



Services and Music List

September 2026

WELCOME TO WELLS CATHEDRAL

As September begins, the summer season feels to be over in many ways, but most importantly for our worship here in Wells, it is a great pleasure to welcome back our Cathedral Choir. As you will see in this Services and Music List, they are starting as they mean to go on; there is a lot of wonderful music adorning our services which we can all look forward to this month. Through September, we keep the season of Creation, and as we enjoy some rain and colour returning to our lawns, this will be the overriding theme of all that takes place. As ever, you are very welcome to any of the services shown in this list, and we look forward to welcoming you through this month.

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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30 THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8.30 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION
Book of Common Prayer
- 10.30 a.m. CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST and Baptism (Sine Nomine)
J.S. Bach *Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele*, BWV 654
Hymns 338, 76, CP 622, CP 432
Palestrina *Missa 'Æterna Christi munera'*
Sermon The Reverend Rosey Lunn, *Priest Vicar*
Tomkins *Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom*
Stanford *Allegro molto e ritmico*,
from Organ Sonata No 3 in D minor, Op. 152, 'Britannica'
- 3.00 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Sine Nomine)
Tunnard *Preces and Responses* Proper Psalm 105.1–15
R. Lloyd *Hereford Service* Hymns 353, 252
Sumsion *They that go down to the sea in ships*
Address The Reverend Canon Tim Stevens, *Canon Precentor*
Bridge *Andante moderato in C minor, from 3 Pieces for Organ, H. 63*
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31 MONDAY: Aiden, bishop, missionary, 651

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

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

SEPTEMBER

2 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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3 THURSDAY: Gregory the Great, bishop, teacher of the faith, 604

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

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
10.30 a.m. WELLS CATHEDRAL SCHOOL SERVICE
5.15 p.m. EVENING PRAYER
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5 SATURDAY

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING PRAYER
5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG celebrating the beginning of the Cathedral Choir Year
(Great Choir)
Andrew Millington *Preces and Responses* Psalms 27–29
F. Jackson *Evening Service in G* Hymns CP 618, 440
Bairstow *Blessed city, heavenly Salem*
Address The Very Reverend Toby Wright, *Dean of Wells*
Lefébure-Wély *Sortie in E flat*

6 THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8.30 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION
Book of Common Prayer
- 10.30 a.m. CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST (Great Choir)
Reger *Benedictus*
Hymns CP 427, 444, StF 161, 475
Rheinberger *Mass for double choir in E flat, 'Cantus Missæ', Op. 109*
Sermon The Right Reverend Christopher Chessun, *former Bishop of Southwark, and Bishop Protector of the Community of St Francis (CSF), European Province*
Communion Proper *Vovete et reddite*
Senfter *Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten*
Friedell *King of glory, King of peace*
Brahms *Prelude in G minor, WoO 10*
- 3.00 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG
and Welcome to the Ministry Experience Scheme Student
(Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Philip Moore *Preces and Responses* Proper Psalm 108
Mathias *Jesus College Service* Hymns 64, 256
Howells *A Hymn for St Cecilia*
Address The Very Reverend Toby Wright, *Dean of Wells*
Leighton *Paeon*
- 6.30 p.m. WELLS CATHEDRAL SCHOOL SERVICE

7 MONDAY: **Eve of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary** *Decani verses*

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 5.15 p.m. FESTAL EVENSONG † (Vicars Choral)
Timothy Parsons *Preces and Responses* Proper Psalms 45.10–17,
Soriano *Magnificat primi toni* 113, 131
Plainsong *Nunc dimittis primi toni* Hymns 187, 183
Biebl *Ave Maria*

8 TUESDAY: **Accession of His Majesty King Charles III, 2022**

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 5.15 p.m. FESTAL EVENSONG † (Boy Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Rose *Accession Preces and Responses* Proper Psalm 121
Batten *Fourth Service* Hymns 206, 334
Handel *Zadok the Priest, HWV 258*

SEPTEMBER

9 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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10 THURSDAY

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 1.05 p.m. LUNCHTIME ORGAN RECITAL: Carolyn Craig,
Assistant Director of Music, Wells Cathedral
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Philip Moore *Preces and Responses* Psalms 53–55
David Bevan Jr *Wells Service*
Tallis *Salvator mundi*
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11 FRIDAY

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Philip Moore *Preces and Responses* Psalms 59–61
Wood *Collegium Regale*
Eleanor Daley *Upon your heart*
- 7.30 p.m. CONCERT: The Sixteen present 'Choral Pilgrimage: Lead Kindly Light'
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12 SATURDAY

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING PRAYER
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG celebrating 150 Years of the Mothers' Union
(Boy Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Humphrey Clucas *Preces and Responses* Psalm 24
Stanford *Evening Service in B flat* Hymns 186, *Praise you Lord*
S.S. Wesley *Blessed be the God and Father* *for all the caring, 495*
Price *Toccato, from Suite No 1 for Organ*

13 THE FIFTEENTH 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 boarding pupils from Wells Cathedral School
Martines *Allegro brillante, from Sonata in G*
Hymns StF 109, CH4 527, A&M 190, 436
Haydn *Missa brevis Sancti Ioannis de Deo, 'Kleine Orgelmesse'*
Sermon The Right Reverend Michael Beasley, *Bishop of Bath and Wells*
Communion Proper *Tollite hostias*
J.S. Bach *Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele, BWV 654*
de Séverac *Tantum ergo*
J.S. Bach *'St Anne' Fugue in E flat, BWV 552*
- 3.00 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG
and Installation of Mr James Davies as Head Master of Wells Cathedral
(Boy Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Bairstow *I sat down under his shadow*
Humphrey Clucas *Preces and Responses* Proper Psalm 66
Stanford *Evening Service in C* Hymns 336, 354, 368
Gardiner *Evening Hymn*
Address The Reverend Canon Dr Megan Daffern, *Canon Chancellor*
Bairstow *Evening Song*

- 14 MONDAY: **Holy Cross Day** Cantor's verses
- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 5.15 p.m. FESTAL EVENSONG † (Vicars Choral)
Plainsong *Preces and Responses* Proper Psalms 110, 150
Sheppard *First Service* Hymns 98, 94
John IV of Portugal *Crux fidelis*
- 6.00 p.m. TASTE AND SEE: Cathedral Meditation Group, in the Lady Chapel

- 15 TUESDAY: Cyprian, bishop, martyr, 258
- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Boy Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Humphrey Clucas *Preces and Responses* Psalm 78
Whitlock *Evening Service in D* Hymn 407
Bairstow *Save us, O Lord*

SEPTEMBER

16 WEDNESDAY: Ninian, bishop, apostle of the Picts, c. 432

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY

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

5.15 p.m. EVENING PRAYER

17 THURSDAY: Hildegard, abbess, visionary, 1179

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY

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

1.05 p.m. LUNCHTIME CONCERT: DOOT

5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral)
attended by staff of Wells Cathedral School
Philip Moore *Preces and Responses* Psalm 89
Hassler *Magnificat quinti toni* Hymn 143
Lassus *Nunc dimittis quinti toni*
arr. Undine Smith Moore *We shall walk through the valley in peace*

18 FRIDAY

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY

1.00 p.m. WEDDING SERVICE in the Quire

5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Boy Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Plainsong *Preces and Responses* Psalms 93, 94
Byrd *Fauxbourdon Service*
R. Parsons *Ave Maria*

19 SATURDAY

8.00 a.m. MORNING PRAYER

12.00 noon WEDDING SERVICE in the Quire

5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Timothy Parsons *Preces and Responses* Psalm 98–101
Tomkins *Fifth Service* Hymn 388.i
Gibbons *Great Lord of Lords*
Walond *Voluntary in G, Op. 1, No 5*

20 THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8.30 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION
Book of Common Prayer
- 10.30 a.m. CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST (Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral, with Wells Cathedral School instrumentalists)
Sowerby *Carillon*
Hymns StF 110, CP 254, StF 592, CP 81
Bob Chilcott *A Little Jazz Mass*
Sermon The Very Reverend Toby Wright, *Dean of Wells*
Communion Proper *Tu mandasti*
Mawby *Ave verum corpus*
Mons Leidvin Takle *Blues-Toccata*
- 3.00 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Timothy Parsons *Preces and Responses* Proper Psalm 34
Howells *New College Service* Hymns 224, 406
Harris *Bring us, O Lord God*
Address The Reverend Sally Wright, *Priest Vicar*
Nico Muhly *The Reverend Mustard his installation Prelude*

- 21 MONDAY: Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist *Decani verses*
- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 8.50 a.m. WELLS CATHEDRAL SCHOOL SERVICE
- 5.15 p.m. FESTAL EVENSONG † (Vicars Choral)
Harris *Preces and Responses* Proper Psalm 119.33–40,
William Drakett *Wells Service* 89–96
William Drakett *Ubi caritas* Hymns 213.i, 189

22 TUESDAY

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Boy Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Ayleward *Preces and Responses* Psalms 108, 109
Sarah MacDonald *Evening Service in A flat*
Berkeley *The Lord is my shepherd*

SEPTEMBER

23 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

24 THURSDAY

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY

5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Timothy Parsons *Preces and Responses* Psalm 119.1–32
Cheryl Frances-Hoad *The Merton Service*
Brahms *Geistliches Lied*

25 FRIDAY: Lancelot Andrewes, bishop, spiritual writer, 1626

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY

2.30 p.m. WELLS CATHEDRAL SCHOOL SERVICE

5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Vicars Choral)
Plainsong *Preces and Responses* Psalm 119.73–104
Simon Whiteley *Fauxbourdon Service* Hymn 221.i
Sheppard *In manus tuas, Domine (I)*

26 SATURDAY

8.00 a.m. MORNING PRAYER

12.00 noon– CIDER AND CHEESE FESTIVAL
9.00 p.m. *Tickets and information available online*

5.15 p.m. EVENING PRAYER in the Bishop's Palace Chapel

27 THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8.30 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION
Book of Common Prayer
- 10.30 a.m. CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST (Vicars Choral)
Price *Fughetta, from Suite No 1 for Organ*
Hymns StF 112, MP 861, CH4 622, CP 525
Timothy Parsons *Missa Exoniensis*
Sermon The Reverend Edward Day, *Cathedral Curate*
Communion Proper *Memento verbi tui*
Price *Air, from Suite No 1 for Organ*
Timothy Noon *O sacrum convivium*
Price *Fantasy, from Suite No 1 for Organ*
- 3.00 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Vicars Choral)
Harris *Preces and Responses* Proper Psalms 120, 123, 124
Humphrey Clucas *Westminster Service* Hymns 381, 331
Harris *Behold now, praise the Lord*
Address The Reverend Edward Day, *Cathedral Curate*
Howells *Rhapsody No 3 in C sharp minor*

- 28 MONDAY *Cantoris verses*
- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 8.50 a.m. WELLS CATHEDRAL SCHOOL SERVICE
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Vicars Choral)
Andrew Millington *Preces and Responses* Psalms 136–138
Howells *Evening Service in E*
Chesnokov *Тебе поем*

29 TUESDAY: **Michael and All Angels**

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 5.15 p.m. FESTAL EVENSONG † (Boy Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Ayleward *Preces and Responses* Proper Psalm 148
Robledo *Magnificat tertii toni* Hymns 193.ii, 190.ii
Victoria *Nunc dimittis tertii toni*
Dering *Factum est silentium*

30 WEDNESDAY

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 10.00 a.m. MIDWEEK EUCHARIST
Common Worship Order I, Traditional
- 5.15 p.m. EVENING PRAYER

1 THURSDAY

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Timothy Parsons *Preces and Responses* Psalms 6–8
Howells *Gloucester Service*
Annabel Rooney *Round me falls the night*

2 FRIDAY

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Boy Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Plainsong *Preces and Responses* Psalms 12–14
Kathryn Rose *Short Service*
Owain Park *A Prayer of Thomas Ken*

3 SATURDAY

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING PRAYER
- 2.00 p.m. READERS' SERVICE
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG
celebrating the work of The Wells Cathedral Chorister Trust
(Great Choir, with instrumentalists from Wells Cathedral School)
Lucy Walker *Oculi omnium* Psalm 18
Andrew Millington *Preces and Responses* Hymns 172, 438
Stanford *Evening Service in G*
Fauré *Cantique de Jean Racine*
Widor *Toccata, from Organ Symphony No 5, Op. 42, No 1*

TRANSLATIONS OF ANTHEMS AND MOTETS

MONDAY 7 SEPTEMBER

Angelus Domini nuntiavit Mariæ,
et concepit de Spiritu Sancto.

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

Maria dixit:
Ecce ancilla Domini,
Fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum.

Ave Maria, gratia plena...

Et verbum caro factum est
et habitavit in nobis.

Ave Maria, gratia plena...

Sancta Maria, Mater Dei,
ora pro nobis peccatoribus,
nunc et in hora mortis nostræ. Amen.

*The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,
and she conceived by the Holy Spirit.*

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

*Mary said:
Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
Be it unto me according to thy word.*

Hail Mary, full of grace...

*And the Word was made flesh
and dwelt amongst us.*

Hail Mary, full of grace...

*Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

*Text: from The Angelus
Music: Franz Biebl (1906–2001)*

THURSDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

Salvator mundi, salva nos,
qui per crucem et sanguinem
redemisti nos,
auxiliare nobis, te deprecamur,
Deus noster.

*O Saviour of the world, save us,
who by thy cross and thy blood
has redeemed us,
help us, we humbly beseech thee,
O Lord our God.*

*Text: Antiphon for the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Music: Thomas Tallis (c. 1505–1585)*

SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

Te lucis ante terminum,
rerum Creator poscimus
ut pro tua clementia,
sis præsul et custodia.

Procul recedant somnia,
et noctium phantasmata;
hostemque nostrum comprime,
ne polluantur corpora.

Præsta, Pater piissime,
Patrique compar unice,
cum Spiritu Paraclito,
regnans per omne sæculum. Amen.

*Before the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray
that with thy wonted favour thou
wouldst be our guard and keeper now.*

*From all ill dreams defend our eyes,
from nightly fears and fantasies;
tread under foot our ghostly foe,
that no pollution we may know.*

*O Father, that we ask be done,
through Jesus Christ thine only Son,
who, with the Holy Ghost and thee,
doth live and reign eternally. Amen.*

*Text: Hymn for Compline in the Roman Breviary,
translated by J.M. Neale (1818–1866)
Music: H. Balfour Gardiner (1877–1950)*

MONDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

Crux fidelis, inter omnes,
arbor una nobilis!
Nulla silva talem profert,
fronde, flore, germine;
dulce lignum, dulces clavos,
dulce pondus sustinet.

*Faithful Cross, above all other,
one and only noble tree!
None in foliage, none in blossom,
none in fruit thy peers may be;
sweetest wood and sweetest iron,
sweetest weight is hung on thee.*

*Text: Venantius Fortunatus (c. 530–609),
translated by Percy Dearmer (1867–1936) and J.M. Neale (1818–1866)
Music: John IV of Portugal (1604–1656)*

FRIDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

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)*

MONDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

Ubi caritas et amor,
Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum
Christi amor.
Exsulemus et in ipso iucundemur.
Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.
Amen.

*Where charity and love are,
God is there.
We are gathered into one
in Christ's love.
Let us rejoice and delight in him.
Let us fear and let us love the living God.
Amen.*

*Text: Antiphon for the Washing of Feet, Maundy Thursday
Music: William Drakett (b. 1992), Wells Cathedral Bass Vicar Choral*

THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

Laß dich nur nichts nicht dauren
mit Trauren,
sei stille, wie Gott es fügt,
so sei vergnügt mein Wille!

Was willst du heute
sorgen auf morgen?
Der Eine steht allem für,
der gibt auch dir das Deine.

Sei nur in allem Handel ohn Wandel,
steh feste, was Gott beschleußt,
das ist und heißt das Beste.
Amen.

*Do not let anything be sorrowful
or regretful,
be calm, as God has ordained,
and thus my will shall be content!*

*What do you want to worry about
from day to day?
There is one who stands above all,
who gives you, too, what is yours.*

*Only be steadfast in all you do,
stand firm, what God has decided,
that is and must be the best.
Amen.*

*Text: Paul Fleming (1609–1640)
Music: Johannes Brahms (1833–1897)*

FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

In manus tuas, Domine,
commendo spiritum meum.
Redemisti me, Domine,
Deus veritatis.

*Into thy hands, O Lord,
I commend my spirit.
For thou hast redeemed me, O Lord,
God of truth.*

*Text: Responsory at Compline in Holy Week
Music: John Sheppard (1515–1558), first setting*

MONDAY 28 SEPTEMBER

Тебе поем,
Тебе благословим,
Тебе благодарим, Господи,
и молим Ти ся, Боже наш.

*We sing to you,
we praise you,
we thank you, O Lord,
and we pray to you, our God.*

*Text: Orthodox Liturgy of St John Chrysostom
Music: Pavel Chesnokov (1877–1944)*

TUESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER

Factum est silentium in cælo
dum committeret bellum draco
cum Michaele Archangelo.

Audita est vox
millia millium dicentium:
Salus, honor, et virtus
omnipotenti Deo.
Alleluia.

*There was silence in heaven
when the dragon fought
with the Archangel Michael.*

*The voice of thousands of thousands
was heard saying:
Salvation, honour, and power
be to almighty God.
Alleluia.*

*Text: Antiphon for the Feast of Michael the Archangel,
paraphrasing verses from Revelation
Music: Richard Dering (c. 1580–1630)*



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Handel's Messiah

Saturday 5 December, 7pm

Wells Cathedral Choir
& The Geldart Ensemble

Timothy Parsons director
Madeleine Perring soprano
Benjamin Irvine-Capel alto
Ruairi Bowen tenor
Tim Mirfin bass

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