Services & Music List

Canterbury Cathedral
May 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, with music from the Cathedral Choir or one of the many excellent visiting choirs who come to sing during the Cathedral Choir's holidays, or Said Evening Prayer. 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 5th, 12th, and 19th May.

*most Thursdays with occasional variations, check the Pew Sheet for details

^{**}during choir term time

WORSHIP

Archbishops of Canterbury commemorated in May

- 11th Robert de Winchelsey, 50th Archbishop, 1313

 Buried in the South-East Transept
- 12th Æthelheard, 14th Archbishop, 805 Buried in the Chapel of St Stephen
- 15th Byrthelm, 24th Archbishop, 973 Buried at Wells Cathedral
- 17th Matthew Parker, 71st Archbishop, 1575

 Buried at Lambeth

 Frederick Donald Coggan, 101st Archbishop, 2000

 Ashes buried in the Cloister Garth, Memorial in Chapel of St Anselm
- 19th Dunstan, 25th Archbishop, 988

 Buried on the South side of the High Altar
- John Stafford, 63rd Archbishop, 1452
 Buried in the Martyrdom
 Randall Thomas Davidson, 96th Archbishop, 1930
 Buried in the Cloister Garth, memorial in the North Ambulatory
- 26th Augustine, 1st Archbishop, 605 Buried at St Augustine's Abbey
- 28th Lanfranc, 35th Archbishop, 1089 Buried in the Chapel of St Martin

Visiting Choirs

Holy Trinity, Southchurch is under the patronage of Canterbury Cathedral. The choir regularly sings at cathedrals across the UK, has sung the services at Canterbury Cathedral on many occasions, and was pleased to have welcomed the Choir of Canterbury Cathedral in the past.

The Choir of St Martin-in-the-Fields is the principal voluntary liturgical choir of St Martin-in-the-Fields and joins with clergy and laity in leading worship on Sundays and at significant festivals in the church year, including Christmas, Holy Week and Easter. It strives to be amongst the leading voluntary church choirs in the UK, performing a wide range of sacred choral repertoire on a regular basis. Members have a wide range of professions including medical students, lawyers, and teachers, and they come from different musical backgrounds, with some having trained in cathedral, chapel and youth choirs, and some who have read music at university. As well as its busy programme of church services, the Choir gives occasional concerts at St Martin's and in recent years has toured to Belgium, France and South Africa, as well as visiting UK cathedrals including Liverpool, St Paul's and Westminster Abbey.

Simon Langton Grammar School for Boys' Chamber Choir is an auditioned SATB choir for 11-18 year olds. They rehearse weekly and perform in many services and concerts around East Kent. They undertake an Advent tour of the Isle of Wight each year, giving concerts in various churches around the island. The Chamber Choir has raised funds for these churches, in addition to local churches and charities. The Choir also enjoys singing together with other organisations such as Skylark's Sing to Beat Parkinsons, Canterbury Cantata Trust and the John Graham Centre.

The choir of **St Mary's Parish Church, Hendon**, in north London, consists of about 24 adults and choral scholars, with a separate children's choir. The choir sings the weekly services in Hendon's ancient parish church, which dates back to Norman times, as well as giving frequent concerts.

MUSIC

The choir of **St Paul's, Canterbury** takes a leading role in the weekly Sunday morning worship, as well as the popular monthly Evensong and Supper services, and other seasonal events. The choir has featured as a visiting choir at several cathedrals, primarily around South East England, and at Ypres as part of the daily service held under the Menin Gate.

MUSIC

Summer Term Organ Recitals

Organ recitals start at 6.15pm in the Cathedral's Quire and are free of charge with a retiring collection. Programmes are included in the monthly Services and Music List.

Friday 2 May: Robin Walker, The King's School, Canterbury

Friday 6 June: Simon Hogan, Southwark Cathedral

Friday 4 July: Will Fairbairn, London

Summer Recitals – Choral and Organ Scholars

The Cathedral's Scholars will perform a series of Summer Recitals in June 2025, which start at 1.15pm in the Crypt (after the Eucharist which starts at 12.30pm).

Wednesday 11 June Ellen Griffiths (Alto)
Wednesday 18 June Benjamin Ferriby (Bass)

Wednesday 25 June Ivan Leung and Jamie Rogers (Piano)

These events are un-ticketed and free to attend, with the usual Cathedral Precincts charges applying. Each recital will last approximately 45 minutes.

Join the choir

The next round of auditions for boy and girl choristers will take place on Saturday 28 June 2025. These auditions are for boys currently in Years 2 or 3, and girls currently in Year 7. Successful candidates will be invited to join the choir in September 2025. If you are interested in the auditions, please fill in the online form by Sunday 22 June to book a place. Please note that parents/guardians (at least one) are asked to stay at the Cathedral with their child throughout auditions.

More information about being a chorister can be found on our website, where you can read our Chorister Information Booklet.

https://www.canterbury-cathedral.org/music/choir/join-the-choir/

David Newsholme, Director of Music

1	Thursday	Philip and James, Apostles		
	7.30am	Morning Prayer	Jesus Chapel, Crypt	
	8.00am	Holy Communion	Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt	
	5.30pm	Evening Prayer with Silence	Western Crypt	
2	Friday	Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, Teacher of the Faith, 373		
	7.30am	Morning Prayer	Jesus Chapel, Crypt	
	8.00am	Holy Communion	Holy Innocents, Crypt	
	5.30pm	Evensong	Quire	
	•	sung by Lay Clerks (Cantoris II verse)		
		Anthony Piccolo, Responses		
		Psalm 12-14		
		West in C		
		Byrd, Veni, Sancte Spiritus		
		Hymn 210 Most glorious Lord of life, that on this day (Farley		
		Castle)	, , ,	
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6.15pm Organ Recital

Quire

played by Robin Walker, The King's School, Canterbury Buxtehude, Nun freut euch, lieben Christen gmein, BuxWV 210

Frederick Frahm, Babbitt Sonata (World Premiere)

- 1. The Shining Spires of Zenith
- 2. Garden Party
- 3. Babbitt, the Man

Music inspired by the satirical novel 'Babbitt', Sinclair Lewis, 1922

Guilmant, March on a theme by Handel, Lift up your heads, op.15

3	Saturday		1 5 7	
	8.00am	Holy Communion St John the Evangelist, Son	•	
	9.15am	•	sus Chapel, Crypt	
	5.30pm	Evensong	Quire	
		sung by boy choristers and Lay Clerks		
		Ayleward, Responses		
		Psalm 18		
		Noble in b		
		Stanford, Ye choirs of new Jerusalem		
		Hymn 312 Ye watchers and ye holy ones (Lasst	12 Ye watchers and ye holy ones (Lasst uns erfreuen)	
4	Sunday	The Third Sunday of Easter		
	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) Our Lady	Undercroft, Crypt	
	9.15am	Morning Prayer Je	sus Chapel, Crypt	
	10.30am	Children's Church	Community Studio	
		joining in the Eucharist in time for Communion	-	
	11.00am	Eucharist	Quire	
		sung by boy choristers and Lay Clerks		
		Haydn, Missa brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo		
		Psalm 30		
		Preacher: The Dean		
		Rossini, O salutaris hostia		
		Hymns 198 At the Lamb's high feast we sing (Sa	lzburg);	
		440 Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness (Schmücke dich);		
		204 If Christ had not been raised from death (Ki		
	5.30pm	Evensong	Quire	
	•	sung by girl choristers and Lay Clerks		
		Matthew Martin, Responses		
		Psalm 86		
		Howells, New College service		
		S.S. Wesley, Blessed be the God and Father		
		Hymn 188 Sing choirs of heaven! Let saints and	angels sing!	
		(Scampston)	0 0	
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5 Monday

8.00am Holy Communion St Martin, North-East Transept
9.15am Morning Prayer Jesus Chapel, Crypt
12.30pm Taizé Prayer Western Crypt
5.30pm Evensong Quire

sung by girl choristers and Lay Clerks Matthew Martin, Responses

Psalms 27-29

June Nixon, First service Brahms, Geistliches Lied

Hymn 649 God of mercy, God of grace (Heathlands)

6 Tuesday

7.30am Morning Prayer Jesus Chapel, Crypt
8.00am Holy Communion St Mary Magdalene, Crypt
5.30pm Evensong Quire

sung by Lay Clerks

Grayston Ives, Responses

Psalm 33

Sheppard, First service

Lassus, Christus resurgens, a3

Hymn 726 May the grace of Christ our Saviour (Waltham)

7 Wednesday

7.30am Morning Prayer Jesus Chapel, Crypt
8.00am Holy Communion Saints & Martyrs of Our Own Time, Corona
12.30pm Holy Communion Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt
5.30pm Evensong Quire

sung by girl choristers plainchant, Responses

Psalm 37.1-11 Sumsion in G, a2

Vaughan Williams, The song of the tree of life

Hymn 754 O worship the King, all glorious above (Hannover)

8	Thursday	Julian of Norwich, Spiritual Writer, c.1417		
	7.30am	Morning Prayer	Jesus Chapel, Crypt	
	8.00am	Holy Communion	Jesus Chapel, Crypt	
	5.30pm	Evensong to mark the anniversary of VE Day		
		sung by boy choristers and Lay Clerks	Nave	
		Psalm 90		
		Grayston Ives, Edington service		
		D. Guest, For the fallen		
		Hymn 652 Guide me, O thou great R	ledeemer (Cwm	
		Rhondda); 579 I vow to thee, my cou		
		above (Thaxted); 715 Lord, for the years your love has kept		
		and guided (Lord of the years)	, 1	
9	Friday			
	7.30am	Morning Prayer	Jesus Chapel, Crypt	
	8.00am	•	St Anselm, South Quire Aisle	
	5.30pm	Said Evening Prayer	Western Crypt	
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10	Saturday			
	8.00am	Holy Communion	Our Lady Martyrdom	
	9.15am	Morning Prayer	Jesus Chapel, Crypt	
	4.30pm	Said Evening Prayer	Western Crypt	
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	6.00pm	The big fitteribly sing, wozart	s Kequiem Quire	

11 Sunday The Fourth Sunday of Easter **Holy Communion** (BCP) 8.00am Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt **Morning Prayer** 9.15am Jesus Chapel, Crypt 10.30am Children's Church Community Studio joining in the Eucharist in time for Communion 11.00am **Eucharist** Quire sung by Lay Clerks Tallis, Mass for four voices Psalm 23 Preacher: The Archdeacon of Canterbury Tallis, O sacrum convivium Hymns 214 Paschal Feast! Upon the cross (St Albinus); NEH 101ii (omit v. 5) The Lamb's high banquet we await (Deus Tuorum Militum); NEH116 O praise our great and glorious Lord (St Matthew) 5.30pm **Evensong in Christian Aid Week** Quire sung by girl choristers and Lay Clerks Byrd, Responses Psalms 113; 114 Leighton, Second service Tallis, Dum transisset Sabbatum Hymn 584 All my hope on God is founded (Michael) 7.30pm King's School Evensong Nave 12 Monday 7.30am **Morning Prayer** Jesus Chapel, Crypt **Holy Communion** 8.00am St Stephen, North-East Transept 12.30pm Taizé Prayer Western Crypt 5.30pm Evensong Quire sung by girl choristers and Lay Clerks Byrd, Responses Psalms 65-67 Wood, Collegium Regale Tomlins, Let all the world in every corner sing

Hymn 810 Thou, whose almighty word (Moscow)

13 Tuesday

7.30am Morning Prayer Jesus Chapel, Crypt
 8.00am Holy Communion St Gregory, South-East Transept
 5.30pm Evensong Quire

sung by boy choristers and Lay Clerks

Ayleward, Responses

Psalms 69; 70 Dyson in F

Vaughan Williams, O clap your hands

Hymn 295 Disposer supreme, and Judge of the earth (Old

104th)

14 Wednesday Matthias the Apostle

7.30am Morning Prayer Jesus Chapel, 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

Ridout, Let saints on earth in concert sing

plainchant, Responses

Psalm 74.1-12

Christopher Robinson, Worcester service

Elgar, Doubt not thy Father's care

Hymn 305 Lo, round the throne, a glorious band (Deus

tuorum militum)

15 Thursday

7.30am Morning Prayer Jesus Chapel, Crypt
8.00am Holy Communion St Nicholas, Crypt
5.30pm Evening Prayer with Silence Western Crypt

16 Friday Bertha, Queen of Kent, 7th century

7.30am Morning Prayer Jesus Chapel, Crypt

8.00am Holy Communion St Martin, North-East Transept5.30pm Evensong Quire

sung by Lay Clerks (Cantoris I Verse) Humphrey Clucas, Responses

Psalm 83

Guerrero, Magnificat octavi toni

plainchant, Nunc dimittis Lassus, Sicut ablactatus est

Hymn 25 We praise you, Father, for your gift (Gonfalon

Royal)

17 Saturday

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

sung by boy choristers and Lay Clerks

Rose, Responses

Psalm 89

Stanford in G

Ken Burton, A prayer

Hymn 765 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of

creation (Lobe den Herren (Praxis Pietatis))

18 Sunday The Fifth Sunday of Easter
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt
9.15am Morning Prayer Jesus Chapel, Crypt
10.30am Children's Church Community Studio

joining in the Eucharist in time for Communion

11.00am Eucharist

Quire

sung by boy choristers and Lay Clerks

Palestrina, Missa Æterna Christi munera

Psalm 148.1-6

Preacher: The Reverend A P Dodd, Canon Treasurer

Palestrina, Ego sum panis vivus

Hymns 707 (omit vv. 2-6) Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim (Crucifer); 321 Thou art the Christ, O Lord (Love unknown); 476 Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go (Song 34 (Angels' Song))

5.30pm Evensong

sung by girl choristers and Lay Clerks

Quire

Sarah MacDonald, Responses

Psalm 98

Dobrinka Tabakova, Truro canticles

Bainton, And I saw a new heaven

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

19 Monday Dunstan, 25th Archbishop of Canterbury, Restorer of

Monastic Life, 988

7.30am Morning Prayer Jesus Chapel, Crypt

8.00am Holy Communion High Altar 12.30pm Taizé Prayer Western Crypt

Quire

5.30pm Evensong
sung by girl choristers and Lay Clerks

Peter Futcher, Holy is the true light

Sarah MacDonald, Responses

Psalms 98-101

plainchant, Magnificat Beach, Nunc dimittis

Stanford, Beati quorum via

Hymn 308 Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!

(Hannover)

20 Tuesday Alcuin of York, Deacon, Abbot of Tours, 804

7.30am Morning Prayer Jesus Chapel, Crypt
8.00am Holy Communion Holy Innocents, Crypt
5.30pm Evensong Quire

sung by boy choristers and Lay Clerks

Rose, Responses

Psalm 104

Ayleward, Short service

Howells, My eyes for beauty pine

Hymn 769 Rejoice! The Lord is King (Gopsal)

21 Wednesday

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

sung by girl choristers

plainchant, Responses

Psalm 106.1-12

Dyson in c

Leighton, The Lord is my shepherd

Hymn 608 Christ is our corner-stone (Harewood)

22 Thursday **Morning Prayer 7.30am** Jesus Chapel, Crypt 8.00am **Holy Communion** St Mary Magdalene, Crypt St Augustine's Day Service 5.00pm Starting at St Martin's Church, before processing to St Augustine's Abbey for the main service, then to the Cathedral Chapter House 5.30pm No Said Evening Prayer today 23 Friday 7.30am **Morning Prayer** Jesus Chapel, Crypt 8.00am Holy Communion Saints and Martyrs of Our Own Time, Corona 5.30pm **Evensong** Quire sung by Lay Clerks (Decani II verse) Bullock, Responses Psalm 115 Howells in E Gabriel Jackson, In all his works Hymn 23 Sun of my soul, thou Saviour dear (Abends) Saturday 24 John and Charles Wesley, Evangelists, Hymn Writers, 1791 and 1788 8.00am **Holy Communion** St John the Evangelist, South-East Transept **Morning Prayer** 9.15am Jesus Chapel, Crypt 5.30pm **Evensong** Quire sung by Holy Trinity, Southchurch Smith, Responses Psalm 119.1-8 Stanford in G Balfour Gardiner, Te lucis ante terminum Hymn 751 O love divine, how sweet thou art! (Cornwall)

25 Sunday
8.00am
Holy Communion (BCP)
9.15am
Holy Communion (BCP)
11.00am
Eucharist
Sung by Holy Trinity, Southchurch
Mozart, Mass in C, K.220
Psalm 67

Preacher: The Reverend Richard Carter, Associate Vicar,

St Martin-in-the-Fields. Grieg, Ave maris stella

Hymns 453 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour (St Helen); 763iii Praise to the Holiest in the height (Billing); 663 How shall I sing that majesty (Coe Fen)

5.30pm Evensong

Quire

sung by Holy Trinity, Southchurch

Smith, Responses

Psalm 126

Howells, Collegium Regale Stanford, Beati quorum via

Hymn 766 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven (Praise my soul)

26 Monday Augustine, 1st Archbishop of Canterbury, 605

8.00am Holy Communion St Augustine, Nave
9.15am Morning Prayer Jesus Chapel, Crypt
5.30pm Evensong Quire

sung by the Choir of St Martin-in-the-Fields
Gabriel Jackson, O thou that art the light

Ayleward, Responses Psalm 119.145-152

Dyson in D

Bainton, And I saw a new heaven

Hymn 301, t. 291 God, whose city's sure foundation

(Westminster Abbey)

27 Tuesday Rogation Day

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

sung by Simon Langton Grammar School for Boys' Chamber Choir

Ayleward, Responses

Psalm 126 Walmisley in d

Fauré, Cantique de Jean Racine

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

28 Wednesday Lanfranc, Prior of Le Bec, 35th Archbishop of Canterbury,

Scholar, 1089, Rogation Day

7.30am Morning Prayer Jesus Chapel, Crypt
8.00am Holy Communion St Martin, North-East Transept
12.30pm Holy Communion Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt
5.30pm Solemn Evensong Quire

sung by St Mary's Parish Church, Hendon

J.S. Bach, Lift your heads, ye gates eternal

Reading, Responses

Psalm 24

Stanford in B-flat

Philips, Ascendit Deus

Hymn 227 Crown him with many crowns (Diademata)

29 Thursday ASCENSION DAY

7.30am Morning Prayer Outside the Corona, East end of Cathedral
8.00am Holy Communion High Altar
4.00pm Said Evening Prayer Western Crypt
5.30pm Sung Eucharist Quire

sung by St Mary's Parish Church, Hendon Haydn, Missa brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo

Psalm 47

Stanford, Coelos ascendit hodie

Hymns 228 Hail the day that sees him rise (Llanfair);

NEH128ii Eternal Monarch, King most high (Gonfalon Royal); NEH132 See the Conquerer mounts in triumph (Rex Gloriae)

30 Friday Josephine Butler, Social Reformer, 1906

7.30am Morning Prayer Jesus Chapel, Crypt
 8.00am Holy Communion St Stephen, North-East Transept

5.30pm Evensong

Quire

sung by St Paul's Church, Canterbury

Radcliffe, Responses

Psalm 148 Noble in b

Christopher Gower, Ave maris stella

Hymn 317i Virgin-born, we bow before thee (Mon Dieu,

prête-moi l'oreille)

31 Saturday The Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth

8.00am Holy Communion Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt
9.15am Morning Prayer Jesus Chapel, Crypt

5.30pm Evensong

Quire

sung by boy choristers and Lay Clerks (Decani II verse)

Elgar, Ave Maria Smith, Responses Psalms 147-150

Cheryl Frances-Hoad, Merton College service

Elgar, Ave maris stella

Hymn 315 Sing we of the blessed Mother (Abbot's Leigh)