



GLOUCESTER
CATHEDRAL

Services and Music
October 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

THURSDAY 1 OCTOBER

Remigius, bishop, 533
Anthony Ashley Cooper (Earl of Shaftesbury), social reformer, 1885

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>David Halls</i> Psalm: 46 Canticles: <i>Brewer in B flat</i> Anthem: <i>Meirion Wynn Jones, Holy Spirit, truth divine</i>	<i>Quire</i>

FRIDAY 2 OCTOBER

Thomas Cantelupe, Bishop of Hereford, 1282

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>Sumsion</i> Psalm: 69 Canticles: <i>Morley, Short Service</i> Anthem: <i>Tallis, Salvator mundi</i>	<i>Quire</i>

SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER

George Bell, bishop, ecumenist, peacemaker, 1958

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

SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER**18TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

- 0800 **Eucharist (BCP)** *Memorial Chapel*
- 0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Zoom*
- 1015 **Family Eucharist (CW)** *Nave*
Sung by The St Benedict's Singers
Setting: *James MacMillan, St Anne's Mass*
Hymns: 395, 432, 277, 437
Sermon: The Canon Missioner
Motets: *Franck, Panis angelicus*
 Sarah Quartel, Fill your hearts with joy and gladness
Voluntary: *Neil Cox, Creation Dance (2016)*
- 1500 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*
Sung by the Cathedral Lay Clerks
Introit: *Byrd, Gloria tibi, Domine*
Responses: *D. Lumsden*
Psalms: 127, 128
Canticles: *Howells in E*
Anthem: *E. Walker, I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills*
Sermon: The Canon Precentor
Hymn: 228
Voluntary: *Howells, Psalm-Prelude (Set 2 No. 1) 'Out of the deep'*
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MONDAY 5 OCTOBER

Verses: *Cantoris*

- 0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1730 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*
Sung by the Cathedral Lay Clerks
Responses: *Andrew Millington*
Psalm: 85
Canticles: *Ives, Magdalen Service*
Anthem: *Tallis, Hear the voice and prayer*

TUESDAY 6 OCTOBER

William Tyndale, translator, martyr, 1536

0830	Morning Prayer (CW)	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1230	Eucharist (CW)	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1730	Choral Evensong Celebrating World Sight (BCP) <i>Sung by The St Benedict's Singers and Cathedral Lay Clerks</i> Responses: <i>Smith</i> Psalm: 121 Canticles: <i>C. H. Lloyd</i> in E flat Anthem: <i>Mathias</i> , Lift up your heads	<i>Quire</i>

WEDNESDAY 7 OCTOBER

0830	Morning Prayer (CW)	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1230	Eucharist (CW)	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1730	Choral Evensong for Black History Month (BCP) <i>Sung by the Cathedral Choir</i> Responses: <i>Alexander Douglas</i> Psalm: 137 Canticles: <i>Coleridge-Taylor</i> in F Anthem: <i>Dett</i> , O Holy Lord	<i>Quire</i>

THURSDAY 8 OCTOBER

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: 114 Canticles: <i>Iain Farrington</i> , The Blues Service Anthem: <i>John Rutter</i> , A Gaelic Blessing	<i>Quire</i>

FRIDAY 9 OCTOBER

Denys, bishop, and companions, martyrs, c. 250
Robert Grosseteste, bishop, philosopher, scientist, 1253

- 0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1730 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*
 attended by the Institute of British Organ Building
 Sung by the Cathedral Choir
 Introit: *Paul Edwards, Not a thought of earthly things*
 Responses: *Sanders*
 Psalms: 150 (*Sanders*)
 Canticles: *Neil Cox, Gloucester Service*
 Anthem: *David Bednall, Sing praises to God*
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SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER

Paulinus, bishop, missionary, 644
Thomas Traherne, poet, spiritual writer, 1674

- 0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Sebroke Chapel*
- 1015 **Children's Service** *Lady Chapel*
 Sung by the Cathedral Junior Choir
- 1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1630 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*
 Sung by the St Benedict Singers
 Responses: *Malcolm Archer (Set II)*
 Psalm: 104 vv. 1-15
 Canticles: *Bairstow in E flat*
 Anthem: *John Rutter, For the beauty of the earth*
 Hymn: 394 t.267

SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER**19TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

0800	Eucharist (BCP)	<i>Chapel of St Andrew</i>
0830	Morning Prayer (CW)	<i>Zoom</i>
1015	Choral Eucharist (CW) <i>Sung by the Cathedral Choir</i> Setting: <i>Darke</i> in F Hymns: 453, 563, 482, 538 Sermon: The Canon Chancellor Motet: <i>Byrd</i> , Ave verum corpus Voluntary: <i>York Bowen</i> , Fantasia in G minor, op. 136	<i>Nave</i>
1500	Evening Prayer (BCP)	<i>Lady Chapel</i>

MONDAY 12 OCTOBER

Wilfrid, bishop, missionary, 709
Elizabeth Fry, prison reformer, 1845
Edith Cavell, nurse, 1915

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>Sanders</i> Psalm: 98 Canticles: <i>Dyson</i> in F Anthem: <i>Byrd</i> , Teach me, O Lord	<i>Quire</i>

TUESDAY 13 OCTOBER

Edward the Confessor, king, 1066

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>plainsong</i> Psalm: 108 Canticles: <i>Guy Turner</i> in E Anthem: <i>Sheppard</i> , In manus tuas	<i>Quire</i>

WEDNESDAY 14 OCTOBER

- 0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1730 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*
Sung by the Cathedral Choir
Responses: *Tomkins*
Psalm: 119 vv. 129-152
Canticles: *Bax*, Magnificat; *Holst*, Nunc dimittis
Anthem: *Handel*, O thou that tellest good tidings
- 1945 **Organ Concert** given by Rachel Mahon (Coventry Cathedral)
Doors open at 6:45pm; preceded by a pre-concert talk at 7:15pm.
Tickets available from www.gloucestercathedral.org.uk
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THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER

Teresa of Avila, teacher of the faith

- 0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1730 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*
Sung by the Trinity Singers
Responses: *plainsong*
Psalm: 116
Canticles: *Shera* in C
Anthem: *L. J. White*, A prayer of St Richard
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FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER *Nicholas Ridley and Hugh Latimer, bishops, martyrs, 1555* *Charles Harford Lloyd, Organist of Gloucester Cathedral 1876-82, d.1919*

- 0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1730 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*
Sung by the Cathedral Choir
Responses: *Tomkins*
Psalm: 130
Canticles: *Hooper*, Short Service
Anthem: *W. Mundy*, O Lord, the maker of all things
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SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER*Ignatius, bishop, martyr, c. 107*

0830	Morning Prayer (CW)	<i>Sebroke Chapel</i>
1230	Eucharist (CW)	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1630	Choral Evensong (BCP) <i>Sung by the Prebendal Singers</i> Responses: <i>Rose (ATB)</i> Psalm: 118 Canticles: <i>Naylor in D</i> Anthem: <i>David Blackwell, Ye sons and daughters</i> Hymn: 175	<i>Quire</i>

SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER**20TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

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 Prebendal Singers</i> Setting: <i>Perosi, Missa secunda pontificalis</i> Hymns: 202, 581ii, 191, 604 Sermon: The Canon Precentor Motet: <i>Paul Edwards, Ave verum corpus</i>	<i>Nave</i>
1500	County Harvest Thanksgiving	<i>Nave</i>

MONDAY 19 OCTOBER**LUKE THE EVANGELIST**

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

TUESDAY 20 OCTOBER

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

WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER

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

THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER

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

FRIDAY 23 OCTOBER

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

SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER

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 City of London Chamber Choir</i>	
	Introit:	<i>Bruckner, Locus iste</i>
	Responses:	<i>Philip Moore</i>
	Psalm:	148
	Canticles:	<i>Dyson in D</i>
	Anthem:	<i>Elgar, The Spirit of the Lord</i>
	Hymn:	15

SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER**LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

0800	Eucharist (BCP)	<i>Chapel of St Paul</i>
0830	Morning Prayer (CW)	<i>Zoom</i>
1015	Choral Eucharist (CW) <i>Sung by the City of London Chamber Choir</i> Setting: <i>Stanford</i> in C and F Hymns: 555, 393, 278, 430 Sermon: The Dean Motet: <i>Byrd</i> , Ave verum corpus Voluntary: <i>David Hicken</i> , Réjouissance	<i>Nave</i>
1500	Choral Evensong (BCP) <i>Sung by the City of London Chamber Choir</i> Introit: <i>Raymond Lewis</i> , Locus iste (Homage to Bruckner) Responses: <i>Philip Moore</i> Psalm: 119 vv. 89-104 Canticles: <i>Raymond Lewis</i> in E flat Anthem: <i>Purcell</i> , O God, thou art my God Hymn: 591 Sermon: The Canon Precentor	<i>Quire</i>

MONDAY 26 OCTOBER

Alfred, king, scholar, 899

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

TUESDAY 27 OCTOBER

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

WEDNESDAY 28 OCTOBER**SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES**

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

THURSDAY 29 OCTOBER

James Hannington, bishop, martyr, 1885
John Waugh, Dean of Gloucester 1720-23, d. 1734

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

FRIDAY 30 OCTOBER

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

SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER

Martin Luther, reformer, 1546

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 Cathedral Chamber Choirs of Gloucester, Hereford and Worcester</i>	
	Introit:	<i>Harris, Holy is the true light</i>
	Responses:	<i>Radcliffe</i>
	Psalm:	147
	Canticles:	<i>Dyson in D</i>
	Anthem:	<i>Balfour Gardiner, Evening Hymn</i>
	Hymn:	229

