

Services & Music List

Canterbury Cathedral
September 2026

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

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 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th September.

Prayers for Peace and Reconciliation with silent reflection 12.30pm on Tuesdays* in the Western Crypt

You are invited to come to pray for the needs of the world, especially where there is desperate need of healing, peace, hope, and reconciliation; joining in a safe and quiet space where we can meet in solidarity and love. Dates are 15th, 22nd, and 29th September.

**during choir term time*

Please note that the services and other events in this List may be subject to change.

ARCHBISHOPS OF CANTERBURY COMMEMORATIONS

Archbishops of Canterbury commemorated in September

- 6th John Bird Sumner, 91st Archbishop, 1862
Buried at Addington, Memorial in the North Nave Aisle
- 11th Robert Kilwardby, 48th Archbishop, 1279
Buried at Viterbo
- 15th John Morton, 66th Archbishop, 1500
Buried in the Chapel of Our Lady Undercroft
Geoffrey Francis Fisher, 99th Archbishop, 1972
Buried in St Andrew, Trent, Memorial in the Chapel of St Gregory
- 19th Theodore of Tarsus, 7th Archbishop, 690
Buried at St Augustine's Abbey
- 30th Honorius, 5th Archbishop, 653
Buried at St Augustine's Abbey

MUSIC

Visiting Choir

Lees Court Music is a Canterbury based chamber choir which sings as a visiting choir at English cathedrals, at weddings and events, and in concerts in small country churches in Kent in support of local fund-raising.

Handel's Messiah by Candlelight

On Saturday 21 November 2026 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 will be available from the Canterbury Festival Box Office from Tuesday 15 September 2026

<https://canterburyfestival.co.uk/whats-on/>

Telephone: 01227 457568

Address: Canterbury Festival Box Office, Festival House, 8 Orange Street, Canterbury, Kent CT1 2JA

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/music/>

David Newsholme
Director of Music

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- 1 **Tuesday**
- 7.30am **Morning Prayer** *Jesus Chapel, Crypt*
- 8.00am **Holy Communion** *St Gabriel, Crypt*
- 5.30pm **Evensong** *Quire*
sung by the lay clerks (Decani I)
Andrew Millington, Responses
Psalm 7
Sheppard, First service
Tallis, A new commandment I give unto you
Hymn 21 O strength and stay upholding all creation (Strength and Stay)
- 2 **Wednesday** The Martyrs of Papua New Guinea, 1901 and 1942
- 7.30am **Morning Prayer** *Jesus Chapel, Crypt*
- 8.00am **Holy Communion** *Jesus Chapel, Crypt*
- 12.30pm **Holy Communion** *Nave Altar*
- 5.30pm **Evensong** *Quire*
First Evensong of Gregory the Great
sung by Lees Court Music
Rose, Responses
Psalm 13
Joanna Forbes L'Estrange, King's College service
Britten, Jubilate in C
Hymn 300 Glory to you, O God (Harewood)
- 3 **Thursday** **Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, Teacher, 604**
- 7.30am **Morning Prayer** *Jesus Chapel, Crypt*
- 8.00am **Holy Communion** *St Gregory, South-East Transept*
- 5.30pm **Evensong** *Quire*
sung by Lees Court Music
Rose, Responses
Psalm 18.1-16
Bairstow in D
Joubert, O Lorde, the maker of al thing
Hymn 295 Disposer supreme, and Judge of the earth (Old 104th)

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4 Friday

7.30am

Morning Prayer

Jesus Chapel, Crypt

8.00am

Holy Communion

St Anselm, South Quire Aisle

5.30pm

Evensong

Quire

sung by the lay clerks

Andrew Millington, Responses

Psalms 22.1-21

Tallis, Short service

Viadana, Exultate justi

Hymn 544ii Morning glory, starlit sky (Song 13)

5 Saturday

8.00am

Holy Communion

St John, South East Transept

9.30am

Morning Prayer

Jesus Chapel, Crypt

5.30pm

Evensong with admission of musicians

Quire

sung by the boy choristers & lay clerks

Ayleward, Responses

Psalms 28; 29

Byrd, Second service

Gibbons, Almighty and everlasting God

Hymn 763iii Praise to the Holiest in the height (Billing)

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6	Sunday	The Feast of Creation in Christ	
8.00am		Holy Communion (BCP)	<i>Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt</i>
9.30am		Morning Prayer	<i>Jesus Chapel, Crypt</i>
11.00am		Eucharist	<i>Quire</i>
		<i>sung by the boy choristers & lay clerks</i>	
		Haydn, Missa Sancti Joannis de Deo	
		Psalm 148	
		Preacher: The Reverend Dr E L Pennington, Canon Missioner	
		Mozart, Ave verum corpus	
		Hymns 537i For the beauty of the earth (Englands Lane);	
		549 The heavens declare thy glory, Lord (Church triumphant);	
		541, t. 231 Lord of beauty, thine the splendour (Regent Square)	
5.30pm		Evensong with admission of musicians	<i>Quire</i>
		<i>sung by the girl choristers & lay clerks</i>	
		Matthew Martin, Responses	
		Psalm 108	
		Watson in E	
		Howells, Like as the hart	
		Hymn 532 All creatures of our God and King (Lasst uns erfreuen)	
7.30pm		King's School Evensong	<i>Quire</i>

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7 Monday

7.30am **Morning Prayer**

Jesus Chapel, Crypt

8.00am **Holy Communion**

St Mary Magdalene, Crypt

12.30pm **Taizé Prayer**

Western Crypt

5.30pm **Evensong**

Quire

sung by the girl choristers & lay clerks

Matthew Martin, Responses

Psalm 37.1-22

June Nixon, Second service

Blitheman, In pace, in idipsum

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

8 Tuesday

The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Accession of King Charles III

7.30am **Morning Prayer**

Jesus Chapel, Crypt

8.00am **Holy Communion**

Our Lady Undercroft (Holy House), Crypt

5.30pm **Evensong**

Quire

sung by the boy choristers & lay clerks

Mudd, Let thy merciful ears, O Lord

Ayleward, Responses

Psalms 42; 43

Ayleward, Short service

Parsons, Ave Maria

Hymns 827 Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim

(Paderborn); 578 God save our gracious King (National Anthem)

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9 Wednesday

7.30am	Morning Prayer	<i>Jesus Chapel, Crypt</i>
8.00am	Holy Communion	<i>Our Lady Martyrdom</i>
12.30pm	Holy Communion	<i>Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt</i>
5.30pm	Evensong	<i>Quire</i>
	<i>sung by the girl choristers</i>	
	plainchant, Responses	
	Psalm 47	
	Rose, Magdalen College service	
	Leighton, The Lord is my shepherd (from An Easter sequence)	
	Hymn 602 Blest are the pure in heart (Franconia)	

10 Thursday

7.30am	Morning Prayer	<i>Jesus Chapel, Crypt</i>
8.00am	Holy Communion	<i>Holy Innocents, Crypt</i>
	Evensong	<i>Quire</i>
	<i>sung by the boy choristers</i>	
	plainchant, Responses	
	Psalm 53	
	Byrd, Evening service to fauxbourdons	
	Tallis, Glory to thee, my God, this night	
	Hymn 730 My God, I love thee; not because (St Francis Xavier)	

11 Friday

7.30am	Morning Prayer	<i>Jesus Chapel, Crypt</i>
8.00am	Holy Communion	<i>St Augustine, Nave</i>
5.30pm	Evensong	<i>Quire</i>
	<i>sung by the lay clerks (Cantoris I verse)</i>	
	Grayston Ives, Responses	
	Psalm 59	
	Grayston Ives, Magdalen College service	
	Jim Clements, One equal music	
	Hymn 591 As pants the hart for cooling streams (Martyrdom)	

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| 12 | Saturday | <p>Eanswythe, Abbess, c.640</p> <p>8.00am Holy Communion <i>St Nicholas, Crypt</i></p> <p>9.30am Morning Prayer <i>Jesus Chapel, Crypt</i></p> <p>11.00am Hop Hoodening <i>Nave</i></p> <p>5.30pm Evensong <i>Quire</i></p> <p><i>sung by the boy choristers & lay clerks, together with members of the</i>
 <i>Canterbury Cathedral Old Choristers Association</i></p> <p>Smith, Responses</p> <p>Psalm 66</p> <p>Wood in E-flat, no. 2</p> <p>Stanford, O for a closer walk with God</p> <p>Hymn 584 All my hope on God is founded (Michael)</p> |
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| 13 | Sunday | <p>The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 19)</p> <p>8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) <i>Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt</i></p> <p>9.30am Morning Prayer <i>Jesus Chapel, Crypt</i></p> <p>11.00am Eucharist with bookbag blessing <i>Quire</i></p> <p><i>sung by the boy choristers & lay clerks</i></p> <p>Haydn, Missa Sancti Joannis de Deo</p> <p>Psalm 103.8-13</p> <p>Preacher: The Reverend Dawn Watson, Chaplain,
 Archbishop's School, Canterbury</p> <p>Mozart, Ave verum corpus</p> <p>Hymns 806 There's a wideness in God's mercy (Corvedale);
 621i Dear Lord and Father of mankind (Repton); 729 My God,
 how wonderful thou art (Westminster)</p> <p style="padding-top: 20px;">5.30pm Evensong <i>Quire</i></p> <p>First Evensong of Holy Cross Day</p> <p><i>sung by the girl choristers & lay clerks</i></p> <p>Radcliffe, Responses</p> <p>Psalm 119.41-48</p> <p>Jackson in G</p> <p>Bruckner, Christus factus est</p> <p>Hymn 180ii O cross of Christ, immortal tree (Walsall)</p> <p style="padding-top: 20px;">7.30pm King's School Evensong & admission of scholars <i>Quire</i></p> |

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| 14 | Monday | Holy Cross Day
7.30am Morning Prayer
8.00am Holy Communion
12.30pm Taizé Prayer
5.30pm Evensong | <i>Jesus Chapel, Crypt</i>
<i>Nave Altar of the Holy Cross</i>
<i>Western Crypt</i>
<i>Quire</i> |
| | | <i>sung by the girl choristers & lay clerks</i>
John IV of Portugal, Crux fidelis
Radcliffe, Responses
Psalm 74
Weelkes, Short service
Philips, O crux, splendidior
Hymn 707 (omit vv. 2-6) Lift high the cross, the love of Christ
proclaim (Crucifer) | |
| 15 | Tuesday | Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, Martyr, 258
7.30am Morning Prayer
8.00am Holy Communion
12.30pm Prayers for Peace
5.30pm Evensong | <i>Jesus Chapel, Crypt</i>
<i>St Gregory, South-East Transept</i>
<i>Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt</i>
<i>Quire</i> |
| | | <i>sung by the boy choristers & lay clerks</i>
Smith, Responses
Psalm 78.1-17
Byrd, Short service
Loosemore, O Lord, increase our faith
Hymn 694 Jesus, Lord, we look to thee (Vienna) | |
| 16 | Wednesday | Ninian, Bishop of Galloway, Apostle of the Picts, c. 432
7.30am Morning Prayer
8.00am Holy Communion
12.30pm Holy Communion
5.30pm Evensong | <i>Jesus Chapel, Crypt</i>
<i>St Martin, North-East Transept</i>
<i>Nave Altar</i>
<i>Quire</i> |
| | | <i>sung by the girl choristers</i>
plainchant, Responses
Psalm 84
Hurford in A
Deering, O bone Jesu
Hymn 647 God moves in a mysterious way (London New) | |

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- 17 Thursday** Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, Visionary, 1179
- 7.30am Morning Prayer** *Jesus Chapel, Crypt*
- 8.00am Holy Communion** *Saints & Martyrs of Our Own Time, Corona*
- 5.30pm Evensong** *Quire*
sung by the boy choristers
plainchant, Responses
Psalm 89.1-12
Morley, Evening service to fauxbourdons
Hildegard von Bingen, O virtus sapientiae
Hymn 586 All praise to Christ, our Lord and king divine
(Engelberg)
- 18 Friday**
- 7.30am Morning Prayer** *Jesus Chapel, Crypt*
- 8.00am Holy Communion** *St John, South-East Transept*
- 5.30pm Evensong** *Quire*
sung by the lay clerks (Decani II verse)
John Rutter, Responses
Psalm 94.1-19
West in C
Tallis, Hear the voice and prayer
Hymn 634i Firmly I believe and truly (Halton Holgate)
- 19 Saturday** Theodore of Tarsus, 7th Archbishop of Canterbury, 690
- 8.00am Holy Communion** *St Augustine, Nave*
- 9.30am Morning Prayer** *Jesus Chapel, Crypt*
- 5.30pm Evensong** *Quire*
sung by the boy choristers & lay clerks
Tomkins, Responses
Psalms 98; 99
Gibbons, Second service
Purcell, Thy word is a lantern
Hymn 663 How shall I sing that majesty (Coe Fen)

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20 Sunday	The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 20)	
8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	<i>Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt</i>
9.30am	King's School Matins	<i>Nave</i>
11.00am	Eucharist	<i>Quire</i>
	<i>sung by the boy choristers & lay clerks</i>	
	Sheppard, The Frances Mass	
	Psalm 145.1-8	
	Preacher: The Reverend L A Yates, Canon Precentor	
	Tallis, O nata lux	
	Hymns 644 God is Love: let heav'n adore him (Abbot's Leigh);	
	440 Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness (Schmücke dich);	
	627 Father most holy, merciful and loving (Iste confessor)	
5.30pm	Service of Baptism and Confirmation	<i>Quire</i>
	<i>sung by the girl choristers & lay clerks</i>	
	Tallis, O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit	
	Byrd, Confirma hoc Deus	
	Stanford, arr. Lucas, Magnificat in B-flat	
	Hymns 533ii All things bright and beautiful (All things bright	
	and beautiful); 358 Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the	
	Holy One, is here (Be still); 493, t. 394 Hope of our calling:	
	hope through courage won (Woodlands)	
21 Monday	Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist	
7.30am	Morning Prayer	<i>Jesus Chapel, Crypt</i>
8.00am	Holy Communion	<i>Saints & Martyrs of Our Own Time, Corona</i>
12.30pm	Taizé Prayer	<i>Western Crypt</i>
5.30pm	Evensong, Lord Mayor's Civic Service	<i>Quire</i>
	<i>sung by the girl choristers & lay clerks</i>	
	Psalm 106.1-12	
	Hooper, Short service	
	Byrd, O quam gloriosam	
	Hymns 621i Dear Lord and Father of mankind (Repton); 299ii	
	Give us the wings of faith to rise (San Rocco); 578 God save	
	our gracious King (National Anthem)	

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22 Tuesday

7.30am	Morning Prayer	<i>Jesus Chapel, Crypt</i>
8.00am	Holy Communion	<i>St Stephen, North-East Transept</i>
12.30pm	Prayers for Peace	<i>Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt</i>
5.30pm	Evensong	<i>Quire</i>
<i>sung by the boy choristers & lay clerks</i>		
Tomkins, Responses		
Psalm 109.1-4; 20-30		
Tomkins, Fifth service		
Farrant, Call to remembrance, O Lord		
Hymn 629i Father, hear the prayer we offer (Sussex)		

23 Wednesday

Ember Day		
7.30am	Morning Prayer	<i>Jesus Chapel, Crypt</i>
8.00am	Holy Communion	<i>St Mary Magdalene, Crypt</i>
12.30pm	Holy Communion	<i>Nave Altar</i>
5.30pm	Evensong	<i>Quire</i>
<i>sung by the girl choristers</i>		
plainchant, Responses		
Psalm 114		
Sumstoun in G		
Jeffreys, Erit Gloria Domini		
Hymn 658 Help us, O Lord, to learn (Sandys)		

24 Thursday

7.30am	Morning Prayer	<i>Jesus Chapel, Crypt</i>
8.00am	Holy Communion	<i>Holy Innocents, Crypt</i>
5.30pm	Evensong	<i>Quire</i>
<i>sung by the boy choristers</i>		
plainchant, Responses		
Psalm 119.1-16		
Tallis, Evening service to fauxbourdons		
F. Martin, Ave Maria		
Hymn 702 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us (Mannheim)		

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- 25 Friday** Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester, Spiritual Writer, 1626
Ember Day
- 7.30am Morning Prayer** *Jesus Chapel, Crypt*
- 8.00am Holy Communion** *St Anselm, South Quire Aisle*
- 5.30pm Evensong** *Quire*
sung by the lay clerks (Cantoris II verse)
Philip Moore, Responses ii
Psalm 119.73-88
Mundy, Evening service in three parts
Wood, Great Lord of lords
Hymn 809 Thou art the Way: by thee alone (St James)
- 26 Saturday** Ember Day
- 8.00am Holy Communion** *St Gregory, South-East Transept*
- 9.30am Morning Prayer** *Jesus Chapel, Crypt*
- 5.30pm Evensong** *Quire*
sung by the boy choristers & lay clerks
Rose, Responses
Psalm 119.145-160
Tomkins, First service
Weelkes, O how amiable are thy dwellings
Hymn 766 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven (Praise my soul)

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27	Sunday	The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 21)	
8.00am	Holy Communion	(BCP)	<i>Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt</i>
9.30am	Morning Prayer		<i>Jesus Chapel, Crypt</i>
11.00am	Eucharist		<i>Quire</i>
	<i>sung by the boy choristers & lay clerks</i>		
	Jonathan Dove, Missa brevis		
	Psalm 25.1-8		
	Preacher: The Reverend A P Dodd, Canon Treasurer		
	Matthew Martin, Ave verum corpus		
	Hymns 815 Thy kingdom come! On bended knee (Irish);		
	422 Alleluia, sing to Jesus! (Hyfrydol);		
	569i The kingdom of God is justice and joy (Paderborn)		
5.30pm	Evensong, with Licencing of Readers		<i>Quire</i>
	<i>sung by the girl choristers & lay clerks</i>		
	Byrd, Responses		
	Psalm 124		
	Howells, Collegium Sancti Joannis Cantabrigiense		
	Howells, A sequence for St Michael		
	Hymns 499, t.315 Lord, you give the great commission		
	(Abbot's Leigh) 493, t.394 Hope of our calling: hope through		
	courage won (Woodlands)		
28	Monday		
7.30am	Morning Prayer		<i>Jesus Chapel, Crypt</i>
8.00am	Holy Communion		<i>St Andrew, North Quire Aisle</i>
12.30pm	Taizé Prayer		<i>Western Crypt</i>
5.30pm	Evensong		<i>Quire</i>
	First Evensong of Michael and All Angels		
	<i>sung by the girl choristers & lay clerks</i>		
	Byrd, Responses		
	Psalm 136.1-18; 26-27		
	Gray in f		
	Tippett, Plebs angelica		
	Hymn 322 Around the throne of God a band (Solothurn)		

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- 29 Tuesday **Michael and All Angels**
- 7.30am **Morning Prayer** *Jesus Chapel, Crypt*
- 8.00am **Holy Communion** *St Michael & All Angels, South-West Transept*
- 12.30pm **Prayers for Peace** *Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt*
- 5.30pm **Evensong** *Quire*
sung by the boy choristers & lay clerks
Stanford, Justorum animae
Rose, Responses
Psalms 142; 143
Summison in G
Mendelssohn, For he shall give his angels charge over thee
Hymn 323 Christ, the fair glory of the holy angels (Coelites
plaudant)
- 30 Wednesday
- 7.30am **Morning Prayer** *Jesus Chapel, Crypt*
- 8.00am **Holy Communion** *St Augustine, Nave*
- 12.30pm **Holy Communion** *Nave Altar*
- 5.30pm **Evensong** *Quire*
sung by the girl choristers
plainchant, Responses
Psalm 150
Christopher Robinson, Worcester service
Wise, The Lord is my shepherd
Hymn 787i Take my life, and let it be (Nottingham)