

BathAbbey

Bath Abbey Services & Music List Spring 2024 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.

SUNDAY 3 MARCH

3rd Sunday of Lent

8.00am Holy Communion

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

Hymns 828, 258, SOF 782 , SOF 851, 692, 806

Anthems Ave verum corpus *Elgar*

Peppermint Freckles *Bob Chilcott*

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

Introit Salvator mundi *Tallis*

Setting Mass in G *Poulenc*

Communion Ave verum corpus *Mozart*

Hymns The Lent Prose, 143, 116, 595

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

Introit Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake *Hilton* Responses *Rose*

Canticles *Murrill* in E Psalm 11, 12

Anthem Spirit divine *Gavin Phelps* Hymn AMNS 123 (AM128 omit v3)

6.30pm Informal Service

TUESDAY 5 MARCH

5.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Abbey Boys*

Introit Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake *Hilton* Responses *Plainsong*

Canticles *Bairstow* in E flat Psalm 64

Anthem He delivereth the poor *Parry*

THURSDAY 7 MARCH

5.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Lay Clerks*

Introit	Hymne to God the Father <i>Gibbons</i>	Responses	<i>Philip Moore</i>
Canticles	The First Service <i>Philip Moore</i>	Psalm	59
Anthem	Quia apud te propitia <i>de Lalande</i>		

SUNDAY 10 MARCH

Mothering Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am All Together Service *Led by the Music Group*

Hymns 537, 639, 394

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

Introit	Lord, we beseech thee <i>Batten</i>
Setting	Mass for Four Voices <i>Byrd</i>
Communion	Lord, let me know mine end <i>Greene</i>
Hymns	394, 794, 537, 763

Commonwealth Evensong

3.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Chamber Choir*

Introit	If ye love me <i>Tallis</i>	Responses	<i>Reading</i>
Canticles	<i>Wood</i> in D	Psalm	13, 14
Anthem	O Lorde, the maker of al thing <i>Joubert</i>	Hymn	AM 669, AM 715
Voluntary	Voices of the World <i>Iain Farrington</i>		

6.30pm Informal Service

TUESDAY 12 MARCH

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

Introit	Lord, we beseech thee <i>Batten</i>	Responses	<i>Plainsong</i>
Canticles	<i>Stanford</i> in B flat	Psalm	107 v.1-22
Anthem	Steal away <i>African American Trad arr Tippett</i>		

THURSDAY 14 MARCH

5.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Abbey Girls*

Introit	Kyrie eleison <i>Plainsong</i>	Responses	<i>Plainsong</i>
Canticles	<i>Sunsion</i> in G	Psalm	116
Anthem	Wash me throughly <i>Handel</i>		

SUNDAY 17 MARCH

Passiontide begins

8.00am Holy Communion

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

Hymns 765, 372, 654, 625, 146, 787

Anthems Ave verum corpus *Fauré*
Agnus Dei *Cecilia McDowall*

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

Introit	O Haupt voll Blut und Wunden <i>J S Bach</i>
Setting	Kyrie, Sanctus <i>Mendelssohn</i> ; Agnus Dei <i>Plainsong</i>
Communion	O Mensch beweine <i>J S Bach</i>
Hymns	157i, 142, 151, 156
Voluntary	Kyrie, Gott heiliger Geist BWV 671 <i>JS Bach</i>

3.30pm Towards the Cross: Passiontide Gospel and Anthems

Sung by the Abbey Boys and Lay Clerks

Passiontide items including:

Anthems	O Salutaris hostia <i>Rossini</i>
	Ave verum corpus <i>Byrd</i>
	God so loved the world <i>Stainer</i>
	Lord, let me know mine end <i>Greene</i>
	Drop, drop slow tears <i>Gibbons</i>
	Were you there <i>African American Trad arr Bob Chilcott</i>
Voluntary	Organ Sonata no.1 in F minor <i>Mendelssohn</i>

6.30pm Informal Service

TUESDAY 19 MARCH

5.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Abbey Boys and Lay Clerks*
Introit Drop, drop slow tears *Gibbons* Responses *Plainsong*
Canticles *Dyson* in F Psalm 1
Anthem Were you there *African American Trad arr Bob Chilcott*

THURSDAY 21 MARCH

5.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by Shrewsbury School Choir*
Canticles King's College Service *Joanna Forbes L'Estrange*
Anthem Like as the Hart *Howells* Responses *Clucas*
Psalm 138

SUNDAY 24 MARCH

Palm Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Church Family Communion *Sung by the Abbey Boys*
Hymns 159 (omit v6&7), NEH 96, 489, 433, 147 (omit v4&6), 161
Anthems Ex ore innocentium *Ireland*
Ave verum corpus *Byrd*
11.30am Sung Eucharist *Sung by the Abbey Boys and Lay Clerks*
Introit Hosanna to the Son of David *Weelkes*
Setting Missa Brevis *Walton*
Communion Were you there *African American Trad arr Bob Chilcott*
Ave verum corpus *Elgar*
Hymns 159 (omit *), 161, REH 112, REH 124
Voluntary Organ Sonata no.3 in A major *Mendelssohn*
3.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Chamber Choir*
Introit If ye love me *Tallis* Responses *Reading*
Canticles *Sumsion* in A Psalm 69 v1-20
Anthem Ubi caritas *Durufié* Hymns AM 151, AM 147
Voluntary Valet will ich dir geben BWV 736 *J S Bach*
6.30pm Informal Service

MONDAY 25 MARCH

Monday of Holy Week

7.00pm Compline & Meditation

TUESDAY 26 MARCH

Tuesday of Holy Week

7.00pm Compline & Meditation

WEDNESDAY 27 MARCH

Wednesday of Holy Week

The St Matthew Passion J.S. Bach
Wednesday 27th March at 7.00pm

In this Holy Week come and hear the beautiful sounds of baroque players *Rejouissance* as they lead the Abbey Girls, Boys and Lay Clerks in this most uplifting and inspiring piece of music.

Written for a choir of 8 voices, it tells the story of Christ's Passion from his capture, through to his trial and crucifixion. It features two monumental and memorable choruses at the start and the end - the opening chorus, 'Kommt ihr Töchter', is richly scored in eight voices and several other orchestral parts and additionally features the Lutheran choral 'O Lamm Gottes' O Lamb of God. The first entry from this melody is a stirring and dramatic moment and was originally sung by a boys choir from the organ gallery. The final chorus 'Wir setzen uns' is a heartfelt and elegant moment as the chorus sing 'Here at thy grave we sit weeping'. There are many solo arias which mostly happen at key points in the narrative, a particularly poignant one is Peter's lament after he betrays Jesus 'Erbarme dich' which is one of the most haunting and sad pieces ever written. Despite the wonderful baroque instruments, Bach's superb imagination, the St Matthew Passion is rarely performed because of its complex and rich scoring. This is a rare opportunity to hear this amazing work during Holy Week in the captivating surroundings of Bath Abbey.

Tickets from Bath Box Office bathboxoffice.org.uk

THURSDAY 28 MARCH**Maundy Thursday**

12 noon Holy Communion

7.00pm Sung Eucharist *Sung by the Chamber Choir*

*with Footwashing and stripping of the altar following,
and a vigil in Gethsemane chapel*

Setting	<i>Missa Secunda Palestrina</i>
During washing of the feet	<i>Ubi caritas Duruflé</i>
Communion	<i>Tantum ergo de Séverac</i>
During the stripping of the altar	<i>Psalm 88</i>
Hymns	<i>763, 460, 471</i>

FRIDAY 29 MARCH**Good Friday**

10.00am Family Service *Sung by the Melody Makers*

12 noon At the Foot of the Cross - Good Friday Meditations

2.00pm Final Hour *Sung by the Abbey Girls and Lay Clerks*

Introit	<i>Miserere Allegri</i>
Anthems	<i>Salvator mundi Tallis</i> <i>O vos omnes Casals</i> <i>Crucifixus Lotti</i>
Hymns	<i>153, 157</i>

5.30pm The Crucifixion *Stainer* *Sung by the Abbey Boys and Lay Clerks*
(non-ticketed event, all welcome)

SATURDAY 30 MARCH**Holy Saturday**

6.30pm Deanery Confirmation Service *Sung by the Chamber Choir*

SUNDAY 31 MARCH

Easter Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Church Family Communion *Sung by the Abbey Girls and Lay Clerks*

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

Anthem Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent *Handel*

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

Introit Surrexit Christus hodie *Scheidt*

Setting Missa Brevis *Jonathan Dove*

Communion Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent *Handel*
Since by man *Handel*

Ecce vicit Leo *Philips*

Hymns 205, 216, 194, 218

Voluntary Symphony no.6 in G minor: Finale *Widor*

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

Introit This joyful Eastertide *Trad arr Wood*

Responses *Rose*

Canticles *Dyson* in D

Psalm 114

Anthem Blessed be the God and Father *S S Wesley*
(AM 205), AMNS 73 (AM 221)

Hymns AMNS 77

Voluntary A Trumpet Minuet *Hollins*

6.30pm Informal Service

SATURDAY 6 APRIL

5.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by Chorus ad Vincula*

Introit Responses

Canticles Psalm 145

Anthem

SUNDAY 7 APRIL**2nd 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 Chorus ad Vincula*

Setting

Communion

Hymns 207, 209, 212, 217 (t203)

3.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by Chorus ad Vincula*

Introit

Responses

Canticles

Psalm 85

Anthem

Hymns 200ii, 211

6.30pm Informal Service

SATURDAY 13 APRIL

5.00pm Choral Evensong *Sung by Laudes*

Canticles The Fourth Service *Batten*

Responses *Tomkins*

Anthem Now the green blade riseth *Bob Chilcott*

Psalm 24

SUNDAY 14 APRIL**3rd Sunday of Easter**

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Church Family Communion *Sung by Sine Nomine*

Hymns 612, 769, SOF 200, 358, 219, 588

Anthems

11.30am Sung Eucharist *Sung by Laudes*

Setting Communion service in C *Ireland*

Communion Ave verum corpus *Graham Ellis*

Hymns 211, 203, 204, 218

3.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by Laudes*

Canticles *Wood* in E flat no.2 Responses *Tomkins*

Anthem Let all the world *Leighton* Psalm 142

Hymns AMNS 80 (AM 194), AMNS 81 (AM 198)

6.30pm Informal Service

TUESDAY 16 APRIL

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

Introit This joyful Eastertide *Trad arr Wood* Responses *Rose*

Canticles The Second Service *Byrd* Psalm 33 v1-12

Anthem Now the green blade riseth *French Trad arr Simon Lindley*

THURSDAY 18 APRIL

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

Introit I sat down under his shadow *Bairstow* Responses *Radcliffe*

Canticles *Bairstow* in D Psalm 39

Anthem Wie lieblich sind *Brahms*

SUNDAY 21 APRIL

4th Sunday of Easter

8.00am Holy Communion

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

Hymns 227, 211, 215, 603, 409

Anthems This joyful Eastertide *Trad arr Wood*
O taste and see *Vaughan Williams*

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

Introit O taste and see *Vaughan Williams*
Setting Communion service in C and F *Stanford*
Communion Let all mortal flesh keep silence *Bairstow*
Hymns 212, REH 460, 162, 218
Voluntary Messe pour les Paroisses *Couperin*

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

Introit I sat down under his shadow *Bairstow* Responses *Radcliffe*
Canticles Magnificat *Attrib Buxtehude* Psalm 23
Nunc Dimittis *Tallis a 5* Hymn AMNS 455 (REH 144)
Anthem Christus vincit *James MacMillan*
Voluntary Organ Sonata no.6 in B flat major *Mendelssohn*

6.30pm Informal Service

TUESDAY 23 APRIL

5.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Abbey Boys*

Introit Before the ending of the day *Plainsong* Responses *Plainsong*
Canticles *Bairstow* in Eb Psalm 11
Anthem View me, Lord *Lloyd*

A Summer Term Celebration

Wednesday 24th April, 6.30pm

The Bath Abbey Melody Makers and the Summerhill Singers of Kingswood Prep School come together to perform in a joyful concert celebrating the start of the final term of the year and looking forward to summer.

Free entry, all welcome.

THURSDAY 25 APRIL

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

Introit	Priditye poklonymysia <i>Rachmaninov</i>	Responses <i>Radcliffe</i>
Canticles	<i>Walmisley</i> in D minor	Psalm 45
Anthem	Voskryes iz groba <i>Rachmaninov</i>	

SUNDAY 28 APRIL

5th Sunday of Easter

8.00am Holy Communion

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

Hymns 753, 802, 221, 472, 198, 422

Anthems O sacrum convivium *Leighton*

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

Introit	Priditye poklonymysia <i>Rachmaninov</i>
Setting	Mass in G minor <i>Vaughan Williams</i>
Communion	O salutaris hostia <i>Tallis</i>
Hymns	486, 809, 453, 507
Voluntary	Fanfare - Processional <i>Bednall</i>

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

Introit	Before the ending of the day <i>Plainsong</i>	Responses <i>Rose</i>
Canticles	<i>Brewer</i> in D	Psalm 96
Anthem	Ye choirs of new Jerusalem <i>Stanford</i>	Hymn AMNS 76 (AM 201i), AMNS 203 (AM 753)
Voluntary	Psalm Prelude Set 1 no.2 <i>Howells</i>	

6.30pm Informal Service

TUESDAY 30 APRIL

5.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Lay Clerks*

Introit	Deo Gratias <i>Byrd</i>	Responses	<i>Tallis</i>
Canticles	The Short Service <i>Tallis</i>	Psalm	97
Anthem	In God's word <i>Purcell</i>		

THURSDAY 2 MAY

5.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Chamber Choir*

Introit	Prevent us, O Lord <i>Byrd</i>	Responses	<i>Reading</i>
Canticles	<i>Ireland</i> in F	Psalm	148
Anthem	My beloved spake <i>Hadley</i>		

A Musical Journey - Petits Plats de la Musique

Friday 3rd May 7.00pm

Bath Abbey Music Society (BAMS) invite you on a musical journey as our choirs travel to Paris (May 2024) and York (July 2024) in the coming months. We bring you wonderful music from Europe, including some of the most uplifting pieces ever written. Delight in the variations of musical colour and styles and share with the choirs these musical experiences. BAMS support our choirs by sponsoring tours, recordings and other projects.

Featuring music by *Bairstow, Byrd, Messiaen, Poulenc* and *Vierne*.

Tickets from Bath Box Office ***bathboxoffice.org.uk***

SUNDAY 5 MAY**6th Sunday of Easter**

8.00am Holy Communion

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

Hymns 394, 193, 608, 358, 218

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

Introit	Ubi caritas <i>Ola Gjeilo</i>
Setting	Mass for Four Voices <i>Byrd</i>
Communion	O salutaris hostia <i>Rossini</i>
Hymns	204, 203, 211, 753
Voluntary	Offertoire sur les Grands Jeux <i>Couperin</i>

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

Introit	To thee, O Lord <i>Rachmaninov</i>	Responses <i>Radcliffe</i>
Canticles	<i>Stanford</i> in G	Psalm 45
Anthem	Cantate domino <i>Monteverdi</i>	Hymns AM 211, REH 155
Voluntary	Méditation <i>Durufié</i>	

6.30pm Informal Service

TUESDAY 7 MAY @1.00pm Organ recital Dewi Rees**TUESDAY 7 MAY**5.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Abbey Boys*

Introit	A grateful heart <i>Plumstead</i>	Responses <i>Plainsong</i>
Canticles	<i>Bairstow</i> in Eb	Psalm 128
Anthem	The Call <i>Vaughan Williams</i>	

THURSDAY 9 MAY**Ascension Day**

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

Introit	Coelos ascendit hodie <i>Stanford</i>	Responses	<i>Radcliffe</i>
Canticles	Collegium Regale <i>Howells</i>	Psalm	47
Anthem	God is gone up <i>Finzi</i>	Hymns	AMNS 87 (AM 228), AMNS 141 (AM 232)

SUNDAY 12 MAY**7th Sunday of Easter**

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am All Together Service *Sung by the Melody Makers*

Hymns 227, 164, 777

Anthems Peppermint Freckles *Bob Chilcott*
All things bright and beautiful *Rutter*
O sing unto the Lord a new song *Rawsthorne*

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

Introit	Coelos ascendit hodie <i>Stanford</i>
Setting	The Keble Mass <i>Philip Stopford</i>
Communion	O clap your hands <i>Gibbons</i>
Hymns	227, 232, 223, 612
Voluntary	Transports de Joie <i>Messiaen</i>

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

Introit	Cantate domino <i>Pitoni</i>	Responses	<i>Rose</i>
Canticles	<i>Howells</i> in B minor	Psalm	147 v1-12
Anthem	Let all the world <i>Vaughan Williams</i>	Hymns	612, 769
Voluntary	Concerto in C major, BWV 594 <i>Vivaldi/J S Bach</i>		

6.30pm Informal Service

TUESDAY 14 May @1.00pm Organ recital Claire Hobbs

TUESDAY 14 MAY

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

Introit	Ubi caritas <i>Ola Gjeilo</i>	Responses	<i>Clucas</i>
Canticles	<i>Dyson</i> in F	Psalm	80 v1-7
Anthem	Do not be afraid <i>Philip Stopford</i>		

THURSDAY 16 MAY

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

Introit	Since by man came death <i>Handel</i>	Responses	<i>Smith</i>
Canticles	The Fifth Service <i>Tomkins</i>	Psalm	116
Anthem	Lord, I call upon thee <i>Bairstow</i>		

SUNDAY 19 MAY

Pentecost

8.00am Holy Communion

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

Hymns 238, 630, SOF 407, 236, 263, 742 (omit v3)

Anthem Come holy ghost *Attwood*

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

Introit	Come holy ghost <i>Attwood</i>
Setting	<i>Schubert</i> in G
Communion	Listen sweet dove <i>Grayston Ives</i>
Hymns	238, 255, 241, 258
Voluntary	Dankpsalm <i>Reger</i>

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

Introit	Dum complerentur <i>Palestrina</i>	Responses	<i>Smith</i>
Canticles	<i>Purcell</i> in G minor	Psalm	139 v1-11
Anthem	Der Geist <i>J S Bach</i>	Hymns	AMNS 93, REH 185ii
Voluntary	Toccatina in F BWV 540i <i>J S Bach</i>		

TUESDAY 21 MAY @1.00pm Organ recital Huw Williams

TUESDAY 21 MAY

5.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Lay Clerks*

Introit	If ye love me <i>Tallis</i>	Responses	<i>Tallis</i>
Canticles	<i>Wood</i> in E	Psalm	133, 134
Anthem	Great Lord of lords <i>Wood</i>		

THURSDAY 23 MAY

5.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Abbey Girls*

Introit	Lift thine eyes <i>Mendelssohn</i>	Responses	<i>Archer</i>
Canticles	<i>Jackson</i> in C	Psalm	138
Anthem	How can I keep from singing <i>Trad. arr Scott</i>		

SATURDAY 25 MAY

5.00pm Choral Evensong *Sung by a visiting choir*

Canticles	Responses
Anthem	Psalm 98

SUNDAY 26 MAY

Trinity Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion

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

Hymns 276, 805, 268, 274, 277, 612

Anthem As the apple tree *Walker*

11.30am Sung Eucharist *Sung by a visiting choir*

Setting

Communion

Hymns 276, 603, 634, 791

3.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by a visiting choir*

Introit Responses

Canticles Psalm 104 v1-10

Anthem Hymns AMNS 180 (AM 810), AMNS 95 (AM 276)

TUESDAY 28 MAY @1.00pm Organ recital