

BathAbbey

Bath Abbey  
Services & Music List  
Spring 2023  
March-May



**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.**

## **THURSDAY 2 MARCH**

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

Introit The Lent Prose *Plainsong*

Canticles Magnificat Quinti toni *J. Praetorius*; Responses *Byrd*  
Nunc Dimittis *tone viii* Psalm 142

Anthem God that madeth earth and heaven *Welsh trad. arr V Williams*

## **SUNDAY 5 MARCH**

**The 2nd Sunday of Lent**

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Church Family Communion *Sung by the Chamber choir*

Anthems *Ave verum Phillips*  
*Remember not Lord Purcell*

Hymns 766, 131, 800, 598, 772, 791 (omit vv 3,4,5,6,7)

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

Introit The Lent Prose *Plainsong*

Setting Mass for Five Voices *Byrd*

Communion *Ave verum Mozart*

Hymns 116, 121, 131, 652

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

Introit Lord, we beseech thee *Batten* Responses *Rose*

Canticles *Leighton* in G Psalm 135 v.1-14

Anthem Hear my prayer *Mendelssohn* Hymn AMNS 123ii (AM 128i omit v3)

6.30pm Informal service

## SUNDAY 12 MARCH

The 3rd Sunday of Lent

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Church Family Communion *Led by the Music Group*

Hymns 828, 372, 654, 144, 692, 806

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

Introit Were you there *American Spiritual arr Bob Chilcott*

Setting *Schubert in G*

Communion *Steal away American Spiritual arr Tippett*

Hymns 715, 584, 421, 481

3.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Chamber choir*

Introit Hide not thou thy face *Farrant* Responses *Ayleward*

Canticles *D. Purcell in E minor* Psalm 40

Anthem Save us O Lord *Bairstow* Hymn AMNS 117 (AM 128i)

6.30pm Informal service

## TUESDAY 14 MARCH

5.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Saint James School Chapel Choir*

Canticles *Brewer in D* Responses *William B Roberts*

Anthem Like as the hart *Howells* Psalm 62

## THURSDAY 16 MARCH

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

Introit Before the ending of the day *Plainsong* Responses *Byrd*

Canticles Magnificat *Buxtehude* Psalm 59

Nunc Dimittis *Tone ii*

Anthem O vos omnes *Casals*

**SUNDAY 19 MARCH****Mothering Sunday**

8.00am Holy Communion

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

Anthems For the beauty of the earth *John Rutter*  
 How can I keep from singing *Trad arr. J Scott*

Hymns 394, 639, 537, SOF 851, 725, 485

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

Introit Hymne to God the Father *Gibbons (arr Williams)*

Setting Mass for Three Voices *Byrd*

Communion Ave Maria *Biebl*

Hymns 136, 394, 692, 537

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

Introit Day by Day *How* Responses *Rose*

Canticles *Stanford* in C Psalm The Lord is my shepherd *Howard Goodall*

Anthem Greater Love *Ireland*

The call *Vaughan Williams* Hymns AMNS 394, 126 (AM 713, 794i)

6.30pm Informal service

**THURSDAY 23 MARCH**5.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Abbey Girls*

Introit Kyrie eleison *Plainsong* Responses *Malcolm Archer*

Canticles The Fauxbourdon Service *Philip Moore* Psalm 94

Anthem Agnus Dei *Cecilia McDowell*

**SUNDAY 26 MARCH****The 5th Sunday of Lent**

8.00am Holy Communion

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

Anthem It is a thing most wonderful *Ireland*  
 God so loved the world *Stainer*

Hymns 765, 258, SOF 782, 625, 146, 787

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

Introit	Thou knowest Lord <i>Purcell</i>
Setting	Missa Brevis <i>Walton</i>
Communion	God so loved the world <i>Stainer</i>
Hymns	797, 156, 151, 147

3.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Abbey Girls*

Introit	Salvator mundi <i>Howells</i>	Responses	<i>Leighton</i>
Canticles	<i>Jackson in G</i>	Psalm	30
Anthem	Herr, unser Herrscher <i>J S Bach</i>	Hymn	AMNS 70 (AM 145)

6.30pm Informal service

### THURSDAY 30 MARCH

5.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Chamber choir*

Introit	Drop, drop slow tears <i>Gibbons</i>	Responses	<i>Ayleward</i>
Canticles	The Short Service <i>Tallis</i>	Psalm	40 v1-12
Anthem	When David heard <i>Weelkes</i>		

### SATURDAY 1 APRIL

5.00pm Choral Evensong *Sung by In Ecclesia*

Canticles	<i>Dyson in F</i>	Responses	<i>Byrd</i>
Anthem	O Saviour of the world <i>Goss</i>	Psalm	128

### SUNDAY 2 APRIL

**Palm Sunday**

8.00am Holy Communion

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

Hymns 159, NEH 96, 489, 433, 147, 161

11.30am Sung Eucharist *Sung by In Ecclesia*

Introit	Hosanna to the Son of David <i>Weelkes</i>
Setting	<i>Jackson in G</i>
Communion	Salvator mundi <i>Tallis</i>
Hymns	159, 161i, 147, 145

3.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by In Ecclesia*

Canticles *Noble* in B minor

Anthem *Crux Fidelis Sarah MacDonald*

Responses *Byrd*

Psalm 80 vv 1-14

Hymn AMNS 68 (AM 181)

6.30pm Informal service

### **MONDAY 3 APRIL**

### **Monday of Holy Week**

12 noon Holy Communion

5.30pm Stations of the Cross *with organ played by Hayden Payne*

### **TUESDAY 4 APRIL**

### **Tuesday of Holy Week**

12 noon Holy Communion

5.30pm Reflections by Candlelight

### **WEDNESDAY 5 APRIL**

### **Wednesday of Holy Week**

12 noon Holy Communion

5.30pm Evening Prayer

7.00pm St John Passion *J S Bach*

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

**Wednesday 5 April 7pm**

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

**THURSDAY 6 APRIL****Maundy Thursday**

12 noon Holy Communion

5.30pm Choral Eucharist*Sung by the Abbey Boys and Lay Clerks**with footwashing and stripping of the altar following,  
and a vigil in Gethsemane chapel*

Setting

Mass for Four Voices *Byrd**During washing of the feet*Ubi caritas *Ola Gjeilo*

Communion

O salutaris hostia *Rossini**During the stripping of the altar*

Psalm 39

Hymns 460, 168, 151

**FRIDAY 7 APRIL****Good Friday**10.00am Family service*Sung by the Melody Makers*

12 noon Led Meditation

2.00pm The Final Hour*Sung by the Abbey Girls and Lay Clerks*Introit O vos omnes *Casals*Anthems Miserere *Allegri*Reproaches *Sanders*Crucifixus *Lotti*5.30pm The Crucifixion *Stainer**Sung by the Abbey Boys and Lay Clerks***SATURDAY 8 APRIL****Holy Saturday**

Prayers led from the pulpit throughout the day.

**SUNDAY 9 APRIL****Easter Sunday**

6.00am Easter Daybreak service

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Church Family Communion *Sung by the Abbey Girls*Anthem Hallelujah! For the Lord omnipotent reigneth *Handel*

Hymns 205, 193, 215, 197, 209, 218

11.30am Sung Eucharist *Sung by the Abbey Girls and Lay Clerks*  
Introit Surrexit Christus hodie *Scheidt*  
Setting Mass in D *Dvorak*  
Communion Hallelujah! For the Lord omnipotent reigneth *Handel*  
Dum transisset *Taverner*  
Hymns 205, 209, 194, 218

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

Introit Easter *Vaughan Williams* Responses *Clucas*  
Canticles *Stanford* in C Psalm 66 v.1-11  
Anthem Blessed be the God and Father *S S Wesley*  
Hymns AMNS 77, 78 (AM 205, 227 t203)

6.30pm Informal service

## SATURDAY 15 APRIL

5.00pm Choral Evensong *Sung by Priory Voices*

Canticles *Sumsion* in G Responses *Sumsion*  
Anthem And I saw a new heaven *Bainton* Psalm 145 v1-12

## SUNDAY 16 APRIL

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

8.00am Holy Communion

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

Hymns 217, 700, 453, 545, 661, 216

11.30am Sung Eucharist *Sung by Priory Voices*

Setting Communion service in F *Darke*  
Communion Tantum Ergo *Duruflé*  
Hymns 207, 204, 198, 221

3.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by Priory Voices*

Canticles *Smart* in B flat Responses *Sumsion*  
Anthem Greater Love *Ireland* Psalm 30 v1-5  
Hymn AMNS 501 (AM 212)



## THURSDAY 20 APRIL

5.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Abbey Girls and Lay Clerks*  
Introit Since by man came death *Handel* Responses *Smith*  
Canticles *Watson* in E Psalm 18 vv 1-14  
Anthem Worthy is the Lamb *Handel*

## SUNDAY 23 APRIL

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

8.00am Holy Communion

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

Anthems My song is love unknown *Malcolm Archer*  
Ex ore Innocentium *Ireland*  
How beautiful are the feet *Handel*  
Hymns 612, 769, SOF 200, 358, 219, 588

11.30am Sung Eucharist *Sung by the Chamber choir*

Introit I sat down *Bairstow*  
Setting *Darke* in E minor  
Communion Now the green blade riseth *French trad. arr Simon Lindley*  
Hymns 217, 209, 194, 218

3.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Chamber choir*

Introit I sat down *Bairstow* Responses *Ayleward*  
Canticles *Wood* in Eb (No 1) Psalm 48  
Anthem Christ the Lord is risen *John Rutter* Hymn 394 (t395)

6.30pm Informal service

## THURSDAY 27 APRIL

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

Introit To thee, O Lord *Rachmaninov* Responses *Smith*  
Canticles The Second Service *Gibbons* Psalm 39  
Anthem Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel *African American Spritual arr M. Hogan*

**SUNDAY 30 APRIL****The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Church Family Communion *Sung by the Abbey Boys*Anthems This joyful Eastertide *Traditional arr Wood*  
View me Lord *Lloyd*

Hymns 227, 211, 215, 603, 409, 232

11.30am Sung Eucharist *Sung by the Abbey Boys and Lay Clerks*Introit This joyful Eastertide *Traditional arr Wood*Setting Missa Festiva *Grechaninov*Communion Ye choirs of New Jerusalem *Stanford*

Hymns 203, 794, 216, 208

3.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Abbey Girls and Lay Clerks*Introit To thee, O Lord *Rachmaninov* Responses *Smith*Canticles *Purcell* in G minor Psalm *Adonai Bernstein*Anthem Rejoice in the Lamb *Britten* Hymn AMNS 428 (AM 218)

6.30pm Informal service

**TUESDAY 2 MAY Organ Recital** 1.00pm Huw Williams, Bath Abbey

The first recital on our restored and recently refurbished Klais organ. Including *Gigout* Grand Chœur Dialogue, *Bach's* Toccata and Fugue in D minor BWV 565 and *Walton's* Orb and Sceptre celebrating the forthcoming Coronation.

***A Royal Celebration* Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 7.00pm**

A concert celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III including music from past coronations and royal events. Featured items will be Parry's *I was glad*, Handel's *Zadok the priest*, Mathias *Let the people praise thee*. The Melody Makers join the Abbey choirs of Boys, Girls and Lay Clerks in a glorious evening of Royal music.

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

**SATURDAY 6 MAY****Coronation Day**

The Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III will be broadcast live in the Abbey.

**SUNDAY 7 MAY****The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Church Family Communion *Sung by the Chamber choir*

Anthems We wait for thy loving kindness *McKie*  
O be joyful *Purcell*

Hymns 753, 700, 736, 579, 644, 578, 746

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

Introit Sing joyfully *Byrd*

Setting Coronation Mass K 317 *Mozart*

Communion Zadok the Priest *Handel*

Hymns 357, 721, 422, 584

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

Introit We wait for thy loving kindness *McKie* Responses *Rose*

Canticles *Dyson* in D Psalm 147 v1-12

Anthem I was glad *Parry* Hymn AMNS 192 (AM 766 omit v4)

6.30pm Informal service

**TUESDAY 9 MAY Organ Recital 1.00pm** Gavin Phelps

Music includes *Walton's* Crown Imperial (written for the Coronation in 1937), *Buxtehude's* Toccata in F, and music by *Dupré* and *J. S. Bach*.

**THURSDAY 11 MAY**

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

Introit Beati quorum via *Stanford* Responses *Smith*

Canticles The Fifth Service *Tomkins* Psalm 96

Anthem a blue true dream of sky *Judith Weir*

**SUNDAY 14 MAY****The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

8.00am Holy Communion

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

Hymns 394, 193, 608, 671, 214, 218

11.30am Sung Eucharist *Sung by the Abbey Boys and Lay Clerks*Introit Oculi omnium *Wood*Setting Little Organ Mass *Haydn*Communion Ave verum *Byrd*

Hymns 532, 569, 453, 610

3.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Abbey Girls and Lay Clerks*Introit Beati quorum via *Stanford* Responses *Smith*Canticles *Bairstow* in D Psalm 87Anthem Lift up your heads *Handel* Hymn AMNS 101 omit v3 & 4 (AM 754 omit v3 & 4)

6.30pm Informal Service

**TUESDAY 16 MAY Organ Recital 1.00pm Dewi Rees, Westminster Abbey.**

Join Dewi who is part of the team of musicians performing at the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III. Music includes *Elgar's* Imperial March (written for Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in 1897) and music by *Bach, Mendelssohn* and *Judith Bingham*.

**THURSDAY 18 MAY****Ascension Day**5.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Abbey Girls and Lay Clerks*Introit Coelos ascendit *Stanford* Responses *Smith*Canticles Collegium Regale *Howells* Psalm 93Anthem God is gone up *Finzi* Hymn AMNS 87 (AM 228)**SUNDAY 21 MAY****The 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Church Family Communion *Sung by the Abbey Girls*Anthems King of glory *Harris*Paratum cor meum *Blow*

Hymns 227, 164, 453, 698, 486

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

Introit Coelos ascendit *Stanford*  
Setting Keble Service *Philip Stopford*  
Communion Come Holy Ghost *Harvey*  
Hymns 612, 769, 227, 663

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

Introit Listen sweet dove *Grayston Ives* Responses *Clucas*  
Canticles *Stanford* in B flat Psalm 47  
Anthem The spirit of the Lord is upon me *Elgar* Hymn AMNS 141 (AM 232)

6.30pm Informal Service

**TUESDAY 23 MAY Organ Recital** 1.00pm Huw Williams, Bath Abbey

Featuring *Messiaen's* powerful and evocative L'Ascension suite and *Guilmant's* March on 'Lift up your heads' (a theme from *Handel's* Messiah).

**THURSDAY 25 MAY**

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

Introit Before the ending of the day *Plainsong* Responses *Philip Moore*  
Canticles The Short Service *Gibbons* Psalm 139  
Anthem Hymn to St Cecilia *Britten*

### **Evening Soirée Concert in the Song School Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 7pm**

Following on the success of our first **Soirée** in January, join us for our second concert in the Song School. This will be a chance to meet the musicians who sing in the choir. A solo recital sung by members of the Boys, Girls and Lay Clerks, followed by a tour of the music facilities.

*Tickets from Eventbrite £12 (including pre-concert drink). Gallery tickets (standing, without drinks £6).*

## SATURDAY 27 MAY

5.00pm Choral Evensong *Sung by St David's Singers, Exeter*

Introit	Come, let's rejoice <i>Amner</i>	Responses	<i>Smith</i>
Canticles	<i>Dyson</i> in D	Psalm	48
Anthem	O clap your hands <i>Gibbons</i>		

## SUNDAY 28 MAY

### Pentecost

8.00am Holy Communion

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

Anthems	Litany to the Holy Spirit <i>Hurford</i>
	Hymn to the Holy Spirit <i>Malcolm Archer</i>
	Hear my words <i>Paulus</i>
Hymns	238, 630, SOF 407, 236, 263, 742

11.30am Sung Eucharist *Sung by the St David's Singers, Exeter*

Setting	<i>Jackson</i> in G
Communion	If ye love me <i>Philip Stopford</i>
Hymns	238, 255, 241, 258

3.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the St David's Singers, Exeter*

Introit	My beloved spake <i>Williams</i>	Responses	<i>Clucas</i>
Canticles	The Gloucester Service <i>Howells</i>	Psalm	67
Anthem	Dum complerentur <i>Palestrina</i>	Hymn	AMNS 156i (AM 238i)

6.30pm Informal Service

**TUESDAY 30 MAY Organ Recital 1.00pm** Hayden Payne, Chethams School of Music, Manchester.

## ***Across the Pond*     Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July 7.00pm**

We celebrate the special relationship with music anticipating the festivity of American Independence Day. Bernstein's exciting *Chichester Psalms*, set to a Hebrew text form the centrepiece of this concert with British and American themes. Bernstein's parents were Ukrainian Jews who settled in the USA. Bernstein rose to fame with his famous Broadway show *West Side Story*. *Chichester Psalms* were written for Chichester Cathedral and premiered in 1965. Aaron Copland's evocative *In the Beginning* is featured alongside Benjamin Britten's *Hymn to St Cecilia* which was written on the Atlantic during World War II in 1942. *Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel* and other spirituals arranged by the rhythmic and jazz style American composer Moses Hogan will be featured alongside a new arrangement of *Amazing Grace* and music by recently deceased American composer, Ned Rorem.

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

## ***A Summer Musical Finale*     Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 7.00pm**

### **Bath Abbey Melody Makers & Wells Cathedral Song Squad**

The young choristers of Bath Abbey Melody Makers and Wells Cathedral Song Squad are united under the directorship of Naomi MacLeod-Jones to bring you a lively mixed repertoire in a concert that will celebrate the end of their musical year. The programme will include sacred and secular works that the choirs have performed at events during the course of the year, such as Hurford's *Litany to the Holy Spirit*, Handel's *Art thou troubled* and Russell Hepplewhite's *Earth*. The music will be interspersed with light-hearted poetry read by the children.

Drinks bar available.

**Tickets** from Bath Box Office starting at £15