



GLOUCESTER
CATHEDRAL

Services and Music
September 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 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

TUESDAY 1 SEPTEMBER*Giles, hermit, c. 710*Verses: *Decani*

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

WEDNESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER*Martyrs of Papua New Guinea, 1901, 1942*

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

THURSDAY 3 SEPTEMBER*Gregory the Great, bishop, teacher of the faith, 604
John Frankland, Dean of Gloucester 1723-1729, d. 1730*

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

FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER*Birinus, bishop, 650*

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 Lay Clerks</i>	
	Responses: <i>Rose</i>	
	Psalm: 145	
	Canticles: <i>W. Mundy</i> in six parts	
	Anthem: <i>Sheppard</i> , In manus tuas	

SATURDAY 5 SEPTEMBER*Katherine Parr, queen, woman of prayer, 1548*

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

SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER**CREATION IN CHRIST**

0800	Eucharist (BCP)	<i>Memorial Chapel</i>
0830	Morning Prayer (CW)	<i>Zoom</i>
1015	Choral Eucharist (CW) <i>Sung by the Cathedral Choir</i> Setting: Schubert in G Hymns: 250, 258 t.502, 304 t.20, 254 Sermon: The Canon Chancellor Motet: Franck, Panis angelicus Voluntary: S. S. Wesley, Choral Song and Fugue	<i>Nave</i>
1500	Choral Evensong (BCP) with the Collation and Installation of the Archdeacon of Gloucester and the Admission of the Choristers and Old Choristers <i>Sung by the Cathedral Choir</i> Introit: Ley, A Prayer of King Henry VI Responses: Ayleward Psalms: 108 Canticles: Dyson in D Anthem: S. S. Wesley, Blessed be the God and Father Sermon: The Archdeacon of Gloucester Voluntary: Widor, Finale (Symphony 7)	<i>Nave</i>

MONDAY 7 SEPTEMBER

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>Ayleward</i> Psalm: 4 Canticles: <i>Harwood</i> in A flat Anthem: <i>Sumsion</i> , One thing have I desired	<i>Quire</i>

TUESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

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

0830	Morning Prayer (CW)	<i>Thomas Chapel</i>
1230	Eucharist (CW)	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1730	Choral Evensong (BCP) <i>Sung by the Cathedral Lay Clerks</i> Responses: <i>Bertalot</i> Psalm: 9 Canticles: <i>Philip Moore</i> , First Service Anthem: <i>Tye</i> , <i>Salve Regina</i>	<i>Quire</i>

WEDNESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER

Charles Fuge Lowder, priest, 1880

0830	Morning Prayer (CW)	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1230	Eucharist (CW)	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1730	Choral Evensong (BCP) with the Admission of the Organ Scholar <i>Sung by the Cathedral Choir</i> Responses: <i>Ayleward</i> Psalm: 11 Canticles: <i>Wood</i> , <i>Collegium Regale</i> Anthem: <i>Handel</i> , And the glory of the Lord	<i>Quire</i>

THURSDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

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: 19 Canticles: <i>Philip Wilby, Evening Service</i> Anthem: <i>Peter Nardone, I give to you a new commandment</i>	<i>Quire</i>

FRIDAY 11 SEPTEMBER

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>Ayleward</i> Psalms: 22 Canticles: <i>Byrd, Short Service</i> Anthem: <i>Gibbons, Almighty and everlasting God</i>	<i>Quire</i>

SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

0830	Morning Prayer (CW)	<i>Sebroke Chapel</i>
1230	Eucharist (CW)	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1630	Evening Prayer (BCP)	<i>Nave</i>
1900	Organ Festival: Gala Concert Tickets: www.gloucestercathedral.org.uk/whats-on/gloucester-cathedral-organ-festival-gala-concert	<i>Nave</i>

SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER**15TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

0800	Eucharist (BCP)	<i>Chapel of St Andrew</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, Mass of St Thomas</i> Hymns: 555, A&M 806, 324, 496 Sermon: The Canon Precentor Motet: <i>Elgar, Ave verum corpus</i> Voluntary: <i>Elgar, Imperial March</i>	<i>Nave</i>
1500	Choral Evensong (BCP) <i>Sung by the Cathedral Lay Clerks</i> Introit: <i>Purcell, Lord, not to us</i> Responses: <i>Sanders</i> Psalm: 119 vv. 41-56 Canticles: <i>Cleobury, Evening Service</i> Anthem: <i>Macpherson, Jubilate Deo</i> Sermon: The Canon Missioner Hymn: 585 Voluntary: <i>Alcock, Introduction and Passacaglia</i>	<i>Quire</i>

MONDAY 14 SEPTEMBER**HOLY CROSS DAY**Verses: *Decani*

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>Ayleward</i> Psalm: 110 Canticles: <i>Shephard, Gloucester Service</i> Anthem: <i>Stanford, O for a closer walk with God</i>	<i>Quire</i>

TUESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

Cyprian, bishop, martyr, 258

- 0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Thomas Chapel*
- 1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1730 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*
Sung by the Cathedral Lay Clerks
Responses: *Philip Colls*
Psalm: 33
Canticles: *Wood in G*
Anthem: *Harris, Holy is the true light*
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WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBERNinian, bishop, apostle of the Picts, c. 432
Edward Bouverie Pusey, priest, 1882

- 0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1730 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*
Sung by the Cathedral Choir
Responses: *Rose*
Psalm: 119 vv. 33-56
Canticles: *Byrd, Third Service*
Anthem: *Handel, And he shall purify*
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THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER

Hildegard, abbess, visionary, 1179

- 0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Thomas Chapel*
- 1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1730 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Lady Chapel*
Sung by the Trinity Singers
Responses: *Smith*
Psalm: 40
Canticles: *Grayston Ives in D*
Anthem: *Bruckner, Locus iste*

FRIDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

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>Rose</i> Psalm: 35 Canticles: <i>Causton</i> , Short Service Anthem: <i>Tomkins</i> , When David heard	<i>Lady Chapel</i>

SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

Theodore, archbishop, 690

0830	Morning Prayer (CW)	<i>Sebroke Chapel</i>
1230	Eucharist (CW)	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1500	A Celebration of Lay Ministry <i>Sung by the St Benedict Singers</i> Psalm: 46 Anthems: <i>Corp</i> , Give to my eyes, Lord <i>Alan Bullard</i> , O breath of life	<i>Nave</i>

SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER**16TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY***Thomas Morton, Dean of Gloucester 1607-1609, d. 1659*

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 Cathedral Choir</i> Setting: <i>Rubbra, Missa Cantuariensis</i> Hymns: 474, 591, 138, 429 Sermon: The Canon Missioner Motet: <i>Rubbra, Up, O my soul</i> Voluntary: <i>Howells, Rhapsody No. 4</i>	<i>Quire</i>
1500	Choral Evensong (BCP) <i>Sung by the Cathedral Choir</i> Introit: <i>Mudd, Let thy merciful ears</i> Responses: <i>Rose</i> Psalms: 119 vv. 131-136 Canticles: <i>Weelkes, Service for five voices</i> Anthem: <i>Byrd, Laetentur coeli</i> Sermon: The Canon Precentor Hymn: 572 Voluntary: <i>Buxtehude, Praeludium in G minor (BWV 149)</i>	<i>Quire</i>

MONDAY 21 SEPTEMBER**MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST**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>Rose</i> Psalm: 119 vv. 33-48 Canticles: <i>Wood in D</i> Anthem: <i>Wood, Expectans expectavi</i>	<i>Quire</i>

TUESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

- 0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Thomas Chapel*
- 1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1730 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*
Sung by the Cathedral Lay Clerks
Responses: *Ian Harrold*
Psalm: 50
Canticles: *Binchois, Magnificat; tone III, Nunc dimittis*
Anthem: *Tomkins, Hear my prayer*
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WEDNESDAY 23 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: 59
Canticles: *Day in B flat*
Anthem: *Handel, Glory to God*
- 1945 **Organ Concert** given by Adrian Partington (Director of Music), including Elgar's *Organ Sonata*, and a selection of music by local composers.
Preceded by a pre-concert talk at 6:45pm.
Tickets available from www.gloucestercathedral.org.uk
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THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

- 0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Thomas Chapel*
- 1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1730 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*
Sung by the Trinity Singers
Responses: *plainsong*
Psalm: 62
Canticles: *Blake in D*
Anthem: *Mendelssohn, Lord, in thy mercy*

FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

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

- 0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1730 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*
Sung by the Cathedral Choir
Responses: *Byrd*
Psalm: 38
Canticles: *Farrant, Short Service*
Anthem: *Byrd, Sing joyfully*
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SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER *Wilson Carlile, founder of the Church Army, 1942*

- 0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Sebroke Chapel*
- 1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1630 **Choral Evensong (BCP) attended by the Cathedral Music Trust and the Exeter & District Organists' Association** *Quire*
Sung by the St Benedict Singers
Responses: *David Terry*
Psalm: 65
Canticles: *Mark Blatchly in C*
Anthem: *Bob Chilcott, Psalm 150*
Hymn: 40

SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER**17TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

- 0800 **Eucharist (BCP)** *Chapel of St Paul*
- 0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Zoom*
- 1015 **Choral Eucharist (CW)** *Nave*
Sung by the Cathedral Choir
Setting: *Lassus, Missa Bell' Amfitrit altera*
Hymns: 163, 375, 589, 612
Sermon: The Dean
Motet: *A. Gabrieli, O sacrum convivium*
Voluntary: *J. S. Bach, Fantasia and Fugue in C minor (BWV 537)*
- 1500 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*
with the Country Food Trust
Sung by the Cathedral Choir
Introit: *Vaughan Williams, O taste and see*
Responses: *Byrd*
Psalm: 19
Canticles: *Brewer in D*
Anthem: *Howells, Sweetest of sweets*
Hymn: 275
Sermon: The Canon Missioner
Voluntary: *Brewer, Marche héroïque*
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MONDAY 28 SEPTEMBER

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: 72
Canticles: *Watson in E*
Anthem: *S. S. Wesley, Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace*

TUESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER**MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS***Thomas Winniffe, Dean of Gloucester 1624-31, d. 1654*

- 0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Thomas Chapel*
- 1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1730 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*
Sung by the Cathedral Lay Clerks
Responses: *Piers Kennedy*
Psalm: 148
Canticles: *Wills in G minor*
Anthem: *Handl, Honestum fecit*
- 1830 **Organ Meditation** played by Jonathan Hope (Assistant Director of Music)
Neil Cox: *Four Ikons of the Archangels*
Admission free
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WEDNESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER*Jerome, translator, teacher of the faith, 420*
George Whitefield of Gloucester, preacher, 1770

- 0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1730 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*
Sung by the Cathedral Choir
Responses: *Sumsion*
Psalm: 119 vv. 81-104
Canticles: *Sumsion in G*
Anthem: *Handel, For unto us a child is born*
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