



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

**SERVICES AND MUSIC
MAY 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

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

Sumsion *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 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

with the commissioning of Alexander Turner as Associate Choral Director

Hymn 490

Psalm 147.1–12

Byrd Responses

Dyson *in D*

Bainton *And I saw a new heaven*

Preston *Alleluyas*

4–10 MAY

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

MONDAY 4 MAY

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist
in the Latin Chapel

6:05pm Evening Prayer
said at the West end

Psalm 22.1–11

TUESDAY 5 MAY

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist
in the Lady Chapel

6:05pm Choral Evensong

Psalm 27

Smith Responses
Byrd *Second Service*
Byrd *Christ rising again*

WEDNESDAY 6 MAY

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist
in the Bell Chapel

1:05pm BCP Communion

6:05pm Choral Evensong

Psalm 32

Tallis Responses
Mundy *Magnificat secundi toni*
plainsong *Nunc dimittis*
Parsons *Credo quod redemptor*

THURSDAY 7 MAY

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist
in the Chapel of Remembrance

6:05pm Choral Evensong

Psalm 37.1–22

Smith Responses
Sumsion *in G*
Vaughan Williams *Love bade me welcome*

FRIDAY 8 MAY

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist
in the Lucy Chapel

6:05pm Choral Evensong

Psalms 42, 43
Smith Responses
Tomkins *Second Service*
Byrd *Haec dies*

SATURDAY 9 MAY

8:15am Morning Prayer

8:35am Said Eucharist
in the Lady Chapel

6:05pm Choral Evensong

Hymn 430
Psalms 47, 48
Smith Responses
Stanford *in B flat*
Elgar *Light of the world*

SUNDAY 10 MAY

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

7:35am Said Matins (BCP)

8:05am BCP Communion

11:05am Choral Eucharist

Preacher

Canon Professor Carol Harrison
*Lady Margaret Professor of
Divinity*

Hymns 455, 387, 149

Psalm 66.7–end

Mozart *Missa Brevis in F, K.192*

Mozart *Ave verum corpus*

Buxtehude *Praeludium in C,
BuxWV 137*

6:05pm Choral Evensong

Hymn 165
Psalm 87
Smith Responses
Howells *in G*
Vaughan Williams *Easter*
Elgar *Allegro maestoso
(Sonata in G, Op. 28)*

11–17 MAY

CANON IN RESIDENCE
THE VENERABLE JONATHAN CHAFFEY
Archdeacon of Oxford

MONDAY 11 MAY

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist
in the Latin Chapel

6:05pm Evening Prayer

said at the West end

Psalm 61

TUESDAY 12 MAY

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist
in the Lady Chapel

6:05pm Choral Evensong

with the signing of the Armed Forces Covenant

Hymns Eternal Father (T 457), 623
Psalm 67

Martin Responses

Dyson *in F*

Dove *They will rise*

WEDNESDAY 13 MAY

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist
in the Bell Chapel

1:05pm BCP Communion

6:05pm Choral Evensong

Psalms 15, 24

Martin Responses

Byrd *Short Service*

Gibbons *O clap your hands*

8:35pm College Compline

THURSDAY 14 MAY
ASCENSION DAY

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist
in the Chapel of Remembrance

6:05pm Solemn Eucharist

Preacher

The Revd Dr Kirsty Borthwick
College Chaplain

Hymns 171, 368, 427

Psalm 47

Walton *Missa Brevis*

Stanford *Coelos ascendit hodie*

Bach *Heut triumphieret Gottes Sohn (BWV 630)*

FRIDAY 15 MAY

Matthias the Apostle

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist

in the Lucy Chapel

6:05pm Solemn Evensong

Hymn 222 (T 412)

Psalm 80

Martin Responses

Gray in F minor

Harris Holy is the true light

SATURDAY 16 MAY

8:15am Morning Prayer

8:35am Said Eucharist

in the Lady Chapel

1:05pm Saying Goodbye

A service for anyone who has lost a baby at any stage of pregnancy, at birth, or in infancy

6:05pm Choral Evensong

Hymn 173

Psalm 84

Martin Responses

Blow in F

Handel Lift up your heads

SUNDAY 17 MAY The Seventh Sunday of Easter (Sunday After Ascension Day)

7:35am Said Matins (BCP)

8:05am BCP Communion

**11:05am Choral Eucharist
with Confirmation**

Preacher

The Rt Revd Dr Steven Croft
Bishop of Oxford

Hymns 200, 440, 548, 593

Psalm 68.1-10

Walton Missa Brevis

Walton A Litany

*Widor Marche pontificale
(Symphony No 1)*

6:05pm Choral Evensong

Hymn 199

Psalm 47

Martin Responses

*Frances-Hoad Peterborough
Service*

*Gibbons See, see, the Word is
incarnate*

Joseph Lewis Windows (Sonata)

18–24 MAY

CANON IN RESIDENCE

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

MONDAY 18 MAY

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist
in the Latin Chapel

6:05pm Evening Prayer
said at the West end

Psalm 93

TUESDAY 19 MAY

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist
in the Lady Chapel

6:05pm Choral Evensong

Psalms 99, 100

Byrd Responses

Batten *Fourth Service*

Tye *Omnes gentes*

WEDNESDAY 20 MAY

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist
in the Bell Chapel

6:05pm Choral Evensong

Psalm 104.1–23

Byrd Responses

Jackson *in G*

Martin *Vidi aquam*

THURSDAY 21 MAY

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist
in the Chapel of Remembrance

6:05pm House Communion
sung by the College Choir

Preacher

The Revd Dr Melanie Marshall
*Associate Priest at St Mary
Magdalen, Oxford*

Hymns 485, 368, 181

Lotti *Messe a tre voci*

Tallis *If ye love me*

Bach *Erschienen ist der herrliche
Tag (BWV 629)*

FRIDAY 22 MAY

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist
in the Lucy Chapel

6:05pm Choral Evensong

Psalm 108

Byrd Responses

Hooper *Short Service*

Hooper *Behold it is Christ*

SATURDAY 23 MAY

8:15am Morning Prayer

8:35am Said Eucharist
in the Lady Chapel

6:05pm Choral Evensong

Hymn 523

Psalm 48

Moore Responses

Ives *Magdalen Service*

Fauré *Cantique de Jean Racine*

SUNDAY 24 MAY

8:05am BCP Communion

9:35am Choral Matins

with University Sermon

Preacher

The Revd Dr Cally Hammond
*Dean of Gonville and Caius
College, Cambridge*

Hymns AM 235 (T REH 456),
477 (T ii)

Psalm 87

Tallis Responses

Byrd *Te Deum* from *Short Service*

Byrd *Diliges Dominum*

Bruhns *Praeludium in G*

DAY OF PENTECOST (WHIT SUNDAY)

11:05am Choral Eucharist

Preacher

The Revd Canon Professor

Luke Bretherton

*Regius Professor of Moral and
Pastoral Theology*

Hymns 187 (T 363), 181, 548

Psalm 104.24–24, 35b

Taverner *Mean Mass*

Byrd *Diliges Dominum*

Bach *Fantasia super Komm,*

heiliger Geist, Herre Gott, BWV 651

6:05pm Choral Evensong

Hymn 522 (T i)

Psalms 67, 133

Moore Responses

Howells *in E*

Poulenc *Seigneur, je vous en prie*

Messiaen *Sortie (Messe de la*

Pentecôte)

25–31 MAY

THE REVD CANON PROFESSOR ANDREW DAVISON
Regius Professor of Divinity

MONDAY 25 MAY

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist
in the Latin Chapel

6:05pm Evening Prayer
said at the West end

Psalms 119.73–88

TUESDAY 26 MAY

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist
in the Lady Chapel

6:05pm Choral Evensong
sung by the Cathedral Singers

Psalms 119.145–160

Clucas Responses

Aston *in F*

Ives *Listen sweet dove*

WEDNESDAY 27 MAY

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 126, 127, 128

Clucas Responses

Howells *St Paul's Service*

Tallis *O Lord, Give Thy Holy Spirit*

8:35pm College Compline

THURSDAY 28 MAY

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist
in the Chapel of Remembrance

6:05pm Choral Evensong
sung by the Cathedral Singers

Psalms 137, 138

Clucas Responses

Ireland *in C*

Finzi *My spirit sang all day*

FRIDAY 29 MAY

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist
in the Lucy Chapel

6:05pm Choral Evensong
sung by the Cathedral Singers

Psalms 142, 143

Clucas Responses

Weelkes *Short Service*

Gibbons *Come Holy Ghost*

SATURDAY 30 MAY

8:15am Morning Prayer

8:35am Said Eucharist
in the Lady Chapel

6:05pm Choral Evensong
sung by the Cathedral Singers

Hymn 189 (T ii)

Psalms 97, 98

Clucas Responses

Stanford *in C*

Stanford *O for a closer walk with God*

SUNDAY 31 MAY

7:35am Said Matins (BCP)

8:05am BCP Communion

11:05am Choral Eucharist
sung by the Cathedral Singers

Preacher

The Revd Dr Kirsty Borthwick
College Chaplain

Hymns 191, 483, 192

Psalm 8

Victoria *Missa Salve*

Aichinger *Duo Seraphim*

Bach *Pièce d'Orgue (BWV 572)*

TRINITY SUNDAY

**5:05pm A Service of
Thanksgiving for Bishop
Steven and Ann**

sung by the Cathedral Singers

A special Order of Service with the repertoire for this thanksgiving will be available closer to the end of the month.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE CATHEDRAL

6:05pm Tuesday 12 May – Choral Evensong with the Signing of the Armed Forces Covenant

In a special Evensong service on Tuesday 12 May the Cathedral will mark its commitment to support those who have served in the Armed Forces and their families by signing the Armed Forces Covenant. Please do join us in support of those who serve. For more information, please visit www.armedforcescovenant.gov.uk.

1:05pm Saturday 16 May – Saying Goodbye

You are welcome to join us for a special service for all those who have lost a baby in pregnancy, at birth and in early years, and for those grieving never having had a child. Saying Goodbye offer support and befrienders for anyone who has gone through the loss of a baby. If you would find this helpful, please visit www.sayinggoodbye.org

6:05pm Thursday 21 May – House Communion

House Communion is a termly college service which brings together all members of Christ Church, along with the wider cathedral community and visitors: whoever you are, you are very warmly welcomed to join us for this service.

9:35am Sunday 24 May – Choral Matins with University Sermon

We mark Whit Sunday with the return of Choral Matins to Cathedral worship. This service also includes a University Sermon preached by the Revd Dr Cally Hammond, Dean of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge. Choral Eucharist will take place afterwards at 11.05am, following which refreshments will be served in the Cathedral. You are very welcome to join us for one or both services.

5.05pm Sunday 31 May – A Service of Thanksgiving for Bishop Steven and Ann

The Dean and Chapter of Christ Church have great pleasure in inviting you to A Service of Thanksgiving and Farewell for The Right Revd Dr Steven Croft, Bishop of Oxford, and his wife Ann at 5.05pm on Sunday 31 May. Booking closes at 10pm on Sunday 10 May. We recommend securing a ticket at your earliest convenience as demand for places will be extremely high and only a few seats will be reserved for worshippers who arrive without a ticket. For further information and booking please visit:

www.tickettailor.com/events/christchurchcathedral1/2108762

NEWS

BBC Radio 3 Choral Evensong

On Wednesday 29 April the Cathedral Choir sang a service of Choral Evensong broadcast live to the nation on Radio 3. If you missed the service, or would like to listen to it again, the recording is available on BBC Sounds until the beginning of June. Thank you to everyone who made this broadcast possible.

www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m002vcnc

The Creed In Music: Inaugural Lecture by The Revd Canon Andrew Davison, 15 June

Join us at 5pm on 15 June when our Regius Professor of Divinity, The Revd Canon Andrew Davison, explores how Christian Theology has been animated in musical settings of the Creed from the renaissance to the 20th century, including live performances by the Cathedral Choir. Taking place in the inaugural term of the Schwarzman Centre's new auditorium, this event represents a landmark moment for the humanities at Oxford, bringing together theology, music, and history in a uniquely rich and celebratory occasion. Tickets for this event are free, and available on the Schwarzman Centre website.

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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

Fiona Sidorowicz (Cathedral Safeguarding Officer)

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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.