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Free Admission
A recital by Laurence Cummings (harpsichord and organ) which will feature Suite in C major by L Couperin, Suite in E major by GF Handel, Ave Maris Stella by N de Grigny and Prelude and Fugue in B minor by JS Bach.

After Eight Extra:
Who is the Church of England for?
Sunday 10 June • 8pm
Informal evening worship
Is the Church of England simply a depleting member-based group or something altogether broader and more radical? Come and hear the Dean of Christ Church in conversation about some of the ideas in Reasonable Radical? Reading the writings of Martyn Percy edited by Ian S. Markham and Joshua Daniel (2018).

The Ordination of Deacons
Saturday 30 June
10am and 2pm
The Bishop of Oxford will ordain new clergy to serve in parishes in the three counties of Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire.

The Cathedral Singers
Summer Concert
Saturday 21 July • 8pm
Music by Bruckner, Stanford, Pärt, Bairstow and others conducted by James Potter. Part of the Cathedral Singers’ 40th anniversary celebrations.

Saying Goodbye
Saturday 9 June
7.30pm
A service for all who have suffered the loss of a baby, at any stage of pregnancy, at birth or in infancy. All are welcome. For more information, please email office@sayinggoodbye.org

Thomas Gaynor
Organ Recital
Thursday 14 June • 8pm
Free Admission
An organ recital by Thomas Gaynor, winner of the St Albans International Organ Competition 2017, including Fantasia in F minor by Mozart, Prelude and Fugue in C minor by JS Bach, and Scherzo from A Midsummer Night’s Dream by F Mendelssohn.

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Icon Painting Course with Dr Irina Bradley

Monday 21 to Friday 25 May
Cost: £400 per participant, payable in advance.

This course will introduce students to fluid egg tempera techniques with the aim of finishing a small icon depicting St Frideswide of Oxford in Russo-Byzantine style to take home. The course is organised in conjunction with the exhibition Icons: The Symphony of Divine Light which features icons ‘written’ by course leader, Dr Irina Bradley.

Dr Irina Bradley is a visiting tutor for icon painting at the Prince’s School of Traditional Arts in London, where she teaches at MA level. Her work is on display in churches, places of private worship and collections worldwide. See www.irinabradley.com.

Please note: this course takes place in the Art Room which is on the second floor of the Old Library. We regret that there is no lift.

For more information and to book a place, contact jacqueline.holderness@chch.ox.ac.uk or 01865 286003.
Special Events and Services at Christ Church Cathedral Summer 2018

MAY 2018
Saturday 5 May
6pm Three Choirs Evensong

Sunday 6 May
9.45am Matins Preacher:
The Rt Revd Dr Derek Browning, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland
11am Choral Evensong

Thursday 10 May
Ascension Day
6pm Ascension Day Choral Eucharist

Saturday 19 May
6pm Festal Evensong with incense for the Eve of Pentecost

JUNE 2018
Friday 1 June
Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
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Saturday 21 July
8pm Cathedral Singers Concert

Thursday 31 May
6pm Choral Evensong for Corpus Christi

Sunday 2 May
Pentecost
9.45am Choral Matins for Pentecost with University Sermon by the Rt Revd Helen Ann Hartley, Bishop of Ripon

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**Priests as Poets**

Friday 27 April • 12pm
Tickets: £15 per person (including a sandwich lunch)
A talk by Father Oliver Holt in the McKenna Room
A walking tour of University, Lincoln and Wadham College Chapels and Christ Church led by the Dean’s Verger, Matthew Power, and Dr Sarah Mortimer, followed by an update on the Van Linge fragments in the Frideswide Room

**Visit to Lambeth Palace and Library**
Thursday 3 May
Tickets: £50 per person (includes coach and lunch at the Novotel)

**Summer Party**
Wednesday 6 June • 2pm
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Elizabeth Harrison, Hon. Secretary, c/o Priory Room Office, Christ Church, Oxford OX1 1DP
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**The Van Linge Windows**

Wednesday 25 July • 1.30pm
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A walking tour of University, Lincoln and Wadham College Chapels and Christ Church led by the Dean’s Verger, Matthew Power, and Dr Sarah Mortimer, followed by an update on the Van Linge fragments in the Frideswide Room

**Tickets for your diary**

**Annual Civic Service**
Tuesday 16 October • 6pm
**Patronal Eucharist**
for St Frideswide
Thursday 18 October • 6pm

**Puppy Field:**
**Interior Son et Lumiere**
11, 12 and 13 October
**Henry V by William Shakespeare**
8, 9 and 10 November
With additional words by AE Housman, performed by Antic Disposition

**Dates for your diary**

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Organist: Canon Dr Stephen Darlington
Registrar: Mr John Briggs

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