



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

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

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

0800	Eucharist (BCP)	<i>Memorial Chapel</i>
0830	Morning Prayer (CW)	<i>Zoom</i>
1015	Choral Eucharist (CW)	<i>Nave</i>
	<i>Sung by the Cathedral Choir</i>	
	Setting: <i>Mozart, Missa brevis in C ("Spatzenmesse")</i>	
	Hymns: 94, A&M 101, A&M 112, 360 t.303	
	Sermon: The Dean	
	Motet: <i>Eccard, Maria das Jungfräuelein</i>	
	Voluntary: <i>Buxtehude, Ciacona in E minor (BuxWV 160)</i>	
1800	Candlemas Carol Service	
	<i>Sung by the Cathedral Choir and Trinity Singers</i>	

MONDAY 2 FEBRUARYVerses: *Decani*

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

TUESDAY 3 FEBRUARY

Anskar, archbishop, missionary, 865

John Amott, Organist of Gloucester Cathedral 1832-65, d. 1865

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

WEDNESDAY 4 FEBRUARY*Gilbert, founder of the Gilbertine Order, 1189**Aldate, bishop, martyr, c. 577*

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

THURSDAY 5 FEBRUARY

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

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

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

SATURDAY 7 FEBRUARY

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

SUNDAY 8 FEBRUARY**2ND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**

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

MONDAY 9 FEBRUARY

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

Verses: *Cantoris*

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

TUESDAY 10 FEBRUARY*Scholastica, abbess, c. 543*

0830	Morning Prayer (CW)	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1230	Eucharist (CW)	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1730	Choral Evensong (BCP) <i>Sung by the Cathedral Lay Clerks</i> Responses: <i>Tallis</i> Psalm: 33 Canticles: <i>Wills</i> in G minor Anthem: <i>Wills</i> , By the waters of Babylon	<i>Quire</i>

WEDNESDAY 11 FEBRUARY

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

THURSDAY 12 FEBRUARY

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

FRIDAY 13 FEBRUARY

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

SATURDAY 14 FEBRUARY

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

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

SUNDAY 15 FEBRUARY

SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

0800	Eucharist (BCP)	<i>Memorial Chapel</i>
0830	Morning Prayer (CW)	<i>Zoom</i>
1015	Choral Eucharist (CW) 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	Evening Prayer (BCP)	<i>Lady Chapel</i>

MONDAY 16 FEBRUARY

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

TUESDAY 17 FEBRUARY

Janini Luwum, archbishop, martyr, 1977

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

WEDNESDAY 18 FEBRUARY

ASH WEDNESDAY

The Reformation Martyrs of Gloucestershire

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

THURSDAY 19 FEBRUARY

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

FRIDAY 20 FEBRUARY

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

SATURDAY 21 FEBRUARY

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

SUNDAY 22 FEBRUARY**1ST SUNDAY OF LENT***Emma Dent of Winchcombe, educationalist, 1900*

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

MONDAY 23 FEBRUARY

Polycarp, bishop, martyr, c. 155

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

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

TUESDAY 24 FEBRUARY

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

WEDNESDAY 25 FEBRUARY

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

THURSDAY 26 FEBRUARY

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

FRIDAY 27 FEBRUARY

George Herbert, priest, poet, 1633

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

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

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 St Benedict's Singers</i>	
	Anthem: <i>Bob Chilcott, Be thou my vision</i>	
	<i>King, Jubilate</i>	