



GLOUCESTER
CATHEDRAL

Services and Music

July 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

WEDNESDAY 1 JULY

*Henry, John and Henry Venn, priests,
evangelical divines, 1797, 1813, 1873*

Verses: Cantoris (cont.)

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: 91 Canticles: <i>Wood, Collegium Regale</i> Anthem: <i>Balfour Gardiner, Evening Hymn</i>	<i>Quire</i>

THURSDAY 2 JULY

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>Smith</i> Psalm: 93 Canticles: <i>Shera in C</i> Anthem: <i>Jude Freeman, The Lord's Prayer</i>	<i>Quire</i>

FRIDAY 3 JULY**THOMAS 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 Cathedral Choir</i> Responses: <i>Smith</i> Psalm: 139 Canticles: <i>Tomkins, Second Service</i> Anthem: <i>Walford Davies, God be in my head</i>	<i>Quire</i>

SATURDAY 4 JULY

0830	Morning Prayer (CW)	<i>Sebroke Chapel</i>
1230	Eucharist (CW)	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1630	Choral Evensong (BCP) <i>Sung by The St Benedict's Singers</i> Responses: <i>David Terry</i> Psalm: 100 Canticles: <i>Dyson</i> in C minor Anthem: <i>Marcello</i> , Give ear unto me Hymn: 508 t.507	<i>Quire</i>

SUNDAY 5 JULY

5TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

William Brough, Dean of Gloucester 1643-71, d. 1671

0800	Eucharist (BCP)	<i>Chapel of St Paul</i>
0830	Morning Prayer (CW)	<i>Zoom</i>
1015	Choral Eucharist (CW) <i>Sung by the Nicholas Perfect (bass)</i> Setting: <i>plainsong</i> , Mass XI Hymns: 9 t.475, 101, 304 t.20, 429 Sermon: The Director of Ministry and Mission Motet: <i>George Jeffreys</i> , O quam sauve Voluntary: <i>Langlais</i> , Hymne d'actions de grâces (Te Deum)	<i>Nave</i>
1500	Festal Evensong with the Dedication of the Grand Organ <i>Sung by the combined choirs of Gloucester Cathedral</i> Responses: <i>Smith</i> Psalm: 150 (<i>Stanford</i>) Canticles: <i>Stanford</i> in C Anthem: <i>David Bednall</i> , Sing praises to God (world première) Sermon: The Dean Hymns: As printed in the order of service Voluntary: <i>Howells</i> , Rhapsody No. 4	<i>Nave</i>

MONDAY 6 JULY

*Thomas More, scholar, and John Fisher, bishop,
martyrs, 1535*

Verses: *Decani*

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

TUESDAY 7 JULY

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

WEDNESDAY 8 JULY

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: 119 vv. 129-152	
	Canticles: <i>Murrill</i> in E	
	Anthem: <i>Mark Blatchly</i> , O praise God in his holiness	

THURSDAY 9 JULY

0830	Morning Prayer (CW)	<i>Thomas Chapel</i>
1230	Eucharist (CW)	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1730	Choral Evensong (BCP)	<i>Quire</i>
	<i>Sung by the Trinity Singers</i>	
	Responses: <i>Smith</i>	
	Psalm: 114	
	Canticles: <i>Vaughan Williams</i> in C	
	Anthem: <i>Meirion Wynn Jones</i> , Holy Spirit, truth divine	

FRIDAY 10 JULY

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

SATURDAY 11 JULY

Benedict, abbot, c. 550

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 Clevedon Choral Society</i>	
	Introit:	<i>Alexander L'Estrange, Lighten our darkness</i>
	Responses:	<i>Ayleward</i>
	Psalm:	34 vv. 1-8
	Canticles:	<i>Brewer in E flat</i>
	Anthem:	<i>Parry, Blest pair of sirens</i>
	Hymn:	516

SUNDAY 12 JULY**6TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

0800	Eucharist (BCP)	<i>Memorial Chapel</i>
0830	Morning Prayer (CW)	<i>Zoom</i>
1015	Choral Eucharist (CW) <i>Sung by the choir of St Mary's, Ross-on-Wye</i> Setting: <i>Darke</i> in F Hymns: 406, A&M 387, A&M 428, 470 Sermon: The Cathedral Curate Motet: <i>Philip Wilby</i> , If ye love me Voluntary: <i>J. S. Bach</i> , Allabreve (BWV 589)	<i>Nave</i>
1500	Choral Evensong (BCP) <i>Sung by the choir of St Mary's, Ross-on-Wye</i> Introit: <i>Mendelssohn</i> , Am Himmelsfahrtstage Responses: <i>Humphrey Clucas</i> Psalm: 60 Canticles: <i>Murrill</i> in E Anthem: <i>Harris</i> , Behold the tabernacle of God Sermon: The Director of Mission and Ministry Hymn: 449	<i>Quire</i>

MONDAY 13 JULY

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

TUESDAY 14 JULY

John Keble, priest, poet, 1866

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

WEDNESDAY 15 JULY

Swithun, bishop, c. 862
Bonaventure, friar, bishop, teacher of the faith, 1274
Serlo, abbot of Gloucester, 1104

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

THURSDAY 16 JULY

Osmund, bishop, 1099

0830	Morning Prayer (CW)	<i>Thomas Chapel</i>
1230	Eucharist (CW)	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1730	Choral Evensong (BCP)	<i>Quire</i>
	<i>Sung by the Sarum Consort Singers</i>	
	Responses:	<i>Humphrey Clucas</i>
	Psalm:	138
	Canticles:	<i>Stanford in B flat</i>
	Anthem:	<i>Sheppard, Libera nos (I)</i>

FRIDAY 17 JULY

Kenelm, prince, 812 or 821

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 Sarum Consort Singers</i>	
	Responses:	<i>Humphrey Clucas</i>
	Psalm:	145
	Canticles:	<i>G. Gabrieli, Magnificat á 8; Wood, Nunc dimittis</i>
	Anthem:	<i>Schütz, Selig sind die Toten</i>

SATURDAY 18 JULY

*Elizabeth Ferard, deaconess,
founder of the Community of St Andrew, 1883*

- 0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Sebroke Chapel*
- 1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1630 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*
Sung by the Sarum Consort Singers
Introit: *Byrd, Praise our Lord*
Responses: *Smith*
Psalm: 148
Canticles: *Dyson in D*
Anthem: *S. S. Wesley, Blessed be the God and Father*
Hymn: 584 t.357
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SUNDAY 19 JULY**7TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

- 0800 **Eucharist (BCP)** *Chapel of St John the Baptist*
- 0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Zoom*
- 1015 **Choral Eucharist (CW)** *Nave*
Sung by the Sarum Consort Singers
Setting: *Hassler, Mass for double choir*
Hymns: 475, 153, 305, 496
Sermon: The Director of Mission and Ministry
Motet: *Matthew Martin, Vidi aquam*
Voluntary: *J. S. Bach, Prelude and Fugue in C (BWV 545)*
- 1500 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*
Sung by the Sarum Consort Singers
Introit: *Byrd, Praise our Lord*
Responses: *Smith*
Psalm: 67
Canticles: *Howells, Collegium Regale*
Anthem: *Parry, Blest pair of sirens*
Sermon: The Canon Chancellor
Hymn: 497

MONDAY 20 JULY

*Margaret of Antioch, martyr, 4th century
Bartolomé de las Casas, apostle to the Indies, 1566*

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

TUESDAY 21 JULY

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

WEDNESDAY 22 JULY**MARY MAGDALENE**

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

THURSDAY 23 JULY

Bridget, abbess, 1373

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

FRIDAY 24 JULY

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

THREE CHOIRS FESTIVAL 2026

SATURDAY 25 JULY

JAMES THE APOSTLE

0745	Morning Prayer (CW)	<i>Sebroke Chapel</i>
1000	Three Choirs Festival Opening Service	<i>Nave</i>
1700	Evening Prayer (BCP)	<i>Lady Chapel</i>

SUNDAY 26 JULY

8TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

0800	Eucharist (BCP)	<i>Chapel of St Paul</i>
0830	Morning Prayer (CW)	<i>Zoom</i>
1015	Three Choirs Festival Eucharist <i>Sung by the Cathedral Choir</i> Setting: <i>Rubbra, Missa Cantuariensis</i> Hymns: <i>As printed in the order of service</i> Sermon: <i>The Dean</i> Motet: <i>Rubbra, Up, O my soul</i>	<i>Nave</i>
1730	Choral Evensong (BCP) <i>Sung by the Three Choirs Festival Youth Choir</i> Responses: <i>Rose</i> Psalm: <i>75</i> Canticles: <i>Wood in E flat (no. 2)</i> Anthem: <i>Wood, O thou, the central orb</i> Sermon: <i>The Canon Precentor</i> Hymn: <i>386</i>	<i>Nave</i>

MONDAY 27 JULY*Brooke Foss Westcott, bishop, teacher of the faith, 1901*

- 0745 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1730 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*
Sung by the Three Cathedral Choirs
Responses: *Sumsion*
Psalm: 64
Canticles: *S. S. Wesley* in E
Anthem: *S. S. Wesley*, Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace
Hymn: 395
Voluntary: *S. S. Wesley*, Choral Song and Fugue
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TUESDAY 28 JULY

- 0745 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1730 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*
Sung by the Trinity Singers and The St Benedict's Singers
Responses: *Smith*
Psalm: 32
Canticles: *Iain Farrington*, The Blues Service
Anthem: *Ian King*, O clap your hands
Hymn: 516ii
Voluntary: *Holst*, Neptune (arr. Holst for organ duet)
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WEDNESDAY 29 JULY*Mary, Martha and Lazarus, companions of Our Lord*

- 0745 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1500 **Choral Evensong (BCP) broadcast live on BBC Radio 3** *Quire*
Sung by the Three Cathedral Choirs
Introit: *Hurd*, Praise ye the Lord
Responses: *Janet Wheeler*
Psalm: 142, 143
Canticles: *Gavin Higgins*, Gloucester Service
Anthem: *S. Wesley (snr.)*, In exitu Israel
Voluntary: *Bliss*, Praeludium

THURSDAY 30 JULY

William Wilberforce, social reformer, 1833,
Olaudah Equiano and Thomas Clarkson,
anti-slavery campaigners, 1797 and 1846

0745	Morning Prayer (CW)	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1230	Eucharist (CW)	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1700	Evening Prayer (BCP)	<i>Lady Chapel</i>

FRIDAY 31 JULY

Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus, 1556

0745	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 Three Cathedral Choirs</i>	
	Responses:	<i>Radcliffe</i>
	Psalm:	97
	Canticles:	<i>Kerensa Briggs, Gloucester Service</i>
	Anthem:	<i>Robert Hamilton, Lord, I call upon thee</i>
	Hymn:	469
	Voluntary:	<i>Rory Boyle, Toccata</i>

SATURDAY 1 AUGUST

0745	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 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, Antiphon (Five Mystical Songs)</i>
	Hymn:	Mine eyes have seen the glory
	Voluntary:	<i>Ives, Variations on America</i>

