



Services and Music List

May 2024

As we continue through the great season of Easter, we celebrate the Ascension of our Lord on 9 May and then the great feast of Pentecost, on 19 May, when we are reminded of how the first disciples received the Holy Spirit and were given the ability to spread the good news of Jesus Christ confidently and without fear. As befits such a time of celebration, it is a month of wonderful music, with the Sound of Wells Festival running from 6–12 May, and a performance of J.S. Bach's *St John Passion* on Saturday 11 May. Further information about this concert and the many wonderful events during the week can be found on a separate flyer available in the Cathedral.

Communicant members of other churches in good standing are welcome to receive the Sacrament in this church, and if you are simply coming to enjoy the music and being here, you are equally welcome. This Cathedral is open to everyone.

The Reverend Canon Mary Bide, *Acting Precentor*

WELLS CATHEDRAL CHOIR

The Cathedral's Acting Director of Music, Alexander Hamilton, 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 Scholarships at the Cathedral, please telephone 01749 832204 or email musicoffice@wellscathedral.org.uk.

OTHER INFORMATION

Where indicated, 'Wells Cathedral Choir' denotes all Boy Choristers, Girl Choristers, and Vicars Choral.

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

Selected translations of anthems which are not sung in English may be found towards the back of this booklet, following the final listed week.

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MAY

1 WEDNESDAY: **Philip and James, Apostles**

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY

10.00 a.m. EUCHARIST (Order I, Traditional)

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

Grayston Ives *Preces and Responses*

David Bevan Jr *Fauxbourdon Service*

Poulenc *Ô mes très chers frères,*

from Quatre petites prières de Saint François d'Assise

Proper Psalm 149

Hymn 464

2 THURSDAY: Athanasius, bishop, teacher of the faith, 373

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY

1.05 p.m. LUNCHTIME CONCERT: Avalonian Free State Choir

5.15 p.m. EVENING PRAYER

3 FRIDAY

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY

1.05 p.m. LUNCHTIME CONCERT: Doves Peace Choir

5.15 p.m. EVENING PRAYER

4 SATURDAY: English saints and martyrs of the Reformation Era

8.00 a.m. MORNING PRAYER

5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Vicars Choral)

Plainsong *Preces and Responses*

Billington *Evening Service in D*

Locke *Let God arise*

Reading *A Voluntary for the 2 Diapasons or Full Organ*

Psalm 23

Hymns 376, 477

6.30 p.m. OPEN EVENING FOR PEACE DOVES

MAY

5 THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

BCP: The Fifth Sunday after Easter

- 8.30 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION
according to the Book of Common Prayer
- 10.30 a.m. CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST (Vicars Choral)
Morel *Prière pour orgue*
Hymns 338 (omit *), 137, 310, 420
Duruflé *Messe 'Cum iubilo', Op. 11*
Preacher The Reverend Canon Megan Daffern, *Canon Chancellor*
Communion Proper *Ego vos elegi de mundo*
Tallis *If ye love me*
Messiaen *Joie et clarté des Corps Glorieux, from Les Corps Glorieux*
- 3.00 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Vicars Choral)
Tallis *Preces and Responses* Psalm 27
Palestrina *Magnificat and Nunc dimittis quarti toni* Hymns 458, 373 (t. CP 466)
L'Héritier *Surrexit pastor bonus*
Address The Reverend Canon Mary Bide, *Acting Precentor*
Byrd *Fantasia in A*
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The Sound of Wells Festival takes place from 6 to 12 May

- 6 MONDAY: Rogation Day *Cantoris verses*
- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Vicars Choral)
Harris *Preces and Responses* Psalm 34
Michael Walsh *Carlisle Service*
Chesnokov *Тебе поем*
- 9.00 p.m. CHORAL COMPLINE (Wells Cathedral Chamber Choir)
Wood *Nunc dimittis in B flat* Psalms 4, 91
Rheinberger *Abendlied, Op. 69/3* Hymn 331
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- 7 TUESDAY: Rogation Day
- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 1.05 p.m. LUNCHTIME CONCERT: Wells Cathedral School Composers
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral,
with Megan Glover, saxophone)
attended by the Bishop of Bath and Wells, and Retired Clergy
Julie Ainscough *Ubi caritas* Psalm 121
Gabriel Jackson *Preces and Responses*
Gabriel Jackson *Truro Service*
Eva Donoghue *Then I shall leap into love*
Andy Scott *Fujiko*
- 7.00 p.m. SOUND OF WELLS MUSIC QUIZ NIGHT in the Cathedral Café

MAY

- 8 WEDNESDAY: Julian of Norwich, spiritual writer, c. 1417; Rogation Day
- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 10.00 a.m. EUCHARIST (Order I, Traditional)
- 1.05 p.m. LUNCHTIME CONCERT: William Drakett, Baritone
- 5.15 p.m. FESTAL EVENSONG * (Vicars Choral)
Tallis *Preces and Responses* Proper Psalm 24
William Drakett *Wells Service* Hymn 128
Byrd *Viri Galilæi*
- 8.00 p.m. CONCERT: The Phantom of the Opera (1925)
Silent Film accompanied by David Bednall, *Organ*
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- 9 THURSDAY: **Ascension Day**
- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 10.15 a.m. EUCHARIST
attended by Wells Cathedral School
- 1.05 p.m. VOCAL MASTERCLASS with Robin Blaze, *Countertenor*
- 5.15 p.m. FESTAL EUCHARIST * (Senior Choristers and Vicars Choral)
J.S. Bach *Prelude in D Major, BWV 532*
Stanford *Cælos ascendit hodie*
Hymns 130 (i), 443
Martin *Messe pour double chœur a cappella*
Communion Proper *Signa eos qui in me credunt*
Finzi *God is gone up*
J.S. Bach *Fugue in D major, BWV 532*
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- 10 FRIDAY
- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 5.15 p.m. EVENING PRAYER
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- 11 SATURDAY
- 8.00 a.m. MORNING PRAYER
- 5.15 p.m. EVENING PRAYER
- 7.00 p.m. CONCERT: Wells Cathedral Choir presents J.S. Bach's *St John Passion*

MAY

12 THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

BCP: Sunday after Ascension Day

- 8.30 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION
according to the Book of Common Prayer
- 10.30 a.m. CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST celebrating Somerset Day
(Wells Cathedral Choir, with Wells Cathedral Chamber Choir)
Kerensa Briggs *Light in darkness*
Hymns 332, 351, 296, CP 398
Howells *Communion Service 'Collegium Regale'*
Preacher The Reverend Philip Harbridge, *Priest Vicar*
Communion Proper *Pater, cum essem cum eis*
Bruckner *Os iusti*
Preston *Alleluys*
- 3.00 p.m. FESTIVAL EVENSONG celebrating Charles Villiers Stanford
(Wells Cathedral Choir)
Stanford *Caelos ascendit hodie* Psalm 66
Rose *Preces and Responses* Hymns 335, 159 (omit vv. 3, 4)
Stanford *Evening Service in A*
Stanford *For lo, I raise up*
Address The Venerable Anne Gell, *Acting Dean of Wells*
Howells *Paeon*
- 6.30 p.m. WELLS CATHEDRAL SCHOOL SERVICE
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13 MONDAY

Decani verses

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 8.50 a.m. WELLS CATHEDRAL SCHOOL SERVICE
- 1.05 p.m. LUNCHTIME CONCERT: Wells Cathedral School
- 5.15 p.m. EVENING PRAYER
- 6.00 p.m. TASTE AND SEE in the Lady Chapel
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14 TUESDAY: Matthias the Apostle

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EUCHARIST * celebrating the 30th Anniversary
of the Ordination of Women to the Priesthood
(Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Esther Bersweden *Interlude on St Botolph*
Hymns *Glory to God, the mother of Creation; CP 81*
Howells *Communion Service 'Collegium Regale'*
Eleanor Daley *Upon your heart*
Cecilia McDowall *Celebration*

MAY

15 WEDNESDAY

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
10.00 a.m. EUCHARIST (Order I, Traditional)
5.15 p.m. EVENING PRAYER
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16 THURSDAY

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
11.30 a.m. MOTHERS' UNION PRAYERS in the Lady Chapel
1.05 p.m. LUNCHTIME ORGAN RECITAL: Wells Cathedral School
5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Junior Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Plainsong *Preces and Responses* Psalm 82
Byrd *Fauxbourdon Service*
Byrd *Teach me, O Lord*
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17 FRIDAY

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
1.05 p.m. LUNCHTIME CONCERT: Mendip Consort of Recorders
5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Choristers)
Rose *Preces and Responses* Psalm 89.1–12
Tonus peregrinus *Magnificat*
Burgon *Nunc dimittis*
arr. John Barnard *Lord of the Dance*
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18 SATURDAY

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING PRAYER
5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Vicars Choral)
Harris *Preces and Responses* Psalms 93, 94
Mark Blatchly *St Paul's Service* Hymns 443, 388
Byrd *Sing joyfully*
Leighton *Ite missa est, from Missa de Gloria, 'Dublin Festival Mass', Op. 82*
7.30 p.m. CONCERT: London Concertante presents A Night at the Opera

MAY

19 SUNDAY: PENTECOST

BCP: Whit Sunday

- 8.30 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION
according to the Book of Common Prayer
- 10.30 a.m. CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST (Wells Cathedral Choir)
de Grigny *Veni creator en taille à 5*
Hymns 137, 138, CP 179, 355
Mozart *Missa Brevis C-dur, K. 259 'Orgel-solo Messe'*
Preacher The Venerable Anne Gell, *Acting Dean of Wells*
Communion Proper *Factus est repente*
Tallis *Loquebantur variis linguis*
Durufié *Choral varié sur le thème du 'Veni Creator'*
- 3.00 p.m. FESTAL EVENSONG * (Senior Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Leighton *Preces and Responses* Proper Psalm 139.1-11
Mathias *Jesus College Service* Hymns 342, 367 (ii)
David Bednall *Everyone sang*
Address The Right Reverend Michael Beasley, *Bishop of Bath and Wells*
Cecilia McDowall *Sacred and hallowed fire*
- 6.30 p.m. WELLS CATHEDRAL SCHOOL SERVICE

- 20 MONDAY: Alcuin, deacon, abbot, 804 *Cantoris verses*
- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 8.50 a.m. WELLS CATHEDRAL SCHOOL SERVICE
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Boy Choristers and Vicars Choral)
attended by the Bishop of Bath and Wells, and PCC Secretaries and Treasurers
Smith *Preces and Responses* Psalm 104.1-10
Whitlock *Evening Service in D*
Berkeley *The Lord is my shepherd*

- 21 TUESDAY
- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Gabriel Jackson *Preces and Responses* Psalm 106.1-12
Howells *New College Service*
Rachmaninov *Bogoroditse Devo*

MAY

22 WEDNESDAY

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY

10.00 a.m. EUCHARIST (Order I, Traditional)

5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Vicars Choral)
attended by the Bishop of Bath and Wells, and PCC Secretaries and Treasurers
Rose *Preces and Responses* Psalm 109
Wood *Evening Service in E*
Walker *I will lift up mine eyes*

7.30 p.m. CONCERT: The Music of the Beatles by Candlelight

23 THURSDAY

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY

5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Senior Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Leighton *Preces and Responses* Psalm 114
Leighton *Second Service*
Parry *My soul, there is a country*

7.30 p.m. CONCERT: The Music of the Beatles by Candlelight

24 FRIDAY: John and Charles Wesley, evangelists, hymn writers, 1791 and 1788

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY

5.15 p.m. EVENING PRAYER

25 SATURDAY: The Venerable Bede, monk, scholar, historian, 735

8.00 a.m. MORNING PRAYER

2.00 p.m. WEDDING in the Quire

5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Wells Cathedral Chamber Choir)
Ayleward *Preces and Responses* Psalm 119.73–88
Wood *Evening Service in E flat, No 2* Hymns 360, 343
Howells *Te Deum 'Collegium Regale'*

MAY

26 TRINITY SUNDAY

- 8.30 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION
according to the Book of Common Prayer
- 10.30 a.m. CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST (Wells Cathedral Chamber Choir)
Whitlock *Allegretto, from Five Short Pieces*
Hymns CP 200, 146, 148 (omit *), CP 203
Darke *Communion Service in E*
Preacher The Reverend Paula Hollingsworth, *Chaplain of St Paul's Cathedral*
Bainton *And I saw a new heaven*
Tournemire *Choral Alleluatique, from L'Orgue Mystique, Op. 57, No 44*
- 3.00 p.m. FESTAL EVENSONG * (Wells Cathedral Chamber Choir)
Ayleward *Preces and Responses* Proper Psalm 104.1–10
Murrill *Evening Service in E* Hymns 358, 377
Stainer *I saw the Lord*
Address The Reverend Tom Handy, *Chaplain of Wells Cathedral School*
Harris *Flourish for an Occasion*
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27 MONDAY

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 5.15 p.m. EVENING PRAYER
- 6.30 p.m. OPEN EVENING FOR PEACE DOVES
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28 TUESDAY

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

MAY/JUNE

29 WEDNESDAY

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
10.00 a.m. EUCHARIST (Order I, Traditional)
5.15 p.m. EVENING PRAYER
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30 THURSDAY: **Day of Thanksgiving for the Institution of Holy Communion (Corpus Christi)**

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
12.30 p.m. EUCHARIST attended by members of Chapter
5.15 p.m. FESTAL EUCHARIST * (Choir of St John's Church, Glastonbury)
Messiaen *Le Banquet Celeste*
Hymns 302, 295
David Bednall *St Martin's Service*
Britten *Corpus Christi Carol*
de Grigny *Pange Lingua en taille à 4*
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31 FRIDAY: **Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth**

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
5.15 p.m. FESTAL EVENSONG * (The Marian Singers)
Rose *Preces and Responses* Proper Psalm 127
Dyson *Evening Service in D* Hymn 185
Biebl *Ave Maria*
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I SATURDAY: Justin, martyr, c. 165

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING PRAYER
5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Choir of the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Ewell)
Radcliffe *Preces and Responses* Psalm 8
Harwood *Evening Service in A flat* Hymns 353, 492
Harris *Behold, the tabernacle of God*
Langlais *Hymne d'Action de grâce 'Te Deum'*
7.30 p.m. CONCERT: An Evening with Radiohead

TRANSLATIONS OF ANTHEMS AND MOTETS

WEDNESDAY 1 MAY

Ô me très chers frères
et mes enfants bénis
pour toute l'éternité,
écoutez-moi,
écoutez la voix de votre Père:
Nous avons promis de grandes choses,
on nous en a promis de plus grandes;
gardons les unes
et soupignons après les autres.
Le plaisir est court; la peine éternelle.
La souffrance es légère; la gloire infinie.
Beaucoup sont appelés, peu sont élus.
Tous recevront ce qu'ils auront mérité.
Ainsi soit-il.

*O my dearest brethren
and my blessed children
for all eternity,
listen to me,
listen to the voice of your Father:
We have promised great things,
yet greater things have been promised to us;
let us hold the one
and aspire after the other.
Pleasure is brief, pain is eternal.
Suffering is light, glory is infinite.
Many are called, few are chosen.
All will receive that which they deserve.
So be it.*

*Text: from Four Small Prayers of St Francis of Assisi
Music: Francis Poulenc (1899–1963)*

SUNDAY 5 MAY

Surrexit pastor bonus, qui animam
suam posuit pro ovibus suis, Alleluia.
Et pro grege suo mori dignatus est,
Alleluia.
Et enim pascha nostrum immolatus est
Christus, Alleluia.

*The good shepherd, who laid down his
life for his sheep, has risen, Alleluia.
And he did not disdain to die for his flock,
Alleluia.
For truly was Christ the paschal lamb
sacrificed for us, Alleluia.*

*Text: Second Responsory at Matins on Easter Monday
Music: Jean L'Héritier (1480–1551)*

MONDAY 6 MAY

Тебе поем,
Тебе благословим,
Тебе благодарим, Господи,
и молим Ти ся, Боже наш.

*We sing to you,
we praise you,
we thank you, O Lord,
and we pray to you, our God.*

*Text: Orthodox Liturgy of St John Chrysostom
Music: Pavel Chesnokov (1877–1944)*

WEDNESDAY 8 MAY

Viri Galilæi, quid admiramini,
aspicientes in cælum? Alleluia.
Quemadmodum vidistis eum
ascendentem in cælum, ita veniet.
Alleluia.

*Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing
up into heaven? Alleluia.
In like manner as ye have seen him go
into heaven, so shall he come again.
Alleluia.*

*Text: Acts 1.11
Music: William Byrd (c. 1540–1623)*

TUESDAY 21 MAY

Bogoroditse Devo, raduysia,
Blagodatnaya Mariye,
Ghospod s Toboyu.

Blagoslovenna Ti v zhenah,
i blagosloven
Plod chryeva Tvoyego,
yako Spasa rodila
yesi dush nashih.

*Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos,
Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.*

*Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the
fruit of thy womb,
for thou hast borne
the saviour of our souls.*

*Text: Ave Maria, Luke 1.28, 42
Music: Sergei Rachmaninov (1873–1943)*

SATURDAY 27 APRIL

Angelus Domini nuntiavit Mariæ,
et concepit de Spiritu Sancto.

Ave Maria, gratia plena,
Dominus tecum:
Benedicta tu in mulieribus,
et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Iesus.

Maria dixit:
Ecce ancilla Domini,
Fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum.

Ave Maria, gratia plena...

Et verbum caro factum est
et habitavit in nobis.

Ave Maria, gratia plena...

Sancta Maria, Mater Dei,
ora pro nobis peccatoribus,
nunc et in hora mortis nostræ. Amen.

*The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,
and she conceived by the Holy Spirit.*

*Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee:
Blessed art thou amongst women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.*

*Mary said:
Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
Be it unto me according to thy word.*

Hail Mary, full of grace...

*And the Word was made flesh
and dwelt amongst us.*

Hail Mary, full of grace...

*Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

*Text: from The Angelus
Music: Franz Biebl (1906–2001)*



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Monday 6 May, *10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.*

Wednesday 15 May, *10.45 a.m. to 11.15 a.m.*

Wednesday 22 May, *11.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon*

Friday 31 May, *10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.*

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There will be an intensive weekend of rehearsals led by Katrine Reimers and Matthew Redman and the final concert will be held in Wells Cathedral on Saturday 20th July 2024.

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