



Services and Music List

November 2025

WELCOME TO WELLS CATHEDRAL

November is a month which brings many different emotions together. Through All Saints' Day, All Souls' Day, and Remembrance Sunday, we give thanks for those who have gone before us. Throughout this month, we keep the Kingdom Season, looking forward to the joy of the coming of the Kingdom. All of this is held within our worship, fed by music, drawing us closer to God, as the year wanes and the days grow darker. Towards the end of the month, Advent Sunday renews our hope; and the annual Advent Procession prepares us for all that lies ahead. You are warmly welcome to all that is offered here in this Cathedral, as we share this season of hope together.

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 musicooffice@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/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'*
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)
Iain Farrington *Steal Away*
Hymns StF 689, 294, CP 601, 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 *Cantor's verses*

- 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*
- 7.00 p.m. PREVIEW EVENT: *Tapestry of Black Britons* in the South Transept

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)
Mozart *Ave verum corpus*
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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* Psalms 41–43
Stanford *Evening Service in G* Hymn 224
Vaughan Williams *Lord, thou hast been our refuge*
Durufle *Prélude sur le nom d'Alain*

9 THE THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT; REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

BCP: The Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity

- 8.30 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION
Book of Common Prayer
- 10.30 a.m. CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST and Act of Remembrance
(Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Chaminade *Marche funèbre*
Hymns 417, 341, StF 681, 394
Byrd *Mass for five voices*
Sermon The Reverend Canon Tim Stevens, *Canon Precentor*
Guest *For the Fallen*
Communion Proper *Dominus regit me*
Smyth *Fugue on 'O Traurigkeit, O Herzeleid'*
Mark Blatchly *For the Fallen*
Duruflé *Fugue sur le nom d'Alain*
- 3.00 p.m. SERVICE FOR REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
(Great Choir, with Wells Cathedral School Chamber Choir)
A devotional performance of Duruflé's *Requiem*
interspersed with poetry chosen and read by Gavin Plumley
Admission free: retiring collection in aid of
Wells Cathedral Music and the British Legion Poppy Appeal
- 4.15 p.m. GROUP STUDY: 'We believe – Exploring the Nicene Creed'
with The Reverend Simon Lewis in the Education Room
- 6.30 p.m. WELLS CATHEDRAL SCHOOL SERVICE

**10 MONDAY: Ralph of Shrewsbury, Bishop of Bath and Wells,
founder of Vicars' Close, 1363**

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY *Decani verses*
- 8.50 a.m. WELLS CATHEDRAL SCHOOL SERVICE
- 5.15 p.m. FESTAL EVENSONG † and Commemoration of Bishop Ralph of Shrewsbury
(Vicars Choral)
Timothy Parsons *Preces and Responses* Proper Psalm 127
Philip Moore *Evening Service in A* Hymns 214.i, 208
Causton *Rejoice in the Lord always* Byrd *Gloria tibi, Domine*
- 6.00 p.m. TASTE AND SEE: Cathedral Meditation Group in the Lady Chapel

11 TUESDAY: Martin, bishop, c. 397

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 11.00 a.m. ACT OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ARMISTICE DAY at the Cathedral Clock
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG marking COP30 (Boy Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Humphrey Clucas *Preces and Responses* Psalms 59–61
Whitlock *Evening Service in D* Hymn 264
Timothy Parsons *The Shekhinah*

NOVEMBER

12 WEDNESDAY

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY

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

5.15 p.m. EVENING PRAYER

6.30 p.m. LECTURE: *Emperor Haile Selassie I in Bath and Wells: His Journey, His Faith*
in the Education Room

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

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY

1.05 p.m. LUNCHTIME ORGAN RECITAL: David Bednall, *Clifton Cathedral*

5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Matthew Martin *Preces and Responses* Psalms 69, 70
Blow *Short Service* Hymn 473
Tomkins *My Shepherd is the living Lord*

14 FRIDAY

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY

5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Vicars Choral)
Harris *Preces and Responses* Psalms 73, 74
Mark Blatchly *St Paul's Service*
Wood *Great Lord of Lords*

15 SATURDAY

8.00 a.m. MORNING PRAYER

5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Wells Cathedral School Choralia)
Peter Nardone *Preces and Responses*
Simon Lloyd *Magnificat and Nunc dimittis octavi toni*
Holst *Ave Maria* Psalm 78.1–17
Stanley *Voluntary in A minor, Op. 10, No 5* Hymn 321

16 THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

BCP: The Twenty-Second Sunday after Trinity

- 8.30 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION
Book of Common Prayer
- 10.30 a.m. CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST (Boy Choristers and Vicars Choral)
attended by Wells Cathedral School
Duruflé *Sicilienne, from Suite pour Orgue, Op. 5*
Hymns CP 382, StF 741, CP 427, 495
Mozart *Missa brevis in C, K. 259, 'Orgel-solo Messe'*
Sermon The Reverend Mary Lewis, *Priest Vicar*
Communion Proper *Amen, dico vobis: quidquid orantes*
Rozan *Petite Prière*
Duruflé *Ubi caritas*
J.S. Bach *Fugue in C, BWV 564*
- 3.00 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG
celebrating the work of Marie Curie and Macmillan Cancer Support
(Boy Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Humphrey Clucas *Preces and Responses* Proper Psalm 93
Gibbons *Second Service* Hymns 461 (t. CP 598.i), 260
Annabel Rooney *O sing unto the Lord*
Address The Reverend Simon Lewis, *Sub-Dean*
Leighton *Paeon*
- 4.00 p.m. CONGREGATION MEETING

17 MONDAY: Hugh, bishop, 1200 *Cantoris verses*

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 8.50 a.m. WELLS CATHEDRAL SCHOOL SERVICE
- 2.00 p.m. WORKSHOP: Woven Stories with Paula Ogun Hector,
Artist and Curator of *Tapestry of Black Britons* in the Education Room
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Vicars Choral)
Piers Connor Kennedy *Preces and Responses* Psalm 89
John Madden *Evening Service in D* Hymn 244
William Blake *I will lie down*

18 TUESDAY: Elizabeth, princess, philanthropist, 1231

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Boy Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Tomkins *Preces and Responses* Psalms 93, 94
F. Jackson *Evening Service in G* Hymn 408.ii
Joubert *O Lorde, the maker of al thing*

NOVEMBER

19 WEDNESDAY: Hilda, abbess, 680

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY

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

5.15 p.m. EVENING PRAYER

20 THURSDAY: Edmund, king, martyr, 870

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY

11.30 a.m. MOTHERS' UNION PRAYERS in the Lady Chapel

5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Matthew Martin *Preces and Responses* Psalm 104
Leighton *Second Service* Hymn 228
Rachmaninoff *Bogoroditse Devo*

7.00 p.m. CONCERT: Armonico Consort presents Karl Jenkins's *The Armed Man*

21 FRIDAY

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY

5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Vicars Choral)
Timothy Parsons *Preces and Responses* Psalm 106
Tomkins *First Service*
Asola *Deus canticum novum*

7.30 p.m. CONCERT: Let Me In presents *An Evening of Pink Floyd*

22 SATURDAY: Cecilia, martyr, c. 230

8.00 a.m. MORNING PRAYER

5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Schola Cantorum and Vicars Choral)
Sumsion *Preces and Responses* Proper Psalms 99, 100
Brewer *Evening Service in D* Hymn 451
Britten *Hymn to St Cecilia, Op. 27*
Coleridge-Taylor *Impromptu No 1, Op. 78*

7.30 p.m. CONCERT: Let Me In presents *An Evening of Pink Floyd*

23 CHRIST THE KING; THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT

BCP: The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Trinity

- 8.30 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION
Book of Common Prayer
- 10.30 a.m. CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST (Vicars Choral)
Falcinelli *Choral-Prelude No 2 à l'Introit de la Messe de Christ-Roi*
Hymns 134, StF 462, 465, 345
James Davy *Messe Brève*
Sermon The Venerable Anne Gell, *Archdeacon of Wells*
Communion Proper *Sedebit Dominus Rex*
Folville *Communion*
Timothy Noon *O sacrum convivium*
Langlais *Acclamations, from Suite médiévale*
- 3.00 p.m. FESTAL EVENSONG † (Schola Cantorum and Vicars Choral)
Sumsion *Preces and Responses* Proper Psalm 72
Murrill *Evening Service in E* Hymns 443, 252
Leighton *Let all the world in every corner sing*
Address The Reverend Dr Felix Mascarenhas, *Priest Vicar*
Demessieux *Te Deum, Op. 11*

24 MONDAY *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

25 TUESDAY

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Boy Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Tomkins *Preces and Responses* Psalm 119.73–104
Batten *Fourth Service* Hymn 349
Duruflé *Notre père*
- 6.15 p.m. LECTURE: *Sources of Unity, from Daily Prayer to the Sunday Creed: The Council of Nicea, there, then, and (still) here today*
with The Reverend Dr Susan Durber

NOVEMBER

26 WEDNESDAY

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 10.00 a.m. MIDWEEK EUCHARIST
Common Worship Order I, Traditional
- 5.15 p.m. EVENING PRAYER
- 7.00 p.m. CONCERT: The Christmas Orchestra
- 9.30 p.m. CONCERT: The Christmas Orchestra
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27 THURSDAY

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 12.30 p.m. EUCHARIST attended by members of Chapter
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Byrd *Preces and Responses* Psalms 126–131
Weelkes *First Service*
Gibbons *Great Lord of Lords*
- 7.30 p.m. CONCERT: G4 Christmas
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28 FRIDAY

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 9.15 a.m. FESTAL EUCHARIST † attended by Wells Cathedral School
(Senior Choristers and Wells Cathedral School Chapel Choir)
Schubert *Mass No 2 in G, D 167*
Preacher The Reverend Edward Day, *Cathedral Curate*
de Séverac *Tantum ergo*
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Boy Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Tomkins *Preces and Responses* Psalms 136–138
Robledo *Magnificat tertii toni*
Victoria *Nunc dimittis tertii toni*
Mudd *Let thy merciful ears*
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29 SATURDAY: **Andrew the Apostle, Patron of Wells Cathedral** [transferred]

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING PRAYER
- 5.15 p.m. FESTAL EUCHARIST † (Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral)
David Bednall *Evocation of Wells Cathedral*
Hymns CP 406, 200, HO&N 162
Walton *Missa brevis*
Preacher The Very Reverend Toby Wright, *Dean of Wells*
Communion Proper *Venite post me*
Boundy *Andante grazioso*
Victoria *O quam gloriosum*
Elgar *Allegro maestoso, from Organ Sonata in G, Op. 28*
- 7.30 p.m. CONCERT: London Concertante presents *Christmas at the Movies*

30 THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 8.30 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION
Book of Common Prayer
- 10.30 a.m. CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST (Great Choir)
Philip Moore *Meditation on 'Veni Emmanuel'*
Malcolm Archer *Advent Wreath Prayer*
Hymns *Advent Prose*, 15, CH4 543, CH4 475
Philip Moore *Messe solennelle*
Sermon The Reverend Dr Felix Mascarenhas, *Priest Vicar*
Communion Proper *Dominus dabit benignitatem*
Rebecca Groom te Velde *Conditor alme siderum*
Goldschmitt *A tender shoot*
Vierne *Prelude, from Organ Symphony No 1, Op. 14*
- 5.00 p.m. ADVENT PROCESSION WITH CAROLS † (Great Choir)
A service of readings, traditional congregational carols,
and music for Advent, including works by Kerensa Briggs,
Iain Farrington, Palestrina, Arvo Pärt, Judith Weir, and Wood
Please be seated by 4.45 p.m.

1 MONDAY

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 8.50 a.m. WELLS CATHEDRAL SCHOOL SERVICE
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Vicars Choral)
Michael Walsh *Preces and Responses* Psalms 6–8
Howells *Evening Service in E*
Vann *There is a flower*
- 6.00 p.m. TASTE AND SEE: Cathedral Meditation Group in the Lady Chapel

2 TUESDAY

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 1.05 p.m. LUNCHTIME CONCERT: Warren Mailley-Smith, *piano*
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Vicars Choral)
Philip Moore *Preces and Responses* Psalms 12–14
Timothy Parsons *Fauxbourdon Service*
Timothy Parsons *O come, Emmanuel*
- 7.30 p.m. CONCERT: Piccadilly Sinfonietta presents Vivaldi's *The Four Seasons*

DECEMBER

3 WEDNESDAY

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 10.00 a.m. MIDWEEK EUCHARIST
Common Worship Order I, Traditional
- 5.15 p.m. EVENING PRAYER
- 7.30 p.m. CRISPIN SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE
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4 THURSDAY

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 11.30 a.m. MOTHERS' UNION PRAYERS in St Stephen's Chapel
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Byrd *Preces and Responses* Psalms 22, 23
David Bevan Jr *Wells Service*
arr. Sarah MacDonald *The angel Gabriel from heaven came*
- 7.15 p.m. MILLFIELD SENIOR SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE
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5 FRIDAY

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 1.05 p.m. LUNCHTIME CONCERT: Primary School Music Outreach
- 2.30 p.m. MILLFIELD PREP SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Junior Choristers)
Peter Nardone *Preces and Responses* Psalm 29
Malcom Archer *Berkshire Service*
Head *The Little Road to Bethlehem*
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6 SATURDAY: Nicholas, bishop, c. 326

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING PRAYER
- 1.00 p.m. CONCERT: Wells Theatre Company presents *A Christmas Carol*
in the Undercroft
- 3.00 p.m. CONCERT: Wells Theatre Company presents *A Christmas Carol*
in the Undercroft
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Wells Cathedral Chamber Choir)
Godric of Yorkshire *Sainte Nicholaes, Godes druth*
Plainsong *Preces and Responses* Psalm 32
Harris *Evening Service in D* Hymn 230.ii
Anon. *Nicholai presulis*
Buxtehude *Toccata in F, BuxWV 157*
- 7.00 p.m. CONCERT: Wells Cathedral Oratorio Society presents Handel's *Messiah*

TRANSLATIONS OF ANTHEMS AND MOTETS

FRIDAY 7 NOVEMBER

Ave verum corpus,
natum de Maria Virgine,
vere passum,
immolatum in cruce pro homine.

Cuius latus perforatum,
unda fluxit et sanguine,
esto nobis prægustatum
in mortis examine.

*Hail true body,
born of the Virgin Mary,
who truly suffered,
sacrificed on the cross for mankind.*

*From whose pierced side,
flowed with water and blood,
be to us food for our journey
at the moment of death.*

Text: attributed to Pope Innocent VI (1282–1362)

Music: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756–1791)

SATURDAY 15 NOVEMBER

Ave Maria, gratia plena,
Dominus tecum:
Benedicta tu in mulieribus.
Benedictus fructus ventris tui, Iesus.
Sancta Maria, ora pro nobis.
Amen.

*Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee:
Blessed art thou amongst women.
Blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, pray for us.
Amen.*

Text: from The Angelus

Music: Gustav Holst (1874–1934)

THURSDAY 20 NOVEMBER

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 Rachmaninoff (1873–1943)

FRIDAY 21 NOVEMBER

Deus canticum novum cantabo tibi,
Alleluia :
in psalterio decem chordarum
psallam tibi, Alleluia.

Deus meus es tu, et confitebor tibi :
Deus meus es tu, et exaltabo te,
Alleluia.

*I will sing a new song unto thee, O God,
Alleluia :
and sing praises unto thee
upon a ten-stringed lute, Alleluia.*

*Thou art my God, and I will thank thee :
thou art my God, and I will praise thee,
Alleluia.*

Text: Psalm 144.9 and Psalm 118.28

Music: Giammateo Asola (c. 1532–1609)

TUESDAY 25 NOVEMBER

Notre Père,
qui es aux cieux,
que ton nom soit sanctifié;
que ton règne vienne,
que ta volonté soit faite,
sur la terre comme au ciel.
Donne-nous aujourd'hui
notre pain de ce jour.
Pardonne-nous nos offenses,
comme nous pardonnons aussi à
ceux qui nous ont offensés.
Et ne nous soumetts pas à la tentation,
mais délivre-nous du mal.

*Our Father,
which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day
our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them
that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.*

*Text: The Lord's Prayer
Music: Maurice Duruflé (1902–1986)*

SATURDAY 6 DECEMBER

Sainte Nicholaes, Godes druth,
tymbre us faiere scone hus.
At thi burth, at thi bare,
Sainte Nicholaes, bring us wel thare.

*Saint Nicholas, God's beloved,
graciously make beautiful dwelling places for us.
Through your birth, through your bier,
Saint Nicholas, bring us safely there.*

Text and Music: Godric of Yorkshire (d. 1170)

SATURDAY 6 DECEMBER

Nicholai presulis
festum celebremus
concrepando modulis
letitie sonemus.
Versibus almisonis
diem decoremus
vocibus altisonis
intenti festinemus.

In tanto natalitio
partum docet traditio
ut consonet in gaudio
fidelium devotio,
est ergo superstitio
vacare a tripudio.

Nunc igitur iustorum
suavis cantorum
per tymphanum et chorum
et omne musicorum
gentes instrumentorum
psallat Deo deorum.

*Let us celebrate
the feast of Bishop Nicholas,
singing together
these happy melodies.
With sweet songs,
we'll ornament this day,
letting our voices soar
high and quick.*

*On such a natal feast,
our ancestors' tradition
teaches that the devotion of the faithful
should harmonise in joy,
so let fear
give way to dancing.*

*Now, therefore let the
sweet songs of the just,
with drums and chorus
and every kind
of musical instruments,
sing to the God of gods.*

Text and Music: Anon., translated by S. Hellauer and M. Smith of Anonymous 4



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



Find out more and book tickets at
www.wellscathedral.org.uk/events

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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.



DURUFLÉ REQUIEM

**A devotional performance with readings
for Remembrance Sunday**

Wells Cathedral Choir
Wells Cathedral School Chamber Choir
Carolyn Craig (*organist*) Timothy Parsons (*conductor*)

**Sunday 9 November 2025, 3.00 p.m.
Wells Cathedral**

*Admission: FREE (no booking required); retiring
collection in aid of the Royal British Legion
Poppy Appeal and Wells Cathedral*



Remembrance
at Wells Cathedral
Marking 80 years since
the end of WWII, 1945–2025



Lunchtime Organ Recitals 2025

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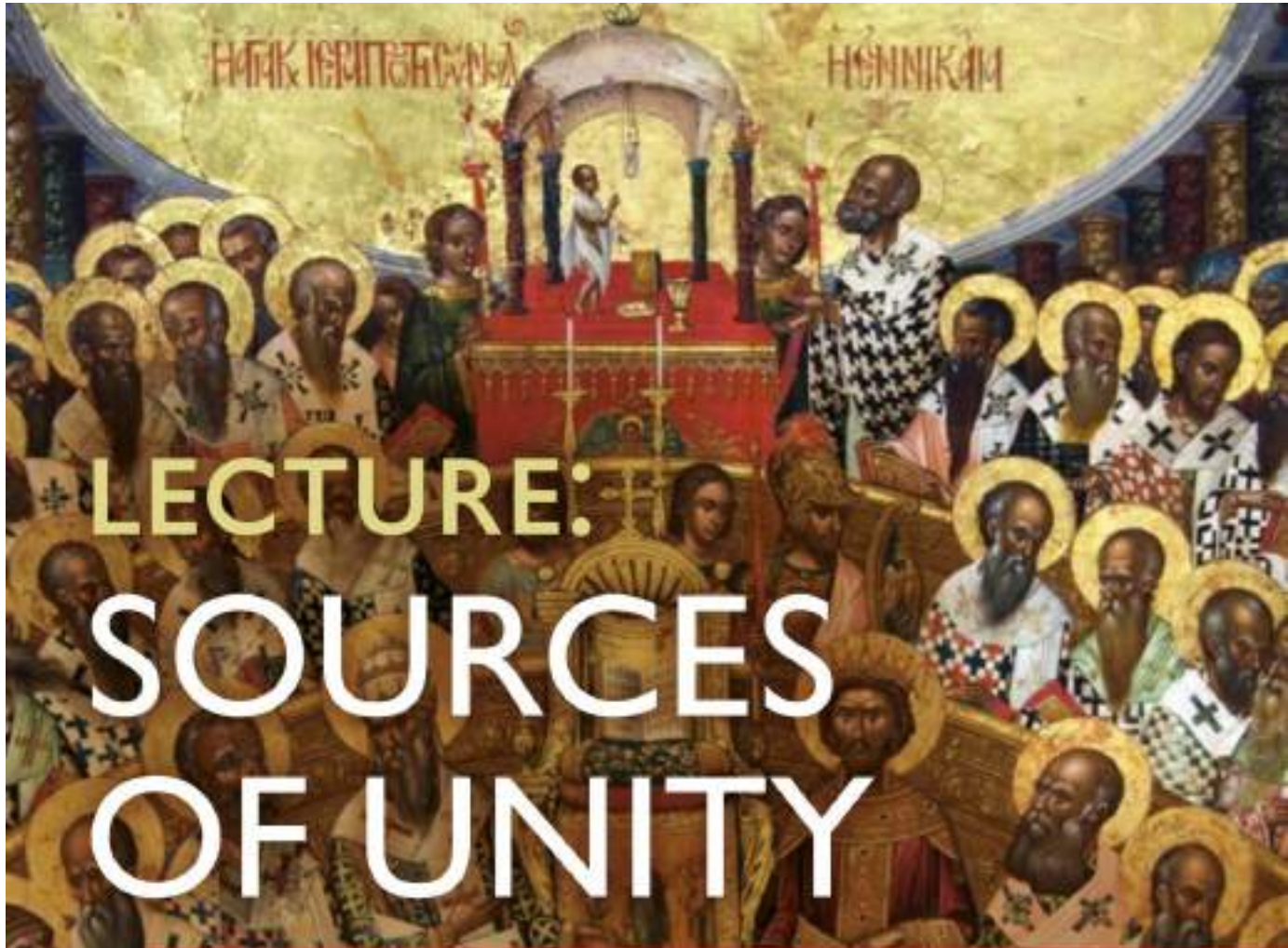
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