Services & Music List

Canterbury Cathedral
December 2024

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 AD.

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, with music from the Cathedral Choir or one of the many excellent visiting choirs who come to sing during the Cathedral Choir's holidays, or Said Evening Prayer. 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

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. Weekly until 16 December. All welcome.

WORSHIP

Archbishops of Canterbury commemorated in December

- 1st Archibald Campbell Tait, 93rd Archbishop, 1882
 Buried at St Mary, Addington, Memorial in the 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 Buried at St Mary-at-Lambeth
- 22nd Frederick Temple, 95th Archbishop, 1902

 Buried in the Cloister Garth, Memorial in the Corona
- 29th St Thomas Becket, 40th Archbishop, 1170

 Originally buried in the Eastern Crypt, Translated to the Trinity Chapel in 1220,
 Tomb destroyed in 1538

MUSIC

Visiting Choirs

Lees Court Music is a Canterbury based chamber choir which sings as a visiting choir at English cathedrals, at weddings & events, and in concerts in small country churches in Kent in support of local fund-raising.

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

MUSIC

Join the Cathedral Choir

If you know a boy in school year 2, 3 or 4, 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/music

Spring Term Organ Recitals

All organ recitals will start at 6.15pm in the Cathedral's Quire and will be free of charge with a retiring collection. Programmes for these concerts are included in the monthly Services and Music List.

Friday 10 January: Ivan Leung, Organ Scholar, Canterbury Cathedral Friday 7 March: Ed Gaut, Keble College, Oxford

Organ Open Evening

An Organ Open Evening, run by our Assistant Director of Music, Jamie Rogers, will be held on Friday 28 March at 6.30pm. This will include an introduction to the Cathedral's organ (refurbished by Harrison & Harrison in 2020), a demonstration, and a chance for keen organists to play a short piece of their choice, time allowing.

The Open Evening will be free of charge and un-ticketed and anyone wishing to play should write to music@canterbury-cathedral.org in advance.

1 Sunday The First Sunday of Advent
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt
9.15am Morning Prayer Our Lady Martyrdom
11.00am Eucharist Quire

sung by boy choristers and Lay Clerks (Decani I verse)

plainchant, Missa no. XVII

Psalm 25.1-9

Preacher: The Archdeacon of Canterbury

Ord, Adam lay y'bounden

Hymns The Advent prose; 815 Thy kingdom come! On bended knee (Irish); 56 Word of justice, alleluia (Litany of the Word);

41 Lo, he comes with clouds descending (Helmsley)

4.00pm Said Evening Prayer5.30pm Advent Carol Service

Eastern Crypt

Nave

sung by boy choristers, girl choristers and Lay Clerks

Palestrina, Matin responsory

Judith Weir, Advent prose

Kerensa Briggs, A tender shoot

James MacMillan, O radiant dawn

Simon Beattie, Advent calendar

Matthew Martin, Angelus ad virginem

Hymns 32 Come, thou Redeemer of the earth (Puer nobis nascitur); 54 Wake, O wake! With tidings thrilling (Wachet auf); 30 Come, thou long-expected Jesus (Cross of Jesus); 45 O come, O come, Emmanuel (Veni Emmanuel); 41 Lo, he comes, with clouds descending (Helmsley)

2 Monday

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

sung by girl choristers and Lay Clerks Sarah MacDonald, Responses

Psalms 12-14

Gibbons, Short service

Rupert Jeffcoat, A tender shoot

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

3 Tuesday

7.30am Morning Prayer Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt
8.00am Holy Communion Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt
4.00pm Tea Time Carols Crib
5.30pm Evensong Quire

sung by boy choristers and Lay Clerks

Ayleward, Responses

Psalm 18

Tomkins, First service

Byrd, Vigilate

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

4 Wednesday

7.30am Morning Prayer Our Lady Martyrdom
8.00am Holy Communion St Gabriel, Crypt
12.30pm Holy Communion St Anselm, South Quire Aisle
5.30pm Evensong Quire

sung by girl choristers plainchant, Responses

Psalm 23 Dyson in c

trad., arr. Barry Rose, Come, thou Redeemer of the earth Hymn 37 Hark what a sound, and too divine for hearing (Highwood)

5	Thursday		
	7.30am	Morning Prayer	Our Lady Martyrdom
	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Stephen, North-East Transept
	5.30pm	Said Evening Prayer	Western Crypt
6	Friday	Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, c.326	
	7.30am	Morning Prayer	Our Lady Martyrdom
	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Nicholas, Crypt
	12.30pm	Journeying to Christmas Reflections Nave	
	5.30pm	Evensong	Quire
		sung by Lay Clerks (Cantoris I verse)	
		Cleobury, Responses	
		Psalm 33	
		Cleobury, Short service	
		Hassler, Laetentur coeli	
		Hymn 33i Creator of the starry hei	ght (Conditor alme siderum)
7	Saturday	turday Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, Teacher of the Faith, 397	
	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Anselm, South Quire Aisle
	9.15am	Morning Prayer	Our Lady Martyrdom
	12.30pm	Shoppers' Carol Service	Cathedral Precincts
	5.00pm	Junior Kings School Carol Ser	vice Nave
	5.30pm	Said Evening Prayer	Eastern Crypt

8 Sunday The Second Sunday of Advent
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt
9.15am Morning Prayer Our Lady Martyrdom
11.00am Eucharist Crypt

sung by boy choristers and Lay Clerks Haydn, Missa Sancti Nicolai

Canticle: Benedictus

Preacher: The Reverend A P Dodd, Canon Treasurer

Goldschmidt, A tender shoot

Hymns 46 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry (Winchester New); 38 Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding (Merton); 56 Word of justice, alleluia (Litany of the Word); 39 Hills of the

North, rejoice (Little Cornard)

4.00pm Said Evening Prayer Eastern Crypt **5.30pm** St Nicholas Family Service Nave

9 Monday

7.30am Morning Prayer Our Lady Martyrdom
8.00am Holy Communion St Martin, North-East Transept
12.30pm Taizé Prayer Western Crypt
5.30pm Evensong Quire

sung by girl choristers and Lay Clerks Sarah MacDonald, Responses

Psalms 47-49 Gray in f

Manz, E'en so, Lord Jesus

Hymn 52 (omit v. 3) The people that in darkness sat (Dundee)

10 Tuesday

7.30am Morning Prayer Our Lady Martyrdom
8.00am Holy Communion St Mary Magdalene, Crypt
4.00pm Tea Time Carols Crib
5.30pm Evensong Quire

sung by boy choristers and Lay Clerks

Ayleward, Responses

Psalms 53-55 Dyson in F

Ledger, Advent calendar

Hymn 815 Thy kingdom come! On bended knee (Irish)

11 Wednesday Ember Day

7.30am Morning Prayer Our Lady Martyrdom
 8.00am Holy Communion St John the Evangelist, South-East Transept
 12.30pm Holy Communion St Anselm, South Quire Aisle
 5.30pm Evensong Quire

sung by girl choristers plainchant, Responses

Psalm 61

Christopher Robinson, Worcester service

Warlock, Adam lay y'bounden

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

12 Thursday

7.30am Morning Prayer Our Lady Martyrdom
 8.00am Holy Communion St Stephen, North-East Transept
 5.30pm Said Evening Prayer Western Crypt

13 Friday Lucy, Martyr at Syracuse, 304

Ember Day

7.30am Morning Prayer Our Lady Martyrdom
8.00am Holy Communion Our Lady Martyrdom
12.30pm Journeying to Christmas Reflections

5.30pm Evensong

Quire

sung by Lay Clerks (Decani II verse) Philip Moore, Responses, ii

Psalm 69.1-22, 30-31 Shepherd, First service

Byrd, Alma redemptoris mater

Hymn 32 Come, thou Redeemer of the earth (Puer nobis

nascitur)

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

Ember Day

8.00amHoly CommunionSt Nicholas, Crypt9.15amMorning PrayerOur Lady Martyrdom12.30pmShoppers' Carol ServiceCathedral Precincts5.30pmEvensongQuire

sung by boy choristers plainchant, Responses

Psalm 74.1-12

Long in F

Stanford, A song of peace

Hymn 55 When the King shall come again (St John Damascene)

15 Sunday The Third Sunday of Advent 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Morning Prayer

11.00am Eucharist

9.15am

Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt
Our Lady Martyrdom
Quire

sung by boy choristers and Lay Clerks Howells, Collegium Regale Psalm 146.4-10

Preacher: The Reverend Dr E L Pennington, Canon Missioner trad., arr. Vaughan Williams, The truth from above Hymns 36 Hark the glad sound! the Saviour comes (Bristol); 45 O come, O come, Emmanuel (Veni Emmanuel); 56 Word of justice, alleluia (Litany of the Word); 50 The advent of our King (St Thomas)

4.00pm Said Evening Prayer5.30pm Festival of Carols with Living Nativity

Eastern Crypt

Nave

sung by girl choristers and Lay Clerks

trad., arr. Roger Hemingway, People look east

trad., arr. John Rutter & Andrew Carter, Angelus ad virginem Tavener, The Lamb

Hymns 66 Hark! the herald angels sing (Mendelssohn); 75 Long ago, prophets knew (Personent hodie); 84 Silent night! Holy Night! (Stille nacht); 89i While shepherds watched their flocks by night (Winchester old); 105 We three kings of Orient are (Three kings of Orient); 79 O little town of Bethlehem (Forest Green); 60 Away in a manger, no crib for a bed (Cradle song); 78 (omit v. 7) O come, all ye faithful (Adeste fideles)

16 Monday

7.30am Morning Prayer Our Lady Martyrdom
8.00am Holy Communion St Anselm, South Quire Aisle
12.30pm Taizé Prayer Western Crypt
5.30pm Evensong Quire

sung by girl choristers and Lay Clerks Matthew Martin, Responses

Psalms 82-85

Weelkes, Short service Guerrero, Rorate coeli

Hymn 47 People, look east to see at last (Besançon carol)

17 Tuesday O Sapientia

7.30am Morning Prayer Our Lady Martyrdom
8.00am Holy Communion St Martin, North-East Transept
4.00pm Tea Time Carols Crib
5.30pm Evensong Quire

sung by boy choristers and Lay Clerks

Ayleward, Responses

Psalm 89

Antiphon: O sapientia plainchant, Magnificat

Gibbons, Nunc dimittis (Second service)

Gibbons, This is the record of John

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

18 Wednesday

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

sung by girl choristers plainchant, Responses

Psalm 93

Antiphon: O adonai plainchant, Magnificat Holly Smith, Nunc dimittis

trad., arr. Barry Rose, People look east

Hymn 99 (omit v. 5) Hail to the Lord's Anointed (Crüger)

7.00pm Friends' Carol Service

Nave

Britten, Procession: 'Hodie Christus natus est' and Wolcum Yole! (A Ceremony of Carols)

Adrian Lucas, Come, thou Redeemer (Noël)

John Rutter, There is no rose (Dancing Day)

Hymns 81 (omit vv. 3, 4) Once in royal David's city (Irby); 70 It came upon the midnight clear (Noel); 79 O little town of Bethlehem (Forest Green); 89i While shepherds watched their flocks by night (Winchester old); 83 See, amid the winter's snow (Humility (Oxford)); 66 Hark! the herald angels sing (Mendelssohn)

19	Thursday 7.30am 8.00am 5.30pm	Morning Prayer Holy Communion Said Evening Prayer	Our Lady Martyrdom St Gabriel, Crypt Western Crypt
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21	Saturday 8.00am 9.15am 12.30pm 5.30pm	Holy Communion Morning Prayer St Jo Shoppers' Carol Service Evensong sung by boy choristers and Lay Clerks (Cantoris Ayleward, Responses Psalm 106 Antiphon: O Oriens plainchant, Magnificat Stanford, Nunc dimittis in G Parsons, Ave Maria	Our Lady Martyrdom hn, South-East Transept Cathedral Precincts Quire II verse)

Hymn 315 Sing we of the blessed Mother (Abbot's Leigh)

22 Sunday The Fourth Sunday of Advent

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.15am Morning Prayer

11.00am Eucharist

Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt
Our Lady Martyrdom
Quire

sung by boy choristers and Lay Clerks

Byrd, Mass for five voices

Psalm 80.1-8

Preacher: The Reverend Dr T J N Naish, Canon Librarian

Joubert, There is no rose

Hymns 75 Long ago, prophets knew (Personent hodie); 54 Wake, O wake! With tidings thrilling (Wachet auf); 56 Word of justice, alleluia (Litany of the Word); 57 Ye servants of the

Lord (Narenza)

4.00pm Said Evening Prayer

Eastern Crypt

Quire

5.30pm Candlelit Reflection with Organ Meditation

played by Jamie Rogers, Assistant Director of Music

Messiaen, La nativité du Seigneur

- 1. La vierge et l'enfant
- 2. Les bergers
- 3. Desseins éternels
- 4. Le verbe
- 5. Les enfants de Dieu
- 6. Les anges
- 7. Jésus accepte la souffrance
- 8. Les mages
- 9. Dieu parmi nous

23 Monday

7.30am Morning Prayer8.00am Holy Communion5.30pm Carol Service no. 1

Our Lady Martyrdom St Mary Magdalene, Crypt Nave and Quire

sung by boy choristers, girl choristers and Lay Clerks

Jonathan Dove, Wellcome, all wonders in one sight!

trad., arr. Pearsall, In dulci iubilo

Howells, A spotless rose

Judith Weir, Illuminare, Ierusalem

Libby Croad, Silent night

Darke, In the bleak midwinter

Eric Whitacre, Lux aurumque

trad., arr. Preston, I saw three ships

Hymns 81 Once in royal David's city (Irby); NEH25 God rest you merry, gentlemen (God rest you merry); 80 Of the Father's heart begotten (Divinum mysterium); O little town of Bethlehem (Forest Green); 66 Hark! the herald angels sing (Mendelssohn); 70 It came upon the midnight clear (Noel); Unto us is born a son; 78 (omit v. 7) O come, all ye faithful (Adeste fideles)

24	Tuesday	Christmas Eve	
	7.30am	Morning Prayer	Our Lady Martyrdom
	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Gabriel, Crypt
	10.00am	Family Crib Service	Nave
	5.30pm	Carol Service no. 2	Nave
	_	As Carol Service no. 1	

11.00pm Midnight Mass

sung by Lay Clerks and guest sopranos

Victoria, Missa 'O magnum mysterium'

Preacher: The Dean

Victoria, O magnum mysterium

Hymns 89i While shepherds watched their flocks by night (Winchester Old); 84 Silent night! Holy night! (Stille Nacht); 70 It came upon the midnight clear (Noel); 78 (omit vv. 4, 5) O come, all ye faithful (Adeste Fideles)

25 Wednesday CHRISTMAS DAY

8.00amHoly Communion (BCP)High Altar9.15amSaid Morning PrayerWestern Crypt11.00amChristmas EucharistNave

sung by boy choristers, girl choristers and Lay Clerks

Rheinberger, Mass in E-flat

Sweelinck, Hodie Christus natus est

Hymns: 78 (omit vv. 4, 5) O come, all ye faithful (Adeste

Fideles); 71 Jesus Christ the Lord is born (Puer nobis nascitur); 79 O little town of Bethlehem (Forest Green); 66 Hark! the

herald angels sing (Mendelssohn)

3.00pm Evensong with Carols

Quire

sung by Lay Clerks with guest sopranos

Rodney Bennett, Puer nobis

Rose, Responses

Psalm 8

Stanford in C

trad., arr. Willcocks, Sussex carol

Hymns 64 God rest you merry, gentlemen (God rest you

merry); 87 Thou who wast rich beyond all splendour

(Fragrance); 86 The first Nowell the angel did say (The first Nowell); 72 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! (Antioch)

26 Thursday Stephen, Deacon, First Martyr

8.00am	Holy Communion	St Stephen, North-East Transept
9.15am	Morning Prayer	Our Lady Martyrdom
5.30pm	Said Evening Prayer	Western Crypt

27	Friday	John, Apostle and Evangelist		
	8.00am	Holy Communion	St John the Evangelist, South-East Transept	
	9.15am	Morning Prayer	Our Lady Martyrdom	
	5.30pm	Said Evening Prayer	Western Crypt	
28	Saturday	The Holy Innocents	3	
	8.00am	Holy Communion	Holy Innocents, Crypt	
	9.15am	Morning Prayer	Our Lady Martyrdom	
	5.30pm	Evensong	Quire	
		sung by Lees Court Music		
		anon, The Coventry carol		
		Humphrey Clucas, Responses		
		Psalm 138		
		Dyson in D		
		Will Todd, My Lord has come		
		Hymn 76i Love came down at Christmas (Love came down)		

Sunday The Martyrdom of Thomas of Canterbury, 1170
 The First Sunday of Christmas
 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Altar of the Swordspoint, Martyrdom

9.15am Morning Prayer

Our Lady Martyrdom

11.00am Eucharist

Quire

sung by Lees Court Music

Charpentier, Messe de minuit

Psalm 66.1-8

Preacher: The Dean

Sian Hall, Love came down at Christmas

Hymns 63 'Glory to God!' all heav'n with joy is ringing

(Highwood); 89i While shepherds watched their flocks by night (Winchester Old); 59 Angels from the realms of glory (Iris)

5.30pm Memorial Service for the Martyrdom of St Thomas

Quire

sung by Lay Clerks (Cantoris II verse)

Palestrina, Opem nobis, o Thoma

Psalm 2

Guerrero, Magnificat octavi toni

Victoria, Nunc dimittis tertii toni

Victoria, Libera me, Domine (Missa pro defunctis)

Preacher: Father Robert McCulloch

Victoria, Lux aeterna (Missa pro defunctis)

Hymns NEH208 In our day of thanksgiving one psalm let us offer (St Catherine's Court); 486 Christ is the King! O friends

rejoice (Vulpius)

30 Monday

8.00am Holy Communion Our Lady Martyrdom
9.15am Morning Prayer Our Lady Martyrdom
5.30pm Evensong Quire

sung by the Gundulf Consort

Rose, Responses

Psalm 148

Sumsion in G

Philip Stopford, What sweeter music

Hymn 83 See, amid the winter's snow (Humility)

31 Tuesday

5.30pm

8.00am Holy Communion9.15am Morning Prayer

St Stephen, North-East Transept

Our Lady Martyrdom

Quire

sung by the Gundulf Consort

Rose, Responses

Psalm 150

Evensong

Ireland in F Ashfield, Christmas

Hymn 88 What child is this, who, laid to rest (Greensleeves)