



Services and Music List

June 2026

WELCOME TO WELLS CATHEDRAL

As we enter June, we leave behind the great festivals of the Church that we have celebrated since December, and return to the rhythm of everyday life, shaped by the birth, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus. What remains with us is the joy these celebrations bring. As summer begins, we continue our journey together in the life of the Church, looking for the ways Jesus remains at our side. In this Services and Music List, you will find many opportunities to worship together and to celebrate the final weeks of the Cathedral Choir term. The music chosen, and the voices that sing it, continue to enrich our worship in so many ways. Please do join us whenever you can. We look forward to welcoming you.

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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JUNE

3 WEDNESDAY

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 8.30 a.m. WEEK OF GUIDED PRAYER: Talk and Refreshments in the Undercroft
- 10.00 a.m. MIDWEEK EUCHARIST
Common Worship Order I, Traditional
- 5.15 p.m. EVENING PRAYER
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4 THURSDAY: Day of Thanksgiving for the Institution of the Holy Communion (Corpus Christi)

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 8.30 a.m. WEEK OF GUIDED PRAYER: Talk and Refreshments in the Undercroft
- 12.00 noon HOLY COMMUNION attended by the Society of Catholic Priests, in the Lady Chapel
- 1.00 p.m. EUCHARIST attended by members of Chapter, in Corpus Christi Chapel
- 2.00 p.m. MOTHERS' UNION PRAYER AFTERNOON
- 5.15 p.m. FESTAL EUCHARIST and Benediction †
(Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Messiaen *O sacrum convivium*
Hymns 271, 269.i, 268
Mozart *Missa brevis in C, K. 220, 'Spatzenmesse'*
Plainsong Hymn *Sancti venite, Christi corpus sumite*
Judith Bingham *Corpus Christi Carol*
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The Friends of Wells Cathedral Weekend is 5–7 June

5 FRIDAY: Boniface (Wynfrith), bishop, martyr, 754

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 8.30 a.m. WEEK OF GUIDED PRAYER: Talk and Refreshments in the Undercroft
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Plainsong *Preces and Responses* Psalms 27–29
Ēriks Ešenvalds *Merton College Service* Hymn 339
John Rutter *A Ukrainian Prayer*
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6 SATURDAY

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING PRAYER
- 10.00 a.m. WELLS CATHEDRAL ORATORIO SOCIETY COME AND SING
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Wells Cathedral Chamber Choir)
Radcliffe *Preces and Responses* Psalm 32
Lucy Walker *St Martin's Service* Hymns *O wells of living waters flow*, 334
Parry *I was glad*
Grayston Ives *Intrada*

7 THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8.30 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION
Book of Common Prayer
- 10.30 a.m. CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST (Great Choir)
Böhm *Vater unser im Himmelreich*, IGB 24
Hymns 338, Laudate 434, StF 464, *O Lord, whose life of prayer was lived*
Rheinberger *Mass for double choir in E flat, 'Cantus Missæ', Op. 109*
Sermon The Reverend Prebendary Alan Moses,
Warden of Spirituality, Diocese of Lincoln
Communion Proper *Dominus firmamentum meum*
J.S. Bach *Adagio, from Trio Sonata No 1, BWV 525*
Tavener *Mother of God, here I stand*
Brahms *Fugue in G minor, WoO 10*
- 3.00 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Boy Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Tomkins *Preces and Responses* Proper Psalm 41
Murrill *Evening Service in E* Hymns 378, 250
Stainer *I saw the Lord*
Address Alfie Rendell, *Ministry Experience Scheme Student*
Elgar, arr. Hesford *Imperial March*
- 6.30 p.m. WELLS CATHEDRAL SCHOOL SERVICE

**8 MONDAY: Thomas Ken, Bishop of Bath and Wells (1685–1690),
non juror, hymn writer, 1711**

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY *Decani verses*
- 8.50 a.m. WELLS CATHEDRAL SCHOOL SERVICE
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Vicars Choral)
attended by the Bishop of Bath and Wells, and Lay Worship Assistants,
Lay Pastoral Assistants, Spiritual Directors
Harris *Preces and Responses* Psalms 41–43
Philip Moore *Evening Service in G* Hymn 244
arr. Philip Moore *Jesu, grant me this*
- 6.00 p.m. TASTE AND SEE: Cathedral Meditation Group, in the Lady Chapel

9 TUESDAY: Columba, abbot, missionary, 597

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Boy Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Tomkins *Preces and Responses* Psalms 47–49
Byrd *Second Service* Hymn 457.i
Annabel Rooney *O sing unto the Lord*

JUNE

10 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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11 THURSDAY: **Barnabas the Apostle**

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
1.05 p.m. LUNCHTIME ORGAN RECITAL: Woosug Kang,
Director of Music, St George's Episcopal Church, Nashville, Tennessee
5.15 p.m. FESTAL EVENSONG and the Installation of Tim Jones as Head Virger †
(Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Leighton *Preces and Responses* Proper Psalm 147
Walmisley *Evening Service in D minor* Hymns 214.i, 167
Mendelssohn *I waited for the Lord*
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12 FRIDAY

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
1.05 p.m. LUNCHTIME CONCERT: Thomas's Clapham Chapel Choir
5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Boy Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Plainsong *Preces and Responses* Psalms 65–67
Byrd *Fauxbourdon Service*
Tye *Laudate nomen Domini*
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13 SATURDAY

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING PRAYER
5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Leighton *Preces and Responses* Psalms 69, 70
Timothy Parsons *Exeter Service* Hymn 425
Timothy Parsons *The Lord is King*
Szöny *Tänzerische Weise*

14 THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8.30 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION
Book of Common Prayer
- 10.30 a.m. CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST (Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral)
de Grigny *Récit de tierce en taille*
Hymns 148 (omit *), 346, 355, StF 239
Sarah MacDonald *Missa brevis 'Sancta Cecilia'*
Sermon The Reverend Canon Tim Stevens, *Canon Precentor*
Communion Proper *Unam petii a Domino*
Gerald Near *Sarabande on 'Land of Rest', from Organ Suite II*
Becky McGlade *Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life*
Preston *Alleluyas*
- 3.00 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Leighton *Preces and Responses* Proper Psalms 42, 43
D. Purcell *Evening Service in E minor* Hymns 452, 253
Britten *Rejoice in the Lamb, Op. 30*
Address The Very Reverend Toby Wright, *Dean of Wells*
Alain *Litanies, JA 119*
- 6.30 p.m. WELLS CATHEDRAL SCHOOL SERVICE

- 15 MONDAY *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)
Andrew Millington *Preces and Responses* Psalm 78
Soriano *Magnificat primi toni*
Plainsong *Nunc dimittis*
White *Christe, qui lux es et dies (IV)*

- 16 TUESDAY: Richard, bishop, 1253
- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 5.15 p.m. EVENING PRAYER in Bishop's Palace Chapel

JUNE

17 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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18 THURSDAY

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
11.30 a.m. MOTHERS' UNION PRAYERS
5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral)
attended by the Bishop of Bath and Wells, and Lay Worship Assistants,
Lay Pastoral Assistants, Spiritual Directors
Radcliffe *Preces and Responses* Psalms 93, 94
Annabel Rooney *Evening Service in A minor*
Annabel Rooney *Round me falls the night*
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19 FRIDAY

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Plainsong *Preces and Responses* Psalms 98–101
Gary Davison *Wessex Service*
Parry *Lord, let me know mine end*
7.30 p.m. CONCERT: Pink Floyd by Candlelight
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20 SATURDAY

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING PRAYER
5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Boy Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Tomkins *Preces and Responses* Psalm 104
Noble *Evening Service in B minor* Hymn 219
Stanford *For, lo, I raise up*
Franck *Chorale No 2 in B minor*
7.30 p.m. CONCERT: Motown by Candlelight

21 THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8.30 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION
Book of Common Prayer
- 10.30 a.m. CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST (Boy Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Morel *Prière*
Hymns A&M 337, 393, CH4 355, 440
Berkeley *Missa brevis*
Sermon The Very Reverend Toby Wright, *Dean of Wells*
Communion Proper *Quod dico vobis in tenebris*
Folville *Verset sur le thème du 'Tantum', 6e ton*
Duruflé *Ubi caritas*
Salomé *Grand Chœur*
- 3.00 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Boy Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Tomkins *Preces and Responses* Proper Psalm 48
Gibbons *Second Service* Hymns 465, 252
H. Purcell *Thy word is a lantern*
Address Gavin Plumley, *cultural historian, writer, lecturer and broadcaster,*
on 'Prayer and Poetry'
J.S. Bach *Dies sind die heil'gen zehn Gebot', BWV 678*
- 6.30 p.m. WELLS CATHEDRAL SCHOOL SERVICE

- 22 MONDAY: Alban, first martyr of Britain, c. 250 *Decani verses*
- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 8.50 a.m. WELLS CATHEDRAL SCHOOL SERVICE
- 1.05 p.m. LUNCHTIME CONCERT: Arkansas Children's Choir
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Vicars Choral)
R. Lloyd *Preces and Responses* Psalms 108, 109
Piers Connor Kennedy *Worcester Service* Hymn 334
Grayston Ives *In pace*

- 23 TUESDAY: Etheldreda, abbess, c. 678
- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 10.30 a.m. MOVING UP CELEBRATION SERVICE
- 12.30 p.m. MOVING UP CELEBRATION SERVICE
- 5.15 p.m. FESTAL EVENSONG † (Senior Choristers and Vicars Choral,
with Wells Cathedral Song Squad)
arr. Alex Jenkins *Lo, in the wilderness* Proper Psalm 71
Shephard *Preces and Responses* Hymns 168, 169
Leighton *Collegium Magdalenæ Oxoniense*
E.W. Naylor *Vox dicentis: Clama*

JUNE

24 WEDNESDAY: **Birth of John the Baptist**

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
9.30 a.m. MIDWEEK EUCHARIST
Common Worship Order I, Traditional
10.20 a.m. MOVING UP CELEBRATION SERVICE
5.15 p.m. EVENING PRAYER
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25 THURSDAY

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Vicars Choral)
Andrew Millington *Preces and Responses* Psalm 119.73–104
Grayston Ives *Magdalen Service*
Macpherson *Thou, O God, art praised in Sion*
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26 FRIDAY: Ember Day

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
1.05 p.m. LUNCHTIME CONCERT: Primary School Music Outreach
5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Boy Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Plainsong *Preces and Responses* Psalm 119.145–176
Weelkes *Short Service*
Mudd *Let thy merciful ears*
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27 SATURDAY

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING PRAYER
2.00 p.m. WEDDING SERVICE
5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Radcliffe *Preces and Responses* Psalms 126–131
Tomkins *Fifth Service* Hymn 445
Joseph Twist *How shall we sing in a strange land?*
Jongen *Choral, Op. 37, No 4*

28 THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8.30 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION
Book of Common Prayer
- 10.30 a.m. CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST and Ordination of Deacons
(Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Kerensa Briggs *Light in darkness*
Hymns 486, CH4 106, 138, 431, StF 781, 509
David Thorne *Mass of St Thomas (G)*
David Briggs *Truro Eucharist (S, B, A)*
Sermon The Right Reverend Martin Seeley,
retired Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich
Communion Proper *Christus resurgens ex mortuis*
J.S. Bach *Wenn wir in höchsten Nöten sein, BWV 641*
Elgar *The Spirit of the Lord, from The Apostles, Op. 49*
Duruflé *Choral variè sur le thème du 'Veni Creator', Op. 4*
- 3.00 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Vicars Choral)
Andrew Millington *Preces and Responses* Proper Psalms 66, 67
Alcock *Evening Service in D* Hymns 172, 251
David Bednall *Come, Holy Ghost*
Address The Reverend Simon Lewis, *Sub-Dean*
J.S. Bach *Prelude in G, BWV 541*

29 MONDAY: Peter and Paul, Apostles *Cantoris verses*

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 5.15 p.m. FESTAL EVENSONG † (Vicars Choral)
Grayston Ives *Preces and Responses* Proper Psalms 124, 138
Michael Walsh *Carlisle Service* Hymns 214.i, 171 (omit v. 5)
E. Walker *Lord, thou hast been our refuge*

30 TUESDAY

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 5.15 p.m. EVENING PRAYER in Bishop's Palace Chapel

JULY

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
5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG remembering The Reverend David Wilcox
(Senior Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Parry *Never weather-beaten sail* Psalms 12–14
Shephard *Preces and Responses* Hymn 427
Leighton *Second Service*
Walton *The Twelve*
Duruflé *Toccata, from Suite pour Orgue, Op. 5*
7.00 p.m. CONCERT: Wells Cathedral School Symphony Orchestra
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3 FRIDAY: **Thomas the Apostle**

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
11.15 a.m. WELLS CATHEDRAL SCHOOL SERVICE
5.15 p.m. FESTAL EVENSONG † celebrating the end of the Cathedral Choir Year
(Great Choir)
Harris *Bring us, O Lord God* Proper Psalm 139
Rose *Preces and Responses* Hymn 333, 252
Howells *Evening Service 'Collegium Regale'*
Parry *Blest pair of sirens*
Vierne *Final, from Organ Symphony No 1, Op. 14*
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4 SATURDAY

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING PRAYER
2.00 p.m. MEMORIAL SERVICE for the life of Martin Warren
5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Choir of St Mary's Church, Ewell)
Andrew Millington *Preces and Responses* Psalm 22.1–18
Ayleward *Short Service* Hymn 298
Elgar *O harken thou, Op. 64*
Stanford *Prelude in E minor*

TRANSLATIONS OF ANTHEMS AND MOTETS

MONDAY 1 JUNE

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

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

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

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

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

*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.*

*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 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)*

FRIDAY 12 JUNE

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)*

MONDAY 15 JUNE

Christe, qui lux es et dies,
noctis tenebras detegis.
Lucisque lumen crederis,
lumen beatum prædicans.

Precamur, Sancte Domine,
defende nos in hac nocte.
Sit nobis in te requies.
Quietam noctem tribue.

Ne gravis somnus irruat.
Nec hostis nos surripiat,
nec caro illi consentiens,
nos tibi reos statuatur.

Oculi somnum capiant,
cor ad te semper vigilet.
Dextera tua protegat
famulos qui te diligunt.

Defensor noster, aspice.
Insidiantes reprime.
Guberna tuos famulos
quos sanguine mercatus es.

Memento nostri, Domine,
in gravi isto corpore.
Qui es defensor animæ,
adesto nobis, Domine.

Deo Patri sit gloria,
eiusque soli Filio,
cum Spiritu Paraclito,
et nunc et in perpetuum. Amen.

*Christ, who art the light and day,
you drive away the darkness of night.
You are called the light of light,
for you proclaim the blessed light.*

*We beseech you, Holy Lord,
protect us this night.
Let us take our rest in you.
Grant us a tranquil night.*

*Let our sleep be free from care.
Let not the enemy snatch us away,
nor flesh conspire within him,
and make us guilty in your sight.*

*Though our eyes be filled with sleep,
keep our hearts forever awake to you.
May your right hand protect
your willing servants.*

*You who are our shield, behold.
Restrain those that lie in wait.
And guide your servants whom
you have ransomed with your blood.*

*Remember us, O Lord,
who bear the burden of this mortal form.
You who are the defender of the soul,
be near us, O Lord.*

*Glory be to God the Father,
and to his only Son,
with the Spirit, Comforter,
both now and evermore. Amen.*

*Text: Office hymn for Compline
Music: Robert White (c. 1538–1574)*

MONDAY 22 JUNE

In pace in idipsum,
dormiam et requiescam.
Si dedero somnum oculis meis
et palpebris meis dormitationem,
dormiam et requiescam.

Gloria Patri, et Filio,
et Spiritui Sancto.

*In peace itself,
I shall sleep and rest.
If I offer slumber to my eyes
and my eyelids drowsiness,
I shall sleep and rest.*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost.*

*Text: Psalms 4.9, 132.4
Music: Grayston Ives (b. 1948)*

TUESDAY 23 JUNE

Vox dicentis: Clama.
Et dixi: Quid clamabo?
Omnis caro fænum,
et omnis gloria eius
quasi flos agri:
vere fænum est populus.
Exsiccatum est fænum, et cecidit flos:
verbum autem Domini nostri manet
in æternum.

Super montem excelsum ascende tu,
qui evangelizas Sion;
exalta in fortitudine vocem tuam,
qui evangelizas Ierusalem;
exalta, noli timere;
Dic civitatibus Iudæ: Ecce Deus vester!

Ecce, Dominus Deus
in fortitudine veniet,
et brachium eius dominabitur:
ecce, merces eius cum eo,
et opus illius coram illo.

Sicut pastor gregem suum pascet,
in brachio suo congregabit agnos,
et in sinu suo levabit,
fætus ipse portabit.

*The voice said: Cry.
And he said: What shall I cry?
All flesh is grass,
and all the goodness thereof
is as the flower of the field:
surely the people is grass.
The grass withereth, the flower fadeth:
but the word of our God shall stand
for ever.*

*O Zion, that bringest good tidings,
get thee up into the high mountain;
O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings,
lift up thy voice with strength;
lift it up, be not afraid;
say unto the cities of Judah: Behold your God!*

*Behold, the Lord God
will come with strong hand,
and his arm shall rule for him:
behold, his reward is with him,
and his work before him.*

*He shall feed his flock like a shepherd,
he shall gather the lambs with his arm,
and carry them in his bosom,
and shall gently lead those that are with young.*

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



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WOWFest

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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Sunday morning worship for younger members of
the Cathedral community and visitors
aged 0 to 11

Weekly during the Cathedral Eucharist, 10.30am

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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.'

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