



GLOUCESTER
CATHEDRAL

Services and Music
August 2026

Welcome

*'The voice of prayer is never silent,
nor dies the strain of praise away.'*

For two millennia, Christians have been offering daily worship to God and since its foundation as a monastery in the eleventh century, there has been a daily rhythm of prayer in Gloucester Cathedral, which sustains our life and brings to God our own particular needs and the needs of the whole world. These services are just a small part of the eternal round of worship, which is never silent and will never die away.

Regular Worship

At the heart of our life is the regular cycle of daily prayer. Each day begins with the peaceful, said service of Morning Prayer, as we offer the day and all that it will hold to God. Our working day pauses at 12.30 p.m. to the offering of the Eucharist, often called *Holy Communion*, in either the Thomas Chapel or the Lady Chapel. The day draws to a close with Choral Evensong, sung by one of our choirs or said Evening Prayer. Our principal act of worship is the 10.15 a.m. Choral Eucharist on Sundays.

The Choral Eucharist on Sundays is live streamed on YouTube and Facebook. The cameras focus mainly on the clergy, choir and readers, but please alert one of the stewards if you do not wish to appear on camera.

Other Services

Morning Prayer on Sundays is said at 8.30 a.m. and the ancient office of Compline is said on Tuesdays at 8.30 p.m., both on Zoom. To join, email reception@gloucestercathedral.org.uk

Prayers for Peace and Justice are said on the first Tuesday of each month in person in the Cathedral and on Zoom. If you would like to join by Zoom, email reception@gloucestercathedral.org.uk

*Commemorations in blue denote those with a direct link
to the Cathedral, the city and county, and the link Dioceses*

*All hymns are taken from 'Common Praise' unless otherwise stated
(CW) – Common Worship: modern language
(BCP) – Book of Common Prayer: traditional language*

Music at Gloucester Cathedral

Music has been at the heart of Gloucester Cathedral's worship for almost 1,000 years and today we have an international reputation for offering the finest music to the glory of God and for the enrichment of our worship. Music can transform and connect people through prayer and praise and we strive to promote a greater appreciation of its value by bringing people together to share in stimulating musical experiences.

The Cathedral has five choirs which sing regularly:

The Boy and Girl Choristers are separate choirs, which join for large occasions. Choristers join from the age of six and receive an outstanding musical education in their time here. They are educated at The King's School, Gloucester and enjoy an attractive Choral Scholarship for the duration of their choristership. They sing most of the services at the Cathedral, along with our Lay Clerks (professional adult singers).

The Junior Choir is a voluntary choir of around 50 children in years two to five, which meets weekly for a singing rehearsal. They also perform in services and concerts, most notably in our Family Eucharist, once a month.

The St Benedict Singers was launched in September 2025. Young people can join SBS from school year 4 and will leave at the end of school year 9, when they will be encouraged to progress into the Cathedral Youth Choir. The choir regularly joins with the Youth Choir for services, helping to ease the transition between the choirs. The choir also combines with the choristers and Youth Choir for major cathedral concerts.

The Trinity Singers is one of the best of its kind in the country. Founded as Gloucester Cathedral Youth Choir in 1999 and relaunched in its current form in 2025, it is made up of talented young singers in School Years 10 to 13, from schools and colleges all around Gloucestershire, who perform to a very high standard.

For more information email choirs@gloucestercathedral.org.uk

SATURDAY 1 AUGUST

0745	Morning Prayer (CW)	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1230	Eucharist (CW)	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1730	Choral Evensong (BCP) <i>Sung by the Three Choirs Festival 'Come and Sing' Choir</i> Responses: <i>Reading</i> Psalm: 150 (<i>Stanford</i>) Canticles: <i>Stanford in C</i> Anthem: <i>Vaughan Williams</i> , Antiphon (Five Mystical Songs) Hymn: Mine eyes have seen the glory Voluntary: <i>Ives</i> , Variations on America	<i>Quire</i>

SUNDAY 2 AUGUST

9TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

*Arthur Cayley Headlam, Bishop of Gloucester,
scholar, educationalist, ecumenist, 1947*

0800	Eucharist (BCP)	<i>Chapel of St Paul</i>
0830	Morning Prayer (CW)	<i>Zoom</i>
1015	Choral Eucharist (CW) Setting: <i>plain-song</i> , Missa de angelis Hymns: 383, 455, 469, 612 Sermon: The Director of Mission and Ministry Voluntary: <i>Stanford</i> , Postlude in G (on a theme of Gibbons)	<i>Nave</i>
1500	Evening Prayer (BCP)	<i>Lady Chapel</i>

MONDAY 3 AUGUST

0830	Morning Prayer (CW)	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1230	Eucharist (CW)	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1730	Evening Prayer (BCP)	<i>Lady Chapel</i>

TUESDAY 4 AUGUST *Jean-Baptiste Vianney, cure d'Ars, spiritual guide, 1859*

0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Lady Chapel*

1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*

1730 **Evening Prayer (BCP)** *Lady Chapel*

WEDNESDAY 5 AUGUST *Oswald, king, martyr, 642*

0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Lady Chapel*

1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*

1730 **Evening Prayer (BCP)** *Lady Chapel*

THURSDAY 6 AUGUST **TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**

0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Lady Chapel*

1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*

1730 **Evening Prayer (BCP)** *Lady Chapel*

FRIDAY 7 AUGUST *John Mason Neale, priest, hymn writer, 1866*

0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Lady Chapel*

1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*

1730 **Evening Prayer (BCP)** *Lady Chapel*

SATURDAY 8 AUGUST Dominic, priest, founder of the Order of Preachers, 1221

0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Sebroke Chapel*

1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*

1630 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*

Sung by the choir of St Chad's College, Durham

Introit: *Pearsall, Lay a garland*

Responses: *Shephard*

Psalm: 66

Canticles: *Harwood in A flat*

Anthem: *Stanford, Lighten our darkness*

Hymn: 18

SUNDAY 9 AUGUST

10TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

0800 **Eucharist (BCP)** *Memorial Chapel*

0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Zoom*

1015 **Choral Eucharist (CW)** *Nave*

Sung by the choir of St Chad's College, Durham

Setting: *Darke in E*

Hymns: 401, 308i, 309, 430

Sermon: The Cathedral Curate

Motet: *Colin Mawby, Ave verum corpus*

Voluntary: *Franck, Pièce héroïque*

1500 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*

Sung by the choir of St Chad's College, Durham

Introit: *Harris, Holy is the true light*

Responses: *Shephard*

Psalm: 86

Canticles: *Stanford in A*

Anthem: *Blair, Do not I fill heaven and earth*

Sermon: The Canon Chancellor

Hymn: 449

Voluntary: *Duruflé, Fugue sur le thème du Carillon des Heures de la Cathédrale de Soissons*

MONDAY 10 AUGUST

0830	Morning Prayer (CW)	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1230	Eucharist (CW)	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1730	Choral Evensong (BCP) <i>Sung by the choir of St Chad's College, Durham</i> Responses: <i>Joanna Forbes L'Estrange</i> Psalm: 72 Canticles: <i>Joanna Forbes L'Estrange, King's College Service</i> Anthem: <i>Tavener, Mother of God, here I stand</i>	<i>Quire</i>

TUESDAY 11 AUGUST

Clare of Assisi, founder of the Poor Clares, 1253
John Henry Newman, priest, 1890
Herbert Whitton Sumsion CBE,
Organist of Gloucester Cathedral 1928-67, d. 1995

0830	Morning Prayer (CW)	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1230	Eucharist (CW)	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1730	Choral Evensong (BCP) <i>Sung by the choir of St Chad's College, Durham</i> Responses: <i>Joanna Forbes L'Estrange</i> Psalm: 74 Canticles: <i>Brewer in D</i> Anthem: <i>Will Todd, In this place</i>	<i>Quire</i>

WEDNESDAY 12 AUGUST

0830	Morning Prayer (CW)	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1230	Eucharist (CW)	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1730	Evening Prayer (BCP)	<i>Lady Chapel</i>

THURSDAY 13 AUGUST

Jeremy Taylor, bishop, teacher of the faith, 1667
Florence Nightingale, nurse, social reformer, 1910
Octavia Hill, social reformer, 1912

- 0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Thomas Chapel*
- 1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1730 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*
Sung by the choir of St Mary the Virgin, Merton Park
Responses: *Smith*
Psalm: 78 vv. 40-end
Canticles: *Stanford in B flat*
Anthem: *Mendelssohn, Verleih uns Frieden*
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FRIDAY 14 AUGUST

Maximilian Kolbe, friar, martyr, 1941

- 0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1730 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*
Sung by the choir of St Mary the Virgin, Merton Park
Responses: *Joanna Forbes L'Estrange*
Psalm: 69
Canticles: *Brewer in D*
Anthem: *Vaughan Williams, O how amiable are thy dwellings*
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SATURDAY 15 AUGUST**THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Edward Rice, Dean of Gloucester 1825-62, d. 1862

- 0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Sebroke Chapel*
- 1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1630 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*
Sung by the choir of St Mary the Virgin, Merton Park
Introit: *Duruflé, Tota pulchra est*
Responses: *Esther Bersweden*
Psalm: 132
Canticles: *Joanna Forbes L'Estrange, King's College Service*
Anthem: *Bainton, And I saw a new heaven*
Hymn: 241

SUNDAY 16 AUGUST**11TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

0800	Eucharist (BCP)	<i>Chapel of St John the Baptist</i>
0830	Morning Prayer (CW)	<i>Zoom</i>
1015	Choral Eucharist (CW) <i>Sung by the choir of St Mary the Virgin, Merton Park</i> Setting: <i>Darke in F</i> Hymns: 4, 512 t.122ii, 333, 429 Sermon: The Canon Chancellor Motet: <i>Howells, A Hymn for St Cecilia</i> Voluntary: <i>Howells, Paean</i>	<i>Nave</i>
1500	Choral Evensong (BCP) <i>Sung by the choir of St Mary the Virgin, Merton Park</i> Introit: <i>Wood, Oculi omnium</i> Responses: <i>Ayleward</i> Psalm: 90 Canticles: <i>Stanford in A</i> Anthem: <i>S. S. Wesley, Blessed be the God and Father</i> Sermon: The Director of Mission and Ministry Hymn: 424	<i>Quire</i>

MONDAY 17 AUGUST

0830	Morning Prayer (CW)	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1230	Eucharist (CW)	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1730	Evening Prayer (BCP)	<i>Lady Chapel</i>

TUESDAY 18 AUGUST

0830	Morning Prayer (CW)	<i>Thomas Chapel</i>
1230	Eucharist (CW)	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1730	Evening Prayer (BCP)	<i>Lady Chapel</i>

WEDNESDAY 19 AUGUST

0830	Morning Prayer (CW)	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1230	Eucharist (CW)	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1730	Evening Prayer (BCP)	<i>Thomas Chapel</i>

THURSDAY 20 AUGUST

Bernard, abbot, teacher of the faith, 1153
William and Catherine Booth,
founders of the Salvation Army, 1912, 1890

0830	Morning Prayer (CW)	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1230	Eucharist (CW)	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1730	Evening Prayer (BCP)	<i>Lady Chapel</i>

FRIDAY 21 AUGUST

0830	Morning Prayer (CW)	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1230	Eucharist (CW)	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1730	Evening Prayer (BCP)	<i>Lady Chapel</i>

SATURDAY 22 AUGUST

0830	Morning Prayer (CW)	<i>Sebroke Chapel</i>
1230	Eucharist (CW)	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1630	Evening Prayer (BCP)	<i>Lady Chapel</i>

SUNDAY 23 AUGUST**12TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

0800	Eucharist (BCP)	<i>Chapel of St Paul</i>
0830	Morning Prayer (CW)	<i>Zoom</i>
1015	Choral Eucharist (CW) Setting: <i>David Thorne, Mass of St Thomas</i> Hymns: 557i, 236ii, 482, 530 Sermon: The Canon Precentor	<i>Nave</i>
1500	Evening Prayer (BCP)	<i>Lady Chapel</i>

MONDAY 24 AUGUST**BARTHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE**

0830	Morning Prayer (CW)	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1230	Eucharist (CW)	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1730	Choral Evensong (BCP) <i>Sung by the choir of St Mary's, Bowdon</i> Responses: <i>Ayleward</i> Psalm: 91 Canticles: <i>Noble in B minor</i> Anthem: <i>Balfour Gardiner, Evening Hymn</i>	<i>Quire</i>

TUESDAY 25 AUGUST

0830	Morning Prayer (CW)	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1230	Eucharist (CW)	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1730	Choral Evensong (BCP) <i>Sung by the choir of St Mary's Bowdon</i> Responses: <i>Ayleward</i> Psalm: 107.1-22 Canticles: <i>Stanford in G</i> Anthem: <i>Purcell, I was glad</i>	<i>Quire</i>

WEDNESDAY 26 AUGUST

0830	Morning Prayer (CW)	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1230	Eucharist (CW)	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1730	Choral Evensong (BCP) <i>Sung by the choir of St Mary's, Bowdon</i> Responses: <i>Humphrey Clucas</i> Psalm: 119 vv. 129-152 Canticles: <i>Howells, Gloucester Service</i> Anthem: <i>Howells, Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks</i>	<i>Quire</i>

THURSDAY 27 AUGUST

Monica, mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387

0830	Morning Prayer (CW)	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1230	Eucharist (CW)	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1730	Evening Prayer (BCP)	<i>Thomas Chapel</i>

FRIDAY 28 AUGUST

Augustine, bishop, teacher of the faith, 430

William Hine, Organist of Gloucester Cathedral 1710-30, d. 1730

0830	Morning Prayer (CW)	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1230	Eucharist (CW)	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1730	Choral Evensong (BCP) <i>Sung by the choir of St Mary's, Bowdon</i> Responses: <i>Clucas</i> Psalm: 130 Canticles: <i>Sumsion in G</i> Anthem: <i>Sumsion, They that go down to the sea in ships</i>	<i>Quire</i>

SATURDAY 29 AUGUST

Beheading of John the Baptist

Charles Lee Williams, Organist of Gloucester Cathedral 1882-97, d. 1935

0830	Morning Prayer (CW)	<i>Sebroke Chapel</i>
1230	Eucharist (CW)	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1630	Choral Evensong (BCP)	<i>Quire</i>
	<i>Sung by the choir of St Mary's, Bowdon</i>	
	Introit:	<i>Stanford, Beati quorum via</i>
	Responses:	<i>Rose</i>
	Psalm:	<i>118.1-17</i>
	Canticles:	<i>Ireland in F</i>
	Anthem:	<i>Rheinberger, Abendlied</i>
	Hymn:	<i>563</i>

SUNDAY 30 AUGUST**13TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

0800	Eucharist (BCP)	<i>Chapel of St Andrew</i>
0830	Morning Prayer (CW)	<i>Zoom</i>
1015	Choral Eucharist (CW)	<i>Nave</i>
	<i>Sung by the choir of St Mary's, Bowdon</i>	
	Setting:	<i>Darke in F</i>
	Hymns:	<i>558, 582, 295, 578</i>
	Sermon:	<i>The Canon Precentor</i>
	Motet:	<i>Philip Stopford, Do not be afraid</i>
1500	Choral Evensong (BCP)	<i>Quire</i>
	<i>Sung by the choir of St Mary's, Bowdon</i>	
	Introit:	<i>Wood, Hail, gladdening light</i>
	Responses:	<i>Rose</i>
	Psalm:	<i>105 vv. 1-15</i>
	Canticles:	<i>Stanford in A</i>
	Anthem:	<i>Ireland, Greater love hath no man</i>
	Sermon:	<i>The Canon Precentor</i>
	Hymn:	<i>581ii</i>

MONDAY 31 AUGUST

Aidan, bishop, missionary, 651

0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)**

Lady Chapel

1230 **Eucharist (CW)**

Lady Chapel

1730 **Evening Prayer (BCP)**

Lady Chapel