Services & Music List

Canterbury Cathedral August 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.

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

Archbishops of Canterbury Commemorations

Archbishops of Canterbury commemorated in August

- 2nd Plegmund, 19th Archbishop, 923 Buried in St Gregory's Chapel
- Richard Le Grant, 45th Archbishop, 1231
 Buried at St Gemma, Italy
 Thomas Secker, 86th Archbishop, 1768
 Buried at St Mary-at-Lambeth
- 4th George Abbot, 75th Archbishop, 1633 *Buried at Guildford*
- 12th Jaenberht, 13th Archbishop, 792

 Buried at St Augustine's Abbey
- 22nd William Warham, 68th Archbishop, 1532

 Buried in the Martyrdom
- 23rd John de Stratford, 53rd Archbishop, 1348

 Buried on the South side of the Presbytery
- 26th Bregowine, 12th Archbishop, 764

 Buried in the South-East Transept

 Thomas de Bradwardine, 54th Archbishop, 1349

 Buried in St Anselm's Chapel
- 30th Feologild, 16th Archbishop, 832

 Buried in the Cathedral, site unknown

Visiting Choirs

Trinity Church, Boston has a rich musical tradition that is lived out weekly, with worship services led by an intergenerational choir community of over 100 adults, professional singers, children and teens. Often considered the largest church choir in the Anglican Communion, the choir sings a substantial amount of choral repertoire and strives to feature works by modern and historically underrepresented composers.

Vokalensemble Novantiqua, Bern was founded in 1987 by Bernhard Pfammatter to perform demanding choral repertoire in a small ensemble. The ensemble has travelled widely in Europe and enjoyed success with major works by Bach, Monteverdi and Purcell, but also tackles more modern and contemporary music.

The choir from the **Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania** is made up of both professional singers and dedicated volunteer singers, as well as school aged choristers. They sing weekly Eucharist and regular services of Choral Evensong and Matins, in addition to yearly concerts. The choir generally tours abroad every 2-3 years and is directed by Andrew Senn.

The Sanderstead Singers was formed in 1991 to sing for a week at Salisbury Cathedral. Its 40 founding members were mostly former singers from the choir of All Saints', Sanderstead. The group has continued to meet nearly every summer singing in 22 cathedrals over 34 years. It still includes several original members, now joined by younger family members. Since 2020, the choir has been directed by Dan Soper (a former Canterbury chorister), who had been their organist since 2002.

The Roden Boys' Choir is a Dutch boys' choir (15 trebles and 13 men) originally from the village of Roden in the Netherlands. Although the singers are not related to any church or religious denomination, their primary objective is to sing Choral Evensong, and they have sung in many different churches and cathedrals throughout The Netherlands. Every two years they come to the United Kingdom to sing Choral Evensong in different cathedrals and this year they will

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sing services in Rochester Cathedral, St Paul's Cathedral and Canterbury Cathedral.

The Hamburg Bach Choir is the choir of St. Petri, the oldest main church in Hamburg. The church was first mentioned in 1195, and a boys' choir has sung there since 1529. Church musicians such as Jacob Praetorius, Georg Philipp Telemann and C.P.E. Bach have directed the music at St. Petri. The Hamburg Bach Choir was re-established after the war in 1950 as a "Kantorei" and celebrates its 75th anniversary this year. It sings in church services and concerts and regularly performs oratorios ranging from Monteverdi's Marienvesper to Bach's works and Britten's War Requiem.

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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 Friday

7.30am Morning Prayer8.00am Holy Communion

Jesus Chapel, Crypt St Martin, North Fast Transent

5.30pm Evensong

St Martin, North East Transept
Quire

sung by Trinity Church, Boston Jessica French, Responses

Psalm 8

Jerrick Cavagnaro, Second service Elaine Hagenberg, When we love

Hymn 621i Dear Lord and Father of mankind (Repton)

2 Saturday

8.00am Holy Communion9.15am Morning Prayer

St Gregory, South-East Transept

Jesus Chapel, Crypt

Quire

5.30pm Evensong

sung by Trinity Church, Boston Jessica French, Responses

Psalm 13

Howells, Collegium Regale

Elgar, Great is the Lord

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

3 Sunday The Seventh Sunday after Trinity 8.00am

Holy Communion (BCP)

Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt

Morning Prayer 9.15am Jesus Chapel, Crypt 11.00am **Eucharist** Quire

sung by Trinity Church, Boston

Kodaly, Missa brevis

Psalm 49.1-9

Preacher: The Reverend Dr E L Pennington, Canon Missioner

B E Boykin, John 3.16

Hymns 568 Take up the song, and sing the praise of God (Woodlands); 445 God is here! As we his people (Everton);

475 Forth in the peace of Christ we go (Duke Street)

5.30pm **Evensong**

Quire

sung by Trinity Church, Boston Jessica French, Responses

Psalm 107.1-16

Blair in b

Toby Young, O splendour of God's glory bright

Hymn 663 How shall I sing that majesty (Coe Fen)

4 Monday

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

sung by Vokalensemble Novantiqua, Bern Bernhard Pfammatter, Responses

Psalm 23

Franck, Magnificat Tone i Praetorius, Nunc dimittis in F

Ola Gjeilo, Ubi Caritas

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

5 Tuesday Oswald, King of Northumbria, Martyr, 642

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

(First Evensong of The Transfiguration) sung by Vokalensemble Novantiqua, Bern Bernhard Pfammatter, Responses

Psalm 29 Noble in b Escher, Gebet

Hymn 20 O gladsome light, O grace (Nunc dimittis)

6 Wednesday The Transfiguration of our Lord

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 Vokalensemble Novantiqua, Bern

Tallis, Salvator mundi

Bernhard Pfammatter, Responses

Psalm 34.1-10 Brewer in D

James MacMillan, O radiant dawn

Hymn 2 Christ, whose glory fills the skies (Ratisbon)

7	Thursday 7.30am 8.00am 5.30pm	Morning Prayer Holy Communion Evening Prayer with Silence	Jesus Chapel, Crypt St Gabriel, Crypt Western Crypt	
8	Friday	Dominic, Priest, Founder of the Order of Preachers, 1221		
	7.30am	Morning Prayer	Jesus Chapel, Crypt	
	8.00am	Holy Communion St Step	ohen, North-East Transept	
	5.30pm	Evensong	Quire	
		sung by Vokalensemble Novantiqua, Bern		
		Bernhard Pfammatter, Responses		
		Psalm 42		
		Ēriks Ešenvalds, Merton College service		
		Purcell, Remember not, Lord, our offences		
		Hymn 15 Glory to thee, my God, this night (Tallis's Canon)		
9	Saturday	Mary Sumner, Founder of the Mothers' Union, 1921		
	8.00am	Holy Communion	Holy Innocents, Crypt	
	9.15am	Morning Prayer	Jesus Chapel, Crypt	
	5.30pm	Evensong	Quire	
		sung by Vokalensemble Novantiqua, Bern		
		Bernhard Pfammatter, Responses		
		Psalm 47		
		Howells, Collegium regale		
		Elgar, Benedictus Dominus		
		Hymn 315 Sing we of the blessed Mother (Abbot's Leigh)		

10 Sunday The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.15am Morning Prayer

Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt Jesus Chapel, Crypt Quire

11.00am Eucharist

sung by Vokalensemble Novantiqua, Bern

Ivo Antognini, Missa brevis

Psalm 33.12-21

Preacher: The Archdeacon of Canterbury

Byrd, Ave verum corpus

Hymns 827 Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim

(Paderborn); 604 Brother, sister, let me serve you (Servant song); 493 Hope of our calling: hope through courage won

(Song 22)

5.30pm Evensong

sung by Vokalensemble Novantiqua, Bern

Bernhard Pfammatter, Responses

Psalm 108

Sumsion in G

Walton, Set me as a seal

Hymn 652 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer (Cwm

Rhondda)

11 Monday Clare of Assisi, Founder of the Minoresses (Poor Clares), 1253
7.30am Morning Prayer Jesus Chapel, Crypt
8.00am Holy Communion Jesus Chapel, Crypt
5.30pm Evensong Quire

sung by the Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania

Richard Webster, Responses

Psalm 61

Sumsion in A

Wood, Hail, gladdening light

Hymn 646 God is working his purpose out (Benson)

12 Tuesday

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

followed by Admission of Churchwardens

sung by the Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania

Richard Webster, Responses

Psalm 67

Stanford in B-flat

Balfour Gardiner, Evening hymn

Hymn 653 Happy are they, they that love God (Binchester)

13 Wednesday Jeremy Taylor, Bishop of Down and Connor, Teacher of the Faith, 1667

7.30am	Morning Prayer	Jesus Chapel, Crypt
8.00am	Holy Communion	St Gregory, South East Transept
12.30pm	Holy Communion	Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt
5.30pm	Evensong	Quire

sung by the Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania

Richard Webster, Responses

Psalm 69.1-6

Vernon Williams in D Howells, Like as the hart

Hymn 658 Help us, O Lord, to learn (Sandys)

14	Thursday			
	7.30am	Morning Prayer	Jesus Chapel, Crypt	
	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Mary Magdalene, Crypt	
	5.30pm	Evening Prayer with Silence	Western Crypt	
		(First Evensong of the Blessed Virgin	Mary)	
15	Friday	The Blessed Virgin Mary		
	-	80th Anniversary of VJ Day		
	7.30am	Morning Prayer	Jesus Chapel, Crypt	
	8.00am	Holy Communion	Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt	
	11.00am	Extended Bell Ceremony	South West Transept	
		marking the 80th Anniversary of	·	
		VJ Day and the end of World War II		
		in Europe and Asia		
	5.30pm	Evensong	Quire	
		sung by the Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Bruckner, Ave Maria Andrew Senn, Responses Psalm 78.1-13 Harris in A Britten, A hymn to the virgin Hymn 313 (omit v. 3) For Mary, Mo Botolph)		
16	Saturday			
	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Nicholas, Crypt	
	9.15am	Morning Prayer	Jesus Chapel, Crypt	
	5.30pm	Evensong	Quire	
		sung by the Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania		
		Andrew Senn, Responses		
		Psalm 84		
		Tallis, Short service		
		Mendelssohn, Verleih uns Frieden		
		Hymn 641i Glorious things of thee ar	re spoken (Abbot's Leigh)	

17 Sunday The Ninth Sunday after Trinity **Holy Communion** (BCP) 8.00am Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt **Morning Prayer** 9.15am Jesus Chapel, Crypt 11.00am **Eucharist with Ministry of Healing** Quire sung by the Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania Darke in E Psalm 82 Preacher: The Dean Judith Bingham, Ave verum Hymns 233 A mighty wind invades the world (Agincourt (Deo Gracias)); 452 Let all mortal flesh keep silence (Picardy); 612 Christ triumphant, ever reigning (Guiting Power) **Evensong marking the 80th Anniversary** 5.30pm Quire of VJ Day and the end of World War II followed by Admission of Churchwardens sung by the Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania Andrew Senn, Responses Psalm 119.17-24 Hogan, Mount Saint Alban service Thomas LaVoy, If I must go Hymn 589 Angel-voices ever singing (Angel Voices) 18 Monday 7.30am Morning Prayer Jesus Chapel, Crypt 8.00am **Holy Communion** St Gabriel, Crypt 5.30pm Evensong Quire sung by the Sanderstead Singers Smith, Responses Psalm 93

Stanford in C

Stanford, Coelos ascendit hodie

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

19 Tuesday

7.30am Morning Prayer Jesus Chapel, Crypt
8.00am Holy Communion St Anselm, South Quire Aisle
5.30pm Evensong Quire

sung by the Sanderstead Singers

Smith, Responses

Psalm 100 Sumsion in A

Bainton, And I saw a new heaven

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

20 Wednesday Bernard, Abbot of Clairveaux, Teacher of the Faith, 1153

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

followed by Admission of Churchwardens

sung by the Sanderstead Singers

Smith, Responses Psalm 104.24-35

Statham in e

Tallis, Loquebantur variis linguis

Hymn 790 Teach me, my God and King (Sandys)

21 Thursday

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

sung by the Roden Boys' Choir

Ayleward, Responses

Psalm 106.1-12

Sietze de Vries, Roden service Wesley, Wash me throughly

Hymn 679 In Christ there is no east or west (Kilmarnock)

22 Friday

7.30am Morning Prayer8.00am Holy Communion

Jesus Chapel, Crypt Our Lady Martyrdom

5.30pm Evensong

sung by the Sanderstead Singers

Smith, Responses

Psalm 108

Purcell in B-flat

Lucy Walker, My heart, O God

Hymn 21 O strength and stay upholding all creation

(Strength and Stay)

23 Saturday

8.00am Holy Communion

High Altar

9.15am Morning Prayer

Jesus Chapel, Crypt

5.30pm Evensong

Quire

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(First Evensong of Bartholomew)

sung by the Sanderstead Singers

Smith, Responses

Psalm 114

Stainer in B-flat

Peter Nardone, Light of the lonely pilgrim's heart

Hymn 559 God of freedom, God of justice (Rhuddlan)

24 Sunday Bartholomew the Apostle
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt
9.15am Morning Prayer Jesus Chapel, Crypt
11.00am Eucharist Quire

sung by the Sanderstead Singers

Daniel Soper, The Apostles mass

Psalm 145.1-7

Preacher: The Archdeacon of Canterbury

Murrill, The souls of the righteous

Hymns 295 Disposer supreme, and Judge of the earth (Old 104th); 471 We pray thee, heavenly Father (Offertorium); 463 Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands (Ach Gott und Herr)

5.30pm Evensong

Quire

sung by the Sanderstead Singers Harris, Holy is the true light

Smith, Responses

Psalm 91

Wood in E-flat No 2

Ashfield, The fair chivalry

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

(Westminster Abbey)

25 Monday

8.00amHoly CommunionSt Gabriel, Crypt9.15amMorning PrayerJesus Chapel, Crypt5.30pmEvensongQuire

sung by the Hamburg Bach Choir

Radcliffe, Responses

Psalm 119.73-80

Brewer in D

Mendelssohn, Jauchzet dem Herrn, alle Welt

Hymn 644 God is Love: let heav'n adore him (Abbot's Leigh)

26 Herluin of Bec, founder and first Abbot of the Abbey of Bec, Tuesday 1078 7.30am **Morning Prayer** Jesus Chapel, Crypt **Holy Communion** 8.00am St Anselm, South Quire Aisle 5.30pm **Evensong** Quire sung by the Hamburg Bach Choir Radcliffe, Responses Psalm 119.145-152 Byrd, Short service Bruckner, Os justi Hymn 629i Father, hear the prayer we offer (Sussex) **27** Wednesday Monica, mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387 **Morning Prayer** 7.30am Jesus Chapel, Crypt 8.00am **Holy Communion** St Stephen, North-East Transept **Holy Communion** 12.30pm Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt **Lunchtime Recital** 1.15pm Matthew Roberts, cello and John Paul Ekins, piano Eastern Crypt 5.30pm **Evensong** Quire sung by the Hamburg Bach Choir Radcliffe, Responses Psalm 126 Harwood in A-flat Rheinberger, Abendlied Hymn 603 Bright the vision that delighted (Laus Deo (Redhead no. 46)) 28 Thursday Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, Teacher of the Faith, 430 **7.30am** Morning Prayer Jesus Chapel, Crypt 8.00am **Holy Communion** Holy Innocents, Crypt

Evening Prayer with Silence

Western Crypt

5.30pm

29 Friday The Beheading of John the Baptist

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

sung by the Hamburg Bach Choir

Radcliffe, Responses

Psalm 142

Gibbons, Short service

J.S. Bach, Jesu, meine freude (chorale variations)

Hymn 683 Jerusalem the golden (Ewing)

30 Saturday John Bunyan, Spiritual Writer, 1688

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

sung by the Hamburg Bach Choir

Radcliffe, Responses

Psalm 150

Bairstow in D

Brahms, Schaffe in mir, Gott, ein rein Herz

Hymn 584 All my hope on God is founded (Michael)

31 Sunday The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

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

9.15am Morning Prayer Jesus Chapel, Crypt
11.00am Eucharist Quire

sung by the Hamburg Bach Choir Howells, Collegium Regale

Psalm 112

Preacher: The Reverend A P Dodd, Canon Treasurer

Duruflé, Tantum ergo

Hymns 828 Ye that know the Lord is gracious (Hyfrydol); 692 Jesus, good above all other (Quem pastores); 602 Blest are the

pure in heart (Franconia)

5.30pm Evensong

Quire

sung by the Hamburg Bach Choir

Radcliffe, Responses

Psalm 119.81-88

Dyson in D

Reger, Nachtlied

Hymn 806 There's a wideness in God's mercy (Corvedale)