Services & Music List

Canterbury Cathedral September 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 8, 15, 22 and 29 September.

*most Thursdays with occasional variations, check the Pew Sheet for details **during choir term time

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

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, all 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: tbc

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 for will be available from the Canterbury Festival Box Office from Monday 15 September 2025.

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

Telephone: 01227 457568

Address: Canterbury Festival Box Office, Festival House, 8 Orange Street,

Canterbury, Kent CT1 2JA

MUSIC

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 Monday

7.30am Morning Prayer Jesus Chapel, Crypt 8.00am Holy Communion St Gabriel, Crypt

5.30pm Evensong

Quire

sung by Lay Clerks

Andrew Millington, Responses

Psalm 7

June Nixon, Second service

Tallis, Hear the voice and prayer

Hymn 649 God of mercy, God of grace (Heathlands)

2 Tuesday Martyrs of Papua New Guinea, 1901 and 1942

7.30am Morning Prayer Jesus Chapel, Crypt

8.00am Holy Communion Saints and Martyrs of Our Own Time, Corona

5.30pm Evensong Quire

sung by Lay Clerks

Andrew Millington, Responses

Psalms 12-14

Sumsion in G, a3

Don Greig, Pater noster

Hymn 695 Jesus, these eyes have never seen (Nun danket all')

3 Wednesday 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 girl choristers

Ridout, Let saints on earth in concert sing

plainchant, Responses

Psalm 18.1-19

Dyson in c

Vaughan Williams, The song of the tree of life

Hymn 703 Lead, kindly light, amid the encircling gloom

(Alberta)

| 4 | Thursday 7.30am 8.00am 5.30pm | Morning Prayer Holy Communion Evening Prayer with | Silence | St Mary Magdo | apel, Crypt ılene, Crypt estern Crypt |
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| 5 | Friday | | | | |
| | 7.30am | Morning Prayer | | Jesus Ch | apel, Crypt |
| | 8.00am | Holy Communion | | St Martin, North-Ea | st Transept |
| | 5.30pm | Evensong | | | Quire |
| | | sung by Lay Clerks | | | |
| | | Philip Moore, Response | es ii | | |
| | | Psalms 28; 29 | | | |
| | | Tallis, Short service | | | |
| | | Tomkins, Hear my pray | er, O Lord | | |
| | | Hymn 726 May the grad | ce of Christ | our Saviour (Walt | ham) |
| 6 | Saturday | | | | |
| | 8.00am | Holy Communion | St John the I | Evangelist, South-Ea | ıst Transept |
| | 9.15am | Morning Prayer | 9 | · · | apel, Crypt |
| | 5.30pm | Evensong with admi | ssion of C | • | Quire |
| | | sung by boy choristers and Lay Clerks | | | |
| | | Ayleward, Responses | | | |
| | | Psalms 32-34 | | | |

Stanford, O for a closer walk with God

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

Sumsion in G, a4

7 Sunday The Twelfth 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 boy choristers and Lay Clerks

Stanford, Communion service in C and F

Psalm 1

Preacher: The Reverend Dr E L Pennington, Canon Missioner Elgar, O salutaris hostia, no. 3

Hymns 493 Hope of our calling: hope through courage won (Song 22); 440 Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness (Schmücke dich); 477 (t. 394) Go forth and tell! O Church of God, awake! (Woodlands)

5.30pm Evensong and admission of Choristers

Quire

sung by girl choristers and Lay Clerks

Smith, Responses

Psalm 121

Brewer in D

Brahms, How lovely are thy dwellings fair

Hymn 739i Now thank we all our God (Nun danket)

7.30pm King's School Evensong

Quire

8 Monday 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 Martyrdom

12.30pm Taizé Prayer Western Crypt
5.30pm Evensong Quire

sung by girl choristers and Lay Clerks

Byrd, O Lord, make thy servant Charles

Smith, Responses Psalms 41-43

Gibbons, Short service

Child, O Lord, grant the King a long life

Hymns 827 Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim (Paderborn); 578 God save our gracious King (National

anthem)

9 Tuesday

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

sung by boy choristers and Lay Clerks

Ayleward, Responses

Psalms 47-49

Byrd, Short service

Gibbons, Almighty and everlasting God

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

10 Wednesday

7.30am Morning Prayer Jesus Chapel, Crypt
8.00am Holy Communion Holy Innocents, Crypt
12.30pm Holy Communion Nave Altar
5.30pm Evensong Quire

sung by girl choristers plainchant, Responses

Psalm 53

Becky-Ellice Creighton, Canterbury service

Purcell, Evening hymn

Hymn 602 Blest are the pure in heart (Franconia)

| 11 | Thursday | | | |
|----|----------|---|---------------------------------|--|
| | 7.30am | Morning Prayer | Jesus Chapel, Crypt | |
| | 8.00am | Holy Communion | St Gabriel, Crypt | |
| | 5.30pm | Evening Prayer with Silence | Western Crypt | |
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| 12 | Friday | Eanswythe, Abbess, c. 640 | | |
| | 7.30am | Morning Prayer | Jesus Chapel, Crypt | |
| | 8.00am | Holy Communion | St Stephen, North-East Transept | |
| | 5.30pm | Evensong | Quire | |
| | - | sung by Lay Clerks | | |
| | | Cleobury, Responses | | |
| | | Psalm 66 | | |
| | | Shepherd, First service | | |
| | | Grayston Ives, In pace | | |
| | | Hymn 21 O strength and stay (Strength and Stay) | | |
| 13 | Saturday | John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, Teacher, 407 | | |
| | 8.00am | Holy Communion | Jesus Chapel, Crypt | |
| | 9.15am | Morning Prayer | Jesus Chapel, Crypt | |
| | 11.00am | Hop Hoodening Service | Nave | |
| | 5.30pm | • | | |
| | 1 | , | Quire | |
| | | First Evensong of Holy Cross Day | | |
| | | sung by boy choristers and Lay Clerks | | |
| | | Ayleward, Responses | | |
| | | Psalms 69; 70 | | |
| | | Wood in E-flat | | |
| | | Wood, O thou, the central orb | | |
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Hymn 135 Take up thy cross, the Saviour said (Breslau)

Holy Cross Day 14 Sunday

11.00am

Holy Communion (BCP) 8.00am Altar of the Holy Cross (Nave Altar)

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

sung by boy choristers and Lay Clerks

Byrd, Mass for five voices

Psalm 22.23-28

Preacher: The Reverend A P Dodd, Canon Treasurer

John IV of Portugal, Crux fidelis

Hymns NEH 79 The royal banners forward go (Vexilla Regis); 180ii O cross of Christ, immortal tree (Walsall); NEH 379 In

the Cross of Christ I glory (Wychbold)

5.30pm **Evensong**

sung by girl choristers and Lay Clerks

Morales, O crux, ave, spes unica

Radcliffe, Responses

Psalms 110; 150

Howells, New College service

Bruckner, Christus factus est

Hymn 707 (omit vv. 2-6) Lift high the cross, the love of Christ

proclaim (Crucifer)

7.30pm King's School Evensong with Admission of Scholars

Nave

Quire

15 Monday Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, Martyr, 258

7.30am Morning Prayer Jesus Chapel, Crypt
8.00am Holy Communion Our Lady Undercroft (Holy House)
12.30pm Taizé Prayer Western Crypt
5.30pm Evensong Quire

sung by girl choristers and Lay Clerks

Radcliffe, Responses

Psalm 78

June Nixon, First service Howells, Like as the hart

Hymn 634i Firmly I believe and truly (Halton Holgate)

16 Tuesday Ninian, Bishop of Galloway, Apostle of the Picts, c. 432

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

sung by boy choristers and Lay Clerks

Ayleward, Responses

Psalms 82-85

Byrd, Second service Palestrina, Sicut cervus

Hymn 647 God moves in a mysterious way (London New)

17 Wednesday Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, Visionary, 1179

7.30am Morning Prayer Jesus Chapel, Crypt
8.00am Holy Communion St Mary Magdalene, Crypt
12.30pm Holy Communion Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt
5.30pm Evensong Quire

sung by girl choristers plainchant, Responses

Psalm 89.1-12

Rose, Magdalen College service

Hildegard von Bingen, O virtus Sapientie

Hymn 664 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds (St Peter)

| 18 | Thursday | | | |
|----|----------|---|---------------------------------|--|
| | 7.30am | Morning Prayer | Jesus Chapel, Crypt | |
| | 8.00am | Holy Communion | St Gregory, South-East Transept | |
| | 5.30pm | Evening Prayer with Silence | Western Crypt | |
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| 19 | Friday | Theodore of Tarsus, 7 th Archbishop of Canterbury, 690 | | |
| | 7.30am | Morning Prayer Jesus Chapel, (| | |
| | 8.00am | Holy Communion | St Augustine, Nave | |
| | 5.30pm | Evensong | Quire | |
| | _ | sung by Lay Clerks | | |
| | | John Rutter, Responses | | |
| | | Psalms 98; 99 | | |
| | | Sarah MacDonald, Fauxbourdons | | |
| | | Jim Clements, One equal music | | |
| | | Hymn 669 I heard the voice of Jesus say (Kingsfold) | | |
| 20 | Saturday | John Coleridge Patteson, first Bishop of Melanesia, and his | | |
| | J | Companions, Martyrs, 1871 | | |
| | 8.00am | Holy Communion | St Martin, North-East Transept | |
| | 9.15am | Morning Prayer | Jesus Chapel, Crypt | |
| | 2.00pm | Thomas Akon Service | Eastern Crypt | |
| | 5.30pm | Evensong | Quire | |
| | | First Evensong of Matthew | | |
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| | | sung by boy choristers and Lay Clerks | | |
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| | | sung by boy choristers and Lay Clerks | | |
| | | sung by boy choristers and Lay Clerks Rose, Responses | | |
| | | sung by boy choristers and Lay Clerks Rose, Responses Psalm 104 | | |

21 Sunday Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist **Holy Communion** (BCP) 8.00am Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt 9.15am **King's School Matins** Quire 11.00am **Eucharist** Quire sung by boy choristers and Lay Clerks Jonathan Dove, Missa brevis Psalm 119.65-72 Preacher: The Archdeacon of Canterbury Anna Lapwood, O nata lux Hymns 490 Glory to God, the source of all our mission (Highwood); 422 Alleluia, sing to Jesus! (Hyfrydol); 608 Christ is our corner-stone (Harewood)

5.30pm Evensong

Quire

sung by girl choristers and Lay Clerks
Peter Futcher, Holy is the true light

Byrd, Responses

Psalm 119.33-40, 89-96

Jackson in G

Gabriel Jackson, O quam gloriosum

Hymn 308 Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!

(Hannover)

22 Monday

7.30am Morning Prayer Jesus Chapel, Crypt
8.00am Holy Communion Saints & Martyrs of Our Own Time, Corona
12.30pm Taizé Prayer Western Crypt
5.30pm Evensong Quire

sung by girl choristers and Lay Clerks

Byrd, Responses Psalms 108; 109 Bairstow in G Blitheman, In pace

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

23 Tuesday

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

sung by boy choristers and Lay Clerks

Rose, Responses Psalms 114; 115

Gibbons, Second service Tallis, If ye love me

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

24 Wednesday Ember Day

7.30am Morning Prayer Jesus Chapel, Crypt
8.00am Holy Communion Our Lady Martyrdom
12.30pm Holy Communion Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt
5.30pm Evensong Quire

sung by girl choristers plainchant, Responses

Psalm 119.1-16

Poppy Armstrong, Canterbury service Clérambault, Ante thronum Trinitatis

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

25 Thursday Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester,

Spiritual Writer, 1626

7.30am Morning Prayer Jesus Chapel, Crypt
 8.00am Holy Communion St Anselm, South Quire Aisle
 5.30pm Evening Prayer with Silence Western Crypt

| 26 | Friday | Ember Day | |
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| | 7.30am | Morning Prayer | Jesus Chapel, Crypt |
| | 8.00am | Holy Communion | Holy Innocents, Crypt |
| | 5.30pm | Evensong | Quire |
| | | sung by Lay Clerks | |
| | | Tallis, Responses | |
| | | Psalm 119.145-160 | |
| | | Mundy, Service in three parts | |
| | | Viadana, Exultate justi | |
| | | Hymn 591 As pants the hart for coolir | ng streams (Martyrdom) |
| 27 | Saturday | Vincent de Paul, founder of the Congr | regation of the Mission |
| | | (Lazarists) 1660; Ember Day | |
| | 8.00am | Holy Communion St S | tephen, North-East Transept |
| | 9.15am | Morning Prayer | Jesus Chapel, Crypt |
| | 1.00pm | Holy Matrimony | Quire |
| | 5.30pm | Evening Prayer | Western Crypt |

28 Sunday The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt
9.15am Morning Prayer Jesus Chapel, Crypt

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11.00am Eucharist with Commissioning of the Pastoral Team

Quire

sung by boy choristers and Lay Clerks
Dominique Le Gendre, Missa brevis

Psalm 146

Preacher: The Dean Byrd, O salutaris hostia

Hymns NEH 404 Lord of our life, and God of our salvation

(Iste Confessor); 519 Sometimes a light surprises

(Offertorium); 794i The King of love my shepherd is (Dominus

Regit me)

5.30pm Evensong with Admission of Readers

Quire

First Evensong of Michael and All Angels

sung by girl choristers and Lay Clerks

Matthew Martin, Responses

Psalm 91

plainchant, Magnificat Arvo Pärt, Nunc dimittis Tippett, Plebs angelica

Hymn 322 Around the throne of God a band (Solothurn)

29 Monday Michael and All Angels

7.30am Morning Prayer Jesus Chapel, Crypt
8.00am Holy Communion St Michael, South-West Transept
12.30pm Taizé Prayer Western Crypt
5.30pm Evensong Quire

sung by girl choristers and Lay Clerks

Stanford, Beati quorum via Matthew Martin, Responses

Psalms 138; 148

Weelkes, Short service

Dering, Factum est silentium

Hymn 323 Christ, the fair glory of the holy angels (Coelites

plaudant)

30 Tuesday

7.30am Morning Prayer8.00am Holy Communion

Jesus Chapel, Crypt St Gabriel, Crypt Quire

5.30pm Evensong

sung by boy choristers and Lay Clerks

Rose, Responses Psalms 147-150

Tomkins, First service

Farrant, Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake

Hymn 713 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy (Slane)