



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

**SERVICES AND MUSIC
APRIL 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 (Director of Music), 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 Associate Choral Director, Alexander Turner, welcomes enquiries about choristerships at any time. Please email alexander.turner@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 their director at susie.hill@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

30 MARCH – 5 APRIL

CANON IN RESIDENCE
THE VENERABLE JONATHAN CHAFFEY
Archdeacon of Oxford

MONDAY 30 MARCH
Monday of Holy Week

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist
in the Latin Chapel

6:05pm Evening Prayer

said at the West end

Preacher: The Revd Canon
Peter Moger, *Sub Dean*

Hymn 120, Psalm 25

TUESDAY 31 MARCH
Tuesday of Holy Week

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist
in the Lady Chapel

6:05pm Evening Prayer

said at the West end

Psalm 55.13–24

7:35pm James MacMillan's
Seven Last Words from the
Cross

Reflections by the Revd Canon
Peter Moger, *Sub Dean*

WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL
Wednesday of Holy Week

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist
in the Bell Chapel

1:05pm BCP Communion

6:05pm A Lenten Organ
Meditation

Philip Moore *Via Crucis*

THURSDAY 2 APRIL
MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:15am Morning Prayer

11:00am Chrism Eucharist
Preacher

The Rt Revd Dr Steven Croft
Bishop of Oxford

5:35pm Evening Prayer
said at the West end

Psalm 55.13–24

7:35pm The Liturgy of
Maundy Thursday

Preacher

The Revd Canon Peter Moger
Sub Dean

Hymns 133 (T 271), AM 169 (T 183 ii)
Psalm 116.11–end, 22.1–21

Byrd *Mass for Five Voices*

Duruflé *Ubi caritas*

Palestrina *Dextera Domini*

9:05pm The Watch

FRIDAY 3 APRIL

GOOD FRIDAY

7:15am Morning Prayer

10:05am The Liturgy of Good Friday

Hymns 126, 124, 656 (vv 1, 5, 6, 9)

Victoria *St John's Passion*

Mawby *The Reproaches*

F Martin *Agnus Dei* from *Mass for double choir*

3:05pm Journeying Through Holy Week

a Service for Families

6:05pm Choral Evensong

Preacher

The Revd Canon Peter Moger

Sub Dean

Hymn 130

Psalms 130, 143

Plainsong Canticles

Tallis *The Lamentations of Jeremiah*

SATURDAY 4 APRIL

Easter Eve

8:15am Morning Prayer

5:35pm Evening Prayer

said at the West end

Psalms 116

8:05pm Easter Vigil, Confirmation and First Eucharist of Easter

Hymns 143, 154, 149 (T i)

Kodaly *Missa Brevis*

Rossini *O salutaris hosita*

Palestrina *Sicut cervus*

Muhly *Song of Moses & Miriam*

SUNDAY 5 APRIL

8:05am BCP Communion

9:35am Choral Matins

Preacher

The Very Revd Professor Sarah

Foot, *Dean*

Hymns 151, 142 (t ii)

Psalms 114, 117

Byrd Responses

Ireland *Te Deum in F*

Taverner *Dum transisset Sabbatum I*

EASTER DAY

11:05am Choral Eucharist

Preacher

The Rt Revd Dr Steven Croft

Bishop of Oxford

Hymns 147, 140, 159

Psalms 118.14–24

Mozart *Spatzenmesse (K.220)*

Taverner *Dum transisset Sabbatum I*

6:05pm Solemn Evensong

Hymns AM 208, 156; Psalm 66.1–11

Byrd Responses

Stanford *in A*

Stanford *Ye choirs of new Jerusalem*

Coleridge-Taylor *Te Deum in F*

6-12 APRIL

THE REVD CANON PROFESSOR ANDREW DAVISON
Regius Professor of Divinity

MONDAY 6 APRIL
Monday of Easter Week

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist
in the Latin Chapel

6:05pm Evening Prayer

said at the West end

Psalm 135

TUESDAY 7 APRIL
Tuesday of Easter Week

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist
in the Lady Chapel

6:05pm Choral Evensong

sung by the Cathedral Singers

Psalm 136

Rose Responses

Wood *in E-flat No 2*

arr. Lindley *Now the green blade riseth*

WEDNESDAY 8 APRIL
Wednesday of Easter Week

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

Psalm 105

Rose Responses

Moeran *in D*

Stanford *Beati quorum via*

THURSDAY 9 APRIL
Thursday of Easter Week

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist
in the Chapel of Remembrance

6:05pm Choral Evensong

sung by the Cathedral Singers

Psalm 106

Rose Responses

Watson *in E*

Tallis *O nata lux*

FRIDAY 10 APRIL

Friday of Easter Week

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist

in the Lucy Chapel

6:05pm Choral Evensong

sung by the Cathedral Singers

Psalm 107

Rose Responses

Gibbons *Short Service*

Byrd *Sing Joyfully*

SATURDAY 11 APRIL

Saturday of Easter Week

8:15am Morning Prayer

8:35am Said Eucharist

in the Lady Chapel

1:05pm Said Eucharist

6:05pm Choral Evensong

sung by the Cathedral Singers

Hymn 157

Psalm 145

Rose Responses

Sumsion *in A*

Wood *O thou, the central orb*

SUNDAY 12 APRIL

The Second Sunday of Easter

7:35am Said Matins (BCP)

8:05am BCP Communion

11:05am Choral Eucharist

sung by the Cathedral Singers

Preacher

The Revd Canon Professor

Andrew Davison

Regius Professor of Divinity

Hymns 158 (T 254), 155 (omit *),

166 (T 592)

Psalm 16

Darke in F

Elgar Ave verum corpus

6:05pm Choral Evensong

sung by the Cathedral Singers

Hymn 165

Psalm 30.1–5

Rose Responses

Dyson in D

Shephard Easter Song of Praise

13–19 APRIL

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

MONDAY 13 APRIL

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist
in the Latin Chapel

6:05pm Evening Prayer

said at the West end

Psalm 69. 1–14

TUESDAY 14 APRIL

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist
in the Lady Chapel

6:05pm Choral Evensong

sung by the Cathedral Singers

Psalm 74.1–12

Ayleward Responses
Walmisley *in D minor*
Chilcott *Thy arising*

WEDNESDAY 15 APRIL

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

Psalm 78.1–17

Ayleward Responses
Dyson *in F*
Harris *Most glorious Lord of Life*

THURSDAY 16 APRIL

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist
in the Chapel of Remembrance

6:05pm Choral Evensong

sung by the Cathedral Singers

Psalm 84

Ayleward Responses
Brewer *in D*
Bullock *Give us the wings of faith*

FRIDAY 17 APRIL

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist
in the Lucy Chapel

6:05pm Choral Evensong
sung by the Cathedral Singers

Psalm 89.1–19

Ayleward Responses

Nixon *Fauxbourdon Service*

Lloyd *The Call*

SATURDAY 18 APRIL

8:15am Morning Prayer

8:35am Said Eucharist
in the Lady Chapel

6:05pm Choral Evensong
sung by the Cathedral Singers

Hymn 151

Psalms 93, 94

Ayleward Responses

Noble *in B minor*

Aleotti *Ego flos campi*

SUNDAY 19 APRIL

The Third Sunday of Easter

7:35am Said Matins (BCP)

8:05am BCP Communion

11:05am Choral Eucharist
sung by the Cathedral Singers

Preacher

The Revd Catherine Cleghorn
Succentor

Hymns AM 204 (T REH 486),

510 (T 604), 152

Psalm 116.1–4, 11–end

Leighton *in D*

S Martin *Ave verum corpus*

6:05pm Choral Evensong
sung by the Cathedral Singers

Hymn 270

Psalm 48

Ayleward Responses

Stanford *in C*

Hadley *My beloved spake*

20–26 APRIL

CANON IN RESIDENCE

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

MONDAY 20 APRIL

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist
in the Latin Chapel

6:05pm Choral Evensong

*sung by the Choir of St John's
College, Oxford*

Psalm 104.1–23

Radcliffe Responses

Weelkes *First Service*

arr. Ledger *This joyful Eastertide*

TUESDAY 21 APRIL

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist
in the Lady Chapel

6:05pm Choral Evensong

sung by the Cathedral Singers

Psalm 106.1–12

M Martin Responses

Moore *Third Service*

Grieg *Pinsesalme*

WEDNESDAY 22 APRIL

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

Psalms 111, 116

Martin Responses

Stanford *in A*

Tallis *If ye love me*

THURSDAY 23 APRIL

**George, Martyr, Patron of
England, c.304**

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist
in the Chapel of Remembrance

6:05pm Solemn Evensong

sung by the Cathedral Singers

Hymn 219

Psalms 3, 11

Martin Responses

Bairstow *in D*

Willan *Rise up my love*

FRIDAY 24 APRIL

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist
in the Lucy Chapel

6:05pm Choral Evensong
sung by the Cathedral Singers

Psalm 19

Martin Responses

Whitlock *Fauxbourdon Service*

Tallis, arr. Chilcott *Canon*

SATURDAY 25 APRIL
Mark the Evangelist

8:15am Morning Prayer

8:35am Said Eucharist
in the Lady Chapel

6:05pm Solemn Evensong
sung by the Cathedral Singers

Hymn 287 ii

Psalm 45

Martin Responses

Forbes L'Estrange *King's College Service*

Vaughan Williams *Let all the world*

SUNDAY 26 APRIL The Fourth Sunday of Easter

7:35am Said Matins (BCP)

8:05am BCP Communion

11:05am Choral Eucharist
sung by the Cathedral Singers

Preacher

The Revd Canon Professor
Luke Bretherton

*Regius Professor of Moral and
Pastoral Theology*

Hymns AM 798 (T REH 183ii),
141, 577

Psalm 23

Byrd *Mass for Four Voices*
Pitoni *Cantate Domino*

6:05pm Choral Evensong
sung by the Cathedral Singers

Hymn 603

Psalm 29.1–10

Martin Responses

Stanford *in B flat*

Weir *Love bade me welcome*

27 APRIL – 3 MAY

**CANON IN RESIDENCE
THE REVD CHARLIE KERR**

Priest Vicar for Education and Pilgrimage

MONDAY 27 APRIL

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist
in the Latin Chapel

6:05pm Choral Evensong

*sung by Queen Elizabeth's
School Barnet*

Psalms 126, 127

Tallis Responses

Walmisley in D minor

Stainer I am Alpha and Omega

TUESDAY 28 APRIL

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist
in the Lady Chapel

6:05pm Choral Evensong

Psalms 137, 138

Byrd Responses

Palestrina Magnificat primi toni

Victoria Nunc dimittis tertii toni

Taverner Dum transisset

Sabbatum I

WEDNESDAY 29 APRIL

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist
in the Bell Chapel

**3:00pm BBC Radio 3 Choral
Evensong**

*congregation must be seated
by 2.30pm*

Psalms 142, 143

Taverner Dum transisset

Sabbatum I

Byrd Responses

Palestrina Magnificat primi toni

Victoria Nunc dimittis tertii toni

Monteverdi Nisi Dominus

**6:15pm Choral Evensong
at Merton College**

*sung jointly by Frideswide
Voices and Merton College Girl
Choristers*

Elgar Why seek ye the living?

Plainsong Responses

Dyson in C minor

Panufnik Ubi caritas

THURSDAY 30 APRIL

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist
in the Chapel of Remembrance

6:05pm Evening Prayer

said at the West end

Psalms 25

FRIDAY 1 MAY

Philip and James, Apostles

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist
in the Lucy Chapel

6:05pm Solemn Evensong

Hymn 221 (T 649)

Psalm 149

Byrd Responses

Tomkins *First Service*

Tallis *Loquebantur variis linguis*

SATURDAY 2 MAY

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

with choristers from 'Be a Chorister for a Day'

Hymn 510 (T 604)

Psalm 14

arr. Dawes *Steal away*

Byrd Responses

Sumzision *in A*

Chilcott *Be thou my vision*

SUNDAY 3 MAY

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

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 142 (T ii), AM 665

(T REH 450), 578

Psalm 31.1–6, 17–18

Dove *Missa Brevis*

Beach *Peace I leave with you*

Britten *Prelude and Fugue on a Theme of Vittoria*

6:05pm Choral Evensong

Hymn 490

Psalm 147.1–12

Byrd Responses

Dyson *in D*

Bainton *And I saw a new heaven*

Preston *Alleluys*

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE CATHEDRAL

4.15pm Sunday 19 April – Congregational Meeting

Worshippers are welcome to join us on Sunday 19 April for a Congregational Meeting, which will be held in the Research Centre (aka Thatched Barn) at 4.45pm, before Choral Evensong at 6.05pm. Tea will be served from 4.15pm. This will provide an opportunity to hear presentations from the beneficiary of the Congregational Giving Scheme Large Award 2025–27, Bridewell Organic Gardens, and from the Friends of Christ Church Cathedral, as well as to receive updates from the Cathedral, and to speak with representatives from the Cathedral's clergy and staff.

3pm Wednesday 29 April – Radio 3 Choral Evensong

We're delighted to announce that the Cathedral Choir will sing a service of Choral Evensong broadcast live to the nation on Radio 3 at 3.00 pm on Wednesday 29 April. This will be a public service, and you are very welcome to join us in the congregation. Please note that you will need to be seated by 2.45pm for a short briefing from the producer, after which point we will be unable to admit any more worshippers.

Saturday 2 May – Frideswide Voices' Be a Chorister for a Day

Each year, the Cathedral hosts a selection of taster events for girls, boys and their families. Frideswide Voices will be holding a 'Be a Chorister' afternoon for girls to experience what it might be like to become a Frideswide chorister. The Director, Alexander Turner, welcomes enquiries about choristerships at any time.

Please email alexander.turner@chch.ox.ac.uk

NEWS

Cathedral Singers of Christ Church Residency

We welcome the Cathedral Singers, our volunteer choir, back to the stalls on Tuesday 7 April under the direction of Susannah Hill for the beginning of their post-Easter residency. The Cathedral Singers have a pivotal role in maintaining our year-round provision of choral worship at Christ Church, and we are tremendously grateful for all who give their time and talents to support our ministry.

Oxford Degrees for Women: Cathedral Friends Event

Discover the story of the campaign to admit women to Oxford University from 1879 (and as full Members from 1920), and the men and women who went on to form the Society of Home Students (now St Anne's College). This event is presented by the Cathedral Friends and includes a talk by Dr David Smith, as well as private access to the archives of St Anne's. It takes place from 11am–2pm on Monday 13 April, including a light lunch. All are welcome, from Friends to Volunteers, Congregation members and members of the House. For more information please contact Adele Stancliffe at adelestancliffe@gmail.com or call 07487 882123.

Support Your Cathedral

Your support makes a lasting difference to Christ Church Cathedral. For centuries, this Cathedral has sustained a ministry of worship, outreach, pilgrimage and community at the heart of the Diocese. Today, your gift – whether through a donation or a legacy – helps to preserve our historic fabric, uphold our tradition of musical excellence, and develop our ministry among people across the Diocese and beyond. Please consider how you might help secure the Cathedral's witness for generations to come. If you would like to become more involved or hear more about how you can support the Cathedral, please contact: Thomas Ridenour, Development Manager (Cathedral & Cathedral Music), thomas.ridenour@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](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

Fiona Sidorowicz (Cathedral Safeguarding Officer)

fiona.sidorowicz@chch.ox.ac.uk / 01865 276246

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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.