

Services & Music List

Canterbury Cathedral
March 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

Silent Prayer Thursdays as part of Evening Prayer

An opportunity to be still in the midst of the business of life, and to 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 for 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. 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 30th March

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

***during choir term time*

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

WORSHIP

Archbishops of Canterbury commemorated in March

13th Thomas Herring, 84th Archbishop, 1757

Buried at Croydon Minster

19th Matthew Hutton, 85th Archbishop, 1758

Buried at St Mary-at-Lambeth

Frederick Cornwallis, 87th Archbishop, 1783

Buried at St Mary-at-Lambeth

21st Thomas Cranmer, 69th Archbishop, Martyr, 1556

Buried at Oxford

22nd John Kemp, 64th Archbishop, 1454

Buried on the South side of the Presbytery

24th Wulfred, 15th Archbishop, 832

Buried in the North-East Transept

30th Thomas Bouchier, 65th Archbishop, 1486

Buried in the North Quire Aisle

MUSIC

Free Informal Organ Recitals

Join us for a series of informal recitals featuring the Cathedral's resident organists and guest recitalists. Times and dates are listed below; programmes for these concerts are included in the monthly Services and Music List.

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

Wednesday 22 April, 1.15pm Jamie Rogers, Canterbury Cathedral
Wednesday 20 May, 1.15pm Jamie Rogers, Canterbury Cathedral

The following recitals are free of charge and un-ticketed, with a retiring collection.

Friday 24 April, 6.15pm Peter King, Organ Recitalist
Friday 22 May, 6.15pm Eleni Keventsidou, Organ Recitalist
Friday 26 June, 6.15pm: Stephanie Gaunt, Canterbury Cathedral

Summer Recitals: Cathedral Choral Scholars

The Cathedral's Choral Scholars will perform a series of Summer Recitals in June 2026. These start at 1.15pm in the Crypt, immediately following the lunchtime Eucharist at 12.30pm.

Wednesday 3 June, 1.15pm James McNinch (Tenor)
Wednesday 10 June, 1.15pm Lydia South (Mezzo-soprano)
Wednesday 17 June, 1.15pm Stephen Beale (Bass)

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

MUSIC

A Concert of Music for Holy Week by Candlelight

On Good Friday, 3 April 2026, the Lay Clerks and Organists of Canterbury Cathedral, together with distinguished guest instrumentalists, will perform Arvo Pärt's *Passio* by candlelight in the beautiful surroundings of Canterbury Cathedral's Quire. Pärt's masterpiece was completed in 1982 and sets verses in Latin from St John's Gospel. The concert will start at 7.30pm and will last for approximately 70 minutes with no interval. Tickets are available from the Canterbury Festival Box Office.

<https://canterburyfestival.co.uk/>

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

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- 1 Sunday** **The Second Sunday of Lent**
- 8.00am** **Holy Communion (BCP)** *Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt*
- 9.15am** **Morning Prayer** *Jesus Chapel, Crypt*
- 11.00am** **Eucharist** *Quire*
- sung by boy choristers and Lay Clerks (Cantoris II verse)*
trad. Urdu, arr. C. Ouvry-Johns, Khudaya, rahem kar
Byrd, Mass for five voices
Psalm 121
Preacher: The Reverend Dr E L Pennington, Canon Missioner
Byrd, Ave verum corpus
Hymns 815 Thy kingdom come! On bended knee (Irish); 460
O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray (Song I); 488 Church
of God, elect and glorious (Lux Eoi)
- 5.30pm** **Evensong and Installation of a Virger** *Quire*
- sung by girl choristers and Lay Clerks*
Sarah MacDonald, Responses
Psalm 135.1-14
Howells, St John's College service
Purcell, Jehova, quam multi sunt hostes mei
Hymn 755 Oft in danger, oft in woe (University College)
- 7.30pm** **King's School Eucharist** *Quire*

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- 2 **Monday** Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, Missionary, 672
- 7.30am **Morning Prayer** *Our Lady Martyrdom*
- 8.00am **Holy Communion** *St Stephen, North-East Transept*
- 12.30pm **Taizé Prayer** *Western Crypt*
- 5.30pm **Evensong** *Quire*
sung by Lay Clerks
Tallis, Responses
Psalms 12-14
Ridout, Canterbury service
Tallis, Lamentations of Jeremiah, i
Hymn 140 All ye who seek for sure relief (St Bernard)
- 3 **Tuesday**
- 7.30am **Morning Prayer** *Our Lady Martyrdom*
- 8.00am **Holy Communion** *Our Lady Martyrdom*
- 5.30pm **Evensong** *Quire*
sung by boy choristers and Lay Clerks
Ayleward, Responses
Psalm 18
Sumsion in G
Joubert, O Lorde, the maker of al thing
Hymn 11 As now the sun's declining rays (St Peter)
- 4 **Wednesday**
- 7.30am **Morning Prayer** *Our Lady Martyrdom*
- 8.00am **Holy Communion** *St John the Evangelist, South-East Transept*
- 12.30pm **Holy Communion** *Nave Altar, Compass Rose*
- 5.30pm **Evensong** *Quire*
sung by girl choristers
plainchant, Responses
Psalms 22; 23
plainchant, Magnificat
Holly Smith, Nunc dimittis
Tallis, O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit
Hymn 25 We praise you, Father, for your gift (Gonfalon Royal)

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5 Thursday

7.30am	Morning Prayer	<i>Our Lady Martyrdom</i>
8.00am	Holy Communion	<i>Saints & Martyrs of Our Own Time, Corona</i>
5.30pm	Evening Prayer with Silence	<i>Western Crypt</i>

6 Friday

7.30am	Morning Prayer	<i>Our Lady Martyrdom</i>
8.00am	Holy Communion	<i>St Gabriel, Crypt</i>
5.30pm	Evensong	<i>Quire</i>

sung by Lay Clerks (Decani I verse)
Andrew Millington, Responses
Psalms 32-34
Tallis, Short service
Tallis, Verily, verily I say unto you
Hymn 702 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us (Mannheim)

7 Saturday

	Perpetua, Felicity and their Companions, Martyrs at Carthage, 203	
8.00am	Holy Communion	<i>St Nicholas, Crypt</i>
9.15am	Morning Prayer	<i>Jesus Chapel, Crypt</i>
5.30pm	Evensong	<i>Quire</i>

sung by boy choristers and Lay Clerks
Smith, Responses
Psalm 37
Wood in E-flat, no. 2
Stainer, God so loved the world
Hymn 703 Lead, kindly light, amid the encircling gloom (Alberta)

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- 8 **Sunday** **The Third Sunday of Lent** International Women's Day
8.00am **Holy Communion** (BCP) *Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt*
9.15am **Morning Prayer** *Jesus Chapel, Crypt*
11.00am **Eucharist** *Quire*
sung by boy choristers and Lay Clerks
trad. Urdu, arr. C. Ouvry-Johns, Khudaya, rahem kar
Jonathan Dove, Missa brevis
Psalm 95
Preacher: The Dean
Anna Lapwood, O nata lux
Hymns 604 Brother, sister, let me serve you (Servant song);
439 Dearest Jesu, we are here (Liebster Jesu (Dessau)); 493
Hope of our calling: hope through courage won (Song 22)
- 5.30pm **Evensong** *Quire*
sung by girl choristers and Lay Clerks
Byrd, Responses
Psalm 40
Gray in f
Joanna Marsh, All shall be well
Hymn 628 Father of heaven, whose love profound (Rievaulx)
- 7.30pm **King's School Confirmation Service** *Quire*
- 9 **Monday**
7.30am **Morning Prayer** *Our Lady Martyrdom*
8.00am **Holy Communion** *St Gregory, South-East Transept*
12.30pm **Taizé Prayer** *Western Crypt*
5.30pm **Evensong** *Quire*
sung by Lay Clerks
Andrew Millington, Responses
Psalms 47-49
Wood in E
Tallis, Lamentations of Jeremiah, ii
Hymn 621i Dear Lord and Father of mankind (Repton)

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10 Tuesday

7.30am **Morning Prayer**

Our Lady Martyrdom

8.00am **Holy Communion**

Jesus Chapel, Crypt

5.30pm **Evensong**

Quire

sung by boy choristers and Lay Clerks

Smith, Responses

Psalms 53-55

Ayleward, Short service

Tallis, O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit

Hymn 133 O God, be gracious to me in your love (Song 24)

11 Wednesday

7.30am **Morning Prayer**

Our Lady Martyrdom

8.00am **Holy Communion**

St Anselm, South Quire Aisle

12.30pm **Holy Communion**

Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt

5.30pm **Evensong**

Quire

sung by girl choristers

plainchant, Responses

Psalms 59-61

Hurford in A

Pergolesi, Stabat Mater dolorosa

Hymn 130i My spirit longs for thee (Quam dilecta)

12 Thursday

7.30am **Morning Prayer**

Our Lady Martyrdom

8.00am **Holy Communion**

St Augustine, Nave

5.30pm **Evening Prayer with Silence**

Western Crypt

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13 Friday

7.30am **Morning Prayer**

Our Lady Martyrdom

8.00am **Holy Communion**

Holy Innocents, Crypt

5.30pm **Evensong**

Quire

sung by Lay Clerks (Cantoris I verse)

Grayston Ives, Responses

Psalms 69; 70

Howells, Collegium Regale

Harris, Bring us, O Lord God

Hymn 115 Awake, our souls; away, our fears (St Petersburg)

14 Saturday

8.00am **Holy Communion**

St Martin, North-East Transept

9.15am **Morning Prayer**

Jesus Chapel, Crypt

5.30pm **Evensong**

Quire

sung by boy choristers and Lay Clerks

Rose, Responses

Psalms 73; 74

Stanford in C

Stanford, O for a closer walk with God

Hymn 129 Lord, teach us how to pray aright (St Hugh)

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- 15 Sunday** **The Fourth Sunday of Lent**
Mothering Sunday
- 8.00am** **Holy Communion (BCP)** *Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt*
- 9.15am** **Morning Prayer** *Jesus Chapel, Crypt*
- 11.00am** **Eucharist** *Quire*
sung by boy choristers and Lay Clerks
trad. Urdu, arr. C. Ouvry-Johns, Khudaya, rahem kar
Stanford in C and F
Psalm 23
Preacher: The Reverend L A Yates, Canon Precentor
Parsons, Ave Maria
Hymns 313 (omit v. 3) For Mary, Mother of our Lord (St Botolph); 440 Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness (Schmücke dich); 490 Glory to God, the source of all our mission (Highwood)
- 5.30pm** **Evensong** *Quire*
sung by girl choristers and Lay Clerks
Morley, Responses
Psalm 84
Weelkes, Short service
Matthew Martin, O praise God in his holiness
Hymn 315 Sing we of the blessed Mother (Abbot's Leigh)
- 16 Monday**
- 7.30am** **Morning Prayer** *Our Lady Martyrdom*
- 8.00am** **Holy Communion** *St Mary Magdalene, Crypt*
- 12.30pm** **Taizé Prayer** *Western Crypt*
- 5.30pm** **Said Evening Prayer** *Western Crypt*

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- 17 **Tuesday** Patrick, Bishop, Missionary, Patron of Ireland, c. 460
- 7.30am **Morning Prayer** *Our Lady Martyrdom*
- 8.00am **Holy Communion** *Jesus Chapel, Crypt*
- 5.30pm **Evensong** *Quire*
sung by Lay Clerks
Philip Moore, Responses, ii
Psalm 89
Donna McKeivitt, Magnificat and Nunc dimittis
Jim Clements, One equal music
Hymn 277 I bind unto myself today (St Patrick; Gartan)
- 18 **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 **Eucharist** *Quire*
sung by girl choristers
plainchant, Responses
Psalms 93; 94
Rose, Magdalen College service
Deering, O bone Jesu
Hymn 117i Come, let us to the Lord our God (Newbury)
- 19 **Thursday** **Joseph of Nazareth**
- 7.30am **Morning Prayer** *Our Lady Martyrdom*
- 8.00am **Holy Communion** *Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt*
- 5.30pm **Evening Prayer with Silence** *Western Crypt*

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- 20 Friday** Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 687
- 7.30am** **Morning Prayer** *Our Lady Martyrdom*
- 8.00am** **Holy Communion** *St Gabriel, Crypt*
- 5.30pm** **Evensong** *Quire*
sung by Lay Clerks
Cleobury, Responses
Psalm 104
Sumsion in G, a3
Tallis, O Lord, in thee is all my trust
Hymn 120ii Forgive us when our deeds ignore (Bow Brickhill)
- 21 Saturday** Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, Reformation
Martyr, 1556
- 8.00am** **Holy Communion** *St Nicholas, Crypt*
- 9.15am** **Morning Prayer** *Jesus Chapel, Crypt*
- 5.30pm** **Evensong** *Quire*
sung by boys and Lay Clerks (Decani II verse)
Ayleward, Responses
Psalm 106
Byrd, Short service
Tallis, If ye love me
Hymn 127 Lord Jesus, think on me (Southwell)

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- 22 **Sunday** **The Fifth Sunday of Lent (Passiontide begins)**
- 8.00am **Holy Communion** (BCP) *Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt*
- 9.15am **Morning Prayer** *Jesus Chapel, Crypt*
- 11.00am **Eucharist** *Quire*
sung by boy choristers and Lay Clerks
trad. Urdu, arr. C. Ouvry-Johns, Khudaya, rahem kar
Matthew King, Canterbury Missa brevis
Psalm 130
Preacher: The Reverend Carl Turner, Rector, St Thomas,
Fifth Avenue, New York,
King John IV of Portugal, Crux fidelis
Hymns 157i When I survey the wondrous cross (Rockingham);
150 See, Christ was wounded for our sake (Agincourt (Deo
Gracias)); 149 O love, how deep, how broad, how high!
(Eisenach)
- 5.30pm **Evensong** with the arrival of the Archbishop
from her pilgrimage *Quire*
sung by girl choristers and Lay Clerks
plainchant, Responses
Psalm 30
Gibbons, Short service
Croft, O Lord, rebuke me not in thine indignation
Hymns 823 Who would true valour see (Monk's Gate);
713 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy (Slane)
- 23 **Monday**
- 7.30am **Morning Prayer** *Our Lady Martyrdom*
- 8.00am **Holy Communion** *Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt*
- 5.30pm **Said Evening Prayer** *Western Crypt*

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24 Tuesday

7.30am Morning Prayer

Our Lady Martyrdom

8.00am Holy Communion

Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt

5.30pm Said Evening Prayer

Western Crypt

25 Wednesday **THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD TO THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

7.30am Morning Prayer

Our Lady Martyrdom

8.00am Holy Communion

Our Lady Martyrdom

3.00pm **The Installation of the One Hundred and Sixth
Archbishop of Canterbury, Sarah Elisabeth Mullally**
Entrance by invitation only

26 Thursday

7.30am Morning Prayer

Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt

8.00am Holy Communion

Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt

5.30pm Evening Prayer with Silence

Western Crypt

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27 Friday

7.30am

Morning Prayer

Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt

8.00am

Holy Communion

Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt

5.30pm

Evensong

Quire

sung by Lay Clerks (Cantoris II verse)

Harris, Responses

Psalms 126-131

Byrd, Evening service to fauxbourdons

Rachmaninoff, Otche Nash

Hymn 142 Glory be to Jesus (Caswall)

28 Saturday

8.00am

Holy Communion *St John the Evangelist, South-East Transept*

9.15am

Morning Prayer

Jesus Chapel, Crypt

5.30pm

Diocesan Service of Welcome

Nave

29 Sunday

PALM SUNDAY

8.00am

Holy Communion (BCP)

Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt

9.15am

Morning Prayer

Jesus Chapel, Crypt

10.45am

Eucharist with Blessing of Palms in the City Centre

Nave

sung by boy choristers and Lay Clerks

Victoria, Hosanna filio David

Matthew King, Canterbury Missa brevis

Victoria, The Passion according to St Matthew

Hymns 159 All glory, laud, and honour (St Theodulph (Valet

will ich dir geben)); 156 We sing the praise of him who died

(Bow Brickhill); 147 (omit vv. 4; 6) My song is love unknown

(Love unknown); 421 All for Jesus, all for Jesus (All for Jesus)

5.30pm

Evensong

Quire

sung by girl choristers and Lay Clerks

plainchant, Responses

Psalms 30

plainchant, Magnificat

Arvo Pärt, Nunc dimittis

Gibbons, O Lord, in thy wrath rebuke me not

Hymn 161 Ride on, ride on in majesty! (Winchester New)

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- 30 Monday** **Monday of Holy Week**
- 7.30am** **Morning Prayer** *Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt*
- 8.00am** **Holy Communion** *St Stephen, North-East Transept*
- 12.30pm** **Taizé Prayer** *Western Crypt*
- 5.30pm** **Holy Week Reflection** *Quire*
- sung by girl choristers and Lay Clerks*
- Winifred Knights, Life of St Martin of Tours
- Speaker: The Reverend Dr Ayla Lepine
- Psalm 130
- Rubbra, Lord have mercy (Missa Cantuariensis)
- Purcell, Hear my prayer, O Lord
- Hymns 713 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy (Slane);
- In our day of thanksgiving one psalm let us offer (St Catherine's Court)
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- 31 Tuesday** **Tuesday of Holy Week**
- 7.30am** **Morning Prayer** *Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt*
- 8.00am** **Holy Communion** *St Martin, North-East Transept*
- 5.30pm** **Holy Week Reflection** *Quire*
- sung by boy choristers and Lay Clerks*
- Evelyn Underhill's Crucifix
- Speaker: The Reverend Dr Ayla Lepine
- Psalm 42
- King John IV of Portugal, Crux fidelis
- Palestrina, Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes
- Hymns 135 Take up thy cross, the Saviour said (Breslau);
- 128i Jesu, lover of my soul (Aberystwyth)