



Services and Music List

October 2025

WELCOME TO WELLS CATHEDRAL

Each month has its own character, and here in Wells, every month offers opportunities to enjoy wonderful music at our variety of services. This Services and Music List highlights all that's on offer, and we'd be delighted to welcome you. In particular, October brings several special events for our Cathedral and Community: the Dedication Festival on Wednesday 15 October, a joyful celebration of all we share; and on the same day our Cathedral Choir will broadcast Choral Evensong on BBC Radio 3. Every day in Wells is special, with many chances to worship and experience beautiful music — please explore what's available, and we look forward to seeing you soon.

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 Tim Stevens, *Canon Precentor*

JOINING WELLS CATHEDRAL CHOIR

The Cathedral's Director of Music, Timothy Parsons, 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, 'Great 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 a dagger (†).

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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OCTOBER

1 WEDNESDAY

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
10.00 a.m. MIDWEEK EUCHARIST
Common Worship Order I, Traditional
5.15 p.m. EVENING PRAYER
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2 THURSDAY

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
1.05 p.m. LUNCHTIME CONCERT: The LLH Trio
5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Gabriel Jackson *Preces and Responses* Psalms 12–14
Ēriks Ešvalds *Merton College Service*
Eleanor Daley *Upon your heart*
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3 FRIDAY

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
2.00 p.m. FUNERAL SERVICE for Adrian Jones in the Quire
5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Chamber Choir of King's College, Taunton)
Stainer *Preces and Responses* Psalm 18.1–19
Wood *Evening Service in D*
Bruckner *Locus iste*
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4 SATURDAY: Francis of Assisi, friar, deacon, 1226

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING PRAYER
2.00 p.m. READERS' SERVICE
5.15 p.m. EVENING PRAYER

5 THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8.30 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION
Book of Common Prayer
- 10.30 a.m. CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST (Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Morel *Prière*
Hymns *Laudate* 825, 509, MP 1289, 486
Langlais *Messe solennelle*
Sermon The Very Reverend Toby Wright, *Dean of Wells*
Communion Proper *In salutari tuo*
Langlais *Chant de Paix*
Duruflé *Tantum ergo*
Langlais *Te Deum*
- 3.00 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Cantoris Vicars Choral)
Tallis *Preces and Responses* Proper Psalm 142
Soriano *Magnificat primi toni* Hymns 376, 250
Plainsong *Nunc dimittis primi toni*
Sheppard *In manus tuas*
Address The Reverend Rosey Lunn, *Priest Vicar*
J.S. Bach *Fantasia in C minor, BWV 562*

N.B. The Girl Choristers and Decani Vicars Choral will be singing Choral Evensong at St Mary's Church, Stogumber at 3.00 p.m.
- 7.00 p.m. YOUNG FARMERS' HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE

- 6 MONDAY: William Tyndale, translator, martyr, 1536 *Cantoris 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. CHORAL EVENSONG (Vicars Choral)
Harris *Preces and Responses* Psalms 32–34
William Drakett *Wells Service* Hymn 381
Poulenc *Seigneur, je vous en prie,*
from Quatre petites prières de saint François d'Assise

7 TUESDAY

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Boy Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Andrew Millington *Preces and Responses* Psalm 37
Byrd *Second Service*
Byrd *Teach me, O Lord*

OCTOBER

8 WEDNESDAY

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 10.00 a.m. MIDWEEK EUCHARIST
Common Worship Order I, Traditional
- 5.15 p.m. EVENING PRAYER
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9 THURSDAY

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 1.05 p.m. LUNCHTIME ORGAN RECITAL:
Joseph Wicks, Organist and Tenor in The Gesualdo Six
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Gabriel Jackson *Preces and Responses* Psalms 47–49
D. Purcell *Evening Service in E minor*
Rachmaninoff *To thee, O Lord*
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10 FRIDAY: Paulinus, bishop, missionary, 644

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 10.30 a.m. WELLS CATHEDRAL SCHOOL SERVICE
- 12.00 noon THANKSGIVING SERVICE for the Life of Barbara Dickinson in the Quire
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Plainsong *Preces and Responses* Psalms 53–55
Gary Davison *Wessex Service* Hymn 388.i
Grieg *Ave maris stella*
- 6.30 p.m. BABY LOSS AWARENESS SERVICE
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11 SATURDAY

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING PRAYER
- 1.00 p.m. WEDDING SERVICE in the Quire
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG
celebrating the work of The Wells Cathedral Chorister Trust
(Great Choir)
Bairstow *I sat down under his shadow* Psalm 61
Andrew Millington *Preces and Responses* Hymns CP 618, 252
Dyson *Evening Service in D*
Parry *I was glad*
Stanford *Te Deum, from Morning Service in B flat*
Vierne *Final, from Organ Symphony No 1, Op. 14*

12 THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8.30 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION
Book of Common Prayer
- 10.30 a.m. CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST and Harvest Celebration
(Boy Choristers and Cantoris Vicars Choral)
Elgar, arr. Brewer *Chanson de Matin*
Hymns 259, Laudate 897, *We plough the fields with tractors*, CH4 240
Berkeley *Missa brevis*
Sermon The Reverend Sally Wright, Priest Vicar
Communion Proper *Aufer a me*
Mathias *Chorale*
Vaughan Williams *Love bade me welcome, from Five Mystical Songs*
Dupré *Cortège et Litanie, Op. 19, No 2*
- 3.00 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (In Ecclesia)
attended by Diocesan Therapists
Rose *Preces and Responses* Proper Psalm 144
Walmisley *Evening Service in D minor* Hymns 140, 239
Bullock *Give us the wings of faith*
Address The Very Reverend Toby Wright, Dean of Wells
J.S. Bach *Fantasia in C minor, BWV 562*

N.B. The Boy Choristers and Vicars Choral will be singing Choral Evensong at Bath Abbey at 3.30 p.m., celebrating 150 years of Boy Choristers at Bath Abbey.
- 6.30 p.m. WELLS CATHEDRAL SCHOOL SERVICE

13 MONDAY: Edward the Confessor, king, 1066 Decani verses

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 8.50 a.m. WELLS CATHEDRAL SCHOOL SERVICE
- 5.15 p.m. EVENING PRAYER in Vicars' Close Chapel
- 6.00 p.m. TASTE AND SEE: Cathedral Meditation Group in the Lady Chapel

14 TUESDAY

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Vicars Choral, with Wells Cathedral Youth Choir)
arr. Ruth Elaine Schram *Now thank we all our God*
David Bevan Jr *Plainsong Preces and Responses* Psalms 73, 74
Sumsion *Evening Service in G*
E. Walker *I will lift up mine eyes*

OCTOBER

15 WEDNESDAY: Teresa of Avila, teacher of the faith, 1582; **ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL**

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 10.00 a.m. MIDWEEK EUCHARIST
Common Worship Order I, Traditional
- 3.00 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG broadcast live on BBC Radio 3
(Senior Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Bruckner *Locus iste* Psalm 78
Sarah MacDonald *Preces and Responses* Hymn 456
Leighton *Collegium Magdalenæ Oxoniense*
Matthew Martin *Sing we merrily*
Price *Finale, from Organ Sonata in D minor*
- 4.30 p.m. DEDICATION FESTIVAL LECTURE: The Reverend Professor David Fergusson OBE
in the Education Room
- 6.00 p.m. FESTAL EUCHARIST † (Wells Cathedral Chamber Choir)
Plainsong *Terribilis est locus iste*
Hymns 484, 206, CP 609, CH4 169
Malcolm Archer *Those who drink*
Mozart *Missa brevis in D, K. 194*
Sermon The Reverend Professor David Fergusson OBE
Philip Moore *All wisdom cometh from the Lord*
Couperin *Offertoire sur les grands jeux, from Messe pour les Couvents*

16 THURSDAY

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 11.30 a.m. MOTHERS' UNION PRAYERS in the Lady Chapel
- 1.05 p.m. LUNCHTIME CONCERT: Opus 4 Recorder Ensemble
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Junior Choristers and Vicars Choral,
with Wells Cathedral Song Squad)
Mark and Helen Johnson *Everywhere around me*
Rose *Preces and Responses* Psalm 84
Byrd *Fauxbourdon Service* Hymn 244
Tye *Laudate nomen Domini*

17 FRIDAY: Ignatius, bishop, martyr, c. 107

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

18 SATURDAY: **Luke the Evangelist**

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING PRAYER
- 2.00 p.m. DIOCESAN CONFIRMATION SERVICE
- 5.15 p.m. FESTAL EVENSONG † (Schola Cantorum and Vicars Choral)
Sumsion *Preces and Responses* Proper Psalm 103
Grayston Ives *Edington Service* Hymns 213.i, 194
David Buckley *Strengthen ye the weak hands*
Sumsion *Berceuse*

19 THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8.30 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION
Book of Common Prayer
- 10.30 a.m. CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST (Schola Cantorum and Vicars Choral)
J.S. Bach *Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele*, BWV 654
Hymns 55, 406, CH4 530, StF 637/528
Palestrina *Missa brevis*
Sermon The Reverend Simon Lewis, *Sub-Dean*
Communion Proper *Domine, Dominus noster*
J.S. Bach *Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier*, BWV 73 I
Croce *O sacrum convivium*
J.S. Bach *Fantasia in G minor*, BWV 542
- 3.00 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Vicars Choral)
Philip Moore *Preces and Responses* Proper Psalms 146, 149
Grayston Ives *Magdalen Service* Hymns 367.ii, 246
E. Walker *Lord, thou hast been our refuge*
Address The Reverend Canon Tim Stevens, *Canon Precentor*
Whitlock *Folk Tune*
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20 MONDAY

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 1.05 p.m. LUNCHTIME CONCERT: Bedford Modern School
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Truro Cathedral Girl Choristers)
Plainsong *Preces and Responses* Psalm 104.1–23
Sumsion *Evening Service in G*
Stanford *A song of wisdom*
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21 TUESDAY

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

OCTOBER

22 WEDNESDAY

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 10.00 a.m. MIDWEEK EUCHARIST
Common Worship Order I, Traditional
- 5.15 p.m. EVENING PRAYER
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23 THURSDAY

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

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 1.05 p.m. LUNCHTIME CONCERT: Canoryon Lowen Choir
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Choir of St John's Church, Glastonbury)
Ayleward *Preces and Responses* Psalm 119.1–16
Gibbons *Short Service*
Mundy *O Lord, the maker of all thing*
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25 SATURDAY

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING PRAYER
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Choir of Christ Church, Southgate)
Smith *Preces and Responses* Psalm 119.73–88
Wood *Collegium Regale* Hymn 73.ii
Howells *Like as the hart*
Howells *Master Tallis's Testament*
- 7.00 p.m. CONCERT: Wells Cathedral Oratorio Society presents Brahms's *Requiem*

26 THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY; BIBLE SUNDAY

BCP: The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.30 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION
Book of Common Prayer

10.30 a.m. CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST (Choir of Christ Church, Southgate)
Darke *Andantino*
Hymns StF 157, CP 460, StF 161, 494 (t.413)
Darke *Communion Service in E, 'Collegium Regale'*
Sermon The Reverend Canon Dr Megan Daffern, *Canon Chancellor*
R. Lloyd *View me, Lord*
Willan *Postlude in D*

3.00 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Choir of Christ Church, Southgate)
Smith *Preces and Responses* Proper Psalm 119.1–16
Darke *Evening Service in F* Hymns 456, 253
arr. Tippett *Steal away*
Address The Reverend Mary Lewis, *Priest Vicar*
Leighton *Ode*

4.15 p.m. GROUP STUDY: 'We believe – Exploring the Nicene Creed'
with The Reverend Simon Lewis in the Education Room

27 MONDAY

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY

5.15 p.m. EVENING PRAYER

28 TUESDAY: Simon and Jude, Apostles

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY

5.15 p.m. EVENING PRAYER

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

29 WEDNESDAY: James Hannington, bishop, martyr, 1885

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY

10.00 a.m. MIDWEEK EUCHARIST
Common Worship Order I, Traditional

5.15 p.m. EVENING PRAYER

30 THURSDAY

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY

1.05 p.m. EUCHARIST attended by members of Chapter

5.15 p.m. EVENING PRAYER

31 FRIDAY

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY

5.15 p.m. EVENING PRAYER

I SATURDAY: **ALL SAINTS' DAY**

8.00 a.m. MORNING PRAYER

5.15 p.m. FESTAL EUCHARIST † (Wells Cathedral Chamber Choir)
Howells *Preludio 'Sine Nomine'*
Hymns 197, 208
Howells *Communion Service 'Collegium Regale'*
Brahms *O wie selig seid ihr doch, Op. 122, No 6*
Victoria *O quam gloriosum est*
Grayston Ives *Intrada*

7.00 p.m. CONCERT: Somerset Festival of Remembrance

2 THE FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

BCP: The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

- 8.30 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION
Book of Common Prayer
- 10.30 a.m. CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST (Wells Cathedral Chamber Choir)
Farrington *Steal Away*
Hymns StF 689, 294, 465, CP 591
Vierne *Messe solennelle, Op. 16*
Sermon The Very Reverend Toby Wright, *Dean of Wells*
Boëllmann *Prière à Notre-Dame, from Suite Gothique, Op. 25*
Rossini *O salutaris hostia*
Messiaen *Apparition de l'Eglise éternelle*
- 3.00 p.m. SOLEMN EUCHARIST † (Wells Cathedral Chamber Choir)
Hymn 376
Victoria *Officium Defunctorum*
Lobo *Versa est in luctum*
- 4.15 p.m. GROUP STUDY: 'We believe – Exploring the Nicene Creed'
with The Reverend Simon Lewis in the Education Room
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3 MONDAY: Richard Hooker, priest, teacher of the faith, 1600

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

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Boy Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Humphrey Clucas *Preces and Responses* Psalms 22, 23
Dyson *Evening Service in F*
Bairstow *Save us, O Lord*

NOVEMBER

5 WEDNESDAY

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 10.00 a.m. MIDWEEK EUCHARIST
Common Worship Order I, Traditional
- 5.15 p.m. EVENING PRAYER
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6 THURSDAY

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Matthew Martin *Preces and Responses* Psalms 32–34
Rubbra *Evening Service in A flat*
Timothy Parsons *The Lord's Prayer*
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7 FRIDAY: Willibrord, bishop, 739

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Chapel Choir of King's College, Taunton)
Stainer *Preces and Responses* Psalm 37.1–20
Walmisley *Evening Service in D minor* Hymn 227 (t. 184)
Ireland *Greater love hath no man*
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8 SATURDAY: Saints and martyrs of England

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING PRAYER
- 2.30 p.m. WEDDING SERVICE
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Matthew Martin *Preces and Responses* Psalm 18.1–19
Stanford *Evening Service in G* Hymn 224
Vaughan Williams *Lord, thou hast been our refuge*
Elgar *Allegro maestoso, from Organ Sonata in G, Op. 28*

TRANSLATIONS OF ANTHEMS AND MOTETS

FRIDAY 3 OCTOBER

Locus iste a Deo factus est,
inæstimabile sacramentum;
irreprehensibilis est.

*This place was made by God,
a priceless sacrament;
it is without reproach.*

*Text: Gradual at Mass for the Dedication of a Church
Music: Anton Bruckner (1824–1896)*

SUNDAY 5 OCTOBER

In manus tuas, Domine,
commendo spiritum meum.
Redemisti me, Domine,
Deus veritatis.

*Into thy hands, O Lord,
I commend my spirit.
For thou hast redeemed me, O Lord,
God of truth.*

*Text: Responsory at Compline in Holy Week
Music: John Sheppard (1515–1558)*

MONDAY 6 OCTOBER

Seigneur, je vous en prie,
que la force brûlante et douce
de votre amour
absorbe mon âme et la retire
de tout ce qui est sous le ciel,
afin que je meure
par amour de votre amour,
puisque vous avez daigné mourir
par amour de mon amour.

*Lord, I beseech you,
may the sweet burning power
of your love
pervade my soul and withdraw it from
everything under heaven,
that I might die
for love of your love,
since you deigned to die
for love of my love.*

*Text: Francis of Assisi (c. 1181–1226)
Music: Francis Poulenc (1899–1963), from Quatre petites prières de saint François d'Assise*

FRIDAY 10 OCTOBER

Ave maris stella.
Dei Mater alma,
Atque semper virgo,
felix cæli porta.

Solve vincla reis,
profer lumen cæcis.
Mala nostra pella
bona cuncta posce.

Vitam præsta puram,
iter para tutum,
Ut videntes Iesum
semper collætémur.

Sit laus Deo Patri
summo Christo decus,
Spiritus Sancto,
tribus honor unus. Amen.

*Hail star of the sea.
God's cherishing mother,
And though still a virgin,
the blessed entrance-way of heaven.*

*Bound by Satan's fetters,
health and vision needing.
God will aid and light us
at thy gentle pleading.*

*So, as now we journey,
aid our weak endeavour,
'Til we gaze on Jesus
and rejoice for ever.*

*Father, Son, and Spirit,
three in one confessing,
Give us equal glory,
equal praise and blessing. Amen.*

*Text: Hymn at First Vespers of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Music: Edvard Grieg (1843–1907)*

THURSDAY 16 OCTOBER

Laudate nomen Domini,
vos servi Domini,
ab ortu solis
usque ad occasum eius.

Decreta Dei iusta sunt,
et cor exhilarant;
Laudate Deum principes
et omnes populi.

*Praise the name of the Lord,
ye servants of the Lord,
from the rising of the sun
until the same setting.*

*The decrees of the Lord are just,
and their heart is glad;
Praise the Lord ye princes
and all ye people.*

*Text: paraphrased from Psalm 113
Music: Christopher Tye (c. 1505–c. 1573)*

Lunchtime Organ Recitals 2025

Hear masterpieces for the organ from across the ages on Thursdays throughout the year at 1.05 p.m., in aid of the **Grand Organ Appeal**

JAN 9	Timothy Parsons Wells Cathedral	JUL 10	Angela Kraft Cross Congregational Church of San Mateo, California, USA
FEB 13	Peter Stevens Westminster Cathedral	AUG 14	Carolyn Craig Wells Cathedral
MAR 13	Edward Marshall Wells Cathedral	SEP 11	David Hill, MBE Organist and Conductor
APR 10	Dewi Rees Bath Abbey	OCT 9	Joseph Wicks Formerly Truro Cathedral, Tenor, The Gesualdo Six
MAY 8	Simon Lloyd The Carmelite Priory, London Wells Cathedral School	NOV 13	Alexander Hamilton Hampton Court, Westminster Cathedral Choir School
JUN 12	Michael Lukin Chigwell School		

Admission: included with entry to the Cathedral Retiring collections in aid of the Friends of Wells Cathedral Grand Organ Appeal. Find out more about the appeal online at www.wellsgrandorganappeal.org.uk



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Grand Organ Appeal



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Träume und Trost

Dreams and Consolation

A stylized illustration of Wells Cathedral and its surrounding landscape. The cathedral is depicted in a golden-yellow color with dark outlines, set against a blue sky. It is surrounded by green trees and a green field. In the foreground, there are various flowers in yellow, blue, and red. The entire scene is framed by a dark blue background with green leaf patterns on the left and top edges.

Wells Cathedral

Saturday 25 October, 7.00pm

Wagner Wesendonck Lieder
Brahms Ein Deutsches Requiem

Timothy Parsons *conductor*
William Drakett *baritone*
Elizabeth Donovan *soprano*
Wells Cathedral Oratorio Society
Southern Sinfonia

Tickets £15 – £45

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EXHIBITION

Tapestry of Black Britons

by Paula Ogun Hector

4–29 November 2025

19:00–21:00

Wells Cathedral, Cloisters

Tickets: included with admission to the Cathedral



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As we commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Second World War, this important multi-participant artwork, produced by artist Paula Ogun Hector and woven by Bristol-based textile company Dash + Miller, aims to elevate Black British history and contribute to a more inclusive historical narrative.

A special opportunity to preview the Tapestry and to join us in conversation with its artist and curator, Paula Ogun Hector, With Chair of Somerset African Caribbean Network, Susann Savidge.

Book preview event tickets online via
wellscathedral.org.uk/events.



Somerset Festival of Remembrance

Commemorating the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II at Wells Cathedral, with a special focus on honouring the contribution of the people of Somerset. Featuring music performed by the Central Band of the Royal British Legion and Yeovilton Military Wives Choir.

Saturday 1 November 2025, 7.00 p.m.

Tickets available via
[Somerset-Festival-of-Remembrance-2025.eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/Somerset-Festival-of-Remembrance-2025)





TALKS & LECTURES

Emperor Haile Selassie I in Bath and Wells: His Journey, His Faith

Shawn-Naphtali Sobers and Ras Benji

**Wednesday 12 November 2025,
19:00–21:00**

Wells Cathedral, Education Room

Tickets: FREE: Retiring collection
in aid of Wells Cathedral



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Marking 80 years since the end of WWII, visual anthropologist Professor Shawn-Naphtali Sobers will draw on his extensive work on Emperor Haile Selassie I to illustrate the impact of the Orthodox Ethiopian Church within Christianity. Fairfield House Operations Manager, Ras Benji, will discuss his research on the Emperor's life in exile during World War II, and his discovery that the Emperor came to worship at Wells Cathedral.



LECTURE: SOURCES OF UNITY



**Sources of Unity, from Daily Prayer
to the Sunday Creed: The Council of
Nicaea, there, then, and (still) here today**

SPEAKER

The Revd Dr Susan Durber
*President of the World Council of Churches,
Theologian, and URC Minister*

**Tuesday 25 November 2025
18.05–20.00 | Wells Cathedral**

*This talk will follow immediately after Evensong,
which takes place in the Nave at 17.15*



Image: First Council of Nicaea by Michael Damaskinos

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Christmas Sing-Along

at

Wells Cathedral

FREE

event for 4-11 yrs
and their families

Enjoy a festive
sing-along, meet
the Cathedral team,
and see if you
would like to join
Song Squad!



Saturday 20 December 2025

10.00am–11.00am



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G4 Christmas

EXPERIENCE SUMPTUOUS HARMONIES IN AN IDYLIC FESTIVE SETTING



NOVEMBER 2025

6 NEWPORT (IOW)
7 NEWPORT (IOW)
8 CHRISTCHURCH
11 TRURO
12 EXETER
13 LICHFIELD
14 LINCOLN
15 BEVERLEY
18 SWANSEA

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