

BathAbbey

Bath Abbey
Services & Music
List Winter 2022
December - February



Our regular Weekday services are as follows:

8.30am Morning Prayer Monday – Thursday.

8.30am Holy Communion Friday

5.30pm Evening Prayer* Monday – Friday unless Choral Evensong is taking place.

Unless otherwise indicated all services on Weekdays and
8am Holy Communion on Sundays are said services.

*** please note there is no Evening prayer in December**

SUNDAY 4 DECEMBER

2nd Sunday of Advent

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Church Family Communion *Sung by the Abbey Girls*

Anthem *Magnificat Sumsion, The Lamb Walford Davies*

Hymns 46, 427, 30, 649, 54, 46

11.30am Sung Eucharist *Sung by the Abbey Girls and Lay Clerks*

Introit *The Advent Prose Plainsong*

Setting *Mass for Five Voices Byrd*

Communion *Rorate coeli Byrd* Hymns NEH 501, 46, 30, 45

3.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Abbey Boys and Lay Clerks*

Introit *People look East Trad. arr. B Ferguson* Responses *Clucas*

Canticles *The Second Service Byrd* Psalm 11

Anthem *Hymn of St Columba Britten* Hymn AMNS 31 (AM 30)

6.30pm Informal service

Saturday 10 December at 7pm

A Christmas Celebration

With popular favourites, and some unexpected items, there will be carols for the congregation to join in, together with readings. This will be a memorable and colourful evening full of fun and style. This carol concert with a variety of music from all styles features the youngest Abbey Choir, the Melody Makers, and the Boys Choir, the Girls Choir and the Lay Clerks.

Tickets from Bath Box Office: £22, £17 and £10 (16s and under half price)

SUNDAY 11 DECEMBER**3rd Sunday of Advent**

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Church Family Communion *led by the music group*

Hymns 45, Light of the world, 42, 193, 442, 75

11.30am Sung Eucharist *Sung by the Abbey Boys and Lay Clerks*Introit Remember, O thou man *Ravenscroft*Setting Mass for Four Voices *Byrd* Hymns NEH 501, 38, 37, 41Communion Virga Jesse *Bruckner*3.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Abbey Girls and Lay Clerks*Introit Hosanna to the Son of David *Weelkes* Responses *Tomkins*Canticles *Sumsion* in G Psalm 12Anthem Rejoice in the Lord always *Purcell* Hymn AMNS 27 (AM 46)

6.30pm Informal service

Saturday 17 December at 7pm

Baroque Christmas music at Bath Abbey will be full of charming and elegant repertoire to match the poise and style of the Georgian city. With seasonal and uplifting music by *J. S. Bach* (Gloria in excelsis Deo, Et in terra pax, Jauchzet froloket and Komm, Jesu komm) and a stylish and dance-like Magnificat by *Buxtehude*, there will also be music by *Purcell* (O sing unto the Lord, Rejoice in the Lord) and *Monteverdi*. The Abbey Girls and Lay Clerks perform alongside baroque instrumentalists *Rejouissance*.

Tickets from Bath Box Office: £22, £17 and £10 (16s and under half price).

SUNDAY 18 DECEMBER**4th Sunday of Advent**

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Church Family Communion *Sung by the Abbey Chamber Choir*Anthem Let all mortal flesh *Bairstow*

Hymns 70, 84, O holy night, 68, Adoramus Te Domine (Taize), 80 (omit vv2&4)

11.30am Sung Eucharist *Sung by the Abbey Chamber Choir*

Introit Nun komm der Heiden Heiland *Eccard*
Setting Missa Simile est Regnum *Victoria*
Communion Laetentur coeli *Byrd* Hymns 45, 33, 452, 394

5.00pm Family Carols *Sung by the Melody Makers*

Carols The Little road to Bethlehem *M Head*
Follow the Star *Anon*
Starlight *Giles Swayne*

WEDNESDAY 21 DECEMBER

BBC Radio 4 live recording

4.00pm BBC Christmas Day Morning Worship *Sung by the Abbey Girls and Lay Clerks*

All are welcome. Please email or call the Abbey Office if you would like to join us so we have an indication of numbers.

Please be seated by 3.45pm.

La Nativité du Seigneur Wednesday 21 December 7pm

Nine meditations for organ by Olivier Messiaen

Huw Williams, Organ

A Christmas meditation with organist Huw Williams and scripture readings from Revd Nigel Rawlinson.

All welcome, no reserved seating or tickets required.

FRIDAY 23 DECEMBER

Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Entry is by (free) ticket only. Available via Eventbrite.

5.00pm Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols *Sung by the Abbey Boys and Lay Clerks*

7.15pm Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols *Sung by the Abbey Boys and Lay Clerks*

SATURDAY 24 DECEMBER**Christmas Eve**

- 4.00pm Carol Praise *Sung by the Girls' Choir Alumnae*
- 6.00pm Carol Praise *Sung by the Girls' Choir Alumnae*
- 11.00pm Midnight Communion *Sung by the Abbey Girls and Lay Clerks*
- Introit Long the night (Ukranian folk carol) *arr Roy Massey*
 Setting Messe de Minuit *Charpentier*
 Communion O magnum mysterium *Morten Lauridsen*
 Suo gan *Welsh Trad. arr Guest*
 Hymns 78, 80, 70, (if needed 84), 66

SUNDAY 25 DECEMBER**Christmas Day**

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.30am Celebration Communion *Sung by the Abbey Boys*
- Anthem The Holly and the Ivy *Gardner*
 I saw three ships *Trad. arr Huw Williams*
 Hymns 78, 61, 83, 64, 79, 60, 66
- 11.30am Sung Eucharist *Sung by the Abbey Girls and Lay Clerks*
- Introit Mary had a baby *African American Trad. arr Sargent*
 Setting Missa Sancti Nicoli *Haydn*
 Communion O magnum mysterium *Poulenc,*
 Away in a manger *Normandy melody arr Pettman*
 Hymns 78, 79, (if needed 60), 83, 66

SUNDAY 1 JANUARY**New Year's Day**

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 10.30am Joint Eucharist *Sung by the Girls' Choir Alumnae*
- Introit Quem pastores *Trad. arr. J Scott*
 Setting Messe Basse *Fauré*
 Anthems A New Year Carol *Britten, Deep mid-winter Bob Chilcott*
 Hymns 59, 83, 81, 89, 70

SUNDAY 1 JANUARY Piano Recital 12 noon Gavin Phelps

**New Year Concert
Saturday 7th January 2023 - 7.00pm**

Acclaimed Bath Abbey Girls' Choir sing Benjamin Britten's masterpiece, A Ceremony of Carols, accompanied by harp.

Christmas is a 40 day period of rejoicing, from 25th December until 2nd February, Candlemas. In January we mark Epiphany, the time when the wise men brought gifts to the baby Jesus in the stable at Bethlehem. To celebrate this festival, the Abbey Girls' choir sing Benjamin Britten's beautiful and challenging work. Other items include movements from John Rutter's charming Dancing Day (also accompanied by harp). As we remember Queen Elizabeth II the girls will sing Huw Williams's arrangement of Away in a manger, written for The Queen's Christmas Day broadcast in 2015. This beautiful music in this magical setting will be an uplifting and inspiration way to start 2023.

Tickets £18 and £15 (16s and under half price) from Bath Box Office
www.bathboxoffice.org.uk

SUNDAY 8 JANUARY

Baptism of Christ

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Church Family Communion *Sung by the Abbey Boys*

 Anthem *Come Holy Ghost Attwood*
 Hymns 103, 74, 105, 76, 85

11.30am Sung Eucharist *Sung by the Abbey Boys and Lay Clerks*

Introit *The Three Kings Cornelius*
Setting *Darke in F*
Communion *The Spirit of the Lord Elgar*
Hymns 103, 107 (t 166i), 108, 86

Sunday 8th January 3.30pm Epiphany Carol Service

Sung by the Abbey Chamber Choir

Here is the little door *Howells*
Seek him that maketh the seven stars *Dove*
Lully lullay *Leighton*
When Jesus Christ *Tchaikovsky*
The spirit of the Lord *Elgar*
Tribus miraculis *Marenzio*

No tickets required. All welcome.

THURSDAY 12 JANUARY

5.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Abbey Girls and Lay Clerks*
Introit Videntes stellam *Poulenc* Responses *Philip Moore*
Canticles The Fifth Service *Tomkins* Psalm 61
Anthem Lux Aurumque *Eric Whitacre*

SUNDAY 15 JANUARY

2nd Sunday of Epiphany

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Church Family Communion *led by the Music group*

Hymns 94, 87, 96, 609, 99

11.30am Sung Eucharist *Sung by the Abbey Girls and Lay Clerks*

Introit Videntes stellam *Poulenc*
Setting Missa Brevis *Kodály* Hymns 2, 383, 99, 652
Communion O sacrum convivium *Tallis*

3.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Abbey Boys and Lay Clerks*

Introit Omnes de Saba *Handl* Responses *Clucas*
Canticles *Dyson* in D Psalm 96
Anthem When Jesus was born *Mendelssohn* Hymn AMNS 53 (AM 104)

6.30pm Informal service

THURSDAY 19 JANUARY

5.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Abbey Girls and Lay Clerks*

Introit Sing joyfully *Byrd* Responses *Philip Moore*
Canticles *Purcell* in G minor Psalm 121
Anthem Bethlehem down *Warlock*

SUNDAY 22 JANUARY

3rd Sunday of Epiphany

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Church Family Communion *Sung by the Abbey Chamber Choir*

Anthem Surge illuminaire *Huw Williams*
Hymns 104, 72, 712, 721, 785, 630

11.30am Sung Eucharist *Sung by the Abbey Boys and Lay Clerks*

Introit Cantate Domino *Pitoni*
Setting Missa Solennelle *Gretchaninov*
Communion O salutaris hostia *Rossini*
Hymns 9, 72, 630, 795

3.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Abbey Girls and Lay Clerks*

Introit Sing joyfully *Byrd* Responses *Philip Moore*
Canticles The St Paul's Service *Howells* Psalm 33 v1-12
Anthem Epiphany *Judith Bingham* Hymn AMNS 171 (AM 814)

6.30pm Informal service

THURSDAY 26 JANUARY

**At St John's the Evangelist RC Church
for Christian Unity Week**

5.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Abbey Girls and Lay Clerks*

Introit Benedicamus Domine *Warlock* Responses *Philip Moore*
Canticles Magnificat Quinti Toni *Praetorius*, Nunc dimittis a 5 *Holst* Psalm 138
Anthem O quam gloriosum *Victoria*

**Evening Soirée Concert in the Song School
Friday 27th January 7pm**

An intimate evening of music in the Bath Abbey Song School. A chance to meet the Abbey musicians at an exclusive recital of solos followed by a tour of the music facilities. Hosted by Huw Williams, Director of Music. Enjoy a glass of wine and a behind the scenes look at our 'state-of-the-art' Song School and learn more about the life of a chorister.

Tickets from Eventbrite:

Seated (glass of wine included) £12

Balcony (standing only) £5

Drinks will be available to purchase.

SUNDAY 29 JANUARY

Candlemas

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Church Family Communion *Sung by the Abbey Girls*

Anthems Welcome Yule *Britten*, Nunc Dimittis in G *Sumsion*

Hymns 9, 510, 451, I will offer up my life (SOF)

11.30am Sung Eucharist *Sung by the Abbey Girls and Lay Clerks*

Introit Nunc Dimittis *Plainsong*

Setting Missa Brevis *Jonathan Dove*

Communion Nunc dimittis *Holst*

Hymns 2, 398, 99, 593ii

3.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Abbey Boys and Lay Clerks*

(with open rehearsal for members of Bath Abbey Music Society)

Introit When to the temple *Eccard*

Responses *Clucas*

Canticles *Stanford* in G

Psalm 34vv.1-12

Anthem Let the people *Mathias*

Hymn AMNS 314 (AM 110)

6.30pm Informal service

THURSDAY 2 FEBRUARY

5.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Abbey Girls and Lay Clerks*
Introit Nunc Dimittis *Plainsong* Responses *Radcliffe*
Canticles Collegium Regale *Tavener* Psalm 48
Anthem A Hymne to Christ *I. Holst*

SATURDAY 4 FEBRUARY

Friends of Bath Abbey Evensong

5.00pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Abbey Boys and Lay Clerks*
Introit View me Lord *Lloyd* Responses *Clucas*
Canticles *Brewer* in D Psalm 24
Anthem *Insanae et vanae curae Haydn*

SUNDAY 5 FEBRUARY

3rd Sunday before Lent

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Church Family Communion *Sung by the Melody Makers*

Anthems The Call *Vaughan Williams*, Brightest and Best *Malcolm Archer*, Lux
Aeterna Boulanger

Hymns

11.30am Sung Eucharist *Sung by the Abbey Boys and Lay Clerks*

Introit O taste and see *Vaughan Williams*

Setting Missa Quarti Toni *Victoria*

Communion Cantique de Jean Racine *Fauré*

Hymns 327ii, 284, 367, 721ii

3.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Abbey Girls and Lay Clerks*

Introit A Hymne to Christ *I. Holst* Responses *Radcliffe*

Canticles *Walmisley* in D minor Psalm 3, 4

Anthem God's mirror *Roxanna Panufnik* Hymn AMNS 13 (AM 10)

6.30pm Informal service

THURSDAY 9 FEBRUARY

5.30pm	<u>Choral Evensong</u>	<i>Sung by the Abbey Chamber Choir</i>		
Introit	Jesu, the very thought <i>Bairstow</i>		Responses	<i>Ayleward</i>
Canticles	First Service <i>Weelkes</i>		Psalm	39
Anthem	My soul, there is a country <i>Parry</i>			

A Night at the Opera Friday 10th February 7pm

A 'gala' style evening of popular opera favourites sung by the Abbey Choirs and soloists. Solos include **Nessun Dorma** by *Puccini*, *Purcell's Dido's Lament* and **'the cat duet'** by *Rossini*. Stirring choruses feature *Verdi's Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves*, *Easter Hymn* by *Mascagni* and **'the humming chorus'** by *Puccini*.

Buy a ticket for the fabulous music alone (£15), or buy a Gala ticket (£25) to include prosecco and a tour up the Abbey tower to enjoy the night sky over the romantic Georgian city of Bath.

Tickets from Bath Box Office.

SATURDAY 11 FEBRUARY

5.00pm	<u>Choral Evensong</u>	<i>Sung by the Alleyn Singers</i>		
Canticles	Setting in F <i>Dyson</i>		Responses	<i>Ayleward</i>
Anthem	God so loved the world <i>Stainer</i>		Psalm	46

SUNDAY 12 FEBRUARY

2nd Sunday before Lent

8.00am	Holy Communion			
9.30am	<u>Church Family Communion</u>	<i>led by the Music group</i>		
	Hymns			
11.30am	<u>Sung Eucharist</u>	<i>Sung by the Alleyn Singers</i>		
Setting	Collegium regale <i>Darke</i>			
Communion	The Holy Eucharist <i>Harris</i>			
Hymns	532, 284, 526, 541 (t 231)			

3.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Alleyn Singers*
 Canticles Setting in D minor *Walmisley* Responses *Ayleward*
 Anthem A hymn for St Cecilia *Howells* Psalm 148
 Hymn AMNS 101 (omit vv3&4), [AM 754]

6.30pm Informal service

THURSDAY 16 FEBRUARY

Evensong at Wells Cathedral

5.15pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Abbey Chamber Choir*

SATURDAY 18 FEBRUARY

5.00pm Choral Evensong *Sung by St Mary's Singers*

Canticles Evening service in D *Wood* Responses *Martin Neary*
 Anthem Expectans expectavi *Wood* Psalm 65

SUNDAY 19 FEBRUARY

Sunday next before Lent

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Church Family Communion *Sung by the Abbey Chamber Choir*

Anthems God so loved the world *Bob Chilcott*;
 For the beauty of the earth *Philip Stopford*

Hymns

11.30am Sung Eucharist *Sung by St Mary's Singers*

Setting *Darke* in F
 Communion *Ave verum corpus Gounod*
 Hymns 2, 537, 286, 630

3.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by St Mary's Singers*

Canticles Evening service in C minor *Wood* Responses *Martin Neary*
 Anthem O Trinity most blessed light *Turner* Psalm 84
 Hymn AMNS 318 (AM 281)

6.30pm Informal service

WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY**Ash Wednesday**12 noon Holy Communion *with the Imposition of Ashes*7.00pm Sung Eucharist *with the Imposition of Ashes**Sung by the Abbey Girls and Lay Clerks*Introit Hear my prayer *Purcell*Setting Mass for Five Voices *Byrd*Ashing Miserere mei *Allegrì*

Hymns 702, 130i, 127

FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY**Evensong and Vigil on the Anniversary of the outbreak of War in Ukraine**5.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Abbey Boys and Lay Clerks*Introit Lux aeterna *James Millichap*Responses *Plainsong*Canticles The Second Service *Byrd*

Psalm 130

Anthem A prayer for Ukraine *John Rutter*

7.00pm Concert for Ukraine

SUNDAY 26 FEBRUARY**1st Sunday of Lent**

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Church Family Communion *Sung by the Abbey Boys*Anthems Adam lay ybounden *Warlock*
A grateful heart *Mary Plumstead*

Hymns

11.30am Sung Eucharist *Sung by the Abbey Boys and Lay Clerks*Introit The Lent Prose *Plainsong*Setting Mass for Four Voices *Byrd*Communion Adam lay ybounden *Warlock*

Hymns NEH 507, 121, 702, 128i

3.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Abbey Chamber Choir*
Introit Remember not Lord, our offences *Purcell* Responses *Ayleward*
Canticles *Howells* in B minor Psalm 50. 1-15
Anthem Geistliches Lied *Brahms* Hymn AMNS 56 (AM 121)

6.30pm Informal service

Wednesday 5th April at 7pm

**The Passion of our Lord according to St John
with music by J. S. Bach**

The Abbey Girls and Lay Clerks sing this extraordinary work accompanied by baroque players *Rejouissance* led by Simon Jones. As we move through Holy Week towards Good Friday come and hear one of the most moving Christian works ever written by one of the greatest composers who ever lived. Evangelist Ruairi Bowen with solos sung by choir members.

Tickets from Bath Box Office: £22, £17 and £10 (16s and under half price).