



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

**SERVICES AND MUSIC
JANUARY 2026**

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

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 administrator@cathedralsingers.org.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 DECEMBER –
4 JANUARY**

**CANON IN RESIDENCE
THE REVD CHARLIE KERR**
Priest Vicar for Education and Pilgrimage

MONDAY 29 DECEMBER

8:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist

in the Latin Chapel

6:05pm Evening Prayer

said at the West end

Psalm 142

TUESDAY 30 DECEMBER

8:15am Morning Prayer

8:35am Said Eucharist

in the Lady Chapel

6:05pm Choral Evensong

sung by the Cathedral Singers

Psalm 147

Ayleward Responses

Purcell *in G minor*

Tallis *O nata lux*

**WEDNESDAY 31
DECEMBER**

8:15am Morning Prayer

8:35am Said Eucharist

in the Bell Chapel

1:05pm BCP Communion

6:05pm Choral Evensong

sung by the Cathedral Singers

Psalm 148

Ayleward Responses

Dyson *in F*

Kelly *This lovely lady*

THURSDAY 1 JANUARY

**The Naming and
Circumcision of Jesus**

8:15am Morning Prayer

8:35am Said Eucharist

in the Chapel of Remembrance

6:05pm Solemn Evensong

sung by the Cathedral Singers

Hymn 484

Psalm 115

Ayleward Responses

Weelkes *Short Service*

arr. Pearsall *In dulci jubilo*

FRIDAY 2 JANUARY

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist
in the Lucy Chapel

6:05pm Choral Evensong
sung by the Cathedral Singers

Psalm 12

Ayleward Responses

Gibbons *Short Service*

Byrd *O magnum mysterium*

SATURDAY 3 JANUARY

8:15am Morning Prayer

8:35am Said Eucharist
in the Lady Chapel

11:05am Turning of the Pages

1:05pm Said Eucharist

6:05pm Choral Evensong
sung by the Cathedral Singers

Hymn 31

Psalm 18

Clucas Responses

Watson *in E*

I Holst *Out of your sleep*

SUNDAY 4 JANUARY

7:35am Said Matins (BCP)

8:05am BCP Communion

11:05am Choral Eucharist
sung by the Cathedral Singers

Preacher

The Revd Charlie Kerr

Priest Vicar for Education and Pilgrimage

Hymns AM 101 (T 171 i), 28 (T ii), 529

Psalm 147.13–end

Darke *in F*

Edwards *No small wonder*

The Second Sunday of Christmas

6:05pm Choral Evensong
sung by the Cathedral Singers

Hymn 49

Psalm 135.1–14

Clucas Responses

Howells *Gloucester Service*

Mathias *A babe is born*

5–11 JANUARY

CANON IN RESIDENCE THE VENERABLE JONATHAN CHAFFEY *Archdeacon of Oxford*

MONDAY 5 JANUARY

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist
in the Latin Chapel

6:05pm Choral Evensong
sung by the Cathedral Singers
Hymn 68
Psalm 97
Rose Responses
Wood *in D*
Howells *Here is the little door*

TUESDAY 6 JANUARY THE EPIPHANY

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist
in the Lady Chapel

6:05pm Choral Eucharist
sung by the Cathedral Singers
Preacher
The Revd Catherine Cleghorn
Succentor
Hymns 67, 73, 69 (T ii), AM 105
Psalm 72
Haydn *Missa Sancti Johannes de Deo*
Cornelius *The Three Kings*

WEDNESDAY 7 JANUARY

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist
in the Bell Chapel

1:05pm BCP Communion

6:05pm Choral Evensong
Psalm 37.1–22
Moore Responses
Moore *First Service*
Moore *Lo! that is a marvellous change*

THURSDAY 8 JANUARY

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist
in the Chapel of Remembrance

6:05pm Choral Evensong
Psalms 42, 43
Martin Responses
Noble *in B minor*
Poulenc *Videntes stellam*

FRIDAY 9 JANUARY

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist
in the Lucy Chapel

6:05pm Choral Evensong

Psalms 47, 48
Martin Responses
Tomkins *First Service*
Warlock *Bethlehem Down*

SATURDAY 10 JANUARY

8:15am Morning Prayer

8:35am Said Eucharist
in the Lady Chapel

6:05pm Choral Evensong

Hymn 65 (T 117)
Psalm 36
Martin Responses
Wood *in E flat (No 2)*
Mendelssohn *There shall a star*
(from Christus)

SUNDAY 11 JANUARY

7:35am Said Matins (BCP)

8:05am BCP Communion

11:05am Choral Eucharist

Preacher

The Venerable Jonathan
Chaffey

Archdeacon of Oxford

Hymns 72 (T 649), 181, AM 108
(T 403)
Psalm 29

Mozart *Missa Brevis in F (K.192)*
Mozart *Ave verum corpus*
Buxtehude *Praeludium in D*
(BuxWV 139)

The Baptism of Christ – The First Sunday of Epiphany

6:05pm Choral Evensong

Hymn 74
Psalm 36
Martin Responses
Sumsion *in G*
Dove *Vast ocean of light*
Pott *Laudes*

12–18 JANUARY

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

MONDAY 12 JANUARY

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist

in the Latin Chapel

6:05pm Evening Prayer

said at the West end

Psalm 67

TUESDAY 13 JANUARY

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist

in the Lady Chapel

6:05pm Choral Evensong

Psalm 69. 1–14

Tomkins Responses

Byrd *Second Service*

Bull *Almighty God, which by the
leading of a star*

WEDNESDAY 14 JANUARY

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist

in the Bell Chapel

6:05pm Choral Evensong

Psalm 74.1–12

Radcliffe Responses

Walmisley *in D minor*

Mendelssohn *Herr Gott, du bist
unsre Zuflucht*

1:05pm BCP Communion

THURSDAY 15 JANUARY

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist

in the Chapel of Remembrance

6:05pm Choral Evensong

Psalm 78.1–17

Tomkins Responses

Muhly *Westminster Service*

Berlioz *The Shepherds' Farewell*

FRIDAY 16 JANUARY

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist
in the Lucy Chapel

6:05pm Choral Evensong

Psalm 84

Tomkins Responses

Victoria *Magnificat primi toni*

plainsong *Nunc dimittis*

Clemens non Papa *Magi veniunt
ab oriente*

SATURDAY 17 JANUARY

8:15am Morning Prayer

8:35am Said Eucharist
in the Lady Chapel

6:05pm Three Wonders Mark This Holy Time: A Service for the Epiphany Season

Hymns 49, 69 (T ii), AM 102 (T 363),
AM 97, 76

SUNDAY 18 JANUARY

7:35am Said Matins (BCP)

8:05am BCP Communion

11:05am Choral Eucharist

Preacher

The Revd Canon Peter Moger
Sub Dean

Hymns 76, 385, 605

Psalm 40.1–12

Walton *Missa Brevis*

Poulenc *Videntes stellam*

Reger *Fugue 'Wie schön leuchtet
der Morgenstern' (Op. 40)*

The Second Sunday of Epiphany

6:05pm Choral Evensong

Hymn 353

Psalm 96

Tomkins Responses

Swayne *Magnificat I*

plainsong *Nunc dimittis*

Dove *Seek him that maketh the
seven stars*

Harvey *Laus Deo*

19–25 JANUARY

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

MONDAY 19 JANUARY

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist

in the Latin Chapel

6:05pm Evening Prayer

said at the West end

Psalms 99, 100

TUESDAY 20 JANUARY

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist

in the Lady Chapel

6:05pm Choral Evensong

Psalms 104.1–23

Byrd Responses

Blow in F

Gibbons *See, see, the Word is incarnate*

WEDNESDAY 21 JANUARY

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist

in the Bell Chapel

1:05pm BCP Communion

6:05pm Choral Evensong

Psalms 106.1–12

Leighton Responses

Leighton *Collegium Magdalenae Oxoniensis*

Howells *Here is the little door*

THURSDAY 22 JANUARY

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist

in the Chapel of Remembrance

6:05pm Choral Evensong

Psalms 108

Byrd Responses

Dyson *in F*

Berkeley *Look up, sweet babe*

FRIDAY 23 JANUARY

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist

in the Lucy Chapel

6:05pm Choral Evensong

Psalm 114

Byrd Responses

Byrd *Third Service*

Frances-Hoad *This time is born a child*

SATURDAY 24 JANUARY

8:15am Morning Prayer

8:35am Said Eucharist

in the Lady Chapel

6:05pm Choral Evensong

with choristers from 'Be a Chorister for a Day'

Hymn 204 (T 559)

Psalm 149

Byrd Responses

Stanford *in C*

arr. Scott *How can I keep from singing?*

SUNDAY 25 JANUARY

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 205, 206 (T 156), AM 493
(T 283)

Psalm 67

Palestrina *Missa Aeterna Christi
munera*

Palestrina *Dextera Domini*

Buxtehude *Praeludium in C*
(BuxWV 137)

The Conversion of Paul

6:05pm Choral Evensong

Hymn 601 (T 151)

Psalm 119.41–56

Byrd Responses

Walton *Chichester Service*

MacMillan *O give thanks unto the Lord*

Mendelssohn, arr. Best *Overture
to St Paul*

**26 JANUARY –
1 FEBRUARY**

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

MONDAY 26 JANUARY

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist

in the Latin Chapel

6:05pm Evening Prayer

said at the West end

Psalms 119.145–160

TUESDAY 27 JANUARY

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist

in the Lady Chapel

6:05pm Choral Evensong

Psalms 126, 127, 128

Grier Responses

Wood Collegium Regale

Wood Hail, gladdening light

**WEDNESDAY 28
JANUARY**

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist

in the Bell Chapel

1:05pm BCP Communion

6:05pm Choral Evensong

Psalms 137, 138

Shephard Responses

Ives Edington Service

Rossini O salutaris hostia

8:35pm College Compline

THURSDAY 29 JANUARY

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist

in the Chapel of Remembrance

6:05pm Choral Evensong

Psalms 142, 143

Grier Responses

Howells in G

*Stanford O for a closer walk with
God*

FRIDAY 30 JANUARY

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist
in the Lucy Chapel

6:05pm Choral Evensong

Psalm 147
Grier Responses
Gray in F minor
Tallis O nata lux

SATURDAY 31 JANUARY

8:15am Morning Prayer

8:35am Said Eucharist
in the Lady Chapel

6:05pm Choral Evensong

*with the Installation of
Honorary Canons*
Hymn 207 (T 517)
Psalm 118
Shephard Responses
Howells Gloucester Service
*Rutter Hymn to the Creator of
Light*

SUNDAY 1 FEBRUARY

CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE (CANDLEMAS)

7:35am Said Matins (BCP)

8:05am BCP Communion

11:05am Solemn Eucharist

Preacher

The Revd Dr Kirsty Borthwick
College Chaplain

Hymns 30, 209, AM 101 (T 171 i)
Psalm 24

Mozart Missa brevis in D (K.194)
*Eccard When to the temple Mary
went*
Bruhns Praeludium in G

6:05pm Solemn Evensong and Procession

Hymns AM 111 (T 526)
Psalm 132
Shephard Responses
Bevan Magnificat octavi toni
Holst Nunc dimittis
Byrd Senex puerum portabat

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE CATHEDRAL

The Feast of the Epiphany, 5 and 6 January

The twelve days of Christmas come to a close with the Feast of the Epiphany, when we celebrate Jesus' manifestation to the gentiles in the form of the arrival of the magi. On Monday 5 January, there will be an extra service of Choral Evensong for the Eve of Epiphany, followed on 6 January at 6.05pm with the Choral Eucharist for the Feast of the Epiphany. At the end of this service, you can take away a piece of blessed chalk to write the traditional Epiphany blessing at your doorway when you get home.

6.05pm Saturday 17 January: Three Wonders Mark This Holy Time: A Service for the Epiphany Season

The Epiphany season celebrates, in addition to the Visit of the Magi, Jesus' baptism and first miracle. These 'three wonders' form the basis of a service of readings and music sung by the Cathedral Choir, to which you are warmly invited.

12.30pm Sunday 18 January: Congregational Meeting

A Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday 18 January after Choral Eucharist. This is an opportunity to hear from various members of Cathedral Staff regarding their latest projects and what has occurred behind-the-scenes since the previous meeting. We also invite you to ask questions and chat with staff, whether they be the clergy you see every week, or the administrative team who are usually squibbled away in an office! A sandwich lunch will be served.

6.05pm Saturday 31 January: Choral Evensong with the Installation of Honorary Canons

The Dean and Chapter of Christ Church welcome you to this special service, at which we celebrate the ministries of those being admitted as Honorary Canons of Christ Church Cathedral. Do join us to give thanks for their many years of service to the Church and God's people in and around this Diocese and the whole Church of England. This service will be followed by a drinks reception at which you will have the chance to speak to the newly installed Honorary Canons.

Candlemas, 1 February

The Christmas and Epiphany season comes to a close with the Feast of Candlemas, when, 40 days after the birth of Jesus, we celebrate his Presentation in the Temple, and his revelation as 'a light to the nations and the glory of God's people'.

NEWS

Welcome to the new members of Cathedral Staff!

We are very grateful to be welcoming Clare Williams, Education and Pilgrimage Officer, and Fiona Sidorowicz, Cathedral Safeguarding Officer, to our team this month. We would also like to welcome Thomas Ridenour, who joined the Development Team in December and will be working closely with the Cathedral going forward as our Cathedral and Cathedral Music Development Manager.

Cathedral Pilgrimage to Iona, 18–25 July 2026

It is with great pleasure that we announce this pilgrimage and retreat for the Cathedral community to the beautiful island of Iona (where St Columba began his ministry and mission to Scotland in around 563 AD) from Saturday 18th – Saturday 25th July 2026. There is limited capacity for a maximum of 18 people, offered on a “first come first served basis” on receipt of a deposit. The cost depends on numbers attending but is likely to fall within the range of £800–£1200, and substantial grants are available for under 30s. All meals and travel from Glasgow onwards are included in the price. To find out more, please contact cathedral@chch.ox.ac.uk.

Palm Crosses

Traditionally, the ashes with which we are marked on Ash Wednesday are made from burning palm crosses from the previous year. If you have any palm crosses which you would like to give back for this purpose (either from last year or from previous years), please bring them to the Cathedral before Sunday 8 February.



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](https://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 / 01865 610935

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.