



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

**SERVICES AND MUSIC
OCTOBER 2025**

THE CHORAL FOUNDATION OF CHRIST CHURCH:

THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR

When Henry VIII founded Christ Church in 1546 he made provision for the education of a number of boy choristers and a schoolmaster. From these historic roots has grown the current Christ Church Cathedral School, of about 150 pupils aged three to 13, housed in premises built by Dean Liddell (father of Lewis Carroll's 'Alice.') The cathedral choristers are dedicated to their daily music-making, & to the transformational experience that singing in one of the world's most famous choirs brings.

The Lay and Academical Clerks, as part of the choral foundation at Christ Church, sing with the boy choristers, and with Frideswide Voices, at services throughout the year. The Lay Clerks are professional singers, whilst the Academical Clerks are undergraduates reading for a degree at the University of Oxford. The Organist, Peter Holder, and Christ Church Cathedral School welcome enquiries at any time about being a chorister at Christ Church. Please contact the School Registrar on 01865 242561 or email registrar@cccs.org.uk : they will be pleased to arrange a tour of the School and Boarding House or an informal voice trial. www.cccs.org.uk www.chchchoir.org

FRIDESWIDE VOICES

Frideswide Voices was the first Anglican choir created specifically for girls of chorister age in Oxford, and was originally formed in October 2014. While they have always had significant links with Christ Church, they became part of the Foundation in September 2019. The girls are drawn from more than 25 different schools across the city and county. They sing Evensong in the Cathedral on most Wednesdays during term-time, as well as singing other services throughout the year.

The choir's manager, Valentyna Dmytriieva, welcomes enquiries about choristerships at any time. Please email valentyna.dmytriieva@chch.ox.ac.uk for further information. chch.ox.ac.uk/frideswidevoices

Unless stated otherwise, all choral services will be sung by members of the Choral Foundation

OTHER CHOIRS AT CHRIST CHURCH:

THE CATHEDRAL SINGERS OF CHRIST CHURCH

The Cathedral Singers is the Cathedral's adult mixed-voice choir, singing when the other choirs are away or on holiday. Under its own professional director and organist, the choir operates a squad system in order to provide choral music for up to 100 services a year. We welcome new singers, who should be confident readers of music. For more information, please email simon.hogan@chch.ox.ac.uk.

www.cathedralsingers.org.uk

THE COLLEGE CHOIR OF CHRIST CHURCH

The College Choir is composed of Junior Members of Christ Church and colleagues from across the University. As such, it is the only student-run choir at Oxford to sing in Christ Church Cathedral regularly. In addition to regular services of choral Evensong, Compline, and Eucharist in the Cathedral, the College Choir also sings in local churches and the Oxfordshire community.

The ensemble prides itself on maintaining a high standard of singing in a relaxed, non-auditioned, and friendly atmosphere. If you are an Oxford University student interested in singing with us, please feel free to be in touch at chchcollegechoir@gmail.com.

www.chch.ox.ac.uk/choirs/college-choir

VISITING CHOIRS

When our own choirs are not in residence, it is a delight to welcome visitors from around the country and beyond. This may be school or university choirs, amateur or professional groups, and they may be with us for a single service, a few days or a whole week. If your choir would like to organise a residency at Christ Church, please get in touch with us at visitingchoirs@chch.ox.ac.uk

**29 SEPTEMBER –
5 OCTOBER**

CANON IN RESIDENCE
CANON PROFESSOR CAROL HARRISON
Lady Margaret Professor of Divinity

MONDAY 29 SEPTEMBER

Michael and All Angels

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist

in the Latin Chapel

6:05pm Evening Prayer

said from the West End

Psalm 138

TUESDAY 30

SEPTEMBER

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist

in the Lady Chapel

6:05pm Choral Evensong

Psalm 147

Moore Responses

Ives Magdalen Service

Ives *In pace in idipsum*

WEDNESDAY 1 OCTOBER

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist

in the Bell Chapel

1:05pm BCP Communion

6:05pm Evening Prayer

Said at the West End

Psalm 7

THURSDAY 2 OCTOBER

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist

in the Chapel of Remembrance

6:05pm Choral Evensong

Psalm 14

Plainsong Responses

Watson *in F*

Handel *How beautiful are the feet*

FRIDAY 3 OCTOBER

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist
in the Bell Chapel

6:05pm Choral Evensong
with Founders' Prayers

Psalm 18: 1–15

Martin Responses

Walton *Chichester Service*

Walton *Jubilate Deo*

SATURDAY 4 OCTOBER

8:15am Morning Prayer

8:35am Said Eucharist
in the Lady Chapel

1:05pm Said Eucharist

**6:05pm Royal School of
Church Music
Celebration Day 2025**

SUNDAY 5 OCTOBER

7:35am Said Matins (BCP)

8:05am BCP Communion

11:05am Choral Eucharist

Preacher

Canon Professor Carol
Harrison

*Lady Margaret Professor of
Divinity*

Hymns 342, AM 624, AM 632

Psalm 37: 1–9

Byrd *Mass for five voices*

Byrd *Ave verum corpus*

Bach *Fantasia in C minor*
(BWV 562.i)

The Sixteenth Sunday After Trinity

6:05pm Choral Evensong

Hymn 352

Psalm 142

Martin Responses

Stanford *in C*

Elgar *Light of the world*

Leighton *Paean*

6–12 OCTOBER

CANON IN RESIDENCE

The Revd Charlie Kerr

Priest Vicar for Education and Pilgrimage

MONDAY 6 OCTOBER

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist

in the Latin Chapel

6:05pm Evening Prayer

said from the West End

Psalm 32

TUESDAY 7 OCTOBER

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist

in the Lady Chapel

6:05pm Choral Evensong

Psalm 37: 1–22

Grier Responses

Palestrina *Magnificat primi toni* à 8

Tye *Nunc dimittis*

Tallis *O nata lux de lumine*

WEDNESDAY 8 OCTOBER

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist

in the Bell Chapel

1:05pm BCP Communion

6:05pm Choral Evensong

with the Surplicing of

Frideswide Voices Choristers

Hymn AM 568

Psalms 42, 43

Spicer Responses (Set II)

Gipps *Evening Service*

Allain *Cana's Guest*

THURSDAY 9 OCTOBER

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist

in the Chapel of Remembrance

6:05pm Choral Evensong

Psalms 47, 48

Grier Responses

Muhly *Westminster Service*

Panufnik *O hearken thou*

FRIDAY 10 OCTOBER

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist
in the Lucy Chapel

6:05pm Choral Evensong

Psalms 53, 54
Grier Responses
Morley Short Service
Tallis Salvator mundi

SATURDAY 11 OCTOBER

8:15am Morning Prayer

8:35am Said Eucharist
in the Lady Chapel

6:05pm Choral Evensong

Hymn 176
Psalms 60, 61
Grier Responses
Sumsion in G
Vaughan Williams O clap your hands

SUNDAY 12 OCTOBER

7:35am Said Matins (BCP)

8:05am BCP Communion

11:05am Choral Eucharist

Preacher

The Revd Charlie Kerr
Priest Vicar for Education and Pilgrimage

Hymns 556, AM 740, 400
Psalm 111

Taverner Western Wynde Mass
Bach Prelude in B minor
(BWV 544)

The Seventeenth Sunday After Trinity

6:05pm Freshers' Evensong

Preacher

The Very Revd Professor
Sarah Foot
Dean

Hymn 522
Psalm 144

Grier Responses
Farrington Blues Service
MacMillan A new song
Jongen Pièce pour grand orgue

13–19 OCTOBER

CANON IN RESIDENCE THE REVD CANON PETER MOGER *Sub Dean*

MONDAY 13 OCTOBER

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist

in the Latin Chapel

6:05pm Evening Prayer

said from the West End

Psalm 69: 1–14

TUESDAY 14 OCTOBER

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist

in the Lady Chapel

6:05pm Choral Evensong

with Court Sermon

Preacher

Professor Jeremias Adams-Prassl, *Professor of Law and Fellow of Magdalen College*

Psalm 74: 1–12

Smith Responses

Wood *Collegium Regale*

Stanford *Beati quorum via*

WEDNESDAY 15 OCTOBER

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist

in the Bell Chapel

1:05pm BCP Communion

6:05pm Choral Evensong

Psalm 78: 1–17

Byrd Responses

Tomkins *Fifth Service*

Byrd *Sing joyfully*

THURSDAY 16 OCTOBER

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist

in the Chapel of Remembrance

6:05pm Choral Evensong

Psalm 84

Smith Responses

Howells *Collegium Regale*

Bairstow *I sat down under his shadow*

FRIDAY 17 OCTOBER

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist
in the Lucy Chapel

6:05pm Choral Evensong

Psalm 33
Smith Responses
Weelkes *Short Service*
Tallis *If ye love me*

SATURDAY 18 OCTOBER

Luke the Evangelist

8:15am Morning Prayer

8:35am Said Eucharist
in the Lady Chapel

6:05pm Solemn Evensong

Hymn 308 (t. 281)
Psalm 103
Smith Responses
Noble *in B minor*
Harris *Strengthen ye the weak hands*

SUNDAY 19 OCTOBER

7:35am Said Matins (BCP)

8:05am BCP Communion

11:05am Patronal Eucharist

Preacher

The Revd Canon Professor
Andrew Davison

Regius Professor of Divinity

Hymns 595, This is the house
which holy Frideswide founded,
AM 310

Psalm 127

B. Parry *Wolsey Mass*

Chilcott *Be thou my vision*

Bach *Prelude in E flat (BWV 552.i)*

Frideswide, Abbess and Patron of Oxford

6:05pm Solemn Evensong

Hymns 301 (t. 274), 272, 544
Psalms 122, 150
Smith Responses
Watson *in E*
Wood *Hail, gladdening light*
Harvey *Laus Deo*

20–26 OCTOBER

CANON IN RESIDENCE
CANON PROFESSOR CAROL HARRISON
Lady Margaret Professor of Divinity

MONDAY 20 OCTOBER

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist

in the Latin Chapel

6:05pm Evening Prayer

said from the West End

Psalm 104: 1–15

TUESDAY 21 OCTOBER

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist

in the Lady Chapel

6:05pm Choral Evensong

Psalm 106: 1–12

Smith Responses

Stanford *in B flat*

Parry *I know my soul hath power
to know all things*

**WEDNESDAY 22
OCTOBER**

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist

in the Bell Chapel

1:05pm BCP Communion

6:05pm Choral Evensong

Psalm 108

Leighton Responses

Walmisley *in D minor*

Walton *Set me as a seal*

8:35pm College Compline

Byrd *Fauxbourdons*

THURSDAY 23 OCTOBER

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist

in the Chapel of Remembrance

6:05pm Choral Evensong

Psalm 114

Shephard Responses

Sumsion *in G*

Balfour Gardiner *Evening Hymn*

FRIDAY 24 OCTOBER

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist
in the Lucy Chapel

6:05pm Choral Evensong

Psalm 119: 1–16

Tallis Responses

Batten *Short Service*

Victoria *Vere languores nostros*

SATURDAY 25 OCTOBER

8:15am Morning Prayer

8:35am Said Eucharist
in the Lady Chapel

6:05pm Choral Evensong

*sung by the Cathedral Singers
of Christ Church*

Hymn 544

Psalm 119: 73–88

Ayleward Responses

Wise *Restoration Canticles*

Tomkins *Jesus came when the
doors were shut*

SUNDAY 26 OCTOBER

The Last Sunday After Trinity

7:35am Said Matins (BCP)

8:05am BCP Communion

11:05am Choral Eucharist
*sung by the Cathedral Singers
of Christ Church*

Preacher

The Revd Dr Kirsty Borthwick
College Chaplain

Hymns 552, 594, 503

Psalm 84: 1–7

Ward *St Mark's Mass*

Martin Ave *verum corpus*

Buxtehude *Toccata in F*
(*BuxWV 157*)

6:05pm Choral Evensong

*sung by the Cathedral Singers
of Christ Church*

Hymn 567

Psalm 119: 1–16

B. Parry Responses

Moeran *in D*

Stanford *Glorious and powerful
God*

Mathias *Fanfare*

**27 OCTOBER –
2 NOVEMBER**

CANON IN RESIDENCE
THE REVD CANON PROF LUKE BRETHERTON
Regius Professor of Moral and Pastoral Theology

MONDAY 27 OCTOBER

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist
in the Latin Chapel

6:05pm Choral Evensong
sung by the College Choir

Hymn 181

Psalm

Ebdon Responses

Bairstow *in G*

Stainer *God so loved the world*

TUESDAY 28 OCTOBER
Simon and Jude, Apostles

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist
in the Lady Chapel

6:05pm Solemn Evensong
*sung by the Cathedral Singers
of Christ Church*

Hymn 305

Psalm 119: 1–16

B. Parry Responses

Murrill *in E*

Stanford *Iustorum animae*

**WEDNESDAY 29
OCTOBER**

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist
in the Bell Chapel

1:05pm BCP Communion

6:05pm Choral Evensong
*sung by the Cathedral Singers
of Christ Church*

Psalm 142

Ayleward Responses

Gibbons *Short Service*

Tallis *O Lord give thy Holy Spirit*

8:35pm College Compline

THURSDAY 30 OCTOBER

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist
in the Chapel of Remembrance

6:05pm Choral Evensong
*sung by the Cathedral Singers
of Christ Church*

Psalm 147

B. Parry Responses

Walmisley *in D minor*

Boyce *O, where shall wisdom be
found?*

FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist
in the Lucy Chapel

6:05pm Choral Evensong
*sung by the Cathedral Singers
of Christ Church*

Psalms 1, 5

Rose Responses

Stanford *in B flat*

Harris *Holy is the true light*

SATURDAY 1 NOVEMBER

ALL SAINTS' DAY

8:15am Morning Prayer

8:35am Said Eucharist
in the Lady Chapel

**11:05am Eucharist with
Licensing of LLMs**

6:05pm Choral Evensong

Hymn 255

Psalms 148, 150

Moore Responses

Moore *First Service*

Martin *Iustorum animae*

SUNDAY 2 NOVEMBER

7:35am Said Matins (BCP)

8:05am BCP Communion

11:05am Choral Eucharist

Preacher

The Revd Canon Professor

Luke Bretherton

*Regius Professor of Moral and
Pastoral Theology*

Hymns 620, 385, 619

Psalm 32: 1–8

Taverner *Mean Mass*

Parsons *Credo quod redemptor*

The Fourth Sunday Before Advent

6:05pm All Souls Requiem

Psalm 23

Victoria *Missa pro defunctis a 6*

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE CATHEDRAL

6:05pm, Saturday 4 October: Celebration Evening Service for the Royal School of Church Music

We are delighted to be hosting the annual RSCM Celebration Day; an annual opportunity to celebrate and give thanks for the work of the Royal School of Church Music, and for them to present their Honorary Awards. A Come and Sing evening service will be conducted by our Organist, Peter Holder; tickets to sing are now sold out, but you are very welcome to attend in the congregation!

6.05pm, Wednesday 8 October: Surplicing of Frideswide Voices Choristers

You are warmly invited to join us for Evensong on Wednesday 8 October for the Surplicing of our new Frideswide Voices Choristers. We are very excited to welcome some new faces to the Choral Foundation and to celebrate the continued work of our girl choristers. Drinks will be served after the service.

Sunday 19 October: Feast of Frideswide, Abbess and Patron of Oxford

The daughter of the local king Dydan, Frideswide chose a life of dedication to Christ over royal status and marriage. She was the founder of the first church on this site and remembered as founder and patron of Cathedral, University and City of Oxford. After her death, reputedly on 19 October 727, Frideswide's tomb became a place of pilgrimage, prayer, healing, and sanctuary. We gather to remember Frideswide's story and to give thanks for all those who continue that ministry of prayer, healing and sanctuary in this House, this city and this diocese.

6.05pm, Sunday 2 November: All Souls Requiem

On All Souls' Day, also known as the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed, we come to God remembering those we have loved and lost, giving thanks for their lives that brought joy to our lives, and trusting in God's promise that in Christ we are still united with all those whom we love even across the great abyss of death. During the service, we read aloud the names of those members of our community here who have died. If you would like for the name of a loved one to be read during the service, please contact us at cathedral@chch.ox.ac.uk

NEWS

Five Centuries of Music: Christ Church Anniversary Music Festival

This autumn, the Cathedral is hosting a number of fantastic concerts celebrating Christ Church's musical past and present to conclude our 500th anniversary year. Highlights include Haydn's Creation oratorio on October 1st, the debut Cathedral recital from our Organist Peter Holder, and a performance of Walton's Facade in the context of a three course dinner in our great hall. You can view more and purchase tickets for all events in the festival now: www.chch.ox.ac.uk/five-centuries-music

Wonderlings: Cathedral Children's Group Returns October 6th

Our children's group Wonderlings will return for the new academic year on Monday 6th October from 10 am - 12 noon! These free sessions in the Priory Room led by our Priest Vicar Charlie Kerr are open to pre-school children from birth and their adults. You will find friendly faces and warm hearts ready to greet, support and encourage you and your little ones through the joys and challenges of the pre-school years. We start with gathering time and free play, followed by circle time with Bible-themed activities including singing, dancing and playing instruments. We end with story time and a thought for the day, before a chance to enjoy a cuppa together. If you'd like to know a bit more, email us at wonderlings@chch.ox.ac.uk.



For more news and information about upcoming events, you can sign up to our regular newsletter by scanning the QR code, or using the link below

*[chch.ox.ac.uk/cathedral/about/
subscribe-cathedral-email-newsletter](http://chch.ox.ac.uk/cathedral/about/subscribe-cathedral-email-newsletter)*

VOLUNTEERING

The Cathedral wouldn't be able to function without its 400 or so volunteers. We are always looking for people to join many of our teams, including Guides, Stewards, Servers, Schools and Children, Refreshments, etc. If you'd like to join a friendly community, share your skills, or learn something new, please get in touch with:

miranda.hockliffe@chch.ox.ac.uk

HEARING LOOP



The Cathedral has a hearing loop. The system is most effective in the centre and away from the pillars.

SAFEGUARDING

If you have any concerns about the safety of a child or vulnerable adult in or around Christ Church Cathedral, please let us know immediately. Please speak to any member of the clergy or vergers team on duty, or contact the safeguarding team at:

cathedral.safeguarding@chch.ox.ac.uk / 07746 046009

Matthew Dickins (Associate Cathedral Safeguarding Officer)

matthew.dickins@chch.ox.ac.uk / 01865 610935

The Revd Charlie Kerr (Associate Cathedral Safeguarding Officer)

charlie.kerr@chch.ox.ac.uk

If you believe that a child or adult is in immediate danger of significant or serious harm, you should contact the police on 999

EVACUATION PROCEDURE

In the unlikely event of an emergency, please follow the instructions of the Vergers, and calmly make your way out through the West (Main) door – or alternative exit if necessary – and move away from the building.