



Services and Music List

October 2026

WELCOME TO WELLS CATHEDRAL

With the autumn progressing, the clocks changing, and the temperatures cooling, October can often feel like quite a dark month. One look at this Services and Music List is hopefully enough to show that through the changes of the seasons, we remain committed to singing God's praise, in regular worship and beautiful music. This month, we have lots of different opportunities to be involved, including the Chorister Trust Evensong, Be a Chorister for a Day, and the feast days of Saint Luke and Saints Simon and Jude. Whether it is ordinary or special though, our worship continues, our choirs continue to sing, and you continue to be welcome to all that you would like to be a part of 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 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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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*
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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*
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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*

4 THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8.30 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION
Book of Common Prayer
- 10.30 a.m. CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST (Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Langlais *Tiento, from Suite médiévale*
Hymns MP 473, CH4 463, 273, 206
Byrd *Mass for five voices*
Sermon The Reverend Gill Sakakini, *Priest Missioner*
Communion Proper *In salutari tuo*
Langlais *Improvisation, from Suite médiévale*
Byrd *Ave verum corpus*
Duruflé *Fugue sur le thème du Carillon des Heures de la Cathédrale de Soissons*
- 3.30 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG
(Choristers, with children attending Be a Chorister for a Day)
Peter Nardone *Preces and Responses* Psalm 29
Owen Alstott *My soul rejoices* Hymns StF 242, 375
Finlay *Faithful vigil ended*
Howard Goodall *The Lord is my Shepherd (Psalm 23)*
Guilmant *Processional March in A, Op. 41, No 5*
- 7.00 p.m. HARVEST FESTIVAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE
attended by the Young Farmers, and Wells Cathedral School

5 MONDAY: Wilfrid, bishop, missionary, 709 *Decani 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)
Tallis *Preces and Responses* Psalms 27–29
David Bevan Jr *Fauxbourdon Service*
Victoria *Tenebræ factæ sunt*

6 TUESDAY: William Tyndale, translator, martyr, 1536

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 5.15 p.m. FESTAL EVENSONG † (Wells Cathedral Song Squad and Youth Choir)
David Bevan Jr *Plainsong Preces and Responses* Psalm 32
John Michael Talbot *Holy is his name* Hymns 245, 200
Craig J. Westendorf *Lord, now you let your servant go in peace*
Barry Rose *Risen Lord*

OCTOBER

7 WEDNESDAY: **ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL**

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY

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

5.15 p.m. FESTAL EUCHARIST † (Senior Choristers and Vicars Choral)
David Bednall *Evocation of Wells Cathedral*
Hymns 484 (t. 167), CH4 173, 471, 205
Cheryl Frances-Hoad *Missa brevis* [commissioned by Cathedral Commissions
and premiered by Wells Cathedral Choir in May 2026]
Sermon The Reverend Dr Casey Strine, *Secretary for Theology and
Theological Adviser to the House of Bishops*
Communion Proper *Domus mea*
Matthew Martin *Sing we merrily* [commissioned by Cathedral Commissions
and premiered by Wells Cathedral Choir in September 2025]
Nicolas Chuaqui *Joyful Noise* [written for Carolyn Craig and
the Friends of Wells Cathedral Grand Organ Appeal]

8 THURSDAY

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY

1.05 p.m. LUNCHTIME ORGAN RECITAL: Timothy Parsons,
Director of Music, Wells Cathedral

5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Junior Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Ayleward *Preces and Responses* Psalm 41
Tomkins *Fauxbourdon Service*
R. Lloyd *View me, Lord*

9 FRIDAY

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY

5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG during the Tyndale Symposium (Girl Choristers)
Plainsong *Preces and Responses* Psalm 47
Gibbons *Short Service* Hymn *We thank you, Lord, for
giving us the Prophets*
Philip Wilby *If ye love me*

10 SATURDAY: Paulinus, bishop, missionary, 644

8.00 a.m. MORNING PRAYER

1.05 p.m. LUNCHTIME CONCERT: Horizons of Bath

5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Wells Cathedral Chamber Choir)
Rose *Preces and Responses* Psalms 53, 54
Dobrinka Tabakova *Truro Service* Hymn 466
David Hurd *Love bade me welcome*
J.S. Bach *Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr, BWV 663*

II THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8.30 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION
Book of Common Prayer
- 10.30 a.m. CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST (Boy Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Price *Andantino*, from *Organ Sonata in D minor*
Hymns StF 409, StF 35, 381, CP 453
Timothy Parsons *Missa brevis 'The Shekhinah'*
Sermon The Reverend Edward Day, *Cathedral Curate*
Communion Proper *Aufer a me*
Franck *Poco allegretto*, from *L'Organiste*
Timothy Parsons *The Shekhinah*
Price *Finale*, from *Organ Sonata in D minor*
- 3.00 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Decani Vicars Choral)
Tallis *Preces and Responses* Proper Psalm 139.1–18
Wood *Evening Service in G* Hymns 342 (t. 178), 246.i
Tomkins *Out of the deep*
Address The Very Reverend Toby Wright, *Dean of Wells*
Byrd *Fantasia in A minor*

N.B. The Boy Choristers and Cantoris Vicars Choral will be singing Choral Evensong at St Mary's Church, Kilve at 3.00 p.m.
- 6.30 p.m. WELLS CATHEDRAL SCHOOL SERVICE

- 12 MONDAY: Wilfrid, bishop, missionary, 709 *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 65–67
Tomkins *First Service* Hymn 322
Attwood *Teach me, O Lord*
- 6.00 p.m. TASTE AND SEE: Cathedral Meditation Group, in the Lady Chapel

- 13 TUESDAY: Edward the Confessor, king, 1066
- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 1.05 p.m. LUNCHTIME CONCERT: St Agnes Singers
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Boy Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Ayleward *Preces and Responses* Psalms 69, 70
H. Purcell *Evening Service in G minor* Hymn 128
Stanford *O for a closer walk with God*

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14 WEDNESDAY

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY

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

5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Monkton Combe School Chapel Choir)
Plainsong *Preces and Responses* Psalm 73.1–14
Joanna Forbes L'Estrange *King's College Service* Hymn 128
Philip Stopford *Come down, O Love divine*

15 THURSDAY: Teresa of Avila, teacher of the faith, 1582

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)
Timothy Parsons *Preces and Responses* Psalm 78
Walmisley *Evening Service in D minor* Hymn 419
Harris *Strengthen ye the weak hands*

16 FRIDAY

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY

5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Vicars Choral)
Plainsong *Preces and Responses* Psalms 82–85
Rupert Gough *Fauxbourdon Service*
Harris *Holy is the true light*

7.30 p.m. CONCERT: Kinda Dusty presents 'Celine Dion by Candlelight'

17 SATURDAY: Ignatius, bishop, martyr, c. 107

8.00 a.m. MORNING PRAYER

5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Vicars Choral)
Cleobury *Preces and Responses* Psalm 89
Michael Walsh *Carlisle Service* Hymn 214.ii
E. Walker *Lord, thou hast been our refuge*
Ireland *Alla marcia*

7.30 p.m. CONCERT: Kinda Dusty presents 'Coldplay by Candlelight'

18 SUNDAY: LUKE THE EVANGELIST

- 8.30 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION
Book of Common Prayer
- 10.30 a.m. CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST † (Schola Cantorum and Vicars Choral)
J.S. Bach *Fugue in C, BWV 547*
Hymns CP 227, MP 594, StF 252, 401
Victoria *Missa 'O quam gloriosum'*
Sermon The Reverend Canon Dr Megan Daffern, *Canon Chancellor*
Communion Proper *Ego vos elegi de mundo*
Dupré *Speciosa facta es, Op. 18, No 5*
David Buckley *Strengthen ye the weak hands*
J.S. Bach *Prelude in C, BWV 547*
- 3.00 p.m. FESTAL EVENSONG † (Vicars Choral)
Cleobury *Preces and Responses* Proper Psalm 103
Philip Moore *Evening Service in A* Hymns 213.i, 194
Philip Moore *In paradisum*
Address The Reverend Canon Tim Stevens, *Canon Precentor*
Philip Moore *Paeon*
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19 MONDAY: Henry Martyn, translator, missionary, 1812

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Ibstock Place School Choir)
Harry Castle *Preces and Responses* Psalms 98, 99
Sumsion *Evening Service in A* Hymn 361 (t. 322)
Howells *Like as the hart*
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20 TUESDAY

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Ibstock Place School Choir)
Peter Nardone *Preces and Responses* Psalm 104.1–23
David Halls *First Service*
Mawby *By the waters of Babylon*

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21 WEDNESDAY

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY

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

5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Ibstock Place School Choir)
Harry Castle *Preces and Responses* Psalm 106.1–12
Murrill *Evening Service in E*
Mendelssohn *Hear my prayer*

22 THURSDAY

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY

5.15 p.m. EVENING PRAYER

23 FRIDAY

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY

5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Choir of St John's Church, Glastonbury)
Radcliffe *Preces and Responses* Psalm 114
Dyson *Evening Service in F*
John Rutter *God be in my head*

24 SATURDAY

8.00 a.m. MORNING PRAYER

5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (The Wingrave Singers)
Byrd *Preces and Responses* Psalm 119.1–16
Alec Roth *Hatfield Service* Hymn 374
Byrd *Teach me, O Lord*
Peeters *Festival Voluntary, Op. 87*

25 THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY; BIBLE SUNDAY

BCP: The Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity

8.30 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION
Book of Common Prayer

10.30 a.m. CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST (The Wingrave Singers)
Denis Bédard *Variations sur 'Ubi caritas'*
Hymns StF 74, StF 157, MP 1354, 394
Victoria *Missa quarti toni*
Sermon The Very Reverend Toby Wright, *Dean of Wells*
Duruflé *Ubi caritas*
J.S. Bach *Fuga sopra il Magnificat, BWV 733*

3.00 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (The Wingrave Singers)
Byrd *Preces and Responses* Proper Psalm 119.89–104
Murrill *Evening Service in E* Hymns 367.ii, 244
Ireland *Greater love hath no man*
Address The Reverend Edward Day, *Cathedral Curate*
Fletcher *Festival Toccata*

26 MONDAY: Alfred, king, scholar, 899

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY

5.15 p.m. EVENING PRAYER

27 TUESDAY

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY

5.15 p.m. EVENING PRAYER

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28 WEDNESDAY: **Simon and Jude, Apostles**

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY

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

5.15 p.m. EVENING PRAYER

29 THURSDAY: James Hannington, bishop, martyr, 1885

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY

5.15 p.m. EVENING PRAYER

30 FRIDAY

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY

5.15 p.m. EVENING PRAYER

7.30 p.m. CONCERT: Kinda Dusty presents 'Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons
by Candlelight'

31 SATURDAY: *Martin Luther, reformer, 1546*

8.00 a.m. MORNING PRAYER

5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Wells Cathedral Chamber Choir)
Smith *Preces and Responses* Psalm 46
Gibbons *Short Service* Hymn 434
J.S. Bach *I. Coro, from Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott, BWV 80*
J.S. Bach *Prelude and Fugue in C minor, BWV 546*

I SUNDAY: ALL SAINTS' DAY

- 8.30 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION
Book of Common Prayer
- 10.30 a.m. FESTAL MATINS † (Wells Cathedral Chamber Choir)
Dupré *Læva eius, Op. 18, No 2* Proper Psalm 149
Rose *Preces and Responses* Hymns 196.ii, 231
Howells *Te Deum, from Morning Service 'Collegium Regale'*
Walton *Jubilate Deo*
Victoria *O quam gloriosum*
Address Sr Gemma Simmonds CJ,
Senior Fellow and Director of Religious Life Institute
Dupré *Placare Christe servulis, from Le Tombeau de Titelouze, Op.38*
- 3.00 p.m. FESTAL EUCHARIST † (Wells Cathedral Chamber Choir)
Howells *Preludio 'Sine Nomine'*
Hymns 197, StF 746, 396, StF 264
Mozart *Missa brevis in D, K. 194*
Sermon The Reverend Canon Tim Stevens, *Canon Precentor*
Rheinberger *Intermezzo, from Organ Sonata No 6, Op. 119*
Arvo Pärt *The Beatitudes*
Howells *Paeon*

2 MONDAY: Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY *Decani verses*
- 5.15 p.m. SOLEMN EUCHARIST † (Vicars Choral)
Kerensa Briggs *Light in darkness*
Hymn 376
Richafort *Missa pro defunctis*
Dupré *Cortège et Litanie, Op. 19, No 2*
- 6.15 p.m. TALK: 'All Preachers Great and Small'
with The Reverend Andrew Bell, *Minister at Cheddar Methodist Church*
in the Education Room

3 TUESDAY: Richard Hooker, priest, teacher of the faith

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Boy Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Sarah MacDonald *Preces and Responses* Psalm 18
Philip Moore *Third Service* Hymn 216
Stanford *Iustorum animae*

NOVEMBER

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
- 7.00 p.m. CONCERT: Borderless Collective
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5 THURSDAY

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 1.00 p.m. EUCHARIST attended by members of Chapter
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG and Installation of a member of Chapter
(Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Anthony Piccolo *Preces and Responses* Psalms 27–29
Blow *Short Service*
Becky McGlade *Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life*
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6 FRIDAY

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Vicars Choral)
Plainsong *Preces and Responses* Psalms 32–34
Piers Connor Kennedy *Worcester Service*
Andrew Parnell *Oculi omnium*
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7 SATURDAY: Willibrord, bishop, 739

- 8.00 a.m. MORNING PRAYER
- 2.00 p.m. DIOCESAN CONFIRMATION SERVICE
- 5.15 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG (Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Anthony Piccolo *Preces and Responses* Psalm 37
Rubbra *Evening Service in A flat* Hymn 215
Vaughan Williams *Lord, thou hast been our refuge*
Duruflé *Prélude sur le nom d'Alain, Op. 7*

TRANSLATIONS OF ANTHEMS AND MOTETS

MONDAY 5 OCTOBER

Tenebræ factæ sunt
dum crucifixissent Iesum Iudæi;
et circa horam nonam
exclamavit Iesus voce magna:
Deus meus, Deus meus,
ut quid me dereliquisti?
Et inclinato capite,
emisit spiritum.

Exclamans Iesus voce magna, ait:
Pater in manus tuas
commendo spiritum meum.

*Darkness occurred
when the people crucified Jesus;
and about the ninth hour
Jesus cried out with a loud voice:
My God, my God,
why have you forsaken me?
And bowed his head,
sending forth his spirit.*

*Jesus cried out with a loud voice, and said:
Father, into your hands
I commend my spirit.*

*Text: Matthew 27.45–46; John 19.30; Luke 23.46
Music: Tomás Luis de Victoria (c. 1548–c. 1611)*

SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER

In paradisum deducant te angeli,
in tuo adventu, suscipiant te martyres,
et perducant te
in civitatem sanctam Ierusalem.

Chorus angelorum te suscipiat
et cum Lazaro, quondam paupere,
æternam habeas requiem.

*May the angels receive them in paradise,
at thy coming, may the martyrs receive thee,
and bring thee
into the holy city Jerusalem.*

*May the chorus of angels receive thee,
and with Lazarus, once poor,
may thou have eternal rest.*

*Text: from the Requiem Mass
Music: Philip Moore (b. 1943)*

SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER

Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott,
Ein gute Wehr und Waffen;
Er hilft uns frei aus aller Not,
Die uns itzt hat betroffen.
Der alte böse Feind,
Mit Ernst er's jetzt meint,
Groß Macht und viel List
Sein grausam Rüstung ist,
Auf Erd ist nicht seinsgleichen.

*Our God is a secure fortress,
a good shield and weapon;
He helps us willingly out of all troubles,
that now have stricken us.
The old, evil enemy
is earnestly bent on it,
great strength and much deceit
are his horrid armaments,
there is nothing like him on earth.*

*Text: Martin Luther (1483–1546)
Music: Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750), from Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott, BWV 80*

TUESDAY 3 NOVEMBER

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)

FRIDAY 6 NOVEMBER

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)

BE A CHORISTER FOR A DAY

at Wells Cathedral



SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER 2026

Wells Cathedral invites boys and girls between the ages of six and nine to come and meet the Choristers, find out about Chorister life, and sing at Cathedral Evensong

For more details, and to book your place, please contact: musicoffice@wellscathedral.org.uk



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Lunchtime Organ Recital: Timothy Parsons

WELLS CATHEDRAL

Thursday 8 October 1.05pm

Timothy Parsons, the Cathedral's Director of Music, will perform a programme including music by Herbert Howells, J. S. Bach and S. S. Wesley, whose 150th anniversary of death we mark this year.

The recital will conclude with Jehan Alain's exhilarating *Litanies*, and a piece written in his memory by Maurice Duruflé, *Prélude et fugue sur le nom d'Alain*.

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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Monthly on Thursdays, 1.05pm

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13 August	Käthe Wright Kaufman
10 September	Carolyn Craig
8 October	Timothy Parsons
12 November	John Butt OBE

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Opening the Word: Tyndale, Translation & Transformation

Friday 9 October 2026, 9am–6.30pm

A major symposium at Wells Cathedral to celebrate the 500th anniversary of William Tyndale's New Testament (1526), featuring seven internationally respected scholars of Bible translation, textual criticism, Reformation history and theology.

Tickets and more info at:
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Half-Term Holiday Activities: Taking Time

27–29 October, 10.30am–3.30pm

Have fun exploring the time-themed installations
from Wells Art Contemporary, and join us to
fashion your own creations!

Discover optical illusions, learn about the Cathedral's incredible
Astronomical Clock, and make your own spinning seasons wheel.
Suitable for children and families.

Admission included with entry to Wells Cathedral.
No need to book – simply drop in on the day! More info at:

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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

Tickets £15–£50; available now at:
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Time to Pray?

Wells Cathedral 2026 Year of Prayer

Make 2026 your year to explore prayer with a special series of events and activities at Wells Cathedral — part of a Year of Prayer with the Diocese of Bath & Wells.

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Capture the Cathedral in a Drawing

Saturday 10 October, 10.30am–3.30pm

Pick up free art materials and sketch whatever inspires you – windows, carvings, tiny details, or your own unique view, with the option to have your sketch displayed in an online exhibition!

All ages and abilities welcome.

Admission FREE with entry to the Cathedral.
No need to book – simply drop in on the day!

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wellsprings



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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