



GLOUCESTER  
CATHEDRAL

## **Services and Music**

*February 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:choirs@gloucestercathedral.org.uk)

**SUNDAY 1 FEBRUARY****PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE***Lawrence Humphrey, Dean of Gloucester 1571-80, d. 1589*

- 0800    **Eucharist (BCP)**    *Memorial Chapel*
- 0830    **Morning Prayer (CW)**    *Zoom*
- 1015    **Choral Eucharist (CW)**    *Nave*  
*Sung by the Cathedral Choir*  
Setting:    *Mozart, Missa brevis in C ('Spatzenmesse')*  
Hymns:    94, A&M 101, A&M 112, 360 t.303  
Sermon:    The Dean  
Motet:    *Eccard, Maria das Jungfräulein*  
Voluntary: *Buxtehude, Ciacona in E minor (BuxWV 160)*
- 1800    **Candlemas Carol Service**  
*Sung by the Cathedral Choir and Trinity Singers*
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**MONDAY 2 FEBRUARY***Verses: Decani*

- 0830    **Morning Prayer (CW)**    *Lady Chapel*
- 1230    **Eucharist (CW)**    *Lady Chapel*
- 1730    **Choral Evensong (BCP)**    *Quire*  
*Sung by the Cathedral Choir*  
Responses: *Byrd*  
Psalm:    132  
Canticles: *Shephard, Gloucester Service*  
Anthem:    *S. S. Wesley, Lead me, Lord*

**TUESDAY 3 FEBRUARY**

Anskar, archbishop, missionary, 865  
*John Amott, Organist of Gloucester Cathedral 1832-65, d. 1865*

0830	<b>Morning Prayer (CW)</b>	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1230	<b>Eucharist (CW)</b>	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1730	<b>Choral Evensong (BCP)</b> <i>Sung by the Cathedral Lay Clerks</i> Responses: <i>Rose</i> Psalm: 9 Canticles: <i>Sunsion in G</i> Anthem: <i>Tomkins, Hear my prayer, O Lord</i>	<i>Quire</i>

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**WEDNESDAY 4 FEBRUARY**

*Gilbert, founder of the Gilbertine Order, 1189*  
*Aldate, bishop, martyr, c. 577*

0830	<b>Morning Prayer (CW)</b>	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1230	<b>Eucharist (CW)</b>	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1730	<b>Choral Evensong (BCP)</b> <i>Sung by the Cathedral Choir</i> Responses: <i>Janet Wheeler</i> Psalm: 11 Canticles: <i>Stanford in A</i> Anthem: <i>Hurd, Praise ye the Lord</i>	<i>Quire</i>

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**THURSDAY 5 FEBRUARY**

0830	<b>Morning Prayer (CW)</b>	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1230	<b>Eucharist (CW)</b>	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1730	<b>Choral Evensong (BCP)</b> <i>Sung by the Trinity Singers</i> Responses: <i>Smith</i> Psalm: 15 Canticles: <i>Vaughan Williams in C</i> Anthem: <i>King, O clap your hands</i>	<i>Quire</i>

**FRIDAY 6 FEBRUARY***Martyrs of Japan, 1597**Barnabas Gunn, Organist of Gloucester Cathedral 1730-39, d. 1753*

0830	<b>Morning Prayer (CW)</b>	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1230	<b>Eucharist (CW)</b>	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1730	<b>Choral Evensong (BCP)</b> <i>Sung by the Cathedral Choir</i> Responses: <i>Janet Wheeler</i> Psalm: 22 Canticles: <i>Morley, Short Service</i> Anthem: <i>Byrd, Miserere mei</i>	<i>Quire</i>

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**SATURDAY 7 FEBRUARY**

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

**SUNDAY 8 FEBRUARY****2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**

- 0800    **Eucharist (BCP)** *Chapel of St Paul*
- 0830    **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Zoom*
- 1015    **Family Eucharist (CW)** *Nave*  
*Sung by the St Benedict's Singers*  
Setting:     *David Thorne, Mass of St Thomas*  
Hymns:     251, 572, 390  
Sermon:     The Canon Precentor  
Motet:     *Vierne, Tantum ergo*  
Voluntary:   *Vierne, Carillon (24 pièces en style libre)*
- 1500    **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*  
*Sung by the Cathedral Lay Clerks*  
Introit:     *Purcell, In God's word*  
Responses:   *Sanders*  
Psalm:     148  
Canticles:   *Grayston Ives, Magdalen College Service*  
Anthem:     *Macpherson, Jubilate Deo*  
Sermon:     The Dean  
Hymn:     22  
Voluntary:   *York Bowen, Fantasia in G minor*
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**MONDAY 9 FEBRUARY**

*John Hooper, Bishop of Gloucester,  
reformation martyr, 1555*

Verses: *Cantoris*

- 0830    **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1230    **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1730    **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*  
*Sung by the Cathedral Choir*  
Responses:   *Janet Wheeler*  
Psalm:     28  
Canticles:   *Wood in D*  
Anthem:     *Stainer, God so loved the world*

## TUESDAY 10 FEBRUARY

*Scholastica, abbess, c. 543*

- 0830    **Morning Prayer (CW)**    *Lady Chapel*
- 1230    **Eucharist (CW)**    *Lady Chapel*
- 1730    **Choral Evensong (BCP)**    *Quire*  
*Sung by the Cathedral Lay Clerks*  
Responses:    *Tallis*  
Psalm:        33  
Canticles:    *Wills in G minor*  
Anthem:      *Wills, By the waters of Babylon*
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## WEDNESDAY 11 FEBRUARY

- 0830    **Morning Prayer (CW)**    *Lady Chapel*
- 1230    **Eucharist (CW)**    *Lady Chapel*
- 1730    **Choral Evensong (BCP)**    *Quire*  
*Sung by the Cathedral Choir and the choir of the Crypt School, Gloucester*  
Responses:    *Smith*  
Psalm:        150 (*Stanford*)  
Canticles:    *Noble in B minor*  
Anthem:      *Palestrina, Sicut cervus*
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## THURSDAY 12 FEBRUARY

- 0830    **Morning Prayer (CW)**    *Thomas Chapel*
- 1230    **Eucharist (CW)**    *Lady Chapel*
- 1730    **Choral Evensong (BCP)**    *Quire*  
*Sung by the Trinity Singers*  
Responses:    *David Halls*  
Psalm:        40  
Canticles:    *Iain Farrington, The Blues Service*  
Anthem:      *Rutter, A Gaelic Blessing*



## FRIDAY 13 FEBRUARY

0830	<b>Morning Prayer (CW)</b>	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1230	<b>Eucharist (CW)</b>	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1730	<b>Choral Evensong (BCP)</b> <i>Sung by the Cathedral Choir</i> Responses: <i>Smith</i> Psalm: 35 Canticles: <i>Patrick</i> , Short Service Anthem: <i>Mudd</i> , Let thy merciful ears	<i>Quire</i>

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## SATURDAY 14 FEBRUARY

Cyril and Methodius, missionaries, 869 and 885  
*Valentine, martyr at Rome, c. 269*

0830	<b>Morning Prayer (CW)</b>	<i>Sebroke Chapel</i>
1230	<b>Eucharist (CW)</b>	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1630	<b>Choral Evensong (BCP)</b> <i>Sung by the choir of St Mary's Collegiate Church, Warwick</i> Responses: <i>Paul Spicer</i> Psalm: 45, 46 Canticles: <i>Howells</i> , Gloucester Service Anthem: <i>Willan</i> , O praise the Lord Hymn: 175	<i>Quire</i>

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## SUNDAY 15 FEBRUARY

## SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

0800	<b>Eucharist (BCP)</b>	<i>Memorial Chapel</i>
0830	<b>Morning Prayer (CW)</b>	<i>Zoom</i>
1015	<b>Choral Eucharist (CW)</b> Setting: <i>Ostrowski</i> , Mass in honour of St Ralph Sherwin Hymns: 2, 392, 278, 396 t.530 Sermon: The Cathedral Curate	<i>Nave</i>
1500	<b>Evening Prayer (BCP)</b>	<i>Lady Chapel</i>

## MONDAY 16 FEBRUARY

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

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## TUESDAY 17 FEBRUARY

Janini Luwum, archbishop, martyr, 1977

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

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## WEDNESDAY 18 FEBRUARY

## ASH WEDNESDAY

*The Reformation Martyrs of Gloucestershire*

0830	<b>Morning Prayer (CW)</b>	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1230	<b>Eucharist (CW)</b>	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1730	<b>Evening Prayer (BCP)</b>	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1900	<b>Choral Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes (CW)</b>	
	Setting: <i>Byrd</i> , Mass for four voices	
	Hymns: 96ii, 95, 308i, 416i	
	Sermon: The Canon Chancellor	
	Motet: <i>Alleghi</i> , Miserere mei	

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## THURSDAY 19 FEBRUARY

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

## FRIDAY 20 FEBRUARY

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

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## SATURDAY 21 FEBRUARY

0830	<b>Morning Prayer (CW)</b>	<i>Sebroke Chapel</i>
1230	<b>Eucharist (CW)</b>	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1630	<b>Choral Evensong (BCP)</b> <b>celebrating Elvin Young's 50 years in the Saint Cecilia Singers</b> <i>Sung by the Saint Cecilia Singers</i> Introit: <i>Elvin Young, Drop, drop slow tears</i> Responses: <i>Rose</i> Psalm: 65, 66 Canticles: <i>Howells, Westminster Service</i> Anthem: <i>Bairstow, Let all mortal flesh keep silence</i> Hymn: 543i Voluntary: <i>Walton, Crown Imperial (Coronation March 1937)</i>	<i>Quire</i>

**SUNDAY 22 FEBRUARY****1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT***Emma Dent of Winchcombe, educationalist, 1900*

0800	<b>Eucharist (BCP)</b>	<i>Chapel of St Paul</i>
0830	<b>Morning Prayer (CW)</b>	<i>Zoom</i>
1015	<b>Choral Eucharist (CW)</b> <i>Sung by the Cathedral Lay Clerks</i> Setting: <i>John Duggan, Missa in feria</i> Hymns: 338, 95, 324, 444 Sermon: The Dean Motet: <i>John Duggan, Miserere mei</i> Voluntary: <i>James D'Angelo, Fanfare fantasia</i>	<i>Nave</i>
1500	<b>Choral Evensong (BCP)</b> <i>Sung by the Cathedral Lay Clerks</i> Introit: <i>Purcell, O remember not</i> Responses: <i>Frikki Walker</i> Psalm: 50 Canticles: <i>Humphrey Clucas, Collegium Regale</i> Anthem: <i>Locke, O Lord, hear my prayer</i> Sermon: The Canon Precentor Hymn: 375 Voluntary: <i>J. S. Bach, Prelude and Fugue in F minor (BWV 534)</i>	<i>Quire</i>

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**MONDAY 23 FEBRUARY**

Polycarp, bishop, martyr, c. 155

*William Jane, Dean of Gloucester 1685-1707, d. 1707*Verses: *Decani*

0830	<b>Morning Prayer (CW)</b>	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1230	<b>Eucharist (CW)</b>	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1730	<b>Choral Evensong (BCP)</b> <i>Sung by the Cathedral Choir</i> Responses: <i>Smith</i> Psalm: 72 Canticles: <i>Ireland in F</i> Anthem: <i>Sumsion, One thing have I desired</i>	<i>Quire</i>

## TUESDAY 24 FEBRUARY

0830	<b>Morning Prayer (CW)</b>	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1230	<b>Eucharist (CW)</b>	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1730	<b>Choral Evensong (BCP)</b> <i>Sung by the Cathedral Lay Clerks</i> Responses: <i>David Truslove</i> Psalm: 49 Canticles: <i>Philip Moore, First Service</i> Anthem: <i>Tomkins, Remember me, O Lord</i>	<i>Quire</i>

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## WEDNESDAY 25 FEBRUARY

0830	<b>Morning Prayer (CW)</b>	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1230	<b>Eucharist (CW)</b>	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1730	<b>Choral Evensong (BCP)</b> <i>Sung by the Cathedral Choir</i> Responses: <i>Alex Hodgkinson</i> Psalm: 143 Canticles: <i>Howells, Collegium Regale</i> Anthem: <i>J. S. Bach, Herr, unser Herrscher (Johannes-Passion)</i>	<i>Quire</i>

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## THURSDAY 26 FEBRUARY

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

**FRIDAY 27 FEBRUARY**

George Herbert, priest, poet, 1633

0830	<b>Morning Prayer (CW)</b>	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1230	<b>Eucharist (CW)</b>	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1730	<b>Choral Evensong (BCP)</b> <i>Sung by the Cathedral Choir</i> Responses: <i>Alex Hodgkinson</i> Psalm: 142 Canticles: <i>Weelkes, Short Service</i> Anthem: <i>Tomkins, When David heard</i>	<i>Quire</i>

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**SATURDAY 28 FEBRUARY** *Oswald, Bishop of Lichfield, apostle of Mercia, 672*

0830	<b>Morning Prayer (CW)</b>	<i>Sebroke Chapel</i>
1230	<b>Eucharist (CW)</b>	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1630	<b>Choral Evensong (BCP)</b> <i>Sung by the St Benedict's Singers</i> Anthem: <i>Bob Chilcott, Be thou my vision</i> <i>King, Jubilate</i>	<i>Quire</i>