Services & Music List

Canterbury Cathedral
December 2022

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.

December is a particularly busy month, following one of the two significant penitential seasons of the church's year as Advent leads us towards the celebration of the Birth of Jesus; the liturgies reflect the more somber mood with the use of purple coverings and vestments and the omission of the Gloria. We read of the ministry of John the Baptist, and as he prepared the way for Jesus, so we prepare ourselves to celebrate God's saving grace in the coming of the Messiah.

However, quickly following on from the great Christmas celebrations, we are faced with the costly nature of faith as we mark the martyrdom of St Stephen and the Holy Innocents and, on 29th, St Thomas Becket.

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 AD.

David Roper Interim Precentor

MUSIC

Visiting Choirs

The Tudeley Singers is an amateur choir based in Kent. Formed in 2018, the choir sings services in cathedrals during the holidays, as well as a number of concerts each year in aid of various charities.

St Stephen's, Canterbury draws singers from across Canterbury who enjoy singing a wide range of sacred music to a high standard. The choir sings two choral services each Sunday and also enjoys the opportunity to sing regularly in Canterbury Cathedral and elsewhere, including cathedrals in Rochester, Chelmsford, Salisbury, Chester, and Rheims in recent years.

The Gundulf Consort is a new *ad hoc* group of experienced church musicians based in Rochester, formed primarily to act as a cathedral visiting choir.

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

MUSIC

Join the Cathedral Choir

If you know a child 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.

The next round of auditions for prospective boy choristers will take place in January 2023; auditions for girl choristers will be held in June.

More information about the Cathedral's musicians can be found at https://www.canterbury-cathedral.org/worship/music/

David Newsholme Director of Music

Harp music, 19-24 December

We are delighted that, starting on 19 December, on days leading up to Christmas, Mary Morley will play music on the harp before and after Evensong. As well as being a wonderful harpist, Mary is House Parent to the boy choristers at Choir House.

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 (Matins) 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. The Cathedral's principal act of worship every week is the 11.00am Sunday Choral Eucharist.

Regular Worship

Daily Morning Prayer 7.30am (Monday-Friday)

9.15am (Saturday, Sunday, Bank Holidays)

Daily Eucharist 8.00am (On Sundays this is BCP Holy

Communion)

Lunchtime Eucharist 12.30pm (Wednesdays and Feast Days only)

Daily Choral Evensong* 5.30pm

Sunday Choral Eucharist* 11.00am

Daily Morning Prayer is in the chapel of **Our Lady Martyrdom** for Mondays to Fridays, and in the **Jesus Chapel** at weekends and bank holidays.

The daily 8.00am Eucharist is in the chapel of **Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt on a Sunday**, and in the chapels listed overleaf on the weekdays of the month.

The Lunchtime Eucharist is in the Chapel of Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt.

All Choral Services, unless otherwise indicated on the list below, are held in the **Quire**.

Full details of additional special services that are open to members of the public are provided in the pages that follow.

Sunday Choral Eucharist Preachers for December

Sunday 4 December: The Archdeacon
Sunday 11 December: The Precentor
The December:

Sunday 18 December: The Dean

Sunday 25 December: The Archbishop

Live-streamed worship

The starred services above will be livestreamed 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 and our prayers from home online visit www.canterbury-cathedral.org

The Julian Silent Prayer Meeting

If you are drawn to silent prayer, do come and join our monthly Julian Meeting, which is held from 6.30pm to 7.00pm in the Chapel of Our Lady Undercroft. The last date for the year is Thursday 1 December.

Meetings gather at the south door of the Cathedral after Evensong, and then we go down into the Crypt. A sentence or meditation is read followed by half an hour's silent prayer. For further information please contact Canon Emma: emma.pennington@canterbury-cathedral.org

Chapels for the daily 8.00am Eucharist – December 2022

| 1 2 3 | Thursday Friday Saturday | St Martin, North-East Transept (obit of Archbishop Archibald Tait) St Mary Magdalene, Crypt Saints and Martyrs of Our Own Time, Corona |
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| 4 | Sunday | Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt |
| 5 | Monday | St Stephen, North-East Transept (obit of Archbishop Cosmo Lang) |
| 6 | Tuesday | St Nicholas, Crypt (for St Nicholas) |
| 7 | Wednesday | St Gregory, South-East Transept |
| 8 | Thursday | Our Lady Martyrdom (obit of Archbishop John Pecham) |
| 9 | Friday | Holy Innocents, Crypt |
| 10 | Saturday | Jesus Chapel, Crypt |
| 11 | Sunday | Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt |
| 12 | Monday | St Gabriel, Crypt |
| 13 | Tuesday | St John the Evangelist, South-East Transept |
| 14 | Wednesday | St Mary Magdalene, Crypt |
| 15 | Thursday | St Anselm, South Quire Aisle |
| 16 | Friday | St Martin, North-East Transept |
| 17 | Saturday | St Nicholas, Crypt |
| 18 | Sunday | Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt |
| 19 | Monday | St Gregory, South-East Transept |
| 20 | Tuesday | Our Lady Martyrdom |
| 21 | Wednesday | Jesus Chapel, Crypt |
| 22 | Thursday | Saints and Martyrs of Our Own Time, Corona (obit of Archbishop Frederick Temple) |
| 23 | Friday | St Gabriel, Crypt |
| 24 | Saturday | Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt |
| 25 | Sunday | High Altar |
| 26 | Monday | St Stephen, North-East Transept (for St Stephen) |
| 27 | Tuesday | St John the Evangelist, South-East Transept (for St John) |
| 28 | Wednesday | Holy Innocents, Crypt (for Holy Innocents) |
| 29 | Thursday | Altar of the Swordspoint, Martyrdom (for St Thomas Becket) |
| 30 | Friday | St Mary Magdalene, Crypt |
| 31 | Saturday | St Anselm, South Quire Aisle |
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In addition to the Cathedral's regular worship as described above, the Cathedral hosts a number of special services which all are very welcome to attend.

December Special Services

| 03 | Saturday | 3.00pm | Said Evening Prayer |
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| 04 | Sunday | 4.30pm | Said Evening Prayer |
| | | 5.30pm | St Nicholas Family Service |
| 17 | Saturday | 3.00pm | Installation of the Dean |
| | | 5.30pm | Said Evening Prayer |
| 18 | Sunday | 5.30pm | Evensong by Candlelight for Santa Lucia |
| 23 | Friday | 4.30pm | Said Evening Prayer |
| | | 7.30pm | Cathedral Carol Service |
| 24 | Saturday | 11.00am | Family Crib Service |
| | | 3.00pm | Cathedral Carol Service |
| | | 5.30pm | Choral Evensong |
| 25 | Sunday | 9.15am | Choral Matins |
| | | 3.00pm | Solemn Evensong |
| 26 | Monday | 12.30pm | Said Eucharist for St Stephen |
| 27 | Tuesday | 12.30pm | Said Eucharist for St John the Evangelist |
| 28 | Wednesday | 12.30pm | Said Eucharist for Holy Innocents |
| 29 | Thursday | 12.30pm | Said Eucharist for St Thomas of Canterbury |
| | | 3.00pm | Solemn Evensong |

We very much hope that in the range of worship we offer you find yourself drawn nearer to the love of the living God.

David Roper Interim Precentor

Archbishops of Canterbury commemorated in December

- 1st Archibald Campbell Tait, 93rd Archbishop, 1882 Memorial in North-East Transept
- 5th Cosmo Gordon Lang, 97th Archbishop, 1945 Ashes buried in St Stephen's Chapel
- 8th John Pecham, 49th Archbishop, 1292 *Buried in the Martyrdom*
- 14th Thomas Tenison, 81st Archbishop, 1715
- **22nd** Frederick Temple, 95th Archbishop, 1902 *Memorial in the Corona, Buried in the Cloister Garth*
- **29**th St Thomas Becket, 40th Archbishop, 1170 *Memorial Candle in Trinity Chapel*

DECEMBER 2022

1 Thursday

5.30 Evensong sung by the boy choristers

plainchant, Responses

Psalm 8

Sumsion in D

Greene, The sun shall be no more thy light by day

Hymn 57 Ye servants of the Lord (Narenza)

2 Friday

5.30 Evensong sung by the Lay Clerks

Philip Moore, Responses ii

Psalms 12-14

Michael Walsh, St Paul's service

Tye, Ad te clamamus

Hymn 34 Earth was waiting, spent and restless (Picardy)

3 Saturday

3.00 Evening Prayer said in the Crypt

4 Sunday The Second Sunday of Advent

11.00 Eucharist sung by the boy choristers and Lay Clerks

Haydn, Missa Sancti Nicolai

Psalm 72.1-7

Ord, Adam lay y'bounden

Hymns 50 The advent of our King (St Thomas); 42 Longing for light, we wait in darkness (Christ be our light); 46 On Jordan's

bank the Baptist's cry (Winchester New)

Organ voluntary: Bach, Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland,

BWV 659

5.30 St Nicholas Family Service

sung by the girl choristers and local school children

DECEMBER 2022

5 Monday

5.30 Evensong sung by the boy choristers and Lay Clerks

Cecilia McDowall, Responses

Psalms 27-29

Byrd, Short service

Ledger, Advent calendar

Hymn 569i The kingdom of God is justice and joy (Paderborn)

6 Tuesday Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, c.326

5.30 Evensong sung by the boy choristers and Lay Clerks

Cecilia McDowall, Responses

Psalms 32-34

Farrant, Short service

Rupert Jeffcoat, A tender shoot

Hymn 37 Hark what a sound, and too divine for hearing

(Highwood)

7 Wednesday Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, Teacher of the Faith, 397

5.30 Evensong sung by the girl choristers

plainchant, Responses

Psalm 37.1-11

Holly Smith, Magnificat and Nunc dimittis

Warlock, Adam lay y'bounden

Hymn 36 Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes (Bristol)

8 Thursday The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

5.30 Evensong sung by the boy choristers

plainchant, Responses

Psalm 41

Bairstow in E flat

Stanford, A song of peace

Hymn 394 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!

(Woodlands)

9 Friday Ember Day

5.30 Evensong sung by the Lay Clerks

Cleobury, Responses

Psalm 49

Shepherd, First service Hassler, Laetentur coeli

Hymn 33i Creator of the starry height (Conditor alme siderum)

10 Saturday Ember Day

5.30 Evensong sung by the Lay Clerks

Cleobury, Responses

Psalms 53; 54 Howells in D

M. Praetorius, arr. Andrew Parnell, Come, thou redeemer of

the earth

Hymn 39 Hills of the North, rejoice (Little Cornard)

11 Sunday The Third Sunday of Advent

11.00 Eucharist *sung by the girl choristers*

Fauré, Messe basse

Psalm 146.4-10

Fauré, Ave verum

Hymns 46 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry (Winchester

New); 55 When the King shall come again (St John

Damascene); 30 Come, thou long-expected Jesus (Cross of

Jesus)

Organ voluntary: Bach, Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland,

BWV 661

5.30 Evensong

sung by the girl choristers

plainchant, Responses

Psalm 12

Hurford in A

trad. Besançon, arr. Barry Rose, People look East

Hymn 52 The people that in darkness sat (Dundee)

Organ voluntary: Demessieux, Rorate caeli

12 Monday

5.30 Evensong *sung by the Lay Clerks*

Cleobury, Responses

Psalm 66

Tallis, Short service

Gibbons, This is the record of John

Hymn 38 Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding (Merton)

13 Tuesday Lucy, Martyr at Syracuse, 304

5.30 Evensong sung by the Lay Clerks

Cleobury, Responses Psalm 69.1-22; 30-31

Robert Sharpe, Canticles on tones vi and ii

Tallis, In pace in idipsum

Hymn 50 The advent of our King (St Thomas)

14 Wednesday John of the Cross, Poet, Teacher of the Faith, 1591

5.30 Evensong sung by the girl choristers

plainchant, Responses

Psalm 74.1-12

Gibbons, Short service

M. Praetorius, arr. Barry Rose, Come, thou redeemer of the

earth

Hymn 452 Let all mortal flesh keep silence (Picardy)

15 Thursday

Evening Prayer said in the Crypt

16 Friday

5.30 Evensong sung by the Lay Clerks

Bullock, Responses

Psalm 83

Cleobury, Short service

Byrd, Alma redemptoris mater

Hymn 51 The Lord will come and not be slow (St Stephen)

MUSIC LIST

DECEMBER 2022

17 Saturday O Sapientia

3.00 Installation of the Dean

sung by combined choirs of Canterbury Cathedral and

Leicester Cathedral

5.30 Evening Prayer said in the Crypt

18 Sunday The Fourth Sunday of Advent

11.00 Eucharist sung by the boy choristers and Lay Clerks

Byrd, Mass for five voices

Psalm 80.1-8

Byrd, Ave Maria

Hymns 85 The Angel Gabriel from heaven came (Gabriel's Message); 54 Wake, O wake! With tidings thrilling (Wachet

auf); 45 O come, O come, Emmanuel (Veni Emmanuel)

Organ voluntary: Karg-Elert, Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme

op. 78, no. 18

5.30 Evensong by Candlelight for Santa Lucia

sung by the girl choristers and Lay Clerks

19 Monday

5.30 Evensong sung by the boy choristers and Lay Clerks

Leighton, Responses

Psalms 98-101

Antiphon: O Radix Jesse

Tone ii solemn; Stanford in G

Joubert, There is no rose

Hymn 316 The God whom earth and sea and sky (Puer nobis

nascitur)

20 Tuesday

5.30 Evensong sung by the boy choristers and Lay Clerks

Leighton, Responses

Psalm 104

Antiphon: O Clavis David Tone ii solemn; Darke in a

trad. German, arr. Jacques, The Linden Tree carol Hymn 52 The people that in darkness sat (Dundee)

21 Wednesday

5.30 Evensong sung by the girl choristers

plainchant, Responses

Psalm 106.1-12

Antiphon: O Oriens

Tone ii solemn

Hadley, I sing of a maiden

Hymn 30 Come, thou long-expected Jesus (Cross of Jesus)

22 Thursday

5.30 Evensong sung by the boy choristers

plainchant, Responses

Psalm 108

Antiphon: O Rex Gentium

Tone ii solemn

John Rutter, A virgin most pure

Hymn 37 Hark what a sound, and too divine for hearing

(Highwood)

MUSIC LIST

| 23 | Friday 7.30 | Christmas Carol Service i | | |
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| 24 | Saturday | Christmas Eve | | |
| | 11.00 | Family Crib Service | | |
| | 3.00 | Cathedral Christmas Carol Service ii | | |
| | 5.30 | Evensong sung by the boy choristers and Lay Clerks | | |
| | | Leighton, Responses | | |
| | | Psalm 85 | | |
| | | Antiphon: O Virgo Virginum | | |
| | | Tone ii solemn; Ayleward, Short service | | |
| | | trad., arr. Willcocks, Tomorrow shall be my dancing day | | |
| | | Hymn 89i: While shepherds watched (Winchester Old) | | |
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MUSIC LIST DECEMBER 2022

25 CHRISTMAS DAY Sunday

9.15 **Matins** sung by the boy choristers and Lay Clerks

trad., arr. Woodward Up! good christen folk, and listen

Leighton, Responses

Psalms 110; 117

Stanford in C

Poulenc, Hodie Christus natus est

Hymn 61 Christians awake! Salute the happy morn (Yorkshire)

Organ voluntary: Bach, In dulci jubilo, BWV 729

11.00 **Eucharist** sung by the boy choristers, girl choristers

and Lay Clerks

Rheinberger in E flat

Rodney Bennett, Puer nobis

Hymns 78 O come, all ye faithful (Adeste Fideles); 83 See, amid the winter's snow (Humility); 79 O little town of Bethlehem (Forest Green); 66 Hark! the herald angels sing

(Mendelssohn)

Organ voluntary: Vierne, Final from Symphony no. 1

3.00 Evensong sung by the boy choristers and Lay Clerks

Warlock, Benedicamus Domino

Leighton, Responses

Psalm 8

Dyson in D

Christmas carols

Organ voluntary: Guilmant, Grand Choeur alla Handel

26 Monday Stephen, Deacon, First Martyr

5.30 Evensong with Carols

sung by the Tudeley Singers

Kirkpatrick, arr. Willcocks, Away in a manger

plainchant, Responses

Psalm 57

Dyson in c

trad., Coventry Carol

27 Tuesday John, Apostle and Evangelist

5.30 Evensong sung by the Tudeley Singers

Ord, Adam lay ybounden plainchant, Responses

Psalm 97

Batten, Fourth service

Poston, Jesus Christ the apple tree

Hymn 58 A great and mighty wonder (Es ist ein Ros

entsprungen)

28 Wednesday The Holy Innocents

5.30 Evensong sung by St Stephen's, Canterbury

Nicholson, Welcome Yule

Ayleward, Responses

Psalm 138

Stanford in B flat

Joanna Forbes L'Estrange, Carol of the crib

Hymn 77 Lully, lulla (Coventry Carol)

29 Thursday The Martyrdom of Thomas of Canterbury, 1170 3.00 Evensong and Procession

sung by the Lay Clerks

plainchant, Responses

Psalm 61

plainchant, Canticles

Palestrina, Opem nobis, O Thoma

Hymn NEH 208 In our day of thanksgiving (St Catherine's

Court)

30 Friday

5.30 Evensong *sung by the Gundulf Consort*

Sanders, Responses

Psalm 150

Brewer in D

Ashfield, Corde natus ex parentis

Hymn 65 Good Christians all, rejoice (In dulci jubilo)

31 Saturday

5.30 Evensong *sung by the City of Canterbury Chamber Choir*

Ayleward, Responses

Psalm 148

Stanford in C

Philip Stopford, Lully, Lulla, Lullay

Hymn 80 (omit vv.3, 4) Of the Father's heart begotten

(Divinum mysterium)