



GLOUCESTER  
CATHEDRAL

## **Services and Music**

*January 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)

**THURSDAY 1 JANUARY****NAMING AND CIRCUMCISION OF JESUS**

*William Mutlow, Organist of Gloucester Cathedral 1782-1832, d. 1832*

0830	<b>Morning Prayer (CW)</b>	<i>Thomas Chapel</i>
1230	<b>Eucharist (CW)</b>	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1600	<b>Evening Prayer (BCP)</b>	<i>Lady Chapel</i>

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**FRIDAY 2 JANUARY**

Basil the Great and Gregory of Nazianzus, bishops,  
teachers of the faith, 379 and 389  
*Seraphim, monk, spiritual guide, 1833*

*Vedanayagam Samuel Azariah, first bishop of Dornakal, evangelist, 1945*

0830	<b>Morning Prayer (CW)</b>	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1230	<b>Eucharist (CW)</b>	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1600	<b>Evening Prayer (BCP)</b>	<i>Lady Chapel</i>

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**SATURDAY 3 JANUARY**

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 4 JANUARY

## EPIPHANY

0800	<b>Eucharist (BCP)</b>	<i>Memorial Chapel</i>
0830	<b>Morning Prayer (CW)</b>	<i>Zoom</i>
1015	<b>Choral Eucharist (CW)</b> <i>Sung by the Saint Cecilia Singers</i> Setting: <i>Byrd</i> , Mass for four voices Hymns: 89, 86i, 91, 83, 90i Sermon: Cathedral Curate Motets: <i>Palestrina</i> , Canite tuba Voluntary: <i>J. S. Bach</i> , In dir ist Freude (BWV 615)	<i>Nave</i>
1500	<b>Choral Evensong (BCP)</b> <i>Sung by the Saint Cecilia Singers</i> Introit: <i>Sally Beamish</i> , In the stillness Responses: <i>Radcliffe</i> Psalm: 98 Canticles: <i>Stanford</i> in C Anthem: <i>Jonathan Dove</i> , The three kings Sermon: The Dean Hymn: 87 Voluntary: <i>Howells</i> , Paean	<i>Quire</i>

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## MONDAY 5 JANUARY

Verses: *Decani*

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>

## TUESDAY 6 JANUARY

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>John Bertalot</i> Psalm: 74 Canticles: <i>Binchois, Magnificat; plainsong tone III, Nunc dimittis</i> Anthem: <i>Byrd, Ecce advenit</i>	<i>Quire</i>

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## WEDNESDAY 7 JANUARY

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>Sumsion</i> Psalm: 118 Canticles: <i>Day in B flat</i> Anthem: <i>Cornelius/Atkins, Three kings from Persian lands afar</i>	<i>Quire</i>

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## THURSDAY 8 JANUARY

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: 145 Canticles: <i>Blake in D</i> Anthem: <i>Peter Nardone, I give to you a new commandment</i>	<i>Quire</i>

## FRIDAY 9 JANUARY

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>Sumsion</i> Psalm: 69 Canticles: <i>Hooper, Short Service</i> Anthem: <i>W. Mundy, O Lord, the maker of all things</i>	<i>Quire</i>

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## SATURDAY 10 JANUARY

*William Laud, archbishop, martyr  
Dean of Gloucester 1616-1621, d. 1645*

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 Singers</i> Responses: <i>David Terry</i> Psalm: 36 Canticles: <i>Ian Wicks, Cherubini Service</i> Anthem: <i>Traditional, We three kings</i> Hymn: 92	<i>Quire</i>

**SUNDAY 11 JANUARY****BAPTISM OF CHRIST***Peter Allix, Dean of Gloucester 1729-1730, d. 1758*

- 0800    **Eucharist (BCP)**    *Chapel of St John the Baptist*
- 0830    **Morning Prayer (CW)**    *Zoom*
- 1015    **Choral Eucharist (CW)**    *Nave*  
*Sung by the Cathedral Choir*  
 Setting:    *Viadana, Miss l' hora passa*  
 Hymns:    334, 93, A&M 102, 591  
 Sermon:    The Canon Precentor  
 Motet:    *Tallis, O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit*  
 Voluntary: *J. S. Bach, Prelude and Fugue in C (BWV 545)*
- 1500    **Choral Evensong (BCP)**    *Quire*  
*Sung by the Cathedral Choir*  
 Introit:    *Tye, O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace*  
 Responses: *Sumsion*  
 Psalm:    46  
 Canticles: *S. S. Wesley in E*  
 Anthem:    *S. S. Wesley, Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace*  
 Sermon:    The Canon Chancellor  
 Hymn:    87  
 Voluntary: *Mendelssohn, Allegro maestoso e vivace (Sonata No. 4)*
- 1615    **Britten's 'A Ceremony of Carols'**  
*Sung by the Cathedral Choristers, with Daniel de-Fry (harp)*

**MONDAY 12 JANUARY***Ælred, abbot, 1167*  
*Benedict Biscop, scholar, 689*Verses: *Cantoris*

- 0830    **Morning Prayer (CW)**    *Lady Chapel*
- 1230    **Eucharist (CW)**    *Lady Chapel*
- 1730    **Choral Evensong (BCP)**    *Quire*  
*Sung by the Cathedral Choir*  
 Responses: *Sumsion*  
 Psalm:    85  
 Canticles: *Harwood in A flat*  
 Anthem:    *Viadana, Exultate justi*



## TUESDAY 13 JANUARY

Hilary, bishop, teacher of the faith, 367  
*Kentigern (Mungo), missionary bishop, 603*  
*George Fox, founder of the Society of Friends, 1691*

- 0830    **Morning Prayer (CW)**    *Lady Chapel*
- 1230    **Eucharist (CW)**    *Lady Chapel*
- 1730    **Choral Evensong (BCP)**    *Quire*  
*Sung by the St Benedict Singers and Lay Clerks*  
Responses:    *Smith*  
Psalm:        47  
Canticles:    *Walmisley* in D minor  
Anthem:       *Mendelssohn*, There shall a star from Jacob come forth
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## WEDNESDAY 14 JANUARY

*Henry Montagu Butler,*  
*Dean of Gloucester 1885-86, d. 1918*

- 0830    **Morning Prayer (CW)**    *Lady Chapel*
- 1230    **Eucharist (CW)**    *Lady Chapel*
- 1730    **Choral Evensong (BCP)**    *Quire*  
*Sung by the Cathedral Choir*  
Responses:    *Radcliffe*  
Psalm:        45  
Canticles:    *Wood*, Collegium Regale  
Anthem:       *Wood*, Hail, gladdening light
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## THURSDAY 15 JANUARY

- 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:        61  
Canticles:    *Kelly* in C  
Anthem:       *Meirion Wynn Jones*, Holy Spirit, truth divine

## FRIDAY 16 JANUARY

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>Radcliffe</i> Psalm: 102 Canticles: <i>Causton</i> , Short Service Anthem: <i>Byrd</i> , Sing joyfully	<i>Quire</i>

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## SATURDAY 17 JANUARY

Antony of Egypt, hermit, abbot, 356  
*Charles Gore, bishop, founder of the  
Community of the Resurrection, 1932*

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 18 JANUARY****2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: 18-25 January

- 0800    **Eucharist (BCP)**    *Chapel of St Paul*
- 0830    **Morning Prayer (CW)**    *Zoom*
- 1015    **Family Eucharist (CW)**    *Nave*  
*Sung by the St Benedict Singers*  
Setting:    *David Thorne, Mass of St Thomas*  
Hymns:    380, 87, 622  
Sermon:    The Dean  
Motet:    *Franck, Panis angelicus*  
Voluntary: *Gigout, Toccata in B minor*
- 1500    **Choral Evensong (BCP)**    *Quire*  
*Sung by the Cathedral Lay Clerks*  
Introit:    *Byrd, Gloria tibi Domine*  
Responses: *Piers Kennedy*  
Psalm:    96  
Canticles: *Batten, Short Service*  
Anthem:    *Harris, Behold now, praise the Lord*  
Sermon:    The Canon Precentor  
Hymn:    163  
Voluntary: *Robert Lind, Prelude on 'Down Ampney'*
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**MONDAY 19 JANUARY**

Wulfstan, bishop, 1095

Verses: *Decani*

- 0830    **Morning Prayer (CW)**    *Lady Chapel*
- 1230    **Eucharist (CW)**    *Lady Chapel*
- 1730    **Choral Evensong (BCP)**    *Quire*  
*Sung by the Cathedral Choir*  
Responses: *Radcliffe*  
Psalm:    71  
Canticles: *D. Roseingrave, Evening Service*  
Anthem:    *Purcell, O God, thou art my God*

**TUESDAY 20 JANUARY***Richard Rolle, spiritual writer, 1349*

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>Philip Colls</i> Psalm: 107 Canticles: <i>Cleobury, Evening Service</i> Anthem: <i>Harris, Holy is the true light</i>	<i>Quire</i>

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**WEDNESDAY 21 JANUARY***Agnes, child martyr, 204*

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>Radcliffe</i> Psalm: 99 Canticles: <i>Stanford in B flat</i> Anthem: <i>Rubbra, Up, O my soul</i>	<i>Quire</i>

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**THURSDAY 22 JANUARY***Vincent of Saragossa, deacon, martyr, 304*

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: 111 Canticles: <i>plainsong, Magnificat tone VIII</i> <i>Gibbons, Nunc dimittis (Short Service)</i> Anthem: <i>Brahms, Geistliches Lied</i>	<i>Quire</i>

## FRIDAY 23 JANUARY

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>Radcliffe</i> Psalm: 130 Canticles: <i>Farrant, Short Service</i> Anthem: <i>Tallis, O nata lux</i>	<i>Quire</i>

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## SATURDAY 24 JANUARY      Francis de Sales, bishop, teacher of the faith, 1622

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 Singers</i> Responses: <i>Nia Llewelyn Jones</i> Psalm: 122 Canticles: <i>Jeremy Woodside, Fauxbourdons Service</i> Anthem: <i>J. S. Bach, My heart ever faithful</i> Hymn: 175	<i>Quire</i>

**SUNDAY 25 JANUARY****3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**

0800	<b>Eucharist (BCP)</b>	<i>Memorial</i>
0830	<b>Morning Prayer (CW)</b>	<i>Zoom</i>
1015	<b>Choral Eucharist (CW)</b> <i>Sung by the Cathedral Choir</i> Setting: <i>Lassus, Missa Bell' Amfitrit altera</i> Hymns: 534, 402ii, 290, 494 Sermon: The City Rector Motet: <i>Lassus, Adoramus te, Christe</i>	<i>Nave</i>
1500	<b>First Choral Evensong (BCP) of the Conversion of Paul</b> <i>Sung by the Cathedral Choir</i> Introit: <i>Victoria, Gaudet in coelis</i> Responses: <i>Radcliffe</i> Psalm: 119 vv. 41-56 Canticles: <i>Howells, Gloucester Service</i> Anthem: <i>Mendelssohn, How lovely are the messengers</i> Sermon: The Cathedral Curate Hymn: 237 Voluntary: <i>Howells, Psalm-Prelude (Set 2 No. 3)</i>	<i>Quire</i>

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**MONDAY 26 JANUARY****CONVERSION OF PAUL**Verses: *Cantoris*

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>Radcliffe</i> Psalm: 138 Canticles: <i>Arnold in A</i> Anthem: <i>Wood, Expectans expectavi</i>	<i>Quire</i>

## TUESDAY 27 JANUARY

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>Andrew Millington</i> Psalm: 145 Canticles: <i>Humphrey Clucas, Westminster Service</i> Anthem: <i>John Duggan, Spiritus Domini</i>	<i>Quire</i>

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## WEDNESDAY 28 JANUARY

Thomas Aquinas, priest, philosopher,  
teacher of the faith, 1274

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>Byrd</i> Psalm: 29 Canticles: <i>Kerensa Briggs, Gloucester Service</i> Anthem: <i>Tegnér, Bethlehem's star</i>	<i>Quire</i>

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## THURSDAY 29 JANUARY

0830	<b>Morning Prayer (CW)</b>	<i>Thomas 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: 24 Canticles: <i>Philip Wilby, Evening Service</i> Anthem: <i>Philip Wilby, An Irish Blessing</i>	<i>Quire</i>

**FRIDAY 30 JANUARY**

Charles, king and martyr, 1649

- 0830    **Morning Prayer (CW)**    *Lady Chapel*
- 1230    **Eucharist (CW)**    *Lady Chapel*
- 1730    **Choral Evensong (BCP)**    *Quire*  
*Sung by the Cathedral Choir*  
Responses:    *Byrd*  
Psalm:        67  
Canticles:    *Byrd, Short Service*  
Anthem:      *Byrd, Hodie beata virgo*
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**SATURDAY 31 JANUARY**

*John Bosco, priest, founder of the  
Salesian Teaching Order, 1888*

*John Luxmoore, Dean of Gloucester 1800-08, d. 1830*

- 0830    **Morning Prayer (CW)**    *Sebroke Chapel*
- 1230    **Eucharist (CW)**    *Lady Chapel*
- 1630    **Choral Evensong (BCP)**    *Quire*  
**attended by the Gloucestershire Organists' Association**  
*Sung by the St Benedict Singers*  
Responses:    *Malcolm Archer*  
Psalm:        72  
Canticles:    *Dyson in C minor*  
Anthem:      *Marcello, Give ear unto me*  
Hymn:        94