

# **Services and Music**

October 2025

# 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 beings 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 <a href="mailto:reception@gloucestercathedral.org.uk">reception@gloucestercathedral.org.uk</a>

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 <a href="mailto:reception@gloucestercathedral.org.uk">reception@gloucestercathedral.org.uk</a>

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 together 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

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Remigius, bishop, 533 Anthony Ashley Cooper, social reformer, 1885

0830 Morning Prayer (CW)

Lady Chapel

1230 Eucharist (CW)

Lady Chapel

1730 Choral Evensong (BCP)

Quire

Sung by the Cathedral Choir
Responses: Alex Hodgkinson
Psalm: 119 vv. 33-56
Canticles: Stanford in A

Anthem: *Monteverdi*, Ave maris stella

#### **THURSDAY 2 OCTOBER**

Thomas Cantelupe, Bishop of Hereford, 1282

0830 Morning Prayer (CW)

Thomas Chapel

1230 Eucharist (CW)

Lady Chapel

1730 Choral Evensong (BCP)

Quire

Sung by the Trinity Singers Responses: plainsong

Psalm: 39

Canticles: *Philip Wilby*, Evening Service Anthem: *Bullock*, Give us the wings of faith

#### **FRIDAY 3 OCTOBER**

George Bell, bishop, ecumenist, peacemaker, 1958

0830 Morning Prayer (CW)

Lady Chapel

1230 Eucharist (CW)

Thomas Chapel

### 1730 Choral Evensong (BCP)

Quire

Sung by the Cathedral Choir Responses: Alex Hodgkinson

Psalms: 35

Canticles: Causton, Short Service

Anthem: Tomkins, When David heard

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Francis of Assisi, friar, deacon, 1226

0830 Morning Prayer (CW)

Sebroke Chapel

1230 Eucharist (CW)

1630

Thomas Chapel

Choral Evensong (BCP)

Quire

Sung by the Cathedral Choristers

Responses: David Terry

Psalm: 46

Canticles: Benjamin Costello, The Shrewsbury Canticles
Anthem: Mendelssohn, I will sing of thy great mercies

Hymn: 519

#### **SUNDAY 5 OCTOBER**

#### **HARVEST**

0800 Eucharist (BCP)

Lady Chapel

0830 Morning Prayer (CW)

Zoom

1015 Choral Eucharist (CW)

Nave

Sung by the Cathedral Choir

Setting: Neil Cox, A Gloucestershire Mass

Hymns: 250, 455, 254, 258 t.502 Sermon: The Canon Precentor

Motet: Bairstow, Let all mortal flesh keep silence

Voluntary: *Neil Cox*, Creation Dance (2016)

### 1500 County Harvest Festival

Nave

Sung by the St Benedict Singers Hymns: 270, 272, 254, 275

Sermon: The Reverend Richenda Leigh

Chaplain, Hartpury College and University

Anthem: Rutter, For the beauty of the earth

# 1600 The Cathedral Choir will sing Evensong

at St Andrew's, Chedworth

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William Tyndale, translator, martyr, 1536

Verses: Cantoris

0830 Morning Prayer (CW)

Lady Chapel

1230 Eucharist (CW)

Thomas Chapel

1730 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** 

Quire

Sung by the Cathedral Choir Responses: Alex Hodgkinson

Psalm: 47

Canticles: Brewer in D

Anthem: Mark Blatchly, Anima Christi

### **TUESDAY 7 OCTOBER**

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: 50

Canticles: Grayston Ives, Magdalen College Service

Anthem: Dunstable, Sancta Maria

#### **WEDNESDAY 8 OCTOBER**

0830 Morning Prayer (CW) Lady Chapel

1230 Eucharist (CW) Lady Chapel

1730 Evening Prayer (BCP) Lady Chapel

THUR	SDAY 9 OCTO		Denys, bishop, and companions, martyrs, c. 250 bert Grossteste, bishop, philosopher, scientist, 1253
0830	Morning Pra	ayer (CW)	Thomas Chapel
1230	Eucharist (C	CW)	Lady Chapel
1730	Choral Even sung by the Ta Responses: Psalm: Canticles: Anthem:	Trinity Singe David Hall 62 Stanford in	S
FRIDA	AY 10 OCTOB	ER	Paulinus, bishop, missionary, 644 Thomas Traherne, poet, spiritual writer, 1674
0830	Morning Pra	ayer (CW)	Lady Chapel
1230	Eucharist (C	CW)	Thomas Chapel
1730	Choral Even Sung by the C Responses: Psalm: Canticles: Anthem:	Cathedral Ch Morley (wi 38 Gibbons, Sl	Quire to the Morley Lord's Prayer)  nort Service trage Domine
SATU	RDAY 11 OCT		Ethelburga, abbess, 675 Iames the Deacon, companion of Paulinus, 7 <sup>th</sup> cent.
0830	Morning Pra	ayer (CW)	Thomas Chapel

Thomas Chapel

Lady Chapel

Eucharist (CW)

**Evening Prayer (BCP)** 

**Gloucester Choral Society Concert** 

Brahms, A German Requiem

1230

1630

1900

#### **SUNDAY 12 OCTOBER**

#### 17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Nave

0800 Eucharist (BCP) Lady Chapel

0830 Morning Prayer (CW) Zoom

1015 Family Eucharist (CW)

Sung by the Cathedral Choristers and Junior Choir Setting: David Thorne, Mass of St Thomas

Hymns: 383, 348 t.122ii, 315

Sermon: The Canon Chancellor

Motet: Simon Lole, I am the bread of life

Voluntary: Brewer, Marche héroïque

1500 Evening Prayer (BCP) Lady Chapel

1700 Masonic Service Nave

Sung by the Cathedral Choir

Responses: Morley (with Morley Lord's Prayer)

Psalms: 127

Canticles: *Dyson* in D

Anthem: Holst, Short Festival Te Deum

Sermon: The Reverend Canon Sheila Bamber

Voluntary: Vierne, Final (Symphonie I)

**MONDAY 13 OCTOBER** 

Edward the Confessor, king, 1066

Verses: Decani

0830 Morning Prayer (CW) Lady Chapel

1230 Eucharist (CW) Thomas Chapel

1730 Choral Evensong (BCP) Quire

Sung by the Cathedral Choir

Responses: Morley (with Morley Lord's Prayer)

Psalm: 72

Canticles: Shephard, Gloucester Service

Anthem: S. S. Wesley, Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace

### **TUESDAY 14 OCTOBER**

0830 Morning Prayer (CW) Thomas Chapel 1230 **Eucharist (CW)** Lady Chapel 1730 Quire **Choral Evensong (BCP)** Sung by the St Benedict Singers and Cathedral Lay Clerks Morley (with Morley Lord's Prayer) Responses: Psalm: 74 Canticles: C. H. Lloyd in E flat Anthem: King, O clap your hands **WEDNESDAY 15 OCTOBER** Teresa of Avila, teacher of the faith, 1582 0830 Morning Prayer (CW) Lady Chapel **Eucharist (CW)** 1230 Lady Chapel 1730 Quire Choral Evensong (BCP) Sung by the Cathedral Choir Responses: Radcliffe Psalm: 119 vv. 81-104 Canticles: Morley, First Service Anthem: Monteverdi, Lauda Jerusalem **THURSDAY 16 OCTOBER** Nicholas Ridley and Hugh Latimer, bishops, martyrs, 1555 Charles Harford Lloyd, Organist of Gloucester Cathedral 1876-1882, d. 1919 0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** Thomas Chapel 1230 **Eucharist (CW)** Lady Chapel

Choral Evensong (BCP)

Quire

Sung by the Trinity Singers

Responses: *Smith*Psalm: 85

1730

Canticles: Vaughan Williams in C Anthem: Brahms, Geistliches Lied

#### **FRIDAY 17 OCTOBER**

Ignatius, bishop, martyr, c. 107

0830 Morning Prayer (CW) Lady Chapel

1230 Eucharist (CW) Thomas Chapel

1730 Choral Evensong (BCP) Quire

Sung by the Cathedral Choir

Responses: Radcliffe

Psalm: 69

Canticles: *Patrick*, Short Service Anthem: *Guest*, For the fallen

#### **SATURDAY 18 OCTOBER**

### LUKE THE EVANGELIST

0830 Morning Prayer (CW) Sebroke Chapel

1015 Children's Service Lady Chapel

1230 Eucharist (CW) Thomas Chapel

1630 Choral Evensong (BCP) Quire

Sung by the St Benedict Singers

Responses: *Aston* Psalm: 103

Canticles: *Dyson* in C minor

Anthem: Dering, Gaudent in coelis

Hymn: 220ii

# **SUNDAY 19 OCTOBER**

# 18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

0800	Eucharist (BCP)	Lady Chapel
0830	Morning Prayer (CW)	Zoom
1015	Choral Eucharist (CW)  Sung by Deryck Webb  Setting: Richard Jeffery-Gray, Mass Hymns: 558, 214, 301, 362  Sermon: The Director of Ministry an Motet: Reger, Wenn in bangen, trü	d Mission
1500	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Lady Chapel
	OAY 20 OCTOBER Cantoris	Adeline, virgin, dates unknown
0830	Morning Prayer (CW)	Lady Chapel
1230	Eucharist (CW)	Thomas Chapel
1730	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Lady Chapel
TUESI	DAY 21 OCTOBER	
0830	Morning Prayer (CW)	Thomas Chapel
1230	Eucharist (CW)	Lady Chapel
1730	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Lady Chapel
WEDN	IESDAY 22 OCTOBER	
0830	Morning Prayer (CW)	Lady Chapel
1230	Eucharist (CW)	Lady Chapel
1730	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Lady Chapel

## **THURSDAY 23 OCTOBER**

0830	Morning Prayer (CW)	Thomas Chapel
1230	Eucharist (CW)	Lady Chapel
1730	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Lady Chapel
FRIDA	AY 24 OCTOBER	
0830	Morning Prayer (CW)	Lady Chapel
1230	Eucharist (CW)	Lady Chapel
1730	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Lady Chapel
SATU	RDAY 25 OCTOBER	Crispin and Crispinian, martyrs, c. 287
0830	Morning Prayer (CW)	Sebroke Chapel
1230	Eucharist (CW)	Thomas Chapel
1630	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Lady Chapel

SUND	AY 26 OCTOBER	LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
0800	Eucharist (BCP)	Lady Chapel
0830	Morning Prayer (CW)	Zoom
1015	Choral Eucharist (CW)  Sung by The Perfect Family Choir Setting: James MacMillan, St.  Hymns: 375, 213, 421, 470  Sermon: The Archdeacon of Communication of Communication and	
1500	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Lady Chapel
MONI	DAY 27 OCTOBER	
0830	Morning Prayer (CW)	Lady Chapel
1230	Eucharist (CW)	Thomas Chapel
1730	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Lady Chapel
	Evening Prayer (BCP)  DAY 28 OCTOBER	Lady Chapel SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES
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Lady Chapel

Evening Prayer (BCP)

1730

# THURSDAY 30 OCTOBER

0830	Morning Prayer (CW)	Thomas Chapel
1230	Eucharist (CW)	Lady Chapel
1730	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Lady Chapel
FRIDA	AY 31 OCTOBER	Martin Luther, reformer, 1546
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