

BathAbbey

Bath Abbey  
Services & Music List  
Autumn 2023  
September - November



**Our regular Weekday services are as follows:**

**8.30am Morning Prayer Monday – Thursday.**

**8.30am Holy Communion Friday.**

**12 noon Holy Communion Wednesday.**

**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.**

**SUNDAY 3 SEPTEMBER**

**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

8.00am Holy Communion

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

Anthems O sacrum convivium *Byrd*  
Tantum ergo *Durufle*

Hymns 507, 703, 669, SoF 145, O Lord of all the nations

11.30am Sung Eucharist *Sung by the Chamber Choir*

Introit If ye love me *Tallis*

Setting *Darke* in E minor

Communion O sacrum convivium *Byrd*

Hymns 676, 629i, 630, 663

3.30pm Said Evensong with hymns

Psalm 105 v1-11

Hymns AMNS 394 (t 395), 422, 16

6.30pm Informal Service

**THURSDAY 7 SEPTEMBER**

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

Introit To thee O Lord *Rachmaninov* Responses *Radcliffe*

Canticles *Walmisley* in D minor Psalm 138

Anthem Ave Maris Stella *Grieg*

## SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion

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

Hymns 194, 700, 608, 592, 818

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

Introit To thee O Lord *Rachmaninov*

Setting Cantus Missae *Rheinberger*

Communion O sacrum convivium *Messiaen*

Hymns 765, 119, 621, 710

Voluntary Allegro con brio *from Sonata IV in B flat Mendelssohn*

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

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

Canticles *Dyson* in D Psalm 108

Anthem *Insanae et vanae curae Haydn* Hymn AMNS 163 (AM 589)

Voluntary Finale from *Symphonie I Vierne*

6.30pm Informal Service

## TUESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

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

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

Canticles *Murrill* in E Psalm 9 v1-12

Anthem A New Song *James MacMillan*

## THURSDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

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

Introit Lift thine eyes *Mendelssohn* Responses *Malcolm Archer*

Canticles The Washington Service *G. Hogan* Psalm 110, 150

Anthem Psalm 23 *Schubert*

**SUNDAY 17 SEPTEMBER****15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Church Family Communion *Sung by the Abbey Boys*Anthems View me Lord *Lloyd*  
The Call *Vaughan Williams*

Hymns 621, 485, 669, 785, 587

11.30am Sung Eucharist *Sung by the Abbey Boys and Lay Clerks*Introit View me Lord *Lloyd*  
Setting Missa Festiva *Gretchaninov*  
Communion Do not be afraid *Philip Stopford*  
Hymns 584, 602, 721i, 748  
Voluntary Paean *Leighton*3.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Lay Clerks*Introit Cantate Domini *Pitoni* Responses *Philip Moore*  
Canticles *Wood* in E Psalm 119 v41-48  
Anthem Great Lord of Lords *Wood* Hymn AMNS 194 (AM 698i)  
Voluntary Andante no 2 in F *Smart*

6.30pm Informal Service

**3pm Choral Evensong at Wells Cathedral**

The Abbey girls are singing Evensong at Wells Cathedral with the Wells girl choristers and the Vicars Choral.

**TUESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER Organ Recital 1.00pm Dewi Rees****TUESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER**5.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Abbey Boys and Lay Clerks*Introit View me Lord *Lloyd* Responses *Clucas*  
Canticles *Stanford* in B flat Psalm 33 v1-12  
Anthem Let all the world *Vaughan Williams*

## THURSDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

5.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Chamber Choir*

Introit A prayer of King Henry VI *Ley* Responses *Ayleward*  
Canticles Magnificat primi toni *Palestrina* Psalm 119 v33-40, 89-96  
Nunc Dimittis tertii toni *Victoria*  
Anthem How beauteous are the feet *Stanford*

## SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity (Harvest Festival)**

8.00am Holy Communion

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

Anthem For the beauty of the earth *John Rutter*  
*Ave verum Fauré*

Hymns 290, 639, 618, 706, 650

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

Introit Cantate Domino *Monteverdi*  
Setting Missa Octo Voces *Hassler*  
Communion O thou the central orb *Gibbons*  
Hymns 290, 286, 284, 282  
Voluntary Toccata Decima *Muffat*

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

Introit Thou visiteth the earth *Greene* Responses *Plainsong*  
Canticles The Second Service *Byrd* Psalm 119 v113-128  
Anthem For the beauty of the earth *Philip Stopford*  
Hymn AMNS 457 (AM 284)  
Voluntary Fantasia in C *Byrd*

6.30pm Informal Service

**TUESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER Organ Recital 1.00pm Huw Williams**

## TUESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

5.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Abbey Boys*

Introit	A grateful heart <i>Mary Plumstead</i>	Responses	<i>Plainsong</i>
Canticles	<i>Bairstow</i> in E flat	Psalm	50 v1-6
Anthem	The Call <i>Vaughan Williams</i>		

## THURSDAY 28 SEPTEMBER

5.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Abbey Girls and Lay Clerks*  
*Vêpres Musicales* *attended by members of the French community*

Introit	Notre père <i>Durufié</i>	Responses	<i>Radcliffe</i>
Canticles	Magnificat <i>Charpentier</i>	Psalm	62
	Nunc Dimittis <i>Plainsong</i>		
Anthem	Cantique de Jean Racine <i>Fauré</i>		

## SUNDAY 1 OCTOBER

**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

8.00am Holy Communion

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

Hymns

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

Introit	Ave verum corpus <i>Byrd</i>
Setting	The Little Organ Mass <i>Haydn</i>
Communion	Et in terra pax <i>Vivaldi</i>
Hymns	644, 607, 452, 478
Voluntary	Offertoire sur les Grands Jeux <i>Couperin</i>

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

Introit	Notre père <i>Durufié</i>	Responses	<i>Radcliffe</i>
Canticles	The Fifth Service <i>Tomkins</i>	Psalm	124
Anthem	Seek him that maketh the seven stars <i>Jonathan Dove</i>		
Voluntary	The Tree of Peace <i>Judith Weir</i>	Hymn	AMNS 247 (AM 669)

6.30pm Informal Service

**TUESDAY 3 OCTOBER Organ Recital 1.00pm Dewi Rees**

**THURSDAY 5 OCTOBER**

5.30pm     Choral Evensong             *Sung by Caldicott School*

Introit	Responses
Canticles	Psalm
Anthem	

**Music of the Spheres October 6<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm**

An evocative and mesmerising concert evening under Gaia. Music will include 'And I saw a new heaven, and a new earth' by *Bainton*, 'O sing unto the Lord a new song' by *James MacMillan*, 'Seek him that maketh the seven stars' by *Jonathan Dove*. A promenade concert (with no chairs) in the Abbey – which will be an uplifting and inspiring sensation allowing audience members to gaze heavenward towards Gaia. As we contemplate earth and heaven, enjoy the inspiring evening of music and words and be inspired by the atmospheric lighting in the Abbey. The performance will last 1 hour and those unable to stand will be able to have chairs.

**SUNDAY 8 OCTOBER**

**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

8.00am     Holy Communion

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

Anthems     *Panis Angelicus Franck*  
                  *Litany to the Holy Spirit Hurford*  
                  *Ave Maria Simon Lindley*

Hymns

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

Introit O taste and see *Vaughan Williams*  
Setting Spatzenmesse K220 *Mozart*  
Communion Ave verum corpus *Mozart*  
Hymns 2, 387, 453, 766  
Voluntary I.(Allegro) *from Concerto in G Major BWV 592 J.S. Bach/Ernst*

3.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Abbey Boys and Lay Clerks  
attended by the Prayer Book Society*

Introit We wait for thy loving kindness *McKie* Responses *Rose*  
Canticles *Stanford* in C Psalm 136  
Anthem The King shall rejoice *Handel* Hymns AM 357, AM 715  
Voluntary Imperial March *Elgar arr. Martin*

6.30pm Informal Service

**TUESDAY 10 OCTOBER Organ Recital 1.00pm Will Walshe-Grey**

**TUESDAY 10 OCTOBER**

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

Introit God be in my head *John Rutter* Responses *Rose*  
Canticles *Brewer* in D Psalm 130  
Anthem We wait for thy loving kindness *McKie*

**THURSDAY 12 OCTOBER**

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

Introit Hail gladdening light *Wood* Responses *Smith*  
Canticles The Jesus College Service *Mathias* Psalm 130  
Anthem Salve regina *Poulenc*



**SUNDAY 15 OCTOBER****Dedication Sunday (19<sup>th</sup> after Trinity)**

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Church Family Communion *Sung by the Abbey Boys*Anthems *Tantum ergo Fauré*  
*God be in my head John Rutter*

Hymns

11.30am Sung Eucharist *Sung by the Abbey Boys and Lay Clerks*Introit Set me as a seal upon thine heart *Walton*  
Setting *Missa Brevis Walton*  
Communion *Tantum ergo Fauré*  
Hymns 291, 294, 662 (t?), 589  
Voluntary Prelude and Fugue in G minor *Brahms*3.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Abbey Girls and Lay Clerks*  
*Dedication attended by the Friends of Bath Abbey*Introit *Locus iste Bruckner* Responses *Smith*  
Canticles *Jackson in G* Psalm 139 v1-18  
Anthem *Blessed city, heavenly Salem Bairstow*  
Hymn AMNS 161 (AM 608), AMNS 163 (AM 589)  
Voluntary *Prelude and Fugue in G BWV 541 J S Bach*

6.30pm Informal Service

**TUESDAY 17 OCTOBER Organ Recital 1.00pm Huw Williams****TUESDAY 17 OCTOBER**5.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Abbey Boys and Lay Clerks*Introit Set me as a seal *Walton* Responses *Rose*  
Canticles *Noble in B minor* Psalm 107 v1-14  
Anthem *They that go down to the sea in ships Sumsion*

## THURSDAY 19 OCTOBER

5.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Abbey Girls*

Introit Before the ending of the day *Plainsong* Responses *Malcolm Archer*  
Canticles *Sumsion* in D Psalm 116  
Anthem Litanies à la Vierge Noir *Poulenc*

## SATURDAY 21 OCTOBER

5.00pm Choral Evensong Sung by the Wealden Consort

Canticles *Dyson* in F Responses *Smith*  
Anthem Vesper *Cornelius Taekema* Psalm 118 v1-14  
Voluntary Chorale Prelude on Meine Seele Erhebt den Herren *J S Bach*

## SUNDAY 22 OCTOBER

**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

8.00am Holy Communion

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

Anthems I sat down under his shadow *Bairstow*  
O sacrum convivium *Byrd*

Hymns

11.30am Sung Eucharist *Sung by the Wealden Consort*

Setting Little organ mass *Haydn*  
Communion Set me as a seal upon your heart *Eleanor Daly*  
Hymns 806, 790, 422, 593

3.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Wealden Consort*

Canticles *Stanford* in C Responses *Tomkins*  
Anthem There's a wideness in God's mercy *Cornelius Taekema*  
Hymn AMNS 126 (AM 794i) Psalm 142

6.30pm Informal Service

**TUESDAY 24 OCTOBER Organ Recital 1.00pm Gavin Phelps**

**SATURDAY 28 OCTOBER**

5.00pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the University of Exeter Chapel Choir*

Canticles	Responses	
Anthem	Psalm	119 v1-16
Voluntary		

**SUNDAY 29 OCTOBER**

**Last Sunday after Trinity**

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Church Family Communion *Led by a Cantor*

Hymns

11.30am Sung Eucharist *Sung by the University of Exeter Chapel Choir*

Setting  
Communion  
Hymns

3.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the University of Exeter Chapel Choir*

Introit	Responses	
Canticles	Psalm	119 v89-104
Anthem	Hymn	AMNS 16 (AM 14)

6.30pm Informal Service

**TUESDAY 31 OCTOBER Organ Recital 1.00pm Christopher Too**

**TUESDAY 31 OCTOBER**

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

Introit	O quam gloriosum <i>Victoria</i>	Responses	<i>Rose</i>
Canticles	<i>Ireland</i> in F	Psalm	1
Anthem	And I saw a new heaven <i>Bainton</i>		

**THURSDAY 2 NOVEMBER      Commemoration of the Faithful Departed  
(All Souls Day)**

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

Introit	Justorum animae <i>Byrd</i>	Responses <i>Smith</i>
Canticles	The Second Service <i>Gibbons</i>	Psalm 23
Anthem	Faire is the heaven <i>Harris</i>	Hymn AM 10, AM 683

**SUNDAY 5 NOVEMBER**

**All Saints Day**

8.00am      Holy Communion

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

Hymns

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

Introit	O quam gloriosum <i>Victoria</i>
Setting	Messe Solennelle <i>Vierne</i>
Communion	O sacrum convivium <i>Tallis</i>
Hymns	296 (omit 3&6), 307, 683, 308
Voluntary	Placare Christe Servulis <i>Dupré</i>

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

Introit	Justorum animae <i>Byrd</i>	Responses <i>Smith</i>
Canticles	<i>Bairstow</i> in D	Psalm      111
Anthem	When David heard <i>Weelkes</i>	Hymn AMNS 532 (AM 312)
Voluntary	Psalm Prelude Set I no 1 <i>Howells</i>	

6.30pm      Informal Service

**TUESDAY 7 NOVEMBER**

5.30pm      Choral Evensong              *Sung by the Lay Clerks*

Introit	Deo gratias <i>Byrd</i>	Responses <i>Philip Moore</i>
Canticles	The Second Service <i>Philip Moore</i>	Psalm      100
Anthem	Quia apud te propitia <i>de Lalande</i>	

## THURSDAY 9 NOVEMBER

5.30pm	<u>Choral Evensong</u>	<i>Sung by the Chamber Choir</i>		
Introit	Remember not, Lord <i>Purcell</i>		Responses	<i>Reading</i>
Canticles	The First Service <i>Weelkes</i>		Psalm	118
Anthem	There is an old belief <i>Parry</i>			

### Remembrance Day Concert • Duruflé Requiem November 11<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm

On this emotional and poignant weekend listen to the Abbey choirs give a moving performance of Duruflé's much loved and evocative Requiem. Composed in 1947, it is one of the most beautiful and comforting works ever written.

There will also be music by Elizabethan composers *William Byrd* (*Justorum animae*) and *Thomas Weelkes* (*When David heard*) as we celebrate their 400<sup>th</sup> anniversaries.

## SUNDAY 12 NOVEMBER

## Remembrance Sunday

8.00am	Holy Communion			
10.30am	<u>Joint Eucharist</u>	<i>Sung by the Abbey Girls and Lay Clerks</i>		
	Introit	Requiem aeternam <i>Duruflé</i>		
	Setting	Missa da Requiem, Op 9 <i>Duruflé</i>		
	Communion	Libera me <i>Duruflé</i>		
	Hymns	746, 635, 579		
	Voluntary	Prélude from Suite Op 5 <i>Duruflé</i>		
2.00pm	<u>Remembrance Service</u>	<i>Sung by the Abbey Boys and Lay Clerks</i>		
	Introit	Ubi caritas <i>Ola Gjeilo</i>		
	Anthems	Greater love <i>Ireland</i>		
		Turn back, O man <i>Holst</i>		
		For lo, I raise up <i>Stanford</i>		
	Hymns	746, 623, 526, 579	Psalm	121
	Voluntary	Chorale Fantasia on 'O God, our help' <i>Parry</i>		
6.30pm	Informal Service			

## TUESDAY 14 NOVEMBER

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

Introit	Ubi caritas <i>Ola Gjeilo</i>	Responses	<i>Rose</i>
Canticles	<i>Noble</i> in B minor	Psalm	50 v1-15
Anthem	Greater love <i>Ireland</i>		

## THURSDAY 16 NOVEMBER

5.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Abbey Girls*

Introit	God be in my head <i>Walford Davies</i>	Responses	<i>Malcolm Archer</i>
Canticles	<i>Sumsion</i> in G	Psalm	64
Anthem	Litanei Alle Seelen <i>Schubert</i>		

## SUNDAY 19 NOVEMBER

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent**

8.00am Holy Communion

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

Anthems O taste and see *Vaughan Williams*  
Ex ore innocentium *Ireland*

Hymns

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

Introit	Ubi caritas <i>Ola Gjeilo</i>
Setting	Missa Brevis in F K192 <i>Mozart</i>
Communion	O taste and see <i>Vaughan Williams</i>
Hymns	663, 704, 422, 769
Voluntary	Lebhaft from Organ Sonata II <i>Hindemith</i>

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

Introit	God be in my head <i>Walford Davies</i>	Responses	<i>Leighton</i>
Canticles	The New College Service <i>Paul Drayton</i>	Psalm	89 v20-36
Anthem	Worthy is the Lamb <i>Handel</i>	Hymn	AMNS 512 (AM 795)
Voluntary	Allegro from Organ Concerto XIII in F HWV 295 <i>Handel/Dupré</i>		

6.30pm Informal Service

## TUESDAY 21 NOVEMBER

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

Introit	View me Lord <i>Lloyd</i>	Responses	<i>Plainsong</i>
Canticles	<i>Bairstow</i> in E flat	Psalm	67
Anthem	Ex ore innocentium <i>Ireland</i>		

## THURSDAY 23 NOVEMBER

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

Introit	Exsultate Deo <i>Palestrina</i>	Responses	<i>Leighton</i>
Canticles	Collegium Regale <i>Howells</i>	Psalm	78 v40-end
Anthem	O be joyful <i>Britten</i>		

## SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER

**Christ the King (next before Advent)**

8.00am Holy Communion

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

Anthems

Hymns

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

Introit	Let all mortal flesh <i>Bairstow</i>
Setting	Mass in D <i>Dvorak</i>
Communion	Ecce vicit Leo <i>Philips</i>
Hymns	612, 486, 453, 766
Voluntary	Litanies <i>Alain</i>

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

Introit	A Hymn of St Columba <i>Britten</i>	Responses	<i>Rose</i>
Canticles	<i>Howells</i> in B minor	Psalm	97
Anthem	Te Deum in B flat <i>Stanford</i>	Hymn	AMNS 139 (AM 769)
Voluntary	Carillon de Longpont <i>Vierne</i>		

6.30pm Informal Service

**SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER**

**Advent Sunday**

5.00pm & 7.15pm      Advent Procession

An atmospheric service with music sung by the Bath Abbey Choirs and readings to mark the beginning of Advent, the season of expectant waiting which is followed by the joyous celebration of Jesus's birth.

## **A Christmas Celebration December 9<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm**

All the Abbey choirs, including the youngest choir, the Melody Makers, feature in a fun and exciting celebration of Christmas. There will be opportunities for audience participation and a variety of seasonal music.

## **Handel's Messiah December 16<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm**

Previous performances of Messiah by the Abbey choirs have received standing ovations. In 2022 one audience member commented:

***Over many years, we have attended many performances of this great work, but last evening there was an energy and urgency to the performance that was unique and electric!***

Written in 1742, Handel's masterpiece has become a regular part of Christmas for many. The Abbey Girls and Lay Clerks perform this work with skill and virtuosity and the solos are sung by the choir members giving this work an added sense of intimacy and operatic intensity, as would have happened in the original performance in Dublin in 1742.

Another audience member described the performance in 2022:

***It was so fresh, with such clear articulation (we were a halfway back') and what an amazing sound. The orchestra were superb. .... How do they produce such a fabulous sound when singing solo?***

The skilful and virtuosic baroque specialist players, *Rejouissance*, led by Simon Jones, join the Abbey choir.

## **La Nativité du Seigneur      Thursday 21st 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.