Services and Music List
November and December 2017
WELCOME
For some thirty years the four week period prior to Advent has been known as the Kingdom season, with its predominant colour of red, for a king. The gloom is pierced by the feast of All Saints which gives a particular flavour to our celebration of All Souls, and of course, to Remembrance which we shall observe more closely than previously. The starkness of Advent will begin for us with a new commission of the Great Advent Antiphons by Stuart Beer, which will form the major part of our Advent Procession. As ever the opus dei is renewed by a number of new works including several other first performances.

We hope very much that you will join us when you can.

The Reverend Canon Nicholas Jepson-Biddle, Precentor

Communicant members of other churches in good standing are welcome to receive the Sacrament in this church if they so desire.

IN RESIDENCE
November 1 – 4: The Reverend Canon Andrew Featherstone, Chancellor
November 5 – 11: The Reverend Canon Nicholas Jepson-Biddle, Precentor
November 12 – 18: The Very Reverend Dr John Davies, DL, Dean
November 19 – 25: The Reverend Canon Andrew Featherstone, Chancellor
November 26 – December 2: The Reverend Canon Nicholas Jepson-Biddle, Precentor
December 3 – 9: The Reverend Canon Dr Graham Dodds, Treasurer
December 10 – 16: The Venerable Anne Gell, Archdeacon of Wells
December 17 – 23: The Reverend Canon Nicholas Jepson-Biddle, Precentor
December 24 – 30: The Very Reverend Dr John Davies, DL, Dean
December 31 – January 6: The Reverend Canon Nicholas Jepson-Biddle, Precentor

WELLS CATHEDRAL CHOIR
The Cathedral’s Organist and Master of the Choristers, Prebendary Matthew Owens, is always pleased to hear from parents of prospective choristers.

Scholarships and additional bursaries for Wells Cathedral School, which all choristers attend, are available. For more information, or about choral and organ scholarships at the cathedral, please telephone 01749 832204 or email musicoffice@wellscathedral.uk.net

USE OF INCENSE
At certain services throughout the year, incense is used to enhance the festal nature of the day. These services are marked with an asterisk (*).

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29 SUNDAY: THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION (Book of Common Prayer)

9.45 a.m. CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST (Erleigh Cantors)
    Hymns 451, 466, 294, 437
    Howard Goodall *Missa Aedis Christi*
    Preacher: The Reverend Canon Andrew Featherstone, Chancellor
    Vaughan Williams *O vos omnes*

11.30 a.m. MATINS (Erleigh Cantors)
    Anthony Piccolo  *Preces and Responses*  Psalm 140
    Sumson  *Te Deum in G*  Hymns 467, 410
    Walton  *Jubilate Deo*
    John Rutter CBE *The Lord is my light and my salvation*

3.00 p.m. EVENSONG (Erleigh Cantors)
    Anthony Piccolo  *Preces and Responses*  Psalm 142
    Dyson  *Evening Service in D*  Hymns 387, 427
    Richard Shephard  *And When the Builders*
    Preacher: The Reverend Canon Nicholas Jepson-Biddle, Precentor

30 MONDAY

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY

5.15 p.m. EVENING PRAYER

31 TUESDAY: Reformation Day

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY

12.25 p.m. HOLY COMMUNION

5.15 p.m. FESTAL EVENSONG* (Hereford Cathedral School Chapel Choir)
    Smith  *Preces and Responses*  Psalms 149, 150
    Brewer  *Evening Service in D*  Hymn 480 (t. 15)
    Farrant  *Lord, for thy tender mercies sake*

6.15 p.m. REFORMATION DAY 500TH ANNIVERSARY TALK
1 WEDNESDAY: All Saints’ Day

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
9.30 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION
5.15 p.m. FESTAL EUCHARIST* (Wells Cathedral Voluntary Choir)
   Tambling Festmesse in F Hymns 381, 478
   Saint-Saëns Offertoire for All Saints
   Dupré Placare Christe servulis (from ‘Le Tombeau de Titelouze’)

2 THURSDAY: Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls’ Day)

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
5.15 p.m. SOLEMN EUCHARIST* (Wells Cathedral Voluntary Choir)
   John Rutter CBE Requiem Hymn 331

3 FRIDAY: Richard Hooker, priest, teacher of the faith, 1600

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
5.15 p.m. EVENING PRAYER
7.30 p.m. CONCERT: Show of Hands

4 SATURDAY

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
2.00 p.m. DIOCESAN CONFIRMATION SERVICE
5.15 p.m. EVENSONG (Wells Cathedral Voluntary Choir)
   Sanders Preces and Responses Psalms 22, 23
   Wood Evening Service in E flat, No. 1 Hymns 443, 460
   Tye Give almes of thy goods
NOVEMBER

5 SUNDAY: FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

8.00 a.m.  HOLY COMMUNION (Book of Common Prayer)

9.45 a.m.  CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST (Wells Cathedral Voluntary Choir)
Hymns 436, CP 528, 310, 413
Monteverdi  Messa da Capella a quattro voci
Preacher: The Reverend Canon Andrew Featherstone, Chancellor
Byrd  Ave verum corpus

11.30 a.m. MATINS (Wells Cathedral Voluntary Choir)
Sanders  Preces and Responses  Psalm 24
Dyson  Te Deum and Benedictus in F  Hymns 349, 340 (t. i)
Byrd  Justorum animae

3.00 p.m.  EVENSONG WITH THE INSTALLATION OF THE
ARCHDEACON OF BATH (Wells Cathedral Voluntary Choir)
Sanders  Preces and Responses  Psalm 29
Howells  Evening Service in G
Friðrik Walker  Lead, kindly light
Preacher: The Venerable Dr Adrian Youings, Archdeacon of Bath

6 MONDAY  

8.00 a.m.  MORNING LITURGY

The Cathedral Choir resumes singing services today, after its half-term vacation

5.15 p.m.  EVENSONG (Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Richard Shephard  Preces and Responses  Psalms 32, 33, 34
Berkeley  Chichester Service
David Briggs  God be in my head

7 TUESDAY: Willibrord, bishop, 739

8.00 a.m.  MORNING LITURGY

12.25 p.m.  HOLY COMMUNION

5.15 p.m.  EVENSONG (Boy Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Richard Shephard  Preces and Responses  Psalm 37
Moeran  Evening Service in D
S.S. Wesley  Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace
8 WEDNESDAY: Saints and Martyrs of England

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
9.30 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION
5.15 p.m. EVENSONG and Commemoration of Bishop Ralph of Shrewsbury (Vicars Choral)
   Friðrik Walker  Preces and Responses  Psalms 41, 42, 43
   Rupert Gough  Fauxbourdon Service  Hymn 208
   Harris  Holy is the true light

9 THURSDAY

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
1.05 p.m. LUNCHETIME ORGAN RECITAL: Patrick Parker (Lake Charles, Louisiana, USA)
5.15 p.m. EVENSONG (Girl Choristers)
   David Terry  Preces and Responses  Psalms 47, 48, 49
   Howard Skempton  Edinburgh Service
   George Odam  All other love (first performance)
8.00 p.m. CONCERT: Vicars Choral Commemoration Concert

10 FRIDAY: Leo the Great, bishop, teacher of the faith, 461

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
5.15 p.m. EVENING PRAYER

11 SATURDAY: Martin, bishop, c. 397

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
11.00 a.m. ACT OF REMEMBRANCE at the Cathedral Clock, for Armistice Day
5.15 p.m. EVENSONG (Girl Choristers)
   David Terry  Preces and Responses  Psalm 59
   Tone II  Magnificat and Nunc dimittis  Hymns 414, 346
   Boulanger  Lux aeterna
   Widor  Adagio (Symphonie V)
7.00 p.m. CONCERT: Wells Cathedral Oratorio Society – Bach Magnificat and Vivaldi Gloria
12 SUNDAY: THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT
Remembrance Sunday

8.00 a.m.  HOLY COMMUNION (Book of Common Prayer)

9.45 a.m.  CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST WITH AN ACT OF REMEMBRANCE
AT 11.00 a.m. (Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Walford Davies  *Solemn Melody*
Hymns CP 591, 417, 378, 372
Howells  *Communion Service ‘Collegium Regale’*
Preacher: The Very Reverend Dr John Davies, DL, Dean
Communion Proper: Lux aeterna
Parry  *Elegy*
James Whitbourn  *This is my commandment*
Elgar, arr. Gower  *Nimrod (from ‘Enigma Variations’)*

11.30 a.m.  MATINS (Boy Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Richard Shephard  *Preces and Responses*  Psalm 63
Stanford  *Te Deum and Jubilate Deo in B flat*  Hymns 492, 391
Elgar  *They are at rest*
Thalben-Ball  *Elegy*

3.00 p.m.  SERVICE FOR REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY (Boy Choristers, Girl Choristers, and Vicars Choral)
A devotional performance of Duruflé’s  *Requiem, Op. 9*, interspersed with war poetry
*Retiring collection for The Poppy Appeal and Wells Cathedral*

13 MONDAY: Charles Simeon, priest, evangelical divine, 1836

8.00 a.m.  MORNING LITURGY

5.15 p.m.  EVENSONG (Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Tomkins  *Preces and Responses*  Psalms 69, 70
Tomkins  *Fauxbourdon Service*
Tallis  *In manus tuas, Domine*

14 TUESDAY

8.00 a.m.  MORNING LITURGY

12.25 p.m.  HOLY COMMUNION

5.15 p.m.  EVENSONG (Boy Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Rose  *Preces and Responses*  Psalms 73, 74
Harwood  *Evening Service in A flat*
Balfour-Gardiner  *Te lucis ante terminum*
NOVEMBER

15 WEDNESDAY
8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
9.30 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION
5.15 p.m. EVENSONG (Vicars Choral)
Jeremy Woodside Preces and Responses Psalm 78 vv 1-17
Humphrey Clucas Westminster Service
George Odam Hymnus ante somnum (first performance)

16 THURSDAY: Margaret, queen, philanthropist, 1093
8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
11.30 a.m. MOTHERS’ UNION PRAYERS
1.05 p.m. BACH COMPLETE ORGAN WORKS, RECITAL 18: Matthew Owens
5.15 p.m. EVENSONG in celebration of the Wells Cathedral Chorister Trust
(Boy Choristers, Girl Choristers, and Vicars Choral)
John Joubert Locus iste
Rose Preces and Responses Psalms 82, 83, 84, 85
Howells Dallas Service Hymns 456, CP 598 (t. i)
Walton Jubilate Deo

17 FRIDAY: Hugh, bishop, 1200
8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
1.05 p.m. LUNCHETIME CONCERT: Cantori del Borgo, Arezzo, Italy
5.15 p.m. EVENSONG (Boy Choristers)
Malcolm Archer Preces and Responses Psalm 89
Tone III Magnificat and Nunc dimittis
Byrd Why do I use my paper, ink and pen?

18 SATURDAY: Elizabeth, princess, philanthropist, 1231
8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
12 noon EUCHARIST WITH PRAYERS FOR HEALING
5.15 p.m. EVENSONG with the Installation of the Assistant Organist and Vicars Choral
(Boy Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Tomkins Preces and Responses Psalms 93, 94
D. Purcell Evening Service in E minor Hymns 443, 353
Purcell Thy word is a lantern
Buxtehude Präludium g-moll, BuxWV 149
NOVEMBER

19 SUNDAY: SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

8.00 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION (Book of Common Prayer)

9.45 a.m. CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST (Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral, with Wells Cathedral School Chapel Choir) attended by Wells Cathedral School
Harris  Fantasy Prelude
Hymns 383 (t. ii), SP 301, 296 (t. i), 427
Preacher: The Reverend Prebendary Paula Hollingsworth, Sub Dean
Communion Proper: Domine, quinque talenta tradidisti mihi
Vaughan Williams  Rhosymedre (from ‘Three Preludes on Welsh Hymn Tunes’)
Henschel  Tantum ergo sacramentum
Mendelssohn  Allegro maestoso e vivace (Sonata in B flat, Op. 65)

11.30 a.m. MATINS (Boy Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Gabriel Jackson  Preces and Responses  Psalm 95
Britten  Te Deum and Jubilate Deo in C  Hymns 234 (t. ii), 336
Bax  Lord, thou hast told us
Whitlock  Exultemus

3.00 p.m. EVENSONG (Boy Choristers and Vicars Choral) with Marie Curie and Macmillan Cancer Support
Gabriel Jackson  Preces and Responses  Psalm 101
Philip Moore  Third Service  Hymns 388 (t. ii), 477
Morten Laurdisen  Introitus (from ‘Lux aeterna’)
Preacher: The Very Reverend Dr John Davies, DL, Dean
Vierne  Adagio (Symphonie III)

20 MONDAY: Edmund, king, martyr, 870

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY

5.15 p.m. EVENSONG (Vicars Choral)
Michael Walsh  Preces and Responses  Psalm 104

21 TUESDAY

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY

12.25 p.m. HOLY COMMUNION

5.15 p.m. EVENSONG (Boy Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Rose  Preces and Responses  Psalm 106
David Bednall  The Wells Service (Alternative Canticles)
Howells  A Hymn for Saint Cecilia

7.00 p.m. MILLFIELD SCHOOL SERVICE
22 WEDNESDAY: Cecilia, patroness of musicians, c. 230

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
9.30 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION
5.15 p.m. EVENSONG (Vicars Choral)
Stephen Cleobury Preces and Responses Psalms 108, 109
Philip Moore Evening Service in A
Barnaby Martin Cecilia Virgo (first performance)
7.30 p.m. CONCERT: St Cecilia Early Music Wells – Music from Paris, 1738

23 THURSDAY: Clement, bishop, martyr, c. 100

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
1.05 p.m. LUNCHTIME ORGAN RECITAL: Students from Wells Cathedral School
5.15 p.m. EVENSONG (Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Byrd Preces and Responses Psalms 114, 115
Schütz Ein deutsches Magnificat
Hassler Nunc dimittis
Victoria Ecce sacerdos magnus

24 FRIDAY

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
5.15 p.m. EVENING PRAYER
7.30 p.m. CONCERT: The Military Wives Choir

25 SATURDAY

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
5.15 p.m. EVENSONG (Vicars Choral)
Tallis Preces and Responses Psalms 119 vv 73-104
Batten Short Service Hymns 360, 476
Boyce The Lord is King
Boyce Voluntary in D
**NOVEMBER**

**26 SUNDAY: CHRIST THE KING**

8.00 a.m. **HOLY COMMUNION** (Book of Common Prayer)

9.45 a.m. **CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST** (Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral)

- Langlais *Tiento* (Offertoire, from ‘Suite Médiévale’)
- Hymns 465, CP 470, 295, CP 398
- Jonathan Harvey *Missa Brevis*
- Preacher: The Venerable Anne Gell, Archdeacon of Wells
- Communion Proper: Amen dico vobis
- Langlais *Improvisation (Elévation, from ‘Suite Médiévale’)*
- Sir James MacMillan CBE *Christus vincit*
- Langlais *Acclamations (sur le texte des Acclamations Carolingiennes, from ‘Suite Médiévale’)*

11.30 a.m. **MATINS** (Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral)

- Byrd *Preces and Responses*
- Boyce *Te Deum and Jubilate Deo in A*
- Gibbons *Great King of gods*
- Gibbons *Fantazia of Four Parts*

3.00 p.m. **FESTAL EVENSONG** (Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral)

- Rose *Preces and Responses*
- Stanford *Evening Service in A*
- Handel *Lift up your heads (from ‘Messiah’)*
- Preacher: The Very Reverend Dr John Davies, DL, Dean
- Guilmant *March on a Theme by Handel (‘Lift up your heads’), Op. 15*

*Tea will follow the service, in celebration of the birthdays of the Lord-Lieutenant, the High Sheriff and the Dean.*

**27 MONDAY**

8.00 a.m. **MORNING LITURGY**

5.15 p.m. **EVENSONG** (Vicars Choral)

- Walpole *Preces and Responses*
- Psalm 126, 127, 128
- Wood *Evening Service in E*
- Psalms 129, 130, 131
- Wood *View me, Lord*

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**28 TUESDAY**

8.00 a.m. **MORNING LITURGY**

12.25 p.m. **HOLY COMMUNION**

2.00 p.m. **CAROL SERVICE**: Special Schools Carol Service

5.15 p.m. **EVENING PRAYER** (Vicars’ Close Chapel)
29 WEDNESDAY

8.00 a.m.  MORNING LITURGY
9.30 a.m.  HOLY COMMUNION
5.15 p.m.  FESTAL EVENSONG* (Vicars Choral)
Tallis  *Preces and Responses*  Psalms 142, 143
Victoria  *Magnificat primi toni; Tone I  Nunc dimittis*
Victoria  *Doctor bonus, amicus Dei Andreas*  Hymn 214 (t. ii)

30 THURSDAY: Andrew the Apostle

8.00 a.m.  MORNING LITURGY
10.00 a.m.  ST ANDREW’S DAY EUCHARIST* (Boy Choristers, Girl Choristers, and Vicars Choral, with Wells Cathedral School Chapel Choir)
Sir James MacMillan CBE  *White Note Paraphrase*
Owain Park  *St Andrew’s Mass*  Hymns 478, 372, CP 622,
Mathias  *Chorale*  470
Colin Mawby  *Ave verum corpus*
Sir James MacMillan CBE  *St Andrews’ Suite [sic] – First Movement*
5.15 p.m.  FESTAL EUCHARIST* (Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Karg-Elert  *Schmücke dich, O liebe Seele, Op. 65, No 51*
Walton  *Missa Brevis*  Hymns 205, 216 (t. 413)
Communion Proper: Venite post me
Peter Hurford OBE  *Meditation (Suite ‘Laudate Dominum’)*
Tarik O’Regan  *Hymnus de Sancte Andree Apostole*
Peter Hurford OBE  *Exurgat Deus (Suite ‘Laudate Dominum’)*

1 FRIDAY

8.00 a.m.  MORNING LITURGY
10.30 a.m.  CAROL SERVICE: Millfield School
5.15 p.m.  EVENSONG (Boy Choristers)
Malcolm Archer  *Preces and Responses*  Psalms 6, 7, 8
Tone IV  *Magnificat and Nunc dimittis*
Handel  *How beautiful are the feet (from ‘Messiah’)*

2 SATURDAY

8.00 a.m.  MORNING LITURGY
12 noon  EUCHARIST WITH PRAYERS FOR HEALING
5.15 p.m.  EVENSONG (Boy Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Richard Shephard  *Preces and Responses*  Psalms 12, 13, 14
Grayston Ives  *Edington Service*  Hymns 1, 458
Mathias  *Lift up your heads*
Langlais  *Rosa mystica (Triptyque Grégorien)*
3 SUNDAY: THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7.30 a.m.  MATINS
8.00 a.m.  HOLY COMMUNION (Book of Common Prayer)
9.45 a.m.  CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST (Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral)
            J.S. Bach  Präludium c-moll, BWV 546, i
            Hymns 5, CP 334, 16, CP 28
            Byrd  Mass for five voices
            Preacher: The Reverend Canon Dr Graham Dodds, Treasurer
            Communion Proper: Dominus dabit benignitatem
            J.S. Bach  Nun komm, der heiden Heiland, BWV 659
            Handel  And the glory of the Lord (from ‘Messiah’)
            J.S. Bach  Fuge c-moll, BWV 546, ii

3.00 p.m.  EVENING PRAYER (Vicars’ Close Chapel)
5.00 p.m.  ADVENT CAROL SERVICE (Boy Choristers, Girl Choristers, and Vicars Choral)
            A service of readings, traditional congregational Advent carols, and music for Advent, including Tavener’s Hymn to the Mother of God, and the world premiere of Stuart Beer’s Eight Magnificat Antiphons

4 MONDAY

8.00 a.m.  MORNING LITURGY

5.15 p.m.  EVENSONG (Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral)
            Leighton  Preces and Responses
            Gary Davison  Wessex Service
            Gary Davison  Zion, at thy shining gates

5 TUESDAY

8.00 a.m.  MORNING LITURGY

12.25 p.m.  HOLY COMMUNION

5.15 p.m.  EVENSONG (Boy Choristers and Vicars Choral)
            Smith  Preces and Responses
            Gibbons  Short Service
            Gibbons  This is the record of John

7.00 p.m.  CONCERT: Primary Schools’ Christmas Concert
6 WEDNESDAY: Nicholas, bishop, c. 326
  8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
  9.30 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION
  5.15 p.m. EVENSONG (Vicars Choral)
             Tallis Preces and Responses                   Psalms 32, 33, 34
             Palestrina Magnificat quarti toni
             Tone IV Nunc dimittis
             Tallis Audivi vocem de caelo
  7.00 p.m. CONCERT: Primary Schools’ Christmas Concert

7 THURSDAY: Ambrose, bishop, teacher of the faith, 397
  8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
  2.00 p.m. CAROL SERVICE: Townswomen’s Guild
  5.15 p.m. EVENSONG (Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral)
             Smith Preces and Responses                  Psalm 37
             H. Praetorius Magnificat quinti toni
             Josquin Desprez Nunc dimittis
             Byrd Ave Maria

8 FRIDAY: Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
  8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
  11.30 a.m. CAROL SERVICE: Millfield Preparatory School
  5.15 p.m. EVENING PRAYER

9 SATURDAY
  8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
  5.15 p.m. EVENSONG (Wells Cathedral Voluntary Choir)
             Radcliffe Preces and Responses             Psalms 47, 48, 49
             Walmisley Evening Service in D major        Hymns 3 (t. ii), 14
             Holroyd Lighten our darkness
  7.00 p.m. CONCERT: Wells Cathedral Oratorio Society – Handel Messiah
DECEMBER

10 SUNDAY: THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8.00 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION (Book of Common Prayer)

9.45 a.m. CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST (Boy Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Vierne Rêverie, Op. 31, No. 10
David Briggs Truro Eucharist
Hymns 12, 6, SP 13, 7
Preacher: The Reverend Canon Andrew Featherstone, Chancellor
Communion Proper: Jerusalem surge, et sta in excelso
Langlais Plaine (Suite Brève, Op. 54, iii)
Grayston Ives This is the record of John
Naji Hakim Conditor alme siderum (from ‘Canticum pour orgue’)

11.30 a.m. MATINS (Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Humphrey Clucas Preces and Responses Psalm 50 vv 1-15
Harris Benedictus, omnia opera Hymns 15, 5
Stanford Benedictus in A
Stainer How beautiful upon the mountains
Bairstow Andante serioso, ma con moto (Sonata in E flat)

3.00 p.m. EVENSONG (Boy Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Leighton Preces and Responses Psalm 53
Howells Evening Service in B minor Hymns 248 (t. ii), 17
Goldschmidt A tender shoot
Preacher: The Very Reverend Dr John Davies, DL, Dean
Howells Master Tallis’s Testament (Six Pieces for organ, No. 3)

6.30 p.m. WELLS CATHEDRAL SCHOOL ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

11 MONDAY

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY

5.15 p.m. EVENSONG (Vicars Choral)
Plainsong Preces and Responses Psalms 59, 60, 61
Tone IV Magnificat
Palestrina Nunc dimittis quarti toni
Byrd Domine praestolamur adventum tuum

7.00 p.m. CONCERT: Somerset County Schools Celebration

12 TUESDAY

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY

12.25 p.m. HOLY COMMUNION

5.15 p.m. EVENSONG (Vicars Choral)
Tallis Preces and Responses Psalms 65, 66, 67
Ilorio Magnificat octavi toni
Tone VIII Nunc dimittis
Cavalli Salve Regina

7.00 p.m. CONCERT: Wells Cathedral Junior School Christmas Celebration
DECEMBER

13 WEDNESDAY: Lucy, martyr, 304
8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
9.30 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION
11.00 a.m. CAROL SERVICE: Age UK Somerset
2.30 p.m. CAROL SERVICE: The Women’s Institute
5.15 p.m. EVENSONG (Vicars Choral)
Tallis Preces and Responses
Shepherd First Service
Ockeghem Ave Maria
7.00 p.m. CONCERT: Wells Cathedral Junior School Christmas Celebration

14 THURSDAY: John of the Cross, poet, teacher of the faith, 1591
8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
11.00 a.m. CAROL SERVICE: Hazlegrove School
11.30 a.m. MOTHERS’ UNION PRAYERS (Bishop’s Palace Chapel)
5.15 p.m. EVENING PRAYER (Vicars’ Close Chapel)
7.00 p.m. CAROL SERVICE: Mid Somerset Series

15 FRIDAY
8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
10.15 a.m. WELLS CATHEDRAL SCHOOL END OF TERM SERVICE
2.00 p.m. CAROL SERVICE: Kings of Wessex School
5.15 p.m. EVENSONG (Choir of St John’s Parish Church, Glastonbury)
Ayleward Preces and Responses
Andreas Fauxbourdons
Sir James MacMillan CBE O Radiant Dawn
7.30 p.m. CONCERT: Opus Anglicanum – Mediaeval Carols

16 SATURDAY
8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
5.15 p.m. EVENSONG (Wells Cathedral Voluntary Choir)
Arthur Wills Preces and Responses
Howells Worcester Service
Mendelssohn How lovely are the messengers
7.00 p.m. CAROL SERVICE: Sing for Somerset
DECEMBER

17 SUNDAY: THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8.00 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION (Book of Common Prayer)

9.45 a.m. CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST (Wells Cathedral Voluntary Choir)
J.S. Bach  Präludium e-moll, BWV 548, i
Hymns 161 (t. 385), 10, 408 (t. i), 186
Francis Jackson CBE  Communion Service in F
Preacher: The Reverend Canon Nicholas Jepson-Biddle, Precentor
Rheinberger  Rorate coeli
J.S. Bach  Fuge e-moll, BWV 548, ii

11.30 a.m. MATINS (Wells Cathedral Voluntary Choir)
Arthur Wills  Preces and Responses
Sumion  Benedicite in B flat
Matthew Redman  Benedictus (The Wells Service)
Rheinberger  Prope est Dominus
James Woodman  Partita on ‘O come, O come Emmanuel’

3.00 p.m. EVENSONG (Wells Cathedral Voluntary Choir)
Arthur Wills  Preces and Responses
Wood  Evening Service in E flat No. 2
Arr. Praetorius and Donald Cashmore  Es ist ein Ros’ entsprungen
Preacher: The Very Reverend Dr John Davies, DL, Dean
J.S. Bach  Concerto a-moll, BWV 593, i

18 MONDAY

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY

5.15 p.m. EVENING PRAYER

7.30 p.m. CAROL SERVICE: Crispin School

19 TUESDAY

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY

12.25 p.m. HOLY COMMUNION

5.15 p.m. EVENING PRAYER
DECEMBER

20 WEDNESDAY

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
9.30 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION
5.15 p.m. EVENING PRAYER
7.00 p.m. CONCERT: Christmas Music by Candlelight, with Wells Cathedral Choir

21 THURSDAY

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
5.15 p.m. EVENING PRAYER
7.00 p.m. CONCERT: Christmas Music by Candlelight with Wells Cathedral Choir

22 FRIDAY

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
6.00 p.m. CATHEDRAL CAROL SERVICE (Boys Choristers, Girl Choristers, and Vicars Choral)
A service of traditional readings and congregational carols, with music by Richard Allain, Berlioz, John Joubert, Jefferson McConnaughey, John Rutter CBE, and Sweelinck
Please be seated by 5.45 p.m.

23 SATURDAY

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
6.00 p.m. CATHEDRAL CAROL SERVICE (Boys Choristers, Girl Choristers, and Vicars Choral)
A service of traditional readings and congregational carols, with music by Richard Allain, Berlioz, John Joubert, Jefferson McConnaughey, John Rutter CBE, and Sweelinck
Please be seated by 5.45 p.m.
24 SUNDAY: THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT/CHRISTMAS EVE

8.00 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION (Book of Common Prayer)

9.45 a.m. CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST (Wells Cathedral Voluntary Choir)
Palestrina Missa aeterna Christi munera Hymns 186, CAM 17, 9, CP 268
Preacher: The Venerable Anne Gell, Archdeacon of Wells
Poston Jesus Christ the apple tree

11.30 a.m. MATINS (Wells Cathedral Voluntary Choir)
Peter Nardone Preces and Responses Psalm 116, 117
Sumison Te Deum in G; Stanford Jubilate Deo in C
Glenn Rudolph Veiled in darkness Hymns 19 (t. ii), 7

2.00 p.m. CRIB SERVICE

3.15 p.m. CRIB SERVICE

5.15 p.m. FESTAL EVENSONG* (Wells Cathedral Voluntary Choir)
Peter Nardone Preces and Responses Proper Psalm 85
Darke Evening Service in F Hymns 32, 42
Andrew Carter A maiden most gentle

11.00 p.m. EUCHARIST OF CHRISTMAS NIGHT* (Senior Choristers and Vicars Choral)
President: The Right Reverend Ruth Worsley, Bishop of Taunton
J.S. Bach arr. Gower Sinfonia G-dur (Weihnachts-Oratorium, BWV 248)
Haydn Missa Sancti Nicolai Hymns 29, 42, 30, 26
Preacher: The Very Reverend Dr John Davies, DL, Dean
Communion Proper: In splendoribus sanctorum
Buxtehude In Dulci Jubilo, BuxWV 197
John Rutter CBE Starlight Carol; Love came down at Christmas
Edmundson Toccata ‘Vom Himmel Hoch’

25 MONDAY: CHRISTMAS DAY

8.00 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION (Book of Common Prayer)

9.30 a.m. CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST* (Boy and Girl Choristers, and Vicars Choral)
Widor Messe solennelle
Preacher: The Reverend Canon Nicholas Jepson-Biddle, Precentor
Communion Proper: Viderunt omnes
Tournemire Communion (L’Orgue Mystique, Cycle de Noël, Op. 55)
Thomas Hewitt Jones What child is this? Ledger The Bell Carol
Vierne Final (Symphonie 1, Op. 14)

11.30 a.m. MATINS (Boy Choristers, Girl Choristers, and Vicars Choral)
Rose Preces and Responses Proper Psalm 110
John Rutter CBE Winchester Te Deum and Wells Jubilate
Mathias A babe is born Hymns CP 67, 26
David Briggs Sortie on ‘In Dulci Jubilo’

The Cathedral Choir resumes singing services on Monday 8 January, 2018

3.00 p.m. EVENING PRAYER (Vicars’ Close Chapel) Proper Psalm 8
DECEMBER

26 TUESDAY: Stephen, deacon, first martyr

The Cathedral will be open between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m.

10.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY

3.00 p.m. EVENING PRAYER  Proper Psalms 57, 86

27 WEDNESDAY: John, Apostle and Evangelist

9.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY

5.15 p.m. EVENING PRAYER  Proper Psalm 97

28 THURSDAY: The Holy Innocents

9.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY

5.15 p.m. EVENING PRAYER  Proper Psalms 123, 128

29 FRIDAY: Thomas Becket, archbishop, martyr, 1170

9.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY

5.15 p.m. EVENING PRAYER

30 SATURDAY

9.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY

2.30 p.m. SERVICE OF HOLY MATRIMONY

5.15 p.m. EVENSONG (Wells Cathedral Voluntary Choir)

Rose  Preces and Responses  Psalms 147, 148

Creighton  Evening Service in E flat  Hymns 20 (t. 512), 25

Bob Chilcott  The Bethlehem Star
31 SUNDAY: THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

8.00 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION (Book of Common Prayer)

9.45 a.m. CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST (Wells Cathedral Voluntary Choir)
Hymns 37, CAM 80, 36 (vv 1-3, 6), CP 57
Graham Keitch Missa Brevis choro auxiliari Wellensi
Preacher: The Reverend David Wilcox, Priest Vicar
Greig Sang til juletraeet
Vierne Finale (Symphony VI)

11.30 a.m. MATINS (Wells Cathedral Voluntary Choir)
Rose Preces and Responses Psalm 146
Marchant Te Deum in G Hymns 40, 38
Wood Jubilate Deo in A flat
Tavener Today the Virgin
Karg-Elert Adeste fidelis from Cathedral Windows, op. 106

3.00 p.m. EVENSONG (Wells Cathedral Voluntary Choir)
Rose Preces and Responses Psalms 149, 150
Holroyd Evening Service in D Hymns 19 (t. ii), 28
Arr. Holroyd A Maiden most gentle
Preacher: Caroline Byrne, Cathedral Reader
Schmidt ‘Hallelujah’, Prelude and Fugue in D major

1 MONDAY: Naming and Circumcision of Jesus

9.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY

5.15 p.m. EVENING PRAYER Proper Psalm 115

2 TUESDAY: Basil the Great and Gregory of Nazianzus, bishops, teachers, 379 and 389

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY

12.25 p.m. HOLY COMMUNION

5.15 p.m. EVENING PRAYER
**JANUARY**

**3 WEDNESDAY**
- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 9.30 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION
- 5.15 p.m. EVENING PRAYER

**4 THURSDAY**
- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 5.15 p.m. EVENING PRAYER

**5 FRIDAY**
- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 5.15 p.m. FESTAL EVENSONG* (The Choirs of Pilgrim Church and Christ Church, North Adelaide, Australia)
  - Ayleward *Præces and Responses*  
  - Brewer *Evening Service in D*  
  - Jonathan Dove *The three kings*

**6 SATURDAY: The Epiphany of Our Lord**
- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 5.15 p.m. FESTAL EUCHARIST* (Wells Cathedral Voluntary Choir)
  - Hymns 50 (t. 363), 52
  - Ireland *Communion Service in C*
  - Attwood *O God, who by the leading of a star*
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