Bath Abbey

Bath Abbey
Services & Music List

Autumn 2026
September - November

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.

TUESDAY 1 SEPTEMBER

1.00pm Organ Recital *Gavin Phelps, Wells Cathedral School*

THURSDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

5.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Lay Clerks*

Introit	Deo Gracias *Byrd*	Responses	*Tallis*
Canticles	*Wood* in E	Psalm	138
Anthem	Great Lord of Lord *Wood*		

SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER **14th Sunday after Trinity**

8.00am Holy Communion

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

Sanctus	London Eucharist *Huw Williams*
Anthems	O salutaris hostia *Elgar*
	My soul, there is a country *Parry*
Hymns	710, 660, 777, 427, 748

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

Introit	I sat down *Bairstow*
Setting	Cantus Missae *Rheinberger*
Communion	A Hymn to the Virgin *Britten*
Hymn	710, 660, 777, 748
Voluntary	Prelude and Fugue in C minor BWV 549 *J S Bach*

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

Introit	Upon your heart *Eleanor Daley*	Responses	*Paul Spicer*
Canticles	*Stanford* in B flat	Psalm	115
Anthem	Christus factus est *Bruckner*	Hymns	REH 588, 580
Voluntary	Psalm-Prelude Set 1 No. 3 *Howells*		

6.30pm Informal Service

TUESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

1.00pm Organ Recital *Paul Greally, Westminster Abbey*

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

Introit	Upon your heart *Eleanor Daley*	Responses	*Paul Spicer*
Canticles	*Wood* in E flat (second setting)	Psalm	9
Anthem	A New Song *James MacMillan*		

THURSDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

5.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Abbey Girls*

Introit	Like a mighty river flowing *German, 14th century arr Scott*		
Canticles	*Sumsion* in D	Responses	*Malcolm Archer*
Anthem	For the beauty of the earth *John Rutter*	Psalm	14, 15

SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER **15th Sunday after Trinity**
Jane Austen Festival

8.00am Holy Communion

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

Anthems	Agnus Dei *Britten*
	Ex ore innocentium *Ireland*
Hymns	9, 587, 823, 427, 612

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

Introit	O salutaris hostia *Rossini*
Setting	Missa Brevis in B flat K 275 *Mozart*
Communion	Lord, let me know mine end *Greene*
Hymns	9, 799ii, 587, 823
Voluntary	Arrival of the Queen of Sheba *Handel*

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

Introit	Prayer of Jane Austen *Charlotte Baskerville*	Responses	*Smith*
Canticles	*Purcell* in G minor	Psalm	119 v41-64
Anthem	Te Deum laudamus *Mozart*	Hymns	REH 593, 553
Voluntary	Sonata No. 2 Mvt. 4 - Fugue *Mendelssohn*		

6.30pm Informal Service

TUESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

1.00pm Organ recital *Huw Williams (Jane Austen Festival Recital)*

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

Introit	Set me as a seal *Walton*	Responses	*Rose*
Canticles	*Murrill* in E	Psalm	33
Anthem	Listen sweet dove *Grayston Ives*		

THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER

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

Introit	Prayer of Jane Austen *Charlotte Baskerville*	Responses	*Smith*
Canticles	*Sumsion* in G	Psalm	39
Anthem	Sing joyfully *Byrd*		

SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER Stewardship Sunday (16th Sunday after Trinity)

8.00am Holy Communion

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

Anthems Gloria from Missa Mariae *Cecilia McDowell*
For the beauty of the earth *John Rutter*
Hymns 676, 669, 826, 358, 748

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

Introit	Sing joyfully *Byrd*
Setting	Missa Brevis *Jonathan Dove*
Communion	Venite populi *Mozart*
Hymns	826, 669, 794, 748
Voluntary	Fugue in E minor BWV 548ii *J S Bach*

3.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Abbey Boys and Lay Clerks attended by members of Bath Abbey Music Society*

Introit	Set me as a seal *Walton*	Responses	*Rose*
Canticles	*Howells* in B minor	Psalm	119 v 113-136
Anthem	Hear my prayer *Mendelssohn*	Hymns	REH 483, 353
Voluntary	Final from Symphony No. 6 *Widor*		

6.30pm Informal Service

TUESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

1.00pm Organ recital *Frankie Tempest, Bath Abbey*

5.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Abbey Boys*

Introit	Before the ending of the day *Plainsong*	Responses	*Timothy Noon*
Canticles	*Dyson* in C minor	Psalm	59
Anthem	Ex ore innocentium *Ireland*		

THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER Installation and Licensing of the new Rector

7.00pm Installation and Licensing of the new Rector of Bath Abbey

Sung by the Abbey Girls, Boys and Lay Clerks

Introit	Hail gladdening light *Wood*	Responses	*Rose*
Canticles	*Wood* in E flat (Second setting)	Psalm	84
Anthem	I was glad *Parry*		
Hymns	445, 258, 666		
Voluntary	Fugue in E flat 'St Anne' BWV 552ii *J S Bach*		

Attendance at this service requires tickets,
which can be requested at the Bath Abbey offices.

SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 17th Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion

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

Hymns 593, 46, 810, 805, 719

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

Introit	Cantate Domino *Pitoni*
Setting	Missa Festiva *Gretchaninov*
Communion	O sacrum convivium *Tallis*
Hymns	593, 46, 453, 810
Voluntary	Toccata in F major BuxWV 157 *Buxtehude*

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

Introit	Hail gladdening light *Wood*	Responses	*Smith*
Canticles	The St John's Service *Jonathan Dove*	Psalm	120, 123, 124
Anthem	Thou hast searched me out *Joanne Marsh*	Hymn	REH 544, 565
Voluntary	Cantabile *Franck*		

6.30pm Informal Service

TUESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER

1.00pm Organ recital *Sebastian Thomson, Oxford*

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

Introit	Cantate Domino *Pitoni*	Responses	*Rose*
Canticles	*Noble* in A minor	Psalm	138, 148
Anthem	For he shall give his angels charge over thee *Mendelssohn*		

THURSDAY 1 OCTOBER

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

Introit	Locus iste *Bruckner*	Responses	*Smith*
Canticles	The Westminster Service *Howells*	Psalm	78 v41-end
Anthem	Lord, I call upon thee *Bairstow*		

SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER **Dedication Sunday**

8.00am Holy Communion

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

Anthems	Butterflies and Moths *A Carter*
	All things bright and beautiful *John Rutter*
Hymns	291 v5-9, 608, 445 (t 806), 294, 641i

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

Introit	Locus iste *Bruckner*
Setting	Little Organ Mass *Haydn*
Communion	Ave verum corpus *Mozart*
Hymns	291 v5-9, 294, 445 (t 806), 641i
Voluntary	Prelude in E minor BWV 548i *J S Bach*

3.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Abbey Boys and Lay Clerks*
Attended by members of the Friends of Bath Abbey

Introit	Hear my prayer *Annabel Rooney*	Responses	*Rose*
Canticles	Cantate Domino *Annabel Rooney*	Psalm	136
	Deus Miseratur *Francis Grier*	Hymns	REH 270, 586
Anthem	For lo, I raise up *Stanford*		
Voluntary	Imperial March *Elgar*		

6.30pm Informal Service

TUESDAY 6 OCTOBER

1.00pm Organ recital *Michael Stephens-Jones, Exeter Cathedral*

5.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Abbey Boys*

Introit	A grateful heart *Plumstead*	Responses	*Timothy Noon*
Canticles	*Bairstow* in E flat	Psalm	139 v1-12
Anthem	Gloria in excelsis *Britten*		

WEDNESDAY 7 OCTOBER

5.30pm Choral Evening Prayer *Sung by the Melody Makers*

Anthems	Lead me, Lord *S S Wesley*
	Song of Mary *Shephard*
	Ar Hyd y nos *Welsh traditional*
Hymn	REH 478

THURSDAY 8 OCTOBER

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

Introit	To thee, O Lord *Rachmaninov*	Responses	*Philip Moore*
Canticles	The Short Service *Gibbons*	Psalm	94
Anthem	Salve regina *Poulenc*		

SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER **Harvest Festival (19th Sunday after Trinity)**

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Church Family Communion *Sung by the Abbey Boys*
Anthems View me, Lord a work of thine *Lloyd*
Ave verum corpus *Elgar*
Hymns 290, 284, 537, 430, 650

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

Introit	View me, Lord a work of thine *Lloyd*
Setting	Gloria *Vierne*
	Sanctus and Agnus *Fauré*
Communion	Ave verum corpus *Mary Badarak*
Hymns	290, 284, 537, 282
Voluntary	Postlude in D minor Op. 105 No. 6 *Stanford*

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

Introit	To thee, O Lord *Rachmaninov*	Responses	*Philip Moore*
Canticles	*Stanford* in A	Psalm	138, 141
Anthem	A true blue dream *Judith Weir*	Hymn	REH 358, 356
Voluntary	Variations and Fugue on East Acklam *Philip Moore*		

6.30pm Informal Service

TUESDAY 13 OCTOBER

1.00pm Organ recital *Young organists*

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

Introit	O quam gloriosum *Victoria*	Responses	*Rose*
Canticles	*Stanford i*n G	Psalm	107 v1-22
Anthem	They that go down to the sea in ships *Sumsion*		

THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER

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

Introit	Exsultate Deo *Palestrina*	Responses	*Philip Moore*
Canticles	The Fifth Service *Tomkins*	Psalm	116, 117
Anthem	Wie lieblich sind *Brahms*		

SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER **20th Sunday after Trinity**
Mission Partner Sunday (Unseen)

8.00am Holy Communion

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

Anthems	The Lord is my shepherd *Leighton*
	Alleluia, I am the good shepherd *Leighton*
Hymns	27, 713, 494, 358, 719

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

Introit	Exsultate Deo *Palestrina*
Setting	Mass for Five Voices *Byrd*
Communion	O sacrum convivium *Messiaen*
Hymns	795, 284, 713, 477 (t 394)
Voluntary	Prelude in D major BuxWV 139 *Buxtehude*

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

Introit	Serve the Lord with gladness *Yoruba melodies arr Dearnley*		
Canticles	*Stanford i*n C	Responses	*Rose*
Anthem	Steal away *African American trad arr Tippett*		
Psalm	103	Hymn	REH 604, 620
Voluntary	Pièce d'Orgue BWV 572 *J S Bach*		

6.30pm Informal Service

TUESDAY 20 OCTOBER

1.00pm Organ recital *Charles Francis, Eastman Conservatory, NY*

5.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Abbey Chamber Choir*

Introit	Peace I leave with you *Beach*	Responses	*Smith*
Canticles	*Sumsion* in A	Psalm	135
Anthem	Never weather-beaten sail *Parry*		

THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER

5.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Abbey Girls*

Introit	Lift thine eyes *Mendelssohn*	Responses	*Malcolm Archer*
Canticles	Magnificat in G *Sumsion*		
	Nunc dimittis *Burgon*	Psalm	140, 141
Anthem	Psalm 23 *Schubert*		

SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER **Last Sunday after Trinity**

8.00am Holy Communion

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

Hymns 810, 387, 390, 388, 507

11.30am Sung Eucharist *Sung by a Cantor*

Setting	Missa de Angelis *Plainsong*
Communion	Et exultavit *J S Bach*
	Ave verum *Elgar*
Hymns	810, 383, 390, 507

3.30pm Choral Evensong *Evening Prayer with hymns*

Psalm 119 v89-104
Hymn REH 430, 283, 616

6.30pm Informal Service

TUESDAY 27 OCTOBER

1.00pm Organ recital *Paul Carr, Birmingham*

SUNDAY 1 NOVEMBER **All Saints**

8.00am Holy Communion

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

Sanctus Missa 'O Quam Gloriosum' *Victoria*
Anthems O Quam Gloriosum *Victoria*
Give us the wings of faith *Bullock*
Hymns 296, 307, 308, 683, 310

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

Introit Justorum animae *Stanford*
Setting Missa 'O Quam Gloriosum' *Victoria*
Communion Give us the wings of faith *Bullock*
Hymns 296, 309, 308, 312

3.30pm Choral Evensong *Evening Prayer with hymns*

Psalm 148, 150
Hymn REH 305 (t 518), 283, 312 (t ii)

6.30pm Informal Service

TUESDAY 3 NOVEMBER **All Souls Day**

5.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Abbey Chamber Choir*

Introit Holy is the true light *Harris*
Canticles The Short Service *Weelkes*
Anthem There is an old belief *Parry*
Responses *Ayleward*
Psalm 23

THURSDAY 5 NOVEMBER

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

Introit Justorum animae *Stanford*
Canticles *Watson* in E
Anthem Faire is the heaven *Harris*
Responses *Leighton*
Psalm 118

Requiem Saturday 7 November 7.00pm

On this national Remembrance Weekend, the Abbey choirs present a diverse but poignant programme of music for reflection, comfort and reconciliation. Ranging from 19th Century composers such as Gabriel Fauré, John Ireland, Hubert Parry and Amy Beach – to the present day -including a new setting of part of St. John's gospel by Yorkshire born composer, Emma Brown.

The concert concludes with Fauré's timeless ***Requiem***, sung by the Abbey Boys Choir, Lay clerks and Chamber choir. The first performance of Gabriel Fauré's Requiem took place on January 16, 1888, at the Étoile-de-la-Madeleine (La Madeleine) church in Paris for a funeral mass. In October 2026, our choirs will be singing in La Madeleine, Paris, and will no doubt be inspired to create an uplifting performance this evening.

Please join us as we remember the past and present sacrifice of generations and celebrate the courage and commitment of all who work for peace and reconciliation.

Tickets from Bath Box Office

SUNDAY 8 NOVEMBER **Remembrance Sunday**

8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Joint Service *Sung by the Abbey Girls and Lay Clerks*

Introit	Requiem aeternam *Duruflé*
Setting	Missa da Requiem *Duruflé*
Communion	Libera me *Duruflé*
Post communion	In paradisum *Duruflé*
Hymns	746, 579, 799i

2.00pm Civic Service of Remembrance *Sung by the Abbey Boys & Lay Clerks*

Introit	My peace *Emma Brown*	Responses	*Clucas*
Anthems	Greater love *Ireland*	Psalm	121
	Requiem aeternam *Fauré*		
Hymns	REH 533, A&M 579, 426		
Voluntary	Prélude from Suite Op. 5 *Duruflé*		

6.30pm Informal Service

TUESDAY 10 NOVEMBER

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

Introit	My peace *Emma Brown*	Responses	*Clucas*
Canticles	The Second Service *Byrd*	Psalm	50
Anthem	In paradisum *Fauré*		

THURSDAY 12 NOVEMBER

5.30pm Choral Evensong

Sung by Sherborne School Chamber Choir and Sherborne Girls Madrigal Society

Canticles	*Stanford* in Bb	Responses	*Radcliffe*
Anthem	The heavens are telling *Haydn*	Psalm	62
Voluntary	Prelude and Fugue in C major BWV 553 *J S Bach*		

Bath Mozart Festival Concert
Saturday 14 November 7.00pm

A wonderful new project focussing firmly on youth and emerging talent brings together two of the City's musical institutions – Bath Mozartfest and Bath Abbey Choir. This special programme will open with Mozart's beloved, but now rarely performed, Eine Kleine Nachtmusik. The soprano is Bath-born *Ruth Williams*, formerly a member of Bath Abbey Choir and now a vocal student at the Royal College of Music. She will appear alongside Nash Ensemble players plus outstanding UK conservatoire students featuring in the specially created Mozartfest Ensemble. They will be joined by the celebrated choir of Bath Abbey led by its Director of Music, *Huw Williams*. Come for the glorious music and spot the stars of tomorrow!

Tickets from Bath Box Office

SUNDAY 15 NOVEMBER **2nd Sunday before Advent**

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Church Family Communion *Sung by the Melody Makers and Choral Scholars*

Anthems Panis angelicus *Franck*
The Lord is my Shepherd *Howard Goodall*
Hymns 795, 635, 569, 427, 422

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

Introit O taste and see *Vaughan Williams*
Setting *Stanford* in C and F
Communion Do not be afraid *Philip Stopford*
Hymns 795, 635, 453, 569
Voluntary Fuga Chromatica Mvt. 3 from Sonata No. 4 in A minor *Rheinberger*

3.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Abbey Chamber Choir*

Introit Holy is the true light *Harris*
Canticles The St Paul's Service *Howells*
Anthem Zadok the Priest *Handel*
Voluntary Sicilienne from Suite Op. 5 *Duruflé*
Responses *Ayleward*
Psalm 89 v20-36
Hymn REH 254, 490

6.30pm Informal Service

TUESDAY 17 NOVEMBER

5.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Abbey Boys*

Introit The Call *Vaughan Williams* Responses *Timothy Noon*
Canticles The Edinburgh Service *Tim Byram-Wigfield* Psalm 67
Anthem Jesu joy of man's desiring *J S Bach*

THURSDAY 19 NOVEMBER

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

Introit Beati quorum *Stanford* Responses *Leighton*
Canticles Collegium Regale *Howells* Psalm 74
Anthem And I saw a new heaven *Bainton*

SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER Christ the King (Sunday next before Advent)

8.00am Holy Communion

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

Anthems Agnus Dei from Missae Mariae *Cecilia McDowell*
Lux Aeterna *Boulanger*
Hymns 227, 728, 612, 700, 227

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

Introit Beati quorum via *Stanford*
Setting Mass in G (Gl and S) *Poulenc*; Agnus Dei *plainsong*
Communion Christus vincit *James MacMillan*
Hymns 227, 769, 612, 663
Voluntary Te Deum Demessieux

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

Introit God be in my head *John Rutter* Responses *Clucas*
Canticles The Edington Service *Grayston Ives* Psalm 93, 97
Anthem Festival Te Deum *Britten* Hymn REH 498, 176
Voluntary Acclamations No.5 from Suite Médiévale *Langlais*

6.30pm Informal Service

TUESDAY 24 NOVEMBER

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

Introit	God be in my head *John Rutter*	Responses	*Clucas*
Canticles	The Fourth Service *Batten*	Psalm	99, 101
Anthem	Let all the world *Vaughan Williams*		

WEDNESDAY 25 NOVEMBER

7.30pm Christmas Market Service *Sung by the Abbey Chamber Choir*

Carols O magnum mysterium *Nicholas White*
Love has come *Sarah MacDonald*

THURSDAY 26 NOVENBER

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

Introit	I heard a voice from heaven *Howells*	Responses	*Leighton*
Canticles	Magnificat *Arvo Pärt*	Psalm	131, 132
	Nunc dimittis Holst		
Anthem	Ecce vicit Leo *Philips*		

The Snowman Saturday 28th November 7.00pm

The Abbey's youngest choir, the Melody Makers,
unwrap the magic of Christmas for the child in all of us,
and present Howard Blake's The Snowman.

Narrated by Jeremy Key-Pugh

SUNDAY 29 NOVEMBER **Advent Sunday**

8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Celebration Communion *Sung by the Abbey Chamber Choir*

Introit	Advent prose *Plainsong*
Setting	Messe *Widor*
Communion	How beautiful upon the mountains *Stainer*
Hymns	45 (t REH 14), 30, 51, 42, 37
Voluntary	Fantasia in C minor BWV 562 *J S Bach*

5.00pm Advent Festival Service *Sung by the Abbey Choirs of Boys, Girls and Lay Clerks*

7.15pm Advent Festival Service *Sung by the Abbey Choirs of Boys, Girls and Lay Clerks*

Tickets for the Advent Festival Services are free and when ticketing opens they can be booked via our website *bathabbey.org*