwell (Old Hundredth)

Psalm 40

10 Monday Leo the Great, Bishop of Rome, Teacher of the Faith, 461

7.30am Morning Prayer Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt
8.00am Holy Communion Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt
12.30pm Taizé Prayer Western Crypt
5.30pm Evensong Quire

sung by girl choristers and Lay Clerks

Howells, Responses

Psalms 53-55 Turner in A

Becky-Ellice Creighton, Peace be to this house Hymn 772 Rock of ages, cleft for me (Petra)

11 Tuesday Martin, Bishop of Tours, c.397

7.30am Morning Prayer Our Lady Martyrdom
 8.00am Holy Communion St Martin, North-East Transept
 5.30pm Evensong Quire

sung by boy choristers and Lay Clerks

Ayleward, Responses

Psalms 59-61 Dyson in F

Bairstow, Save us, O Lord

Hymn 751 O love divine, how sweet thou art! (Cornwall)

12 Wednesday

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

Psalm 67 Hurford in A

Leighton, The Lord is my shepherd

Hymn 709 Light of the minds that know him (Aurelia)

Thursday	Charles Simeon, Priest, Evangelical Divine, 1836	
7.30am	Morning Prayer	Our Lady Martyrdom
8.00am	Holy Communion	St Anselm, South Quire Aisle
5.30pm	Evening Prayer with Silence	Western Crypt
Friday		
7.30am	Morning Prayer	Our Lady Martyrdom
8.00am	Holy Communion	St Mary Magdalene, Crypt
5.30pm	Evensong	Quire
_	sung by Lay Clerks (Decani II verse)	
	Anthony Piccolo, Responses	
	Psalm 74	
	Marson, Verse service	
	MacPherson, Thou, O god, art praised in Sion	
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	7.30am 8.00am 5.30pm Friday 7.30am 8.00am	7.30am Morning Prayer 8.00am Holy Communion 5.30pm Evening Prayer with Silence Friday 7.30am Morning Prayer 8.00am Holy Communion 5.30pm Evensong sung by Lay Clerks (Decani II verse) Anthony Piccolo, Responses Psalm 74 Marson, Verse service

6.15pm Organ Recital

Quire

played by Stephanie Gaunt, Organ Scholar J.S Bach, Fantasia and Fugue in c, BWV 537 Mendelssohn, Sonata in D, op. 65, no. 5

- 1. Andante
- 2. Andante con moto
- 3. Allegro maestoso

Byrd, A fancy

Boëllmann, Suite Gothique

- 1. Introduction Choral
- 2. Menuet Gothique
- 3. Prière à Notre-Dame
- 4. Toccata

15 Saturday

8.00am Holy Communion St John the Evangelist, South-East Transept
 9.15am Morning Prayer Jesus Chapel, Crypt
 5.30pm Evensong Quire

sung by Lay Clerks

Anthony Piccolo, Responses

Psalm 78.1-17, 66-73

Guerrero, Magnificat octavi toni

plainchant, Nunc dimittis

Cornysh, Ave Maria mater Dei

Hymn 671 I will sing the wondrous story (Hyfrydol)

16 Sunday The Second Sunday before Advent

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt
 9.15am Morning Prayer Jesus Chapel, Crypt
 11.00am Eucharist, for Safeguarding Sunday Quire

sung by Lay Clerks

Tallis, Mass for four voices

Psalm 98

Preacher: The Reverend Ravi Holy, Vicar of the United Wye Benefice

Tallis, O sacrum convivium

Hymns 341 We turn to Christ anew (Leoni); 621i Dear Lord and Father of mankind (Repton); 806 There's a wideness in God's mercy (Corvedale)

5.30pm Evensong

Quire

sung by Lay Clerks

Anthony Piccolo, Responses

Psalm 97

Philip Moore in A, ii

Gabriel Jackson, In all his works

Hymn 787i Take my life, and let it be (Nottingham)

17 Monday Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln, 1200

7.30am Morning Prayer Our Lady Martyrdom
8.00am Holy Communion Saints & Martyrs of Our Own Time, Corona
12.30pm Taizé Prayer Western Crypt
5.30pm Evensong Quire

sung by girl choristers and Lay Clerks

Smith, Responses

Psalm 89

plainchant, Magnificat

Amy Summers, Nunc dimittis Mendelssohn, Richte mich, Gott

Hymn 622 Dear Lord, we long to see your face (Surrey)

18 Tuesday Elizabeth of Hungary, Princess of Thuringia,

Philanthropist, 1231

7.30am Morning Prayer Our Lady Martyrdom
8.00am Holy Communion St Gregory, South-East Transept
5.30pm Evensong Quire

sung by boy choristers and Lay Clerks

Rose, Responses Psalms 93; 94

Tomkins, Fifth service

Humfrey, Thou art my King, O God

Hymn 698i King of glory, King of peace (Gwalchmai)

19 Wednesday Hilda, Abbess of Whitby, 680

7.30am Morning Prayer Our Lady Martyrdom
8.00am Holy Communion Holy Innocents, Crypt
12.30pm Holy Communion Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt
5.30pm Evensong Quire

sung by girl choristers plainchant, Responses

Psalm 101

Christopher Robinson, Worcester service

Nivers, Quam pulchra es

Hymn 702 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us (Mannheim)

20	Thursday	rsday Edmund, King of the East Angles, Martyr, 870	
	7.30am	Morning Prayer	Our Lady Martyrdom
	8.00am	Holy Communion St Edward the Confessor, North Ambulatory	
	5.30pm	Evening Prayer with Silence	Western Crypt
21	Friday		
	7.30am	Morning Prayer	Our Lady Martyrdom
	8.00am	Holy Communion	Our Lady Martyrdom
	5.30pm	Evensong	Quire
	-	sung by Lay Clerks (Cantoris II verse)	
		Bullock, Responses	
		Psalm 106.1-12	
		Grayston Ives, Magdalen College service	
		Byrd, Diliges Dominum	
		Hymn 794ii The King of love my shep	herd is (St Columba)
22	Saturday	Cecilia, Martyr at Rome, c.230	
	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Augustine, Nave
	9.15am	Morning Prayer	Jesus Chapel, Crypt
	5.30pm	Said Evening Prayer	Western Crypt
	7.30pm Handel's Messiah by Candlelight		
	-	Ticketed concert. Tickets available fro Box Office (details above).	m Canterbury Festival

23 Sunday Christ the King 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt
9.15am Jesus Chapel, Crypt

11.00am Eucharist, with Admission of Servers

Quire

sung by boy choristers and Lay Clerks

Palestrina, Missa Æterna Christi munera

Psalm 46

Preacher: The Reverend L A Yates, Canon Precentor

Palestrina, Ego sum panis vivus

Hymns 593ii (omit vv. 2, 4, 6) At the name of Jesus (Evelyns); NEH296i Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour (St Helen);

227 Crown him with many crowns (Diademata)

4.00pm Sanctuary Eastern Crypt

4.00pm Said Evening Prayer St Anselm, South Quire Aisle

5.30pm Service of Lament in the Season of Safeguarding Quire

sung by girl choristers and Lay Clerks S.S. Wesley, Wash me throughly James MacMillan, Christus vincit

24 Monday

7.30am Morning Prayer Our Lady Martyrdom
8.00am Holy Communion Jesus Chapel, Crypt
12.30pm Taizé Prayer Western Crypt
5.30pm Evensong Quire

sung by girl choristers and Lay Clerks

Radcliffe, Responses

Psalm 119.1-32

Jackson in G

Bairstow, The King of love my shepherd is

Hymn 628 Father of heaven, whose love profound (Rievaulx)

25 Tuesday

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 119.73-104 Sumsion in G, a4 Tallis, If ye love me

Hymn 629i Father, hear the prayer we offer (Sussex)

26 Wednesday

7.30am Morning Prayer Our Lady Martyrdom
8.00am Holy Communion St Stephen, North-East Transept
12.30pm Holy Communion Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt
5.30pm Evensong Quire

sung by girl choristers plainchant, Responses Psalm 119.145-160 Sumsion in G, a2 Dering, O bone Jesu

Hymn 812 Through all the changing scenes of life (Wiltshire)

27 Thursday

7.30am	Morning Prayer	Our Lady Martyrdom
8.00am	Holy Communion	St Nicholas, Crypt
5.30pm	Evening Prayer with Silence	Western Crypt

28 Friday 7.30am **Morning Prayer** Our Lady Martyrdom 8.00am **Holy Communion** St Martin, North-East Transept **Journeying to Christmas Reflections** 12.30pm 5.30pm **Evensong** Quire sung by Lay Clerks (Decani I verse) Grayston Ives, Responses Psalm 136.1-18, 26-27 Palestrina, Magnificat primi toni plainchant, Nunc dimittis

Walker, I will lift up mine eyes

Hymn 16 God, that madest earth and heaven (Ar hyd y nos)

29 Saturday Day of Intercession for the Missionary Work of the Church

Holy Communion 8.00am St Anselm, South Quire Aisle Jesus Chapel, Crypt **Morning Prayer** 9.15am 5.30pm **Evensong** Quire

> sung by boy choristers and Lay Clerks Cecilia McDowall, Responses

Psalms 142; 143

Berkeley, Chichester service

Purcell, Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts

Hymn 505 Tell all the world of Jesus (Thornbury)

30 Sunday The First Sunday of Advent

Holy Communion (BCP) 8.00am

Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt

Morning Prayer 11.00am **Eucharist**

9.15am

Jesus Chapel, Crypt Quire

sung by Lay Clerks

Taverner, Meane Mass

Psalm 122

Preacher: The Reverend Sharon Copestake,

Interim Archdeacon of Maidstone

Asola, Ad te levavi

Hymns The Advent prose; 815 Thy kingdom come! On bended

knee (Irish); 41 Lo, he comes with clouds descending

(Helmsley)

Said Evening Prayer 4.00pm 5.30pm **Advent Carol Service**

Western Crypt

Nave

sung by boy choristers, girl choristers and Lay Clerks

Palestrina, Matin responsory

trad., arr. Vaughan Williams, The truth from above

Kerensa Briggs, A tender shoot

Manz, E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come

Ravenscroft, Remember, O thou man

trad., arr. Andrew Carter, Angelus ad Virginem

Hymns 32 Come, thou Redeemer of the earth (Puer nobis nascitur); 54 Wake, O wake! With tidings thrilling (Wachet auf); 30 Come, thou long-expected Jesus (Cross of Jesus); 45 O come, O come, Emmanuel (Veni Emmanuel); 41 Lo, he

comes with clouds descending (Helmsley)

7.30pm **King's School Advent Service**

Nave