

Services & Music List

Canterbury Cathedral
October 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 6, 13 and 27 October.

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

***during choir term time*

WORSHIP

Archbishops of Canterbury commemorated in October

10th John Potter, 83rd Archbishop, 1747

Buried at Croydon

11th Edward White Benson, 94th Archbishop, 1896

Buried in St Augustine's Chapel

12th Simon de Meopham, 52nd Archbishop, 1333

Buried in St Anselm's Chapel

17th Nothhelm, 10th Archbishop, 739

Buried at St Augustine's Abbey

19th Ralph d'Escures, 37th Archbishop, 1122

Buried in the Chapel of St Benedict (Our Lady Martyrdom)

26th Cuthbert, 11th Archbishop, 760

Buried in the North-East Transept

William Temple, 98th Archbishop, 1944

Buried in the Cloister Garth, Memorial in the Chapel of St John the Evangelist

27th Charles Thomas Longley, 92nd Archbishop, 1868

Buried at Addington, Memorial in the North Nave Aisle

28th Sigeric, 27th Archbishop, 994

Buried in the Cathedral, site unknown

29th Ætholnoth, 31st Archbishop, 1038

Buried in the Cathedral, site unknown

Eadsige, 32nd Archbishop, 1050

Buried in the Cathedral, site unknown

MUSIC

Visiting Choirs

Canterbury Chamber Choir, founded in 1995, puts on regular concerts of sacred and secular choral and dramatic musical works. Their concerts, with conductor Peter Futch, aim to entertain and educate as well as to help local charities raise much needed funds.

The choir of **St John's, Barham** consists of local people of all ages who love to sing traditional English church music. They sing regular Eucharists and occasional Evensongs and are currently preparing a full programme of music for Advent and Christmas.

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.

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 fundraising.

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

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 17 October: Jamie Rogers, Assistant Director of Music

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

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

SERVICES & MUSIC LIST

- 1 **Wednesday** Remigius, Bishop of Rheims, Apostle of the Franks, 533
- 7.30am **Morning Prayer** *Jesus Chapel, Crypt*
- 8.00am **Holy Communion** *Holy Innocents, Crypt*
- 5.30pm **Evensong** *Quire*
sung by girl choristers (Decani I verse)
plainchant, Responses
Psalm 8
plainchant, Magnificat
Holly Smith, Nunc dimittis
Hurford, Litany to the Holy Spirit
Hymn 586 All praise to Christ, our Lord and king divine
(Engelberg)
- 2 **Thursday**
- 7.30am **Morning Prayer** *Jesus Chapel, Crypt*
- 8.00am **Holy Communion** *St Mary Magdalene, Crypt*
- 5.30pm **Evening Prayer with Silence** *Western Crypt*
- 3 **Friday** George Bell, Bishop of Chichester,
Ecumenist, Peacemaker, 1958
- 7.30am **Morning Prayer** *Jesus Chapel, Crypt*
- 8.00am **Holy Communion** *St Augustine, Nave*
- 5.30pm **Evensong** *Quire*
sung by Lay Clerks (Cantoris I verse)
Philip Moore, Responses ii
Psalm 18.1-19
Tallis, Short Service
Tomkins, Hear my prayer, O Lord
Hymn 603 Bright the vision that delighted (Laus Deo (Redhead
no. 46))

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4	Saturday	Francis of Assisi, Friar, founder of the Friars Minor, 1226	
	8.00am	Holy Communion	<i>Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt</i>
	9.15am	Morning Prayer	<i>Jesus Chapel, Crypt</i>
	11.00am	Saying Goodbye Service (Mariposa Trust)	<i>Crypt</i>
	5.30pm	Evensong	<i>Quire</i>
		<i>sung by boy choristers and Lay Clerks</i>	
		Smith, Responses	
		Psalms 22; 23	
		Ayleward, Short service	
		Joubert, O Lorde, the maker of al thing	
		Hymn 663 How shall I sing that majesty (Coe Fen)	

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5	Sunday	The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity	
8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)		<i>Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt</i>
9.15am	Morning Prayer		<i>Jesus Chapel, Crypt</i>
11.00am	Eucharist and Harvest Thanksgiving		<i>Quire</i>
	<i>sung by boy choristers and Lay Clerks</i>		
	Stanford in C and F		
	Psalm 100		
	Preacher: The Reverend A P Dodd, Canon Treasurer		
	Matthew Martin, Ave verum corpus		
	Hymns 282 Come, ye thankful people, come (St George's Windsor); 284 For the fruits of all creation (East Acklam);		
	290 We plough the fields, and scatter (Wir pflügen)		
3.30pm	Animal Blessing Service		<i>Precincts</i>
5.30pm	Evensong and County Harvest Festival		<i>Quire</i>
	<i>sung by girl choristers and Lay Clerks</i>		
	Morley, Responses		
	Psalm 65		
	Leighton, Second service		
	Eric Whitacre, I thank You God for most this amazing day		
	Hymn 289 To thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise (Golden sheaves)		
7.30pm	King's School Harvest Service		<i>Nave</i>

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- 6 Monday** William Tyndale, Translator of the Scriptures,
Reformation Martyr, 1536
- 7.30am Morning Prayer** *Jesus Chapel, Crypt*
- 8.00am Holy Communion** *St Nicholas, Crypt*
- 12.30pm Taizé Prayer** *Western Crypt*
- 5.30pm Evensong** *Quire*
sung by girl choristers and Lay Clerks
Morley, Responses
Psalms 32-34
Watson in E
Purcell, O God, thou art my God
Hymn 383 Lord, thy word abideth (Ravenshaw)
- 7 Tuesday**
- 7.30am Morning Prayer** *Jesus Chapel, Crypt*
- 8.00am Holy Communion** *Jesus Chapel, Crypt*
- 5.30pm Evensong, Lord Mayor's Civic Service** *Quire*
sung by boy choristers and Lay Clerks
Smith, Responses
Psalm 37
Walmisley in d
Purcell, Thy word is a lantern
Hymn 725 Make me a channel of your peace (St Francis)
- 8 Wednesday**
- 7.30am Morning Prayer** *Jesus Chapel, Crypt*
- 8.00am Holy Communion** *St Gabriel, Crypt*
- 12.30pm Holy Communion** *Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt*
- 5.30pm Evensong** *Quire*
sung by girl choristers
plainchant, Responses
Psalm 41
Bairstow in E-flat
Charpentier, Ave regina coelorum, H19
Hymn 621i Dear Lord and Father of mankind (Repton)

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9 Thursday

7.30am	Morning Prayer	<i>Jesus Chapel, Crypt</i>
8.00am	Holy Communion	<i>Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt</i>
5.30pm	Evening Prayer with Silence	<i>Western Crypt</i>

10 Friday

Paulinus, Bishop of York, Missionary, 644

7.30am	Morning Prayer	<i>Jesus Chapel, Crypt</i>
8.00am	Holy Communion	<i>St Stephen, North-East Transept</i>
5.30pm	Evensong	<i>Quire</i>

sung by Lay Clerks (Decani II verse)

Cleobury, Responses

Psalms 53; 54

Shepherd, First service

Grayston Ives, In pace

Hymn 23 Sun of my soul, thou Saviour dear (Abends)

11 Saturday

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

sung by boy choristers and Lay Clerks

Cecilia McDowall, Responses

Psalms 59-61

Sumsion in G

Purcell, Rejoice in the Lord alway

Hymn 613 City of God, how broad and far (Richmond)

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12	Sunday	The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity	
	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	<i>Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt</i>
	9.15am	King's School Matins	<i>Nave</i>
	11.00am	Eucharist	<i>Quire</i>
		<i>sung by boy choristers and Lay Clerks</i>	
		Haydn, Missa brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo	
		Psalm 111	
		Preacher: The Right Reverend Allen Shin, Bishop Suffragan, The Episcopal Diocese of New York	
		Rossini, O salutaris hostia	
		Hymns 635 For the healing of the nations (Alleluia dulce carmen); 452 Let all mortal flesh keep silence (Picardy); 476 Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go (Song 34 (Angels' Song))	
	5.30pm	Evensong	
		<i>sung by girl choristers and Lay Clerks</i>	
		Wesley, arr. Hunt, Responses	
		Psalm 144	
		Judith Weir, St John's College service	
		Becky-Ellice Creighton, Amid eternal silences	
		Hymn 589 Angel-voices ever singing (Angel Voices)	

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- 13 Monday** Edward the Confessor, King of England, 1066
- 7.30am Morning Prayer** *Jesus Chapel, Crypt*
- 8.00am Holy Communion** *St Edward the Confessor, North Ambulatory*
- 12.30pm Taizé Prayer** *Western Crypt*
- 5.30pm Evensong** *Quire*
sung by girl choristers and Lay Clerks
Wesley, arr. Hunt, Responses
Psalms 69; 70
Gray in f
I. Holst, A hymne to Christ
Hymn 694 Jesus, Lord, we look to thee (Vienna)
- 14 Tuesday**
- 7.30am Morning Prayer** *Jesus Chapel, Crypt*
- 8.00am Holy Communion** *Jesus Chapel, Crypt*
- 5.30pm Evensong** *Quire*
sung by boy choristers and Lay Clerks
Ayleward, Responses
Psalms 73; 74
Tomkins, Fifth service
Tomkins, O pray for the peace of Jerusalem
Hymn 742i O for a thousand tongues to sing (Richmond)
- 15 Wednesday** Teresa of Avila, Teacher, 1582
- 7.30am Morning Prayer** *Jesus Chapel, Crypt*
- 8.00am Holy Communion** *Saints and 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 78.1-17
Christopher Robinson, Worcester service
Locke, O Domine Jesu
Hymn 790 Teach me, my God and King (Sandys)

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16 Thursday

7.30am	Morning Prayer	<i>Jesus Chapel, Crypt</i>
8.00am	Holy Communion	<i>St Augustine, Nave</i>
5.30pm	Evening Prayer with Silence	<i>Western Crypt</i>

17 Friday

	Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, Martyr, c. 107	
7.30am	Morning Prayer	<i>Jesus Chapel, Crypt</i>
8.00am	Holy Communion	<i>Our Lady Martyrdom</i>
5.30pm	Evensong	<i>Quire</i>
	First Evensong of Luke <i>sung by Lay Clerks (Cantoris II verse)</i> Andrew Millington, Responses Psalm 89 West in C Wood, Great Lord of Lords Hymn 305 Lo, round the throne, a glorious band (Deus tuorum militum)	

6.15pm	Organ Recital	<i>Quire</i>
	<i>played by Jamie Rogers, Assistant Director of Music</i>	

18 Saturday

	Luke the Evangelist	
8.00am	Holy Communion	<i>Saints and Martyrs of Our Own Time, Corona</i>
9.15am	Morning Prayer	<i>Jesus Chapel, Crypt</i>
5.30pm	Evensong	<i>Quire</i>
	<i>sung by Canterbury Chamber Choir</i> Peter Futch, The spirit of healing is upon us Tallis, Responses Psalm 93 Bryan Kelly in C Arvo Pärt, The Beatitudes Hymn 298ii For all thy saints, O Lord (Carlisle)	

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19 Sunday	The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity	
8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	<i>Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt</i>
9.15am	Morning Prayer	<i>Jesus Chapel, Crypt</i>
11.00am	Eucharist	<i>Quire</i>
	<i>sung by Canterbury Chamber Choir</i>	
	Palestrina, Missa <i>Æterna Christi munera</i>	
	Psalm 121	
	Preacher: The Archdeacon of Canterbury	
	Bob Chilcott, God so loved the world	
	Hymns 650 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father	
	(Faithfulness); 460 O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray	
	(Song I); 569i The kingdom of God is justice and joy	
	(Paderborn)	
5.30pm	Evensong	<i>Quire</i>
	<i>sung by Canterbury Chamber Choir</i>	
	Tallis, Responses	
	Psalm 149	
	Gibbons, Second service	
	Gibbons, This is the record of John	
	Hymn 766 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven (Praise my soul)	

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20 Monday

7.30am	Morning Prayer	<i>Jesus Chapel, Crypt</i>
8.00am	Holy Communion	<i>St Anselm, South Quire Aisle</i>
5.30pm	Evensong	<i>Quire</i>
<i>sung by the Choir of St John's, Barham</i>		
Statham, Responses		
Psalm 104.24-35		
Harwood in A-flat		
Philip Stopford, Do not be afraid		
Hymn 783 Stand up, and bless the Lord (Carlisle)		

21 Tuesday

7.30am	Morning Prayer	<i>Jesus Chapel, Crypt</i>
8.00am	Holy Communion	<i>St John the Evangelist, South-East Transept</i>
5.30pm	Evensong	<i>Quire</i>
<i>sung by St Clement's, Sandwich</i>		
Reading, Responses		
Psalm 106.1-12		
Brewer in D		
Will Todd, The call of wisdom		
Hymn 24 The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended (St Clement)		

22 Wednesday

7.30am	Morning Prayer	<i>Jesus Chapel, Crypt</i>
8.00am	Holy Communion	<i>St Mary Magdalene, Crypt</i>
12.30pm	Holy Communion	<i>Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt</i>
5.30pm	Evensong	<i>Quire</i>
<i>sung by Lees Court Music</i>		
Joanna Forbes L'Estrange, Responses		
Psalm 108		
Dyson in F		
John Hodgson, This is the house of God		
Hymn 704 Let all the world in every corner sing (Luckington)		

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23 Thursday

7.30am	Morning Prayer	<i>Jesus Chapel, Crypt</i>
8.00am	Holy Communion	<i>St Gregory, South-East Transept</i>
5.30pm	Evening Prayer with Silence	<i>Western Crypt</i>

24 Friday

7.30am	Morning Prayer	<i>Jesus Chapel, Crypt</i>
8.00am	Holy Communion	<i>St Nicholas, Crypt</i>
5.30pm	Evensong	<i>Quire</i>
	<i>sung by St Paul's, Canterbury</i>	
	Sanders, Responses	
	Psalm 119.1-8	
	Wood in E-flat, no. 1	
	Bairstow, Save us, O Lord	
	Hymn 657 Help us to help each other, Lord (Dunfermline)	

25 Saturday

8.00am	Holy Communion	<i>Holy Innocents, Crypt</i>
9.15am	Morning Prayer	<i>Jesus Chapel, Crypt</i>
2.30pm	Service of Healing and Blessing at St Luke's	<i>Crypt</i>
5.30pm	Evensong	<i>Quire</i>
	<i>sung by Lay Clerks (Cantoris II verse)</i>	
	Harris, Responses	
	Psalm 119.81-88	
	Howells in E	
	Jim Clements, One equal music	
	Hymn 641i Glorious things of thee are spoken (Abbot's Leigh)	

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26	Sunday	The Last Sunday after Trinity; Bible Sunday	
	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	<i>Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt</i>
	9.15am	Morning Prayer	<i>Jesus Chapel, Crypt</i>
	11.00am	Eucharist	<i>Quire</i>
		<i>sung by Lay Clerks</i>	
		Victoria, Missa vidi speciosam	
		Psalm 119.129-136	
		Preacher: The Reverend Dr E L Pennington, Canon Missioner	
		Victoria, Ego sum panis vivus	
		Hymns 366 (t. 337) Living God, your word has called us	
		(Blaenwern); 471 We pray thee, heavenly Father	
		(Offertorium); Word of life! Such transformation (Regent Square)	
	5.30pm	Evensong attended by the United Nations Association	
			<i>Quire</i>
		<i>sung by Lay Clerks</i>	
		Harris, Responses	
		Psalm 119.1-16	
		Wood in E	
		Purcell, Blessed is he that considereth the poor	
		Hymns 559 God of freedom, God of Justice (Rhuddlan); 810	
		Thou, whose almighty word (Moscow)	

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27 Monday

7.30am	Morning Prayer	<i>Jesus Chapel, Crypt</i>
8.00am	Holy Communion	<i>St Augustine, Nave</i>
12.30pm	Taizé Prayer	<i>Western Crypt</i>
5.30pm	Evensong	<i>Quire</i>
	First Evensong of Simon and Jude	
	<i>sung by Lay Clerks</i>	
	Harris, Responses	
	Psalms 126-128	
	Mundy, Service in three parts	
	Viadana, Exsultate justi	
	Hymn 295 Disposer supreme, and Judge of the earth (Old 104th)	

28 Tuesday **Simon and Jude, Apostles**

7.30am	Morning Prayer	<i>Jesus Chapel, Crypt</i>
8.00am	Holy Communion	<i>Jesus Chapel, Crypt</i>
5.30pm	Evensong	<i>Quire</i>
	<i>sung by Lay Clerks</i>	
	Matthew Martin, Justorum animae	
	Harris, Responses	
	Psalm 136.1-18, 26-27	
	Sumson in G, a3	
	Andrew Parnell, Oculi omnium	
	Hymn 299ii Give us the wings of faith to rise (San Rocco)	

29 Wednesday James Hannington, Bishop of Eastern Equatorial Africa, Martyr in Uganda, 1885.

7.30am	Morning Prayer	<i>Jesus Chapel, Crypt</i>
8.00am	Holy Communion	<i>St Gabriel, Crypt</i>
12.30pm	Holy Communion	<i>Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt</i>
5.30pm	Said Evening Prayer	<i>Quire</i>

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30 Thursday

7.30am	Morning Prayer	<i>Jesus Chapel, Crypt</i>
8.00am	Holy Communion	<i>St Stephen, North-East Transept</i>
5.30pm	Evening Prayer with Silence	<i>Western Crypt</i>

31 Friday

7.30am	Morning Prayer	<i>Jesus Chapel, Crypt</i>
8.00am	Holy Communion	<i>St Nicholas, Crypt</i>
5.30pm	Evensong	<i>Quire</i>
	First Evensong of All Saints' Day	
	<i>sung by Lay Clerks (Decani I verse)</i>	
	Harris, Responses	
	Psalms 149; 150	
	Dufay, Magnificat quinti toni	
	plainchant, Nunc dimittis	
	Morley, Domine, Dominus noster	
	Hymn 312 Ye watchers and ye holy ones (Lasst Uns Erfreuen)	