



Services and Music List

January 2026

WELCOME TO WELLS CATHEDRAL

A very happy new year to you all. By the time you read this, the new year may feel a distant memory already, but the month of January is one which helps us to hold on to the timelessness of our faith. As we travel through Epiphany, marking the coming of the Magi, the Baptism of Christ, and the first miracle of Jesus, we are reminded of all that it means to follow him and be part of this worshipping community. We look forward to welcoming you to all that you choose to share in this month, and to all that we continue to be together here in Wells as a new year begins.

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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31 WEDNESDAY

- 9.30 a.m. MORNING PRAYER
- 10.00 a.m. MIDWEEK EUCHARIST
Common Worship Order I, Traditional
- 3.00 p.m. EVENING PRAYER
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1 THURSDAY: **Naming and Circumcision of Jesus**

- 9.30 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 3.00 p.m. EVENING PRAYER
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2 FRIDAY: Basil the Great and Gregory of Nazianzus,
bishops, teachers of the faith, 379 and 389

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

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING PRAYER
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Wells Cathedral Chamber Choir)
Radcliffe *Preces and Responses* Proper Psalms 2, 110
F. Jackson *Evening Service in G* Hymn 31
Howells *Here is the little door*
Bridge *Adagio in E*

4 THE SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

- 8.30 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION
Book of Common Prayer
- 10.30 a.m. CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST (Wells Cathedral Chamber Choir)
Duruflé *Meditation*
Hymns CP 44, CP 531, 258, CP 57
Grayston Ives *Missa brevis*
Sermon The Reverend Canon Tim Stevens, *Canon Precentor*
Alejandro D. Consolacion II *Ubi caritas*
Paulus *Hymn to the Eternal Flame*
Mathias *Processional*
- 3.00 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Wells Cathedral Chamber Choir)
Radcliffe *Preces and Responses* Proper Psalm 135.1–14
Brewer *Evening Service in D* Hymns 23, 37
Kathleen Allan *I syng of a mayden*
Address The Reverend Rosey Lunn, *Priest Vicar*
J.S. Bach *Prelude in G, BWV 541*

5 MONDAY Decani verses

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

6 TUESDAY: THE EPIPHANY

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 8.50 a.m. WELLS CATHEDRAL SCHOOL SERVICE
- 5.15 p.m. FESTAL EUCHARIST † and farewell to the Organ
(Schola Cantorum and Vicars Choral)
Erik Santos *Star Rising*
Hymns 52, 48, 50 (t. 338)
Palestrina *Missa brevis*
Communion Proper *Vidimus stellam*
Frescobaldi *Toccata cromaticha per l'elevatione, F 12.16*
Palestrina *Tribus miraculis*
Kristina Arakelyan *Star Fantasy*
Dubois *Marche des Rois Mages*
Edmundson *Toccata-Prelude 'Vom Himmel hoch'*

JANUARY

7 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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8 THURSDAY

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Philip Moore *Preces and Responses* Psalms 41–43
Bevan *Magnificat and Nunc dimittis secundi toni*
Poulenc *Videntes stellam, from Quatre motets pour le temps de Noël*
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9 FRIDAY

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Plainsong *Preces and Responses* Psalms 47–49
Byrd *Short Service*
Jonathan Dove *The Three Kings*
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10 SATURDAY: William Laud, archbishop, Bishop of Bath and Wells (1626–1628), 1645

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING PRAYER
- 5.15 p.m. FESTAL EVENSONG † (Boy Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Ayleward *Preces and Responses* Proper Psalm 36
Stanford *Evening Service in B flat* Hymns 54.ii, 58
Leighton *Lully, lulla, thou little tiny child*
Dubois *Marche des Rois Mages*

II THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY; BAPTISM OF CHRIST

- 8.30 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION
Book of Common Prayer
- 10.30 a.m. CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST † (Boy Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Reger *Benedictus*
Hymns CP 93, CH4 589, Laudate 741, 56
Jonathan Dove *Missa brevis*
Sermon The Reverend Richard Priestley, *Christian Communities Development Adviser and Developing Ministries Adviser in the Diocese of Bath and Wells*
Communion Proper *Omnes qui in Christo*
Buxtehude *Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam, BuxWV 180*
Richard Allain *Cana's Guest*
J.S. Bach *Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam, BWV 684*
- 3.00 p.m. FESTAL EVENSONG † commemorating Bishop Bekynton, and Installation of Choristers (Boy Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Ayleward *Preces and Responses* Proper Psalm 47
Byrd *Second Service* Hymns 54.ii, CH4 169
Gibbons *See, see, the word is incarnate*
Address The Very Reverend Toby Wright, *Dean of Wells*
J.S. Bach *Fugue in A, BWV 536*
- 6.30 p.m. WELLS CATHEDRAL SCHOOL SERVICE

- 12 MONDAY: Ælred, abbot, 1167 *Cantoris verses*
- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Vicars Choral)
Harris *Preces and Responses* Psalms 65–67
Simon Whiteley *Fauxbourdon Service* Hymn 364 (t. 408)
Owain Park *Lully, lulla*
- 6.00 p.m. TASTE AND SEE: Cathedral Meditation Group in the Lady Chapel

- 13 TUESDAY: Hilary, bishop, teacher of the faith, 367
- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Boy Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Ayleward *Preces and Responses* Psalms 69, 70
Philip Moore *Third Service* Hymn 136.ii
Andrew Millington *Eastern Monarchs*

JANUARY

14 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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15 THURSDAY

- 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)
Philip Moore *Preces and Responses* Psalm 78
Gary Davison *Wessex Service*
Paul Edwards *No small wonder*
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16 FRIDAY

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Boy Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Plainsong *Preces and Responses* Psalms 82–85
Byrd *Fauxbourdon Service*
Warlock *Bethlehem Down*
- 7.00 p.m. PROMENADE CONCERT: Tallis Voices present *Psalms of Penitence and Praise*
in aid of The Wells Cathedral Chorister Trust
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17 SATURDAY: Antony of Egypt, hermit, abbot, 356

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING PRAYER
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Philip Moore *Preces and Responses* Psalm 89
Mathias *Jesus College Service* Hymn 448
Ghislaine Reece-Trapp *Epiphany Star*
Mathias *Toccata Giocosa*

18 THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY*Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18–25 January)*

- 8.30 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION
Book of Common Prayer
- 10.30 a.m. CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST (Vicars Choral)
Ad Wammes *Miroir*
Hymns StF 509, 200, StF 161, CP 622
Byrd *Mass for three voices*
Sermon The Reverend Rosey Lunn, *Priest Vicar*
Communion Proper *Lætabimur in salutari tuo*
Byrd *A Verse of Two Parts*
Palestrina *Sicut cervus*
Byrd *Fantasia in A minor*
- 12.30 p.m. LUNCHTIME TALK: 'Worshipping with the Creed'
with Professor Morwenna Ludlow and The Reverend Dr Mark Smith,
in the Education Room
- 3.00 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG and Installation of Choristers
(Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Philip Moore *Preces and Responses* Proper Psalm 96
Wood *Evening Service in E flat, No 2* Hymns 46.i, 251
Mendelssohn *When Jesus our Lord... There shall a star, from Christus, Op. 97*
Address The Reverend Catherine Llewellyn-Evans
Franck *Chorale No 2 in B minor*
- 6.30 p.m. WELLS CATHEDRAL SCHOOL SERVICE

19 MONDAY: Wulfstan, bishop, 1095 *Decani verses*

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 8.50 a.m. WELLS CATHEDRAL SCHOOL SERVICE
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Vicars Choral)
Timothy Parsons *Preces and Responses* Psalms 98–101
Weelkes *Short Service* Hymn 249
Byrd *Vidimus stellam*

20 TUESDAY

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Boy Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Ayleward *Preces and Responses* Psalm 104
Kathryn Rose *Short Service*
Lucy Walker *Oculi omnium*
- 7.30 p.m. PROMENADE CONCERT: Wells Cathedral School Brass and Percussion

JANUARY

21 WEDNESDAY: Agnes, child martyr, 304

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY

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

5.15 p.m. EVENING PRAYER

22 THURSDAY

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY

5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Anthony Piccolo *Preces and Responses* Psalms 108, 109
Gibbons *Short Service*
Handl *Omnes de Saba venient*

7.00 p.m. PROMENADE CONCERT: Opus Anglicanum

23 FRIDAY

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY

5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Vicars Choral)
Timothy Parsons *Preces and Responses* Psalms 114, 115
William Drakett *Wells Service*
Byrd *Reges Tharsis*

7.30 p.m. SOUL SOUNDINGS EVENT

24 SATURDAY: Francis de Sales, bishop, teacher of the faith, 1622

8.00 a.m. MORNING PRAYER

5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Vicars Choral)
Timothy Parsons *Preces and Responses* Psalm 119.1–32
Sumsion *Evening Service in G* Hymn 413
Philip Moore *Lo! that is a marvellous change*
Demessieux *Lumière, from 7 Méditations sur le Saint Esprit, Op. 6*

25 SUNDAY: CONVERSION OF PAUL

- 8.30 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION
Book of Common Prayer
- 10.30 a.m. CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST † and Baptism
(Schola Cantorum and Vicars Choral)
Vaughan Williams *Rhosymedre*
Hymns HO&N 162, MP 433.i, 378, 486
Victoria *Missa 'O quam gloriosum'*
Sermon The Reverend Matthew Frankum, *Vocations Team Leader and Diocesan Director of Ordinands in the Diocese of Bath and Wells*
Communion Proper *Ego vos elegi de mundo*
Folville *Verset sur le thème du 'Tantum', 6e ton*
Becky McGlade *Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life*
Bossi *Entrée Pontificale, Op. 104, No 1*
- 3.00 p.m. FESTAL EVENSONG † (Schola Cantorum and Vicars Choral)
Sumsion *Preces and Responses* Proper Psalm 119.41–56
Grayston Ives *Edington Service* Hymns 154.ii, 155
Judith Bingham *Epiphany*
Address The Reverend Andrew Bell,
Methodist Minister in the Somerset Mendip Circuit Team
Judith Bingham *St Bride, assisted by angels*

26 MONDAY: Timothy and Titus, companions of Paul Cantoris verses

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 8.50 a.m. WELLS CATHEDRAL SCHOOL SERVICE
- 11.30 a.m. MOTHERS' UNION WAVE OF PRAYER in St Stephen's Chapel
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Vicars Choral)
Michael Walsh *Preces and Responses* Psalm 119.145–176
Michael Walsh *Carlisle Service* Hymn 359
Malcolm Archer *The Journey*

27 TUESDAY: Holocaust Memorial Day

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 11.30 a.m. MOTHERS' UNION WAVE OF PRAYER in St Stephen's Chapel
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Boy Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Sarah MacDonald *Preces and Responses* Psalms 126–131
F. Jackson *Evening Service in G*
Stanford *Iustorum animæ*
- 7.30 p.m. PROMENADE CONCERT: Wells Cathedral School Woodwinds and Strings

JANUARY

28 WEDNESDAY: Thomas Aquinas, priest, philosopher, teacher of the faith, 1274

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY

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

11.30 a.m. MOTHERS' UNION WAVE OF PRAYER in St Stephen's Chapel

5.15 p.m. EVENING PRAYER

7.00 p.m. LECTURE AND DISCUSSION: 'The Sacred Feminine' with
The Reverend Sally Wright, *Priest Vicar*, in the Education Room

29 THURSDAY

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY

2.30 p.m. FUNERAL SERVICE for Kirsty Ebenezer

5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Anthony Piccolo *Preces and Responses* Psalms 142, 143
Howells *New College Service*
Berkeley *Look up, sweet babe*

30 FRIDAY: Charles, king and martyr, 1649

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY

5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Plainsong *Preces and Responses* Psalms 147, 148
David Bevan Jr *Wells Service* Hymn 314
Philip Moore *Evening Prayers of Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

31 SATURDAY

8.00 a.m. MORNING PRAYER

5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Boy Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Sarah MacDonald *Preces and Responses* Psalms 149, 150
Stanford *Evening Service in C*
Jonathan Dove *Seek him that maketh the seven stars*
Cecilia McDowall *Church bells beyond the stars*

TRANSLATIONS OF ANTHEMS AND MOTETS

THURSDAY 8 JANUARY

Videntes stellam,
Magi gavisī sunt
gaudio magno:
et intrantes domum,
obtulerunt Domino
aurum, thus, et myrrham.

*Seeing the star,
the wise men rejoiced
with exceeding great joy:
and entering the house,
they offered to the Lord
gold, frankincense, and myrrh.*

Text: Matthew 2.10, 11

Music: Francis Poulenc (1899–1963), from Quatre motets pour le temps de Noël

MONDAY 19 JANUARY

Vidimus stellam eius in Oriente
et venimus cum muneribus
adorare Dominum.

*We have seen his star in the East
and are come with gifts
to worship the Lord.*

Text: Matthew 2.2

Music: William Byrd (c. 1540–1623)

TUESDAY 20 JANUARY

Oculi omnium in te sperant, Domine :
et tu das escam illorum
in tempore opportuno.
Gloria tibi, Domine. Amen.

*The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord :
and thou givest them their meat
in due season.
Glory be to thee, O Lord. Amen.*

Text: Psalm 145.15

Music: Lucy Walker (b. 1998)

THURSDAY 22 JANUARY

Omnes de Saba venient:
aurum et thus deferentes;
et laudem Domino
annuntiantes. Alleluia.

*All they from Sheba shall come:
they shall bring gold and incense;
and they shall shew forth
the praises of the Lord. Alleluia.*

Text: Gradual for Epiphany, from Isaiah 60.6

Music: Jacob Handl (1550–1591)

FRIDAY 23 JANUARY

Reges Tharsis et insulæ
munera offerent :
reges Arabum et Saba dona adducent.
Et adorabunt eum omnes reges terræ :
omnes gentes servient ei.

*The kings of Tharsis and of the isles
shall give presents :
the kings of Arabia and Saba shall bring gifts.
All kings shall fall down before him :
all nations shall do him service.*

Text: Psalm 72.10, 11

Music: William Byrd (c. 1540–1623)

TUESDAY 27 JANUARY

lustorum animæ in manu Dei sunt,
et non tanget illos tormentum malitiæ.
Visi sunt oculis insipientium mori,
illi autem sunt in pace.

*The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
and the torment of death shall not touch them.
In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die,
but they are at peace.*

Text: Wisdom 3.1–3

Music: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)



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Sunday 18 January 2026, 12.30pm

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