



Services and Music List

May 2026

WELCOME TO WELLS CATHEDRAL

Welcome to May's Services and Music list, which as ever is filled with much to inspire and take part in this month: the Easter season continues, the Sound of Wells Festival takes place, and we head towards the great feast days of Pentecost and Trinity Sunday. Our services will be filled with music which will lift our hearts to heaven and take us on the journey. All of our services are there for anybody to join, and if you see here things that you would like to be a part of, please do come and join in all that May has to offer.

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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APRIL/MAY

29 WEDNESDAY: Catherine of Siena, teacher of the faith, 1380

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. LUNCHTIME CONCERT: Avalonian Free State Choir

5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Gabriel Jackson *Preces and Responses* Psalms 147–150
Weelkes *First Service*
Stanford *Ye choirs of new Jerusalem*

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

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY

1.05 p.m. LUNCHTIME CONCERT: Wells Cathedral School

5.15 p.m. EVENING PRAYER

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

8.00 a.m. MORNING PRAYER

1.05 p.m. LUNCHTIME CONCERT: Salisbury Cathedral Chamber Choir

5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Choir of the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Bathwick)
Sanders *Preces and Responses* Psalm 14
Harwood *Evening Service in A flat* Hymn 456
Tavener *Mother of God, here I stand*
J.S. Bach *Prelude and Fugue in E minor, BWV 533*

MAY

The Sound of Wells Festival takes place from 6 to 10 May

6 WEDNESDAY

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 10.00 a.m. MIDWEEK EUCHARIST
Common Worship Order I, Traditional
- 1.05 p.m. LUNCHTIME CONCERT: Wells Cathedral School Composers
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Vicars Choral, with Wells Cathedral Youth Choir)
Owain Park *Preces and Responses* Psalms 32–34
William Drakett *Wells Service* Hymn 205
Timothy Parsons *Turn us again, O God*
- 8.00 p.m. CONCERT: *The General* (1926)
Silent Film accompanied by David Bednall, *Organ*
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7 THURSDAY

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 11.30 a.m. CONCERT: Phoebe Wakefield, Herbert Zielinski, and Luke Parmenter,
Wells Cathedral Choral Scholars
- 12.30 p.m. EUCHARIST attended by members of Chapter
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral,
with Wells Cathedral Song Squad)
arr. Alex Jenkins *This joyful Eastertide* Psalm 37
Gabriel Jackson *Preces and Responses* Hymn 244
Gabriel Jackson *Truro Service*
Ernest Chui *An Easter Carol* [premiere performance]
- 7.00 p.m. CONCERT: Wells Cathedral Chamber choir presents
Monteverdi's Vespers of 1610
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8 FRIDAY: Julian of Norwich, spiritual writer, c. 1417

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 1.05 p.m. CONCERT: Primary Music Outreach
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Boy Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Plainsong *Preces and Responses* Psalms 42, 43
Kathryn Rose *Short Service* Hymn 408
Wood *Hail, gladdening light*

MAY

The Sound of Wells Festival takes place from 6 to 10 May

9 SATURDAY

8.00 a.m. MORNING PRAYER

1.05 p.m. LUNCHTIME CONCERT: Wells Cathedral Oratorio Society presents
Ralph Vaughan Williams's *Five Mystical Songs* with William Drakett, *baritone*

5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Great Choir, with alumni of the Choir,
and Wells Cathedral School Chapel Choir and instrumentalists)
attended by Wells Cathedral Choir Association

Rose *Preces and Responses*

Psalm 47

Stanford *Evening Service in G*

Hymns MP 496, 107

Bairstow *Blessed city, heavenly Salem*

Walton, arr. Murrill *Crown Imperial: A Coronation March, 1937*

10 THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

BCP: The Fifth Sunday after Easter

8.30 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION
Book of Common Prayer

10.30 a.m. CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST celebrating Somerset Day (Great Choir)
Dvořák, arr. H. Clough-Leigher *Largo, from Symphony No 9 in E minor,*
'From the New World', Op. 95 ('Goin' Home')

Ernest Chui *An Easter Flower Gift*

Hymns 390, HO&N 332, 408, StF 691

Cheryl Frances-Hoad *Missa brevis* [premiere performance]

Sermon The Right Reverend David Stancliffe, *former Bishop of Salisbury*

Communion Proper *Non vos relinquam orphanos*

Coleridge-Taylor *Idyll, Op. 44*

Vaughan Williams *Easter, from Five Mystical Songs*

Vaughan Williams, arr. Mullinar *March – Folk Songs from Somerset,*
from English Folk Song Suite

3.00 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG
and farewell to The Venerable Anne Gell, Archdeacon of Wells
(Senior Choristers and Vicars Choral)

Rose *Preces and Responses*

Proper Psalm 87

Wood *Collegium Regale*

Hymns CP 398, 431, CP 466

Matthew Martin *Sing we merrily* [commissioned by Cathedral Commissions and
premiered by Wells Cathedral Choir in 2025]

Address The Venerable Anne Gell, *Archdeacon of Wells*

J.S. Bach *Fugue in D, BWV 532*

6.30 p.m. WELLS CATHEDRAL SCHOOL SERVICE

MAY

- 11 MONDAY: Rogation Day *Cantoris 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 59–61
Timothy Parsons *Fauxbourdon Service*
Byrd *Sing joyfully*
- 6.00 p.m. TASTE AND SEE: Cathedral Meditation Group, in the Lady Chapel
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- 12 TUESDAY: Rogation Day
- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Junior Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Smith *Preces and Responses* Psalm 65
Stanford *Evening Service in B flat*
arr. Timothy Parsons *Now the green blade riseth*

MAY

13 WEDNESDAY: Rogation Day

- 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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14 THURSDAY: ASCENSION DAY

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
9.15 a.m. WELLS CATHEDRAL SCHOOL EUCHARIST †
(Wells Cathedral School Chapel Choir and Wells Cathedral Choristers)
1.05 p.m. LUNCHTIME ORGAN RECITAL: Edward Marshall,
Wells Cathedral Organ Scholar
5.15 p.m. FESTAL EUCHARIST † (Senior Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Messiaen Prière du Christ montant vers son Père, from L'Ascension
Hymns 130.i, CP 164, 134
Jonathan Dove Missa brevis
Communion Proper *Data est mihi*
Nkeiru Okoye Dusk, from African Sketches
Gowers Viri Galilæi
Nic Chuaqui Joyful Noise [written for Carolyn Craig and
the Friends of Wells Cathedral Grand Organ Appeal]
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15 FRIDAY: Matthias the Apostle [transferred]

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
5.15 p.m. FESTAL EVENSONG † (Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Plainsong Preces and Responses Proper Psalm 80
Gibbons Short Service Hymns 213.i, 165
Gibbons O clap your hands
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16 SATURDAY

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING PRAYER
12.00 noon WEDDING SERVICE
5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Boy Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Andrew Millington Preces and Responses Psalms 82–85
Watson Evening Service in E Hymn 331
Owain Park Viri Galilæi [commissioned by Cathedral Commissions and
premiered by Wells Cathedral Choir in 2025]
Franck Chorale No 3 in A minor

MAY

20 WEDNESDAY: Alcuin, deacon, abbot, 804

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY

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

5.15 p.m. EVENING PRAYER

21 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)
Peter Nardone *Preces and Responses* Psalm 106.1–12
Timothy Noon *Second Service*
S.S. Wesley *Who can express the noble acts of the Lord?*

7.30 p.m. CONCERT: Vicars Choral Commemoration Concert

22 FRIDAY

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY

5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Vicars Choral)
Plainsong *Preces and Responses* Psalms 108, 109
Batten *Short Service*
Byrd *Veni Sancte Spiritus, reple tuorum*

23 SATURDAY

8.00 a.m. MORNING PRAYER

5.15 p.m. FESTAL EVENSONG † (Wells Cathedral Chamber Choir)
Humphrey Clucas *Preces and Responses* Proper Psalm 48
Joanna Forbes L'Estrange *King's College Service* Hymns 136.i, 140
Holroyd *Lighten our darkness*
Elgar, arr. Brewer *Prelude and Angel's Farewell,*
from The Dream of Gerontius, Op. 38

7.30 p.m. CONCERT: Verity Standen presents 'Everything Slips'

MAY

24 SUNDAY: PENTECOST

BCP: Whitsunday

8.30 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION
Book of Common Prayer

10.30 a.m. CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST (Wells Cathedral Chamber Choir)
Dupré *Veni Creator Spiritus, from Le Tombeau de Titelouze, Op.38*
Hymns 137, HO&N 595, CP 399, CP 192
Wood *Communion Service in F*
Sermon The Very Reverend Toby Wright, *Dean of Wells*
Howells, arr. Malcolm Archer *Holy Spirit, ever dwelling*
Buxtehude *Komm, heiliger Geist, Herre Gott, BuxWV 199*

3.00 p.m. PENTECOST CELEBRATION (Wells Cathedral Chamber Choir)
A service of readings, hymns, and prayer, and featuring music by
Cecilia McDowall, Palestrina, Timothy Parsons, and Philip Wilby
to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost

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

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY

1.05 p.m. LUNCHTIME CONCERT: University of Wyoming Collegiate Chorale

5.15 p.m. EVENING PRAYER

26 TUESDAY: Augustine, archbishop, 605

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY

3.30 p.m. PRAYING THE ROSARY in the Lady Chapel, led by Fr Tony Pazhayakalam,
Parish Priest at the Roman Catholic Church of Sts Joseph and Teresa, Wells

5.15 p.m. EVENING PRAYER

MAY

27 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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28 THURSDAY

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

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
1.05 p.m. LUNCHTIME CONCERT: Mendip Consort of Recorders
5.15 p.m. EVENING PRAYER
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30 SATURDAY: Josephine Butler, social reformer, 1906

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING PRAYER
5.15 p.m. FESTAL EVENSONG † (With Cheerful Voice)
Smith *Preces and Responses* Proper Psalms 97, 98
Byrd *Fauxbourdon Service* Hymns 144.i, 145
Tallis *If ye love me*
Byrd *Galiarda in G, FVB 258*

31 TRINITY SUNDAY

- 8.30 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION
Book of Common Prayer
- 10.30 a.m. FESTAL MATINS † (With Cheerful Voice)
Smith *Preces and Responses* Proper Psalm 86.8–13
Sullivan *Te Deum and Jubilate in D* Hymns 149.ii, 147, 420
Haydn *The heavens are telling, from 'The Creation'*
Address The Reverend Canon Dr Megan Daffern, *Canon Chancellor*
Parry *Chorale Prelude on 'Dundee'*
- 3.00 p.m. FESTAL EUCHARIST †
and commissioning of the Week of Guided Prayer pilgrims
(With Cheerful Voice)
Bruckner *Perger Präludium in C, WAB 129*
Hymns 146, StF 112, CP 203, 148
Haydn *Missa brevis Sancti Ioannis de Deo, 'Kleine orgel-messe'*
Sermon The Reverend Canon Dr Emma Pennington,
Canon Missioner at Canterbury Cathedral
Bruckner *Locus iste*
Mendelssohn *Fugue: Allegro Moderato, from Organ Sonata No 2*
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1 MONDAY: Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth [transferred]

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY *Cantoris verses*
- 5.15 p.m. FESTAL EVENSONG † (Vicars Choral)
Timothy Parsons *Preces and Responses* Proper Psalm 128
Sheppard *First Service* Hymns 166, 183
Mathias *Salve Regina*
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2 TUESDAY

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Boy Choristers)
David Bevan Jr *Plainsong Preces and Responses* Psalm 12
Dyson *Evening Service in C minor*
Hurford *Litany to the Holy Spirit*

TRANSLATIONS OF ANTHEMS AND MOTETS

SUNDAY 3 MAY

Laudibus in sanctis Dominum
celebrate supremum :
firmamenta sonent inclita facta Dei.

Inclita facta Dei cantate,
sacraque potentis,
voce potestatem sæpe sonate manus.

Magnificum Domini
cantet tuba martia nomen:
periera Domino concelebrate lira.

Laude Dei resonent
resonantia timpana summi,
alta sacri resonent organa laude Dei.

Hunc arguta canant tenui
psalteria corda,
hunc agili laudet læta chorea pede.

Concava divinas effundant
cimbala laudes,
cimbala dulcisona
laude repleta Dei.

Omne quod æthereis in mundo
vescitur auris
alleluia canat tempus in omne Deo.

*Celebrate the Lord most high
in holy praises :
let the firmament echo the glorious deeds of God.*

*Sing ye the glorious deeds of God,
and with holy voice,
sound forth oft the power of his mighty hand.*

*Let the warlike trumpet
sing the great name of the Lord:
celebrate the Lord with Pierian lyre.*

*Let resounding timbrels
ring to the praise of the most-high God,
lofty organs peal to the praise of the holy God.*

*Him let melodious psalteries sing
with fine string,
him let joyful dance praise with nimble foot.*

*Let hollow cymbals pour forth
divine praises,
sweet-sounding cymbals
filled with the praise of God.*

*Let everything in the world
that feeds upon the air of heaven
sing alleluia to God for evermore.*

*Text: Latin verse paraphrase of Psalm 150 taken from Cantiones Sacræ (1591)
Music: William Byrd (c. 1540–1623)*

SATURDAY 16 MAY

Viri Galilæi, quid admiramini
aspicientes in cælum? Alleluia.

Quemadmodum vidistis eum
ascendentem in cælum, ita veniet.
Alleluia.

Omnes gentes, plaudite manibus :
iubilare Deo in voce exsultationis.

Gloria Patri, et Filio,
et Spiritui Sancto;
sicut erat in principio,
et nunc, et semper,
et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

*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.*

*O clap your hands together, all ye people :
O sing unto God with the voice of melody.*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.*

*Text: Acts 1.11 and Psalm 47.1
Music: Owain Park (b. 1993),
commissioned by Cathedral Commissions and premiered by
Wells Cathedral Choir and Wells Cathedral Chamber Choir on 18 May 2025*

MONDAY 18 MAY

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

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

*Text: from The Angelus
Music: Robert Parsons (1535–1572)*

FRIDAY 22 MAY

Veni, Sancte Spiritus,
reple tuorum corda fidelium,
et tui amoris in eis ignem accende.
Alleluia.

*Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of thy faithful people,
and kindle in them the fire of thy love.
Alleluia.*

*Text: Magnificat Antiphon for the Feast of Pentecost
Music: William Byrd (c. 1540–1623)*

MONDAY 1 JUNE

Salve Regina, mater misericordiæ,
vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve!

*Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of mercy,
our life, our sweetness, and our hope!*

Ad te clamamus,
exules filii Evæ.
Ad te suspiramus,
gementes, et flentes
in hac lacrimarum valle.

*To thee do we cry,
poor banished children of Eve.
To thee do we send up our sighs,
mourning, and weeping
in this valley of tears.*

Eia ergo, advocata nostra,
illos tuos misericordes oculos
ad nos converte,
et Iesum benedictum
fructum ventris tui
nobis post hoc exilium ostende.

*Turn, then, most gracious advocate,
thine eyes of mercy
toward us,
and after this, our exile,
show unto us the blessed fruit
of thy womb, Jesus.*

O clemens, O pia, O dulcis virgo Maria.
Ora pro nobis, sancta Dei Genetrix.

*O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.
Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.*

*Text: Marian Antiphon from Trinity Sunday to the Friday before the First Sunday of Advent
Music: William Mathias (1934–1992)*



Hearing *is*

Believing



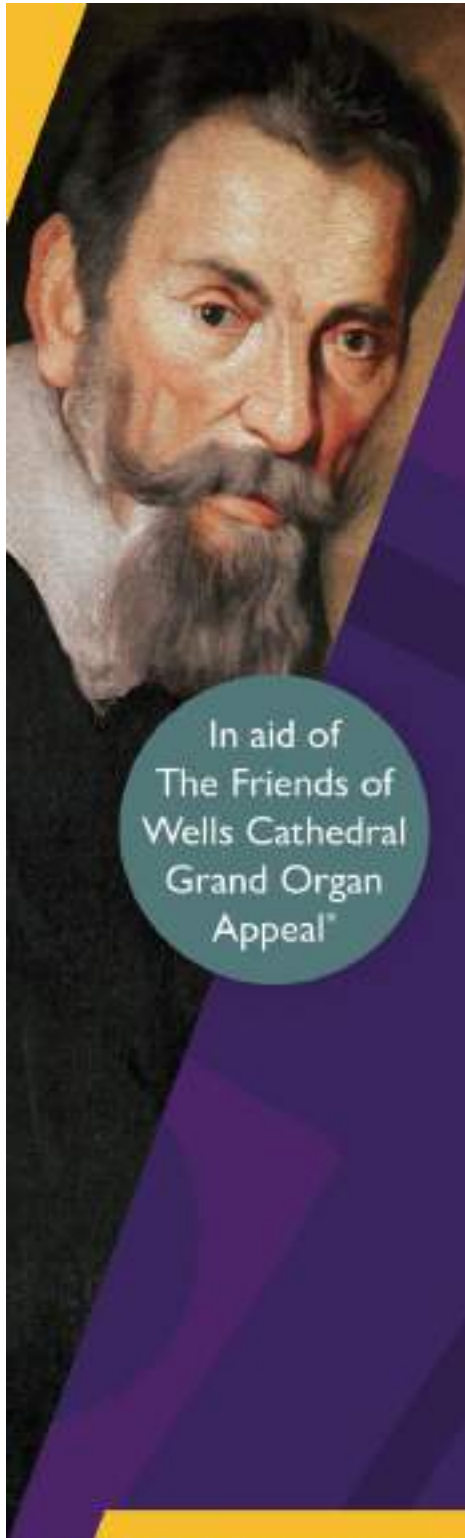
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CONCERTS

The Trials and Tribulations of the Vicars Choral



Thursday 21 May 2026, 7.30pm

Carolyn Craig CONDUCTOR

The Vicars Choral of Wells Cathedral Choir commemorate their founding with a light-hearted evening of choral music for lower voices, interspersed with texts from our Cathedral Archives about the lives of Vicars Choral in centuries gone by. Programme to include works by Parsons, Byrd, Rodney Bennett, Earth, Wind & Fire, and much more!

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The Mendip Consort of Recorders

directed by Joyce Rudall

Ave Maria

a mixed selection



Wells Cathedral, BA5 2UA

May 29th 1.05pm - 1.45pm

Admission for the concert is included with
the Standard Admission Ticket to The Cathedral

Further concerts this season:-

June 26th at Winscombe Church and

June 28th at Curry Rivel both times TBA

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10am - 4.30pm

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WELLS ORCHESTRAL WEEKEND
International Festival for Young Musicians

FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

Friday 10th July 3pm CEDARS HALL OPENING CEREMONY

featuring the Irish Chamber Orchestra Youth & Leon Fleisher Academy

Saturday 11th July 2pm ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH Irish Chamber Orchestra Youth

Saturday 11th July 7pm WELLS CATHEDRAL (£0-15 reservation required)

CARMINA BURANA featuring Bristol Classical Players, WOWFest Community Chorus, Wells Cathedral Youth Choir & Song Squad, Leon Fleisher Academy with preliminary pieces by Haydn Youth String Orchestra

Sunday 12th July BISHOP'S PALACE

12pm Orquestra Jovem das Gerais (café courtyard)

3.30pm Irish Chamber Orchestra Youth

4.30pm Haydn Youth String Orchestra

Sunday 12th July 2pm ST THOMAS' CHURCH Leon Fleisher Academy



WOWFest FRINGE CONCERTS

Saturday 20th June 5pm WELLS TOWN HALL

Preucil School String Orchestra

Monday 22nd June 1.05pm WELLS CATHEDRAL

University of Arkansas Children's Choir (Cathedral admission applies)

Wednesday 8th July 7pm HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, FROME (Frome Festival)

Haydn Youth String Orchestra (admission applies)

Thursday 9th July 7pm ST MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH, WOOKEY HOLE

Haydn Youth String Orchestra

Friday 10th July 1pm BATH ABBEY

Haydn Youth String Orchestra (Abbey admission applies)

Friday 10th July 1.05pm WELLS CATHEDRAL

Leon Fleisher Academy (Cathedral admission applies)

Saturday 11th July 1pm PRIDDY FOLK FESTIVAL

Orquestra Jovem das Gerais



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Music lies at the heart of Wells Cathedral, and the historic Grand Organ has played a central role in our worship, our celebrations and our community gatherings for centuries.

After rapid deterioration in recent years, we're working with The Friends of Wells Cathedral on a £3.2 million, once-in-a-generation project to save and restore this magnificent instrument.

However, we still need to raise a significant sum to see this important project through to completion.

Find out more and support the appeal at

wellsfriends.org/grand-organ-appeal



If you are a private donor, or represent a trust or foundation and would like to discuss the project in more detail, we would love to hear from you. Simply email us at fundraiser@wellscathedral.org.uk.



CATHEDRAL COMMISSIONS

Enriching the choral tradition and inspiring a new generation of composers, performers, and listeners.

Started in 2006, Cathedral Commissions exists to raise funds for the commissioning of new works from today's most exciting composers for performance in Wells Cathedral by its internationally acclaimed music foundation. In former periods of music, Cathedral Choirs and the choirs of collegiate foundations were at the forefront of compositional development; their repertoire mostly consisted of newly composed music. In more recent times, music for worship in the Anglican Church had a reputation for clinging to outdated and backward-looking compositional techniques. A letter to the Independent in May 1999, expressed the view that 'the Anglican organ loft is a backwater.'

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 Semples and Kerensa Briggs, among others.

It then seeks to share this as widely as possible, through live performances, broadcasts, and recordings. In turn these new pieces have an ongoing life beyond their premiere performance, in other musical centres around the world in liturgical or concert settings.

If you would like to join us and become a commissioner, please visit www.wells cathedral.org.uk/commissions

John Williams
Chair of Cathedral Commissions

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