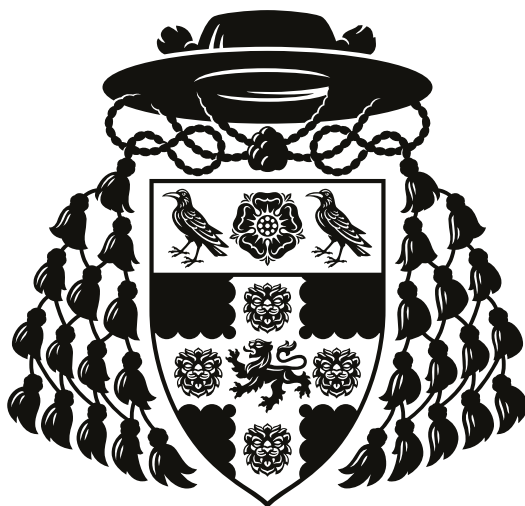




CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

**SERVICES AND MUSIC
SEPTEMBER 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

31 AUGUST – 4 SEPTEMBER

MONDAY 31 AUGUST

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist
in the Latin Chapel

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

6:05pm Choral Evensong

sung by Positif Chamber Choir

Psalm 150

Sanders Responses

Stanford *in C*

Stanford *Beati quorum via*

TUESDAY 1 SEPTEMBER

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist
in the Lady Chapel

6:05pm Choral Evensong

sung by the Cathedral Singers

Psalm 7

Clucas Responses

Byrd *Short Service*

Attwood *Teach me, O Lord*

WEDNESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER

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 14

Clucas Responses

J Forbes L'Estrange *King's College Service*

G Ives *O for a closer walk with God*

THURSDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist
in the Chapel of Remembrance

6:05pm Choral Evensong

sung by the Cathedral Singers

Psalm 100

Clucas Responses

Brewer *in D*

Wood *O Thou the Central Orb*

FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER
Birinus, Bishop of
Dorchester (Oxon), Apostle
of Wessex, 650

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist
in the Lucy Chapel

6:05pm Solemn Evensong
sung by the Cathedral Singers
Hymn 300
Psalm 96
Clucas Responses
Batten Fourth Service
Batten O Sing Joyfully

SATURDAY 5
SEPTEMBER

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 458
Psalm 19
Clucas Responses
Purcell in G minor
Haydn Achieved is the glorious
work

SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER

Creation in Christ

7:35am Said Matins (BCP)

8:05am BCP Communion

11:05am Choral Eucharist
sung by the Cathedral Singers

Preacher

The Revd Canon Peter Moger
Sub Dean

Hymns 439, 363, 508
Psalm 96

Palestrina Missa Aeterna Christi
munera

Palestrina Sicut Cervus
Bach Toccata in D minor
(BWV 538)

6:05pm Solemn Evensong
with the Commissioning
and Valediction of Cathedral
Singers Scholars

Hymn 244
Psalm 104

Clucas Responses
Aston in F

G Ives The Canticle of Brother Sun
Bridge Adagio in E

7–13 SEPTEMBER

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

MONDAY 7 SEPTEMBER

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist
in the Latin Chapel

6:05pm Evening Prayer
said from the West end
Psalm 37.1–11

TUESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist
in the Lady Chapel

6:05pm Choral Evensong
sung by the Cathedral Singers
Psalms 42, 43
Tomkins Responses
Moeran *in D*
arr. Jacob Brother James' Air

WEDNESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist
in the Bell Chapel

1:05pm BCP Communion

6:05pm Choral Evensong
Psalms 47, 48
Tomkins Responses
Tallis *Magnificat (Latin Service)*
plainsong *Nunc dimittis*
Tallis *If ye love me*

THURSDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist
in the Chapel of Remembrance

6:05pm Choral Evensong
Psalms 53, 54
Tomkins Responses
Stanford *in C*
Walton *A Litany*

FRIDAY 11 SEPTEMBER

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist
in the Lucy Chapel

6:05pm Choral Evensong

Psalms 60, 61

Tomkins Responses

Byrd *Third Service*

Byrd *Prevent us, O Lord*

SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

8:15am Morning Prayer

8:35am Said Eucharist
in the Lady Chapel

6:05pm Choral Evensong

Hymn 351

Psalms 67

Tomkins Responses

Wallen *Magnificat*

plainsong *Nunc dimittis*

Harris *Bring us, O Lord God*

SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

7:35am Said Matins (BCP)

8:05am BCP Communion

11:05am Choral Eucharist

Preacher

The Very Revd Professor

Sarah Foot

Dean

Hymns 555 (T iii), 575, 517

Psalms 103.1–13

Byrd *Mass for Five Voices*

Guerrero *O sacrum convivium*

Bach *Fugue in C (BWV 547)*

The Fifteenth Sunday After Trinity

6:05pm Choral Evensong

Hymn 128

Psalms 66

Tomkins Responses

Hogan Mount *St Alban Service*

Wood *Hail, gladdening light*

Mendelssohn *Prelude in D minor*
(Op. 37, No 3)

14–20 SEPTEMBER

CANON IN RESIDENCE

THE REVD CHARLIE KERR

Priest Vicar for Education and Pilgrimage

MONDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

Holy Cross Day

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist

in the Latin Chapel

6:05pm Evening Prayer

said from the West end

Psalms 110, 150

TUESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist

in the Lady Chapel

6:05pm Choral Evensong

Psalms 78.1–17

Byrd Responses

Byrd *Second Service*

Byrd *Teach me, O Lord*

WEDNESDAY 16

SEPTEMBER

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist

in the Bell Chapel

1:05pm BCP Communion

6:05pm Choral Evensong

Psalms 84

Byrd Responses

Tomkins *Fifth Service*

Byrd *Sing joyfully*

THURSDAY 17

SEPTEMBER

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist

in the Chapel of Remembrance

6:05pm Choral Evensong

Psalms 89.1–19

Byrd Responses

Blow *in F*

Haydn *The heavens are telling*

FRIDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist
in the Lucy Chapel

6:05pm Choral Evensong

Psalms 93, 94

Byrd Responses

Tomkins Second Service

Weir A Wreath

SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

8:15am Morning Prayer

8:35am Said Eucharist
in the Lady Chapel

6:05pm Choral Evensong

*sung by the Cathedral Choir
and Alumni for the 500th
Anniversary of the Choir*

Hymn 490

Byrd Responses

*Goodall The Lord is my shepherd
Watson in E*

Walton Jubilate Deo

Harris Flourish for an occasion

SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

7:35am Said Matins (BCP)

8:05am BCP Communion

11:05am Choral Eucharist

Preacher

*The Revd Catherine Cleghorn
Succentor*

Hymns 570, 509, 548

Psalm 145.1–8

*Taverner Western Wynde Mass
Bach Prelude and Fugue in G
(BWV 541)*

The Sixteenth Sunday After Trinity

6:05pm Choral Evensong

Hymn 245

Psalm 34

Moore (Set II) Responses

Sumsion in G

Harris Holy is the true light

*Harris Andante espressivo (Organ
Sonata No 2)*

21–27 SEPTEMBER

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

MONDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist
in the Latin Chapel

6:05pm Evening Prayer
said from the West end
Psalm 119.33–40, 89–96

TUESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist
in the Lady Chapel

6:05pm Choral Evensong
Psalm 108
Byrd Responses
Wood Collegium Regale
Parsons Ave Maria

WEDNESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist
in the Bell Chapel

1:05pm BCP Communion

6:05pm Choral Evensong
Psalm 114
Aston Responses
R Quinney *Short Service*
R Panufnik *Ubi caritas*

THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist
in the Chapel of Remembrance

6:05pm Evening Prayer
said from the West end
Psalm 119.1–8

FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist

in the Lucy Chapel

6:05pm Evening Prayer

said from the West end

Psalm 119.73–80

SATURDAY 26

SEPTEMBER

8:15am Morning Prayer

8:35am Said Eucharist

in the Lady Chapel

6:05pm Choral Evensong

Hymn 176

Psalm 119.145–160

Aston Responses

Dyson *in C minor*

Elgar *Doubt not thy Father's care*

SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

7:35am Said Matins (BCP)

8:05am BCP Communion

11:05am Choral Eucharist

Preacher

The Venerable Jonathan

Chaffey

Archdeacon of Oxford

Hymns 603, 492, 400

Psalm 25.1–8

Britten *Missa brevis*

I Holst *Let the words of my mouth*

Gigout *Scherzo (10 pièces pour orgue)*

The Seventeenth Sunday After Trinity

6:05pm Choral Evensong

Hymn 599

Psalm 124

Aston Responses

B Parry *in A*

Poston *Te lucis ante terminum*

Mendelssohn *Allegro maestoso e vivace* from *Sonata No 4 in B flat*
(Op. 65)

28 SEP. – 4 OCTOBER

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

MONDAY 28

SEPTEMBER

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist

in the Latin Chapel

6:05pm Evening Prayer

said from the West end

Psalm 91

TUESDAY 29

SEPTEMBER

Michael and All Angels

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist

in the Lady Chapel

6:05pm Evening Prayer

said from the West end

Psalms 138, 148

WEDNESDAY 30

SEPTEMBER

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist

in the Bell Chapel

1:05pm BCP Communion

6:05pm Choral Eucharist

*Benefices' Corporate
Communion*

Preacher

The Revd Dr Kirsty Borthwick
College Chaplain

Britten *Missa brevis*
Mendelssohn *Lift thine eyes*
Bach *Prelude and Fugue in C*
(BWV 547)

THURSDAY 1 OCTOBER

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist

in the Chapel of Remembrance

6:05pm Evening Prayer

said from the West end

Psalm 8

FRIDAY 2 OCTOBER

7:15am Morning Prayer

7:35am Said Eucharist
in the Lucy Chapel

6:05pm Choral Evensong

with Founders' Prayers

Psalm 14

Aston Responses

Watson *in F*

Harris *Vox ultima crucis*

SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER

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

Psalm 18.1–15

Aston Responses

Howells *in G*

Bainton *And I saw a new heaven*

SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER

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*

Psalm 80.8–16

Haydn *Missa brevis Sancti*

Joannis de Deo

Mozart *Ave verum corpus*

The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

6:05pm Choral Evensong

sung by the Cathedral Singers

Psalm 136

Aston Responses

Stanford *in C*

Vaughan Williams *O clap your
hands*

FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN THE CATHEDRAL

Sunday 6 September – Creation in Christ

Join us for Choral Eucharist and Solemn Evensong dedicated to this new Festival. Assigned to the first Sunday in September each year, the Festival of *Creation in Christ* offers an opportunity for Christians to give thanks for God's creation and redemption of the world, to reflect on humanity's responsibility to care for the natural world and to pray for its renewal.

*Source: General Synod Liturgical Commission Circular
16/07/2026, The Revd Dr Matthew Salisbury,
National Liturgical Adviser*

18:05 Sunday 6 September – Solemn Evensong with the Commissioning and Valediction of Cathedral Singers Scholars

On Sunday 6 September, we also say a fond farewell to our departing Cathedral Singers Choral and Organ Scholars and welcome our new incoming Scholars at our service of Solemn Evensong. We'd be delighted if you joined us to greet them to the Cathedral community, and more widely to celebrate the work of the Cathedral Singers to sustain our choral worship.

Saturday 12 September – Open Doors

Visit the Cathedral, Great Hall, Library, quads and gardens of Christ Church for free as part of the Oxford Open Doors event. Short talks and tours, demonstrations and recitals will be held throughout the day. More details and booking information can be found at:

www.chch.ox.ac.uk/events/oxford-open-doors-open-day

18:05 Wednesday 30 September – Corporate Communion

Christ Church holds the right of presentation for some eighty livings across the country and is extending an invitation to the congregations of them all for an evening of collective worship, fellowship and hospitality. If you are a member of one of these parishes, please contact your local church administrator by Sunday 6 September in order to sign up for the preceeding lecture by the Revd Canon Professor William Whyte, Professor of Social and Architectural History. All are welcome to the 18:05 Choral Eucharist, no booking required.

NEWS

Join Our Team: Education and Pilgrimage Officer

Do you have a passion for education, pilgrimage and engaging people of all ages and walks of life? We are looking to appoint a new full-time Education and Pilgrimage Officer to join our team at an exciting time as we approach St Frideswide's 1300th anniversary year in 2027. Working closely with our Priest Vicar, you will draw on your expertise to shape and deliver our educational and pilgrimage offer for the Cathedral's congregations; local schools; the Diocese of Oxford; and visitors and pilgrims from around the UK and the world. The closing date for applications is 10 September. For more information, visit www.chch.ox.ac.uk/vacancies/education-and-pilgrimage-officer-0

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 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

Pathways: for schools, parishes and community groups

Come and discover a story 1300 years in the making. Our team will bring this sacred space to life, working with you to ensure you get the most out of your time here, whether that is for a school programme, pilgrimage or retreat day. To find out more about this work, please email: pathways@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 or wellbeing of a child, yourself or anybody else in or around the Cathedral today, please speak with any member of the clergy or vergers team. For non-urgent matters, the Cathedral Safeguarding Officers may be contacted on:

Fiona Sidorowicz (Cathedral Safeguarding Officer)

cathedral.safeguarding@chch.ox.ac.uk / 01865 276246

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 286334

In an emergency, or if an individual is at immediate risk of harm, 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.