

Services and Music

September 2025

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 beings 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 has the ability to 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 2 to 5, 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 is a choir made up of young people who join in school year 6 and leave at the end of school year 9, when they will be encouraged to progress into the Trinity Singers. The choir often combines with the other choirs for major services and concerts.

The Trinity Singers is a choir made up of talented young singers in school years 9 to 13, from schools and colleges all around Gloucestershire, who perform to a very high standard. The choir often combines with the other choirs for major services and concerts.

For more information email choirs@gloucestercathedral.org.uk

	DAY 1 SEPTEMBER : Decani	Giles, hermit, c. 710
0830	Morning Prayer (CW)	Lady Chapel
1230	Eucharist (CW)	Thomas Chapel
1730	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Lady Chapel
TUESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER Martyrs of Papua New Guinea, 1901, 194		Martyrs of Papua New Guinea, 1901, 1942
0830	Morning Prayer (CW)	Thomas Chapel
1200	Prayers for Peace and Justice	Lady Chapel
1230	Eucharist (CW)	Lady Chapel
1730	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Lady Chapel
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FRIDAY 5 SEPTEMBER	FRID	AV5	SEPTEMBER
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Katherine Parr of Sudeley, queen, woman of prayer, 1548

0830	Morning Prayer (CW)	Lady Chapel
1230	Eucharist (CW)	Thomas Chapel
1730	Choral Evensong (BCP) Sung by the Cathedral Lay Cler Responses: Frikki Walker Psalm: 102 Canticles: Binchois, Magnit Anthem: Byrd, Gloria tibi	ficat tertii toni; <i>plainsong</i> , Nunc dimittis
SATUI	RDAY 6 SEPTEMBER	Allen Gardiner, missionary, founder of the South American Mission Society, 1851
0830	Morning Prayer (CW)	Sebroke Chapel
1230	Eucharist (CW)	Thomas Chapel
1630	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Lady Chapel

SUNDAY 7 SEPTEMBER

12TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

0800 Eucharist (BCP) Memorial Chapel

0830 Morning Prayer (CW) Zoom

1015 Choral Eucharist (CW) Nave

Sung by the Cathedral Lay Clerks
Setting: Dubois, Messe brève
Hymns: 1, 622, 338, 430

Sermon: The Archdeacon of Gloucester
Motet: Poulenc, Seigneur, je vous en prie

Voluntary: Dubois, Toccata

1500 Choral Evensong (BCP) Quire

Sung by the Cathedral Lay Clerks

Introit: Byrd, Look down, O Lord

Responses: David Truslove

Psalms: 120, 121

Canticles: *Batten*, Short Service Anthem: *Biebl*, Ave Maria

Sermon: The Dean

Hymn: 424

Voluntary: Buxtehude, Ciacona in E minor, BuxWV 160

MONDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Accession of King Charles III, 2022

Verses: Cantoris

0830 Morning Prayer (CW) Lady Chapel

1230 Eucharist (CW) Lady Chapel

1730 Choral Evensong (BCP) Quire

Sung by the Cathedral Choir

Responses: Ayleward

Psalm: 27

Canticles: Stanford in G

Anthem: Rachmaninov, Bogoroditse dyevo

TUESDAY 9 SEI	PTEMBER
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Charles Fuge Lowder, priest, 1880

0830 Morning Prayer (CW)

Lady Chapel

1230 Eucharist (CW)

Lady Chapel

1730 Choral Evensong (BCP)

Quire

Sung by the Cathedral Lay Clerks

Responses: Lumsden Psalm: 108

Canticles: *Philip Moore*, First Service Anthem: *Sheppard*, In manus tuas

WEDNESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

0830 Morning Prayer (CW)

Lady Chapel

1230 Eucharist (CW)

Lady Chapel

1730 Choral Evensong (BCP)

Quire

Sung by the Cathedral Choir

Responses: Ayleward

Psalm: 119 vv. 129-152 Canticles: Day in B flat

Anthem: *Monteverdi*, Dixit Dominus

THURSDAY 11 SEPTEMBER

0830 Morning Prayer (CW)

Lady Chapel

1230 Eucharist (CW)

1730

Lady Chapel

Quire

Choral Evensong (BCP)

Sung by the Trinity Singers Responses: plainsong

Psalm: 116

Canticles: Blake in D

Anthem: John Rutter, A Gaelic Blessing

FRIDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

0830 Morning Prayer (CW)

Lady Chapel

1230 Eucharist (CW)

Thomas Chapel

1730 Choral Evensong (BCP)

Sung by the Cathedral Choir

Responses: Ayleward

Psalms: 130, 131

Canticles: *Byrd*, Short Service
Anthem: *W. Mundy*, O Lord, the maker of all things

SATURDAY 13 SEPTEMBER John Chrysostom, bishop, teacher of the faith, 407

0830 Morning Prayer (CW) Sebroke Chapel

1230 Eucharist (CW) Thomas Chapel

1500 Eucharist with Admission and Licensing of Readers and Funeral Ministers

Nave

Sung by the St Benedict Singers

Setting: James MacMillan, St Anne's Mass Hymns: As printed in the order of service Sermon: The Director of Mission and Ministry

Motet: King, Jubilate

Voluntary: Handel, Overture to the Occasional Oratorio

SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

HOLY CROSS DAY

0800 **Eucharist (BCP)** Chapel of St Andrew

0830 Morning Prayer (CW)

Zoom

1015 **Family Eucharist (CW)**

Nave

Sung by the Cathedral Choristers and Junior Choir Setting: David Thorne, Mass of St Thomas

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Hymns: 125, 432, 499

Sermon: The Cathedral Curate

Motet: arr. Ken Burton, Ev'ry time I feel the spirit

Voluntary: *Elgar*, Imperial March

1500 Choral Evensong (BCP) with Admission of

Quire

the Organ Scholar, Head and Deputy Head Choristers and Members of GCOCA

Sung by the Cathedral Choir

Introit: *McKie*, We wait for thy loving kindness

Responses: *Ayleward*Psalm: 150 (*Stanford*)

Canticles: Howells, Gloucester Service

Anthem: *Bairstow*, Blessed City, heavenly Salem Sermon: The Director of Mission and Ministry

Hymn: 377

Voluntary: Bairstow, Prelude in C

MONDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

Cyprian, bishop, martyr, 258

Verses: Decani

0830 Morning Prayer (CW)

Lady Chapel

Quire

1230 Eucharist (CW)

Thomas Chapel

1730 Choral Evensong (BCP)

Sung by the Cathedral Choir

Responses: Ayleward

Psalm: 111

Canticles: Harwood in A flat

Anthem: Stanford, O for a closer walk with God

TUESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

Ninian, bishop, apostle of the Picts, c. 432 Edward Bouverie Pusey, priest, 1882

0830 Morning Prayer (CW)

Thomas Chapel

1230 Eucharist (CW)

Lady Chapel

1730 Choral Evensong (BCP)

Quire

Sung by the Cathedral Lay Clerks

Responses: John Bertalot

Psalm: 135

Canticles: Wood in G

Anthem: Bullock, O most merciful

WEDNESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER

Hildegard, abbess, visionary, 1179

0830 Morning Prayer (CW)

Lady Chapel

1230 Eucharist (CW)

Lady Chapel

1730 Choral Evensong (BCP)

Quire

Sung by the Cathedral Choir

Responses: *Byrd* Psalm: 136

Canticles: S. S. Wesley in E

Anthem: Monteverdi, Laudate pueri

THURSDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

0830 Morning Prayer (CW)

Thomas Chapel

1230 Eucharist (CW)

Lady Chapel

Lady Chapel

1730 **Choral Evensong (BCP)**

Sung by the Trinity Singers Responses: David Halls

Psalm: 138

Canticles: Stanford in C

Anthem: Rosemary Field, All creatures of our God and King

FRIDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

Theodore, archbishop, 690

0830 Morning Prayer (CW) Lady Chapel

1230 Eucharist (CW) Thomas Chapel

1730 Choral Evensong (BCP) Lady Chapel

Sung by the Cathedral Choir

Responses: *Byrd* Psalm: 145

Canticles: Farrant, Short Service

Anthem: Gibbons, Almighty and everlasting God

SATURDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

John Coleridge Patteson, bishop, and companions, martyrs, 1871

Thomas Morton, Dean of Gloucester 1607-1609, d. 1659

0830 Morning Prayer (CW) Thomas Chapel

1230 Eucharist (CW) Thomas Chapel

1630 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** Lady Chapel

Sung by the St Benedict Singers

Responses: David Terry

Psalm: 149

Canticles: Sumsion in G

Anthem: plainsong, Salve Mater, misericordie

Hymn: 153

SUNDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

14TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

0800 **Eucharist (BCP)** Chapel of St John the Baptist

0830 Morning Prayer (CW) Zoom

1015 Choral Eucharist (CW) Quire

Sung by the Cathedral Lay Clerks
Setting: Refice, Missa festiva
Hymns: 170, 421, 333, 497
Sermon: The City Rector

Motet: Viadana, Exsulate justi

Voluntary: *Bossi*, Étude symphonique, op. 78

1500 Choral Evensong (BCP) Quire

Sung by the Cathedral Lay Clerks
Introit: Byrd, Deo gratias
Responses: Frikki Walker

Psalms: 128, 129

Canticles: Sheppard, First Service
Anthem: Cavalli, Salve Regina
Sermon: The Canon Chancellor

Hymn: 501

Voluntary: Tomkins, A Ground

MONDAY 22 SEPTEMBER MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

(transferred from 21 September)

Verses: Cantoris

0830 Morning Prayer (CW) Lady Chapel

1230 Eucharist (CW) Thomas Chapel

1730 Choral Evensong (BCP) Quire

marking Organ Donation Week

Sung by the Cathedral Choir

Responses: Byrd

Psalm: 119 vv. 25-40

Canticles: Mathias, Jesus College Service

Anthem: Walton, Jubilate

TUESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

0830 Morning Prayer (CW) Thomas Chapel

1230 Eucharist (CW) Lady Chapel

Quire

1730 Choral Evensong (BCP)

Sung by the Cathedral Lay Clerks

Responses: Ian Harrold

Psalm: 9

Canticles: Lesley-Jane Rogers, Evening Service

Anthem: W. Mundy, Let us now laud

WEDNESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

0830 Morning Prayer (CW) Lady Chapel

1230 Eucharist (CW) Lady Chapel

1730 Choral Evensong (BCP) Quire

Sung by the Cathedral Choir

Responses: *Byrd* Psalm: 11

Canticles: Leighton, Collegium Magdalenae Oxoniense

Anthem: Monteverdi, Laetatus sum

1930 **Organ Recital** given by Adrian Partington (Director of Music) Quire

with Leora Cohen (violin). Admission free, retiring collection.

THURSDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

Lancelot Andrews, bishop, spiritual writer, 1626 Sergei of Radonezh, monastic reformer, teacher of the faith, 1392

0830 Morning Prayer (CW) Thomas Chapel

1230 **Eucharist (CW)** Lady Chapel

1730 Choral Evensong (BCP) Quire

Sung by the Trinity Singers

Responses: Thomas Hewitt Jones

Psalm: 19

Canticles: Bryan Kelly in C

Anthem: Meirion Wynn Jones, Holy Spirit, truth divine

FRIDAY 26 SEPTEMBER Wilson Carlile, founder of the Church Army, 1942

0830 Morning Prayer (CW) Lady Chapel

1230 Eucharist (CW) Thomas Chapel

1730 Choral Evensong (BCP) Quire

Sung by the Cathedral Choir

Responses: *Byrd* Psalm: 22

Canticles: *Morley*, Short Service

Anthem: *Tomkins*, Great and marvellous are thy works

SATURDAY 27 SEPTEMBER Vincent de Paul, founder of the Lazarists, 1660

0830 Morning Prayer (CW) Sebroke Chapel

1230 Eucharist (CW) Thomas Chapel

1630 Choral Evensong (BCP) Quire

Sung by the St Benedict Singers

Responses: Aston
Psalm: 24

Canticles: Robinson in C

Anthem: *Marcello*, Give ear unto me

with admission of new choir members

Hymn: 507

SUNDAY 28 SEPTEMBER

TRINITY 15

0800 Eucharist (BCP) Chapel of St Paul

0830 Morning Prayer (CW) Zoom

1015 Choral Eucharist (CW) Nave

Sung by the Cathedral Lay Clerks

Setting: Sumsion, Communion Service

Hymns: 368, 427, 283, 443

Sermon: The Dean

Motet: Wood, Great Lord of lords

Voluntary: Sumsion, Procession in D minor

1500 Choral Evensong (BCP) Quire

Sung by the Cathedral Lay Clerks
Introit: Purcell, In God's word

Responses: Rose

Canticles: Howells in E

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Anthem: Harris, Behold now, praise the Lord

Hymn: 466

Sermon: The Cathedral Curate

Voluntary: Howells, Paean

MONDAY 29 SEPTEMBER

Psalm:

MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

Verses: Decani

0830 Morning Prayer (CW) Lady Chapel

1230 Eucharist (CW) Thomas Chapel

1730 Choral Evensong (BCP) Quire

Sung by the Cathedral Choir

Responses: *Byrd* Psalm: 103

Canticles: Wood in D

Anthem: Victoria, Gaudent in coelis

TUESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER

Jerome, translator, teacher of the faith, 420

0830 Morning Prayer (CW)

Thomas Chapel

1230 Eucharist (CW)

Lady Chapel

1730 Choral Evensong (BCP)

Quire

Sung by the Cathedral Lay Clerks

Responses: *Tallis*Psalm: 33

Canticles: Humphrey Clucas, Westminster Service

Anthem: Handl, Honestum fecit