



Services and Music List

February 2026

WELCOME TO WELLS CATHEDRAL

Whether February begins turning from Christmas to Easter, whether the high point is the installation of a new Bishop of Taunton, whether Ash Wednesday is a powerful moment, or whether you are simply looking forward to longer days, February is a time of change, and of looking forward once again as Lent begins and we look to the joy of the Resurrection. In this booklet, you will find details of all our services, as well as much wonderful music to look forward to, and I invite you to come and share in all that this month brings.

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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I THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

- 8.30 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION
Book of Common Prayer
- 10.30 a.m. CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST (Boy Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Vierne *Arabesque, from 24 Pièces en style libre, Op.31*
Hymns 55, CP 341, CP 305, *A wedding feast in Galilee* (t. StF 655)
A. Gabrieli *Missa brevis*
Sermon The Reverend Canon Tim Stevens, *Canon Precentor*
Communion Proper *Beati mundo corde*
Gerald Near *Sarabande on 'Land of Rest', from Organ Suite II*
Cornelius *The Three Kings*
Buxtehude *Prelude, Fugue, and Chaconne in C, BuxWV 137*
- 3.00 p.m. EPIPHANY PROCESSION WITH CAROLS
(Surpliced Choristers and Vicars Choral)
A service of readings, traditional congregational carols,
and music for Epiphany, including works by
Richard Allain, Marenzio, Poulenc, and Reger

2 MONDAY: Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY *Decani verses*
- 8.50 a.m. WELLS CATHEDRAL SCHOOL SERVICE
- 5.15 p.m. FESTAL EUCHARIST † with Candlemas Procession
(Boy Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Reger *Mit Fried und Freud ich fahr dahin, Op. 79b, No 5*
Hymns SP 13, 157, CP 80
Schubert *Mass No 2 in G, D 167*
Communion Proper *Responsum accepit Simeon*
Reger *Mit Fried und Freud ich fahr dahin, Op. 79b, No 10*
Eccard *When to the Temple Mary went*
Holst *Nunc dimittis*
J.S. Bach *Pièce d'Orgue, BWV 572*
- 7.00 p.m. PREVIEW EVENT: 'A Celebration of Demonstration'
in the Cloisters and Education Room

3 TUESDAY: Anskar, archbishop, missionary, 865

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Boy Choristers and Vicars Choral,
with Wells Cathedral Song Squad)
Claire Stainsby *Light a Candle* Psalm 18
Sarah MacDonald *Preces and Responses* Hymn 57
Whitlock *Evening Service in D*
Wood *Hail, gladdening light*
- 7.30 p.m. PROMENADE CONCERT: Wells Cathedral School Early Music

FEBRUARY

4 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. CONCERT: Kinda Dusty presents U2 by Candlelight
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5 THURSDAY

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 1.05 p.m. EUCHARIST attended by members of Chapter
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Vicars Choral)
R. Lloyd *Preces and Responses* Psalms 27–29
David Bevan Jr *Fauxbourdon Service*
Andrew Parnell *Oculi omnium*
- 7.30 p.m. CONCERT: Kinda Dusty presents Bruce Springsteen by Candlelight
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6 FRIDAY

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

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING PRAYER
- 1.05 p.m. CONCERT: Wells Cathedral Choristers present Britten's *A Ceremony of Carols*
in aid of The Wells Cathedral Chorister Trust
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Great Malvern Priory Singers)
Piers Maxim *Preces and Responses* Psalm 37.1–20
Sumsion *Evening Service in A* Hymn 240
Bairstow *Save us, O Lord*
Whitlock *Paeon*

8 THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT*BCP: Sexagesima*

- 8.30 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION
Book of Common Prayer
- 10.30 a.m. CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST marking Racial Justice Sunday
(Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Robert A. Harris *Elegy for the Time of Change*
Hymns SP 13, *It is well with my soul*, CP 390, 265
David Briggs *Truro Eucharist*
Sermon The Reverend Canon Sonia Barron,
Former Co-Chair of the Church of England's Anti-Racism Taskforce,
and member of the Archbishop's Commission for Racial Justice
Communion Proper *Introibo ad altare Dei*
J.S. Bach *Prelude, from Cello Suite No 1 in G, BWV 1007*
played by Ricky Li, Wells Cathedral School Pupil
arr. Undine Smith Moore *We shall walk through the valley in peace*
Price *Finale, from Organ Sonata in D minor*
- 3.00 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG and the Welcome and Installation of
The Right Reverend Dr Fiona Gibson as Bishop of Taunton
(Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Anthony Piccolo *Preces and Responses* Proper Psalm 148
Annabel Rooney *Evening Service in A minor* Hymns CP 301, 431, 486
Harris *Faire is the heaven*
Address The Right Reverend Dr Fiona Gibson, *Bishop of Taunton*
Karg-Elert *Marche Triumphale: Nun danket alle Gott, Op. 65, No 59*
- 6.30 p.m. WELLS CATHEDRAL SCHOOL SERVICE

9 MONDAY*Cantor's verses*

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 8.50 a.m. WELLS CATHEDRAL SCHOOL SERVICE
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Vicars Choral, with Wells Cathedral Youth Choir)
arr. Ruth Elaine Schram *All through the night* Psalms 47–49
Owain Park *Preces and Responses* Hymn 248.ii
Alcock *Evening Service in D*
Paul Edwards *O Lord, support us*
- 6.00 p.m. TASTE AND SEE: Cathedral Meditation Group in the Lady Chapel

10 TUESDAY

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Senior Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Shephard *Preces and Responses* Psalms 53–55
Timothy Parsons *Exeter Service*
James MacMillan *A new song*

FEBRUARY

11 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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12 THURSDAY

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 1.05 p.m. LUNCHTIME ORGAN RECITAL: Tom Winpenny, *Freelance Organist*
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Anthony Piccolo *Preces and Responses* Psalms 65–67
Tomkins *Fifth Service*
Tomkins *My Shepherd is the living Lord*
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13 FRIDAY

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 5.15 p.m. EVENING PRAYER
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14 SATURDAY: Cyril and Methodius, missionaries, 869 and 885

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING PRAYER
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Wells Cathedral Chamber Choir)
Ayleward *Preces and Responses* Psalm 73.1–14
Tye *Evening Service in G minor* Hymn 480
Palestrina *Sicut cervus*
J.S. Bach *Prelude in E, BWV 566*
- 7.30 p.m. CONCERT: Collabro presents *The Harmonies Tour*

15 THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

BCP: Quinquagesima

8.30 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION
Book of Common Prayer

10.30 a.m. CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST (Wells Cathedral Chamber Choir)
Boëllmann *Introduction and Menuet, from Suite Gothique, Op. 25*
Hymns 178, CH4 336, StF 261, 234.ii
Grayston Ives *Missa brevis*
Sermon The Reverend Mary Lewis, *Priest Vicar*
Boëllmann *Prière à Notre-Dame, from Suite Gothique, Op. 25*
David Hurd *Love bade me welcome*
Boëllmann *Toccata, from Suite Gothique, Op. 25*

3.00 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Wells Cathedral Chamber Choir)
Radcliffe *Preces and Responses* Proper Psalm 84
Stanford *Evening Service in C* Hymns 225, 64
Sumsion *They that go down to the sea in ships*
Address The Right Reverend Trevor Willmott,
Honorary Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of Bath and Wells
Walton, transc. McKie *Orb and Sceptre*

16 MONDAY

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

17 TUESDAY: Janani Luwum, archbishop, martyr, 1977

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

18 **ASH WEDNESDAY**

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY with the Imposition of Ashes
- 10.00 a.m. MIDWEEK EUCHARIST
Common Worship Order I, Traditional
- 5.15 p.m. SOLEMN EUCHARIST with the Imposition of Ashes †
(Wells Cathedral Chamber Choir)
Hymns *Laudate* 199, HA&M (NS) 55, 66
Byrd *Mass for four voices*
Byrd *Civitas sancti tui*
Aleotti *Miserere mei, Deus*
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19 **THURSDAY**

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 11.30 a.m. MOTHERS' UNION PRAYERS
- 5.15 p.m. EVENING PRAYER
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20 **FRIDAY**

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 12.05 p.m. STATIONS OF THE CROSS
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Choir of St John the Baptist, Glastonbury)
Ayleward Preces and Responses Psalm 104.1–12
Andreas Fauxbourdon Service
Morley Nolo mortem peccatoris
- 2.00 p.m. FUNERAL SERVICE for Dr John Gould
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21 **SATURDAY**

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING PRAYER
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (RSCM Voices West; St Mary's, Swanage Junior Choir;
and Crediton Parish Church Junior Choir)
Shephard Preces and Responses Psalm 106.1–12
Lucy Walker St Martin's Service Hymn 376
Ouseley O Saviour of the world
Grayston Ives Intrada

22 THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

8.30 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION
Book of Common Prayer

10.30 a.m. CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST (Universities in London Church Choir)
J.S. Bach *O Mensch, beweine deine Sünde groß*, BWV 622
Hymns *Lent Prose*, Laudate 972, 307, 67
Malcolm Archer *Lincoln Setting*
Sermon The Venerable Anne Gell, Archdeacon of Wells
Lucy Walker *My heart, O God*
J.S. Bach *Prelude in C minor*, BWV 546

3.00 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Universities in London Church Choir)
Paul Spicer *Preces and Responses* Proper Psalm 50.1–15
Joanna Forbes L'Estrange *King's College Service* Hymns 154.ii, 155
H. Purcell *Hear my prayer, O Lord*
Address The Reverend Mary Lewis, Priest Vicar
J.S. Bach *Fugue in C minor*, BWV 546

23 MONDAY: Polycarp, bishop, martyr, c. 155 *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 114, 115
Lassus *Magnificat 'Susanne un jour'* Hymn 239
Tone I *Nunc dimittis*
Morales *Emendemus in melius*

24 TUESDAY

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY

5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Boy Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Tomkins *Preces and Responses* Psalm 119.1–32
Robledo *Magnificat tertii toni*
Victoria *Nunc dimittis tertii toni*
Wesley *Wash me thoroughly*

7.00 p.m. ORTHODOX VESPERS commemorating those killed and injured in Ukraine,
led by Bath Orthodox Church, in the Lady Chapel

FEBRUARY

25 WEDNESDAY: Ember Day

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. LECTURE AND DISCUSSION: 'What does racial justice and reconciliation look like?' in the Education Room

26 THURSDAY

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY

5.15 p.m. EVENING PRAYER

27 FRIDAY: George Herbert, priest, poet, 1633

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY

12.05 p.m. STATIONS OF THE CROSS

5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Boy Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Plainsong *Preces and Responses* Psalms 126–131
Tomkins *Fauxbourdon Service* Hymn 456
Owain Park *A Prayer of Thomas Ken*

28 SATURDAY

8.00 a.m. MORNING PRAYER

4.00 p.m. CONCERT: Wells Cathedral Choir Tour Concert

5.15 p.m. EVENING PRAYER

TRANSLATIONS OF ANTHEMS AND MOTETS

THURSDAY 5 FEBRUARY

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: Andrew Parnell (b. 1954)*

SATURDAY 14 FEBRUARY

Sicut cervus
desiderat ad fontes aquarum :
ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus.

*Like as the hart
desireth the waterbrooks :
so longeth my soul after thee, O God.*

*Text: Psalm 42.1
Music: Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c. 1525–1594)*

FRIDAY 20 FEBRUARY

Nolo mortem peccatoris:
Hæc sunt verba Salvatoris.

*I do not wish the death of a sinner:
These are the words of the Saviour.*

*Text: John Redford (c. 1500–1547), macaronic, after the Rule of St Benedict and Ezekiel 33.11
Music: Thomas Morley (1557–1602)*

MONDAY 23 FEBRUARY

Emendemus in melius
quæ ignoranter peccavimus,
ne subito, præoccupati die mortis,
quæramus spatium pænitiæ,
et invenire non possimus.
Attende, Domine, et miserere,
quia peccavimus tibi.

*Let us amend the sins
that in our ignorance we have committed,
lest suddenly, the day of death come upon us,
we seek the space of repentance,
and we cannot find it.
Hear, O Lord, and have mercy,
for we have sinned against thee.*

*Text: Matins Responsory for Lent I
Music: Cristóbal de Morales (c. 1500–1553)*

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Tom Winpenny is a freelance organist and choral director, and was from 2008–2024 Assistant Master of the Music and Director of the Cathedral Girls Choir at St Albans Cathedral. Winpenny's recording of the organ works of Florence Price on the Naxos label was Album of the Week on Radio 3's Essential Classics in December 2025 — not to be missed!

Entry is included with standard admission to Wells Cathedral: retiring collections in aid of the Friends of Wells Cathedral's Grand Organ Appeal. For more information, visit wellscathedral.org.uk/grand-organ-appeal



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Cathedral Commissions aims to redress the balance. Since its start, works by highly distinguished composers have entered the repertoire of Wells Cathedral Choir. These include Lord Michael Berkeley, Judith Bingham, Jonathan Dove, Grayston Ives, Gabriel Jackson, John Joubert, Sir James MacMillan, Sir Peter Maxwell-Davies, Cecilia McDowall, Howard Skempton, Joby Talbot, and Judith Weir. It has been particularly successful in championing music by younger composers, including Anna Semple and Kerensa Briggs, among others.

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