BathAbbey

Bath Abbey Services & Music List 2024

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.

SUNDAY 1 SEPTEMBER

14th 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 Ex Collegio Cantabrigiense

Introit Hosanna to the son of David *Gibbons*

Setting Stanford in C and F

Communion Ego sum panis vivus *Palestrina*

Hymns 335, 602, 669, 710

3.30pm Choral Evensong Sung by Ex Collegio Cantabrigiense

Introit Hosanna to the son of David Gibbons Responses Rose

Canticles Magnificat secundi toni *Soriano*

Nunc dimittis *Wood* in B flat Psalm 119 v1-16

Anthem Give unto the Lord *Elgar* Hymns REH 588, 516

6.30pm Informal Service

TUESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER @1.00pm Organ Recital Huw Williams, Bath Abbey

THURSDAY 5 SEPTEMBER

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

Introit Ave maris stella *Grieg* Responses *Smith* Canticles *Jackson* in G Psalm 18 v1-15

Anthem My soul, there is a country *Parry*

15th Sunday after Trinity

SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am <u>All Together Service</u> *Led by the Abbey Boys*

Anthems Magnificat in E flat Bairstow

Ex ore innocentium Ireland

Hymns 757, 625, 748 (omit v2)

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

Introit Set me as a seal *Walton*Setting Little Organ Mass *Haydn*Communion O sacrum convivium *Tallis*

Hymns 9, 569i, 422, 748

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

Introit Ave Maris Stella *Grieg* Responses *Smith*

Canticles Magnificat from The Second Service Leighton

Nunc dimittis *Rachmaninov* Psalm 119 v41-56

Anthem Ihr habt nun Traurigkeit Brahms Hymns REH 282, 283

6.30pm Informal Service

TUESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER @1.00pm Organ Recital Dewi Rees, Bath Abbey part of Heritage Open Days

TUESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

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

Introit Set me as a seal *Walton* Responses *Paul Spicer* Canticles The Fourth Service *Batten* Psalm 33 v1-12

Anthem O be joyful John Rutter

THURSDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

5.30pm Choral Evensong Sung by the Abbey Girls

Introit Glory to thee, my God this night *Tallis* Responses *Malcolm Archer*

Canticles Sumsion in G Psalm 40

Anthem Paratum cor meum Blow

SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

16th Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Church Family Communion Led by the Abbey Girls

Anthems Agnus Dei Fauré

O sacrum convivium *Leighton*

Hymns 763, 373, 451, 785, SOF 307

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

Introit Ave verum *Pearsall*

Setting Coronation Mass *Mozart*Communion Laudate Dominum *Mozart*

Hymns 613, 383, 502, 810

3.30pm <u>Choral Evensong</u> *Sung by the Abbey Boys and Lay Clerks*

Introit Cantate Domino *Pitoni* Responses *Paul Spicer*Canticles *Noble* in A minor Psalm 119 v73-88
Anthem Let the people praise thee *Mathias* Hymns REH 428, 580

6.30pm Informal Service

TUESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER @1.00pm Organ Recital Dewi Rees, Bath Abbey

TUESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER

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

Scholars

Introit Cantate Domino *Pitoni* Responses *Paul Spicer* Canticles *Stanford* in G Psalm 50 v1-15

Anthem Ubi caritas Ola Gjeilo

THURSDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

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

Introit Our Father Tavener Responses Philip Moore

Canticles Sumsion in G Psalm 64

Anthem Salve Regina Poulenc

SUNDAY 22 SEPTEMBER Harvest Thanksgiving (17th Sunday after Trinity)

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Harvest Festival Service Sung by the Abbey Boys and Lay Clerks

Introit For the beauty of the earth *Philip Stopford*Setting Communion Service in C and F *Stanford*

Communion Benedicite Sumsion

Hymns 290, 284, 706, 639, 650

3.30pm <u>Choral Evensong</u> Sung by the Abbey Girls and Lay Clerks

Introit Our Father *Tavener*Canticles *Walmisley* in D minor
Anthem O clap your hands *Gibbons*Responses *Philip Moore*Psalm 119 v137-152
Hymns REH 358, 356

6.30pm Informal Service

TUESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER @1.00pm Organ Recital

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5.30pm Choral Evensong Sung by the Abbey Boys

Introit A grateful heart *Mary Plumstead* Responses *Plainsong*Canticles *Bairstow* in E flat Psalm 74 v1-18

Anthem Ex ore innocentium *Ireland*

THURSDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

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

Introit Sing joyfully *Byrd* Responses *Philip Moore* Canticles The Short Service *Gibbons* Psalm 78 v40-end

Anthem Wie lieblich sind Brahms

SUNDAY 29 SEPTEMBER

18th Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Church Family Communion Led by the Abbey Chamber Choir

Anthems Ego sum panis vivus Palestrina

If ye love me *Tallis*

Hymns 4, 714, 683, 512, 828

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

Introit Sing joyfully *Byrd*

Setting Missa Octo Voces Hassler

Communion Thou hast searched me out *Joanna Marsh*

Hymns 676, 389, 806, 475

3.30pm <u>Choral Evensong</u> Sung by the Abbey Boys and Lay Clerks

Introit Before the ending of the day *Plainsong* Responses *Clucas* Canticles *Howells* in B minor Psalm 120, 121

Anthem All wisdom cometh from the Lord *Philip Moore*

Hymns REH 522, 481

6.30pm Informal Service

TUESDAY 1 OCTOBER @1.00pm Organ Recital Hugh Morris, RSCM

TUESDAY 1 OCTOBER

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

Choral Scholars

Introit Before the ending of the day *Plainsong* Responses *Clucas*Canticles The Second Service *Byrd* Psalm 89 v20-36

Anthem Do not be afraid Philip Stopford

THURSDAY 3 OCTOBER

5.30pm <u>Choral Evensong</u> Sung by the Abbey Lay Clerks

Introit If ye love me *Tallis* Responses *Philip Moore*

Canticles Magnificat Secundi toni Suriano Psalm 94

Nunc dimittis tertii toni Victoria

Anthem In the Lord's word Purcell

SUNDAY 6 OCTOBER

19th Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am All Together Service Led by the Melody Makers

Anthems

Hymns 357, 494, 712, 358, 777

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

Introit View me, Lord *Lloyd*Setting Missa Brevis *Walton*Communion Ave verum *Elgar*

Hymns 291, (part 2 & 3), 294, 814, 589

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

Introit Locus iste *Bruckner* Responses *Philip Moore* Canticles *Stanford* in A Psalm 125, 126

Anthem Blessed city, heavenly Salem Bairstow Hymns REH 270, 271

6.30pm Informal Service

TUESDAY 8 OCTOBER @1.00pm Organ Recital Marcus Sealy, Bath

TUESDAY 8 OCTOBER

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

Choral Scholars

View me, Lord *Lloyd* Introit Responses Clucas Murrill in E 107 v1-22 Canticles Psalm

Anthem Jesu joy of man's desiring J S Bach

THURSDAY 10 OCTOBER

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

Introit Hear my prayer *Purcell* Responses Leighton

Purcell in G minor Canticles Psalm 116

Anthem Priidite, poklonimsia *Rachmaninov*

SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER

20th Sunday after Trinity

8.00am **Holy Communion**

Church Family Communion Led by the Abbey Girls 9.30am

Anthems Magnificat in D Sumsion

O sacrum convivium Messiaen

Hymns 394, 2, SOF 327, 675, SOF 804, 584 (omit v3)

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

Introit Hear my prayer *Purcell* Setting Missa Brevis Kodály

Communion O sacrum convivium Messiaen

537i, 357, 367, 753 Hymns

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

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake *Farrant* Responses Clucas Introit Canticles Stanford in C Psalm 127, 128 Anthem Hymns REH 588, 556 (omit *)

Hear my prayer *Mendelssohn*

Informal Service 6.30pm

TUESDAY 15 OCTOBER @1.00pm Organ Recital Gavin Phelps, Bath Abbey

TUESDAY 15 OCTOBER

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

Introit Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake *Farrant* Responses *Clucas* Canticles *Howells* in B minor Psalm 135 v1-12

Anthem They that go down to the sea in ships Sumsion

THURSDAY 17 OCTOBER

5.30pm <u>Choral Evensong</u> Sung by the Abbey Girls

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

Canticles Sumsion in D Psalm 140

Anthem Psalm 23 Schubert

SUNDAY 20 OCTOBER

21st Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Church Family Communion Led by the Abbey Boys

Anthems The Call Vaughan Williams

Jesu joy of man's desiring J S Bach

Hymns 619, (omit v4&5), 700, 827, NEH 358, 433, 497

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

Introit O taste and see Vaughan Williams

Setting Mass for Four Voices *Byrd*Communion Ave verum *Mary Badarak*

Hymns 593ii, 569i, 663, 612

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

Introit Lift thine eyes Mendelssohn Responses Leighton

Canticles *Gray* in F minor Psalm 141

Anthem Give unto the Lord *Elgar* Hymns REH 510, 505

6.30pm Informal Service

MONDAY 21 OCTOBER

The Abbey Boys Choir and Lay Clerks are singing Evensong at St Paul's Cathedral at 5.00pm.

All are welcome.

TUESDAY 22 OCTOBER @1.00pm Organ Recital Dewi Rees, Bath Abbey

TUESDAY 22 OCTOBER

5.30pm Choral Evensong Sung by the Abbey Chamber Choir

Introit Give almes of thy goods *Tye* Responses *Ayleward*

Canticles Wood in E flat No.2 Psalm 9

Anthem I saw the Lord Stainer

THURSDAY 24 OCTOBER

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

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

Canticles Stanford in G Psalm 18 v1-15

Anthem Selig sind die da leid Toten *Brahms*

SATURDAY 26 OCTOBER

5.00pm Choral Evensong Sung by the Oriana Singers

Canticles Bairstow in D Responses Bertalot

Anthem Christus factus est Bruckner Psalm 24

Bible Sunday (22nd Sunday after Trinity)

SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Church Family Communion *Led by a Cantor*

Anthems Give almes of thy goods Tye

O salutaris hostia Elgar

Hymns 507, 388, 598, 383, 146, 595

11.30am Sung Eucharist Sung by the Oriana Singers

Setting Stanford in C & F

Communion Open thou mine eyes *Rutter* Hymns 810, 383, 384 (t748), 507

3.30pm Choral Evensong Sung by the Oriana Singers

Introit Jesu, the very thought of thee *Bairstow* Responses *Bertalot* Canticles St Paul's Service *Howells* Psalm 119 v1-16 Anthem How beauteous are their feet *Stanford* Hymns REH 503, 486

6.30pm Informal Service

TUESDAY 29 OCTOBER @1.00pm Organ Recital Asher Oliver, Guildford Cathedral

SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER

All Saints

8.00am Holy Communion

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

Hymns 296, 373, 557, 308, 804, 683

11.30am <u>Sung Eucharist</u> Sung by the Chamber Choir

Introit Justorum animae Stanford

Setting Missa O quam gloriosum *Victoria*

Communion Ego sum panis Palestrina

Hymns 296, 602, 312, 308

3.30pm Choral Evensong Sung by the Abbey Consort

Introit Holy is the true light *Harris* Responses *Byrd*

Canticles Short Service *Tallis* Psalm 23

Anthem Justorum animae Byrd Hymns REH 574i, 426

6.30pm Informal Service

TUESDAY 5 NOVEMBER

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

Introit Justorum animae Matthew Martin Responses Tallis

Canticles Sumsion in G Psalm 98

Anthem Russian Kontakion Anon

THURSDAY 7 NOVEMBER

5.30pm Choral Evensong Sung by the Abbey Chamber Choir

Introit Hide not thou thy face Farrant Responses Ayleward

Canticles Magnificat *Plainsong* Psalm 118

Nunc dimittis Wood in B flat

Anthem Versa est in luctum Victoria

Brahms' A German Requiem by candlelight

Music for Remembrance, Peace and Reconciliation

Saturday 9 November 7.00pm

The critically acclaimed Abbey Choirs present Brahms' A German Requiem on this Remembrance weekend. It is one of the most beautiful and poignant choral works ever written. Many believe it was inspired by the death of the composer's mother in 1865 as the fifth movement has a beautiful and serene soprano solo 'And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again' followed by the chorus singing words from As one whom his mother comforts, so will I comfort you.

Brahms chose the text from the Lutheran Bible and it is the first Requiem in the vernacular and not adopting the Catholic liturgy, leading many to nickname it the first protestant Requiem. The work was first performed in 1868 on Good Friday in Bremen Cathedral, Germany. The most famous movement setting psalm 84 'How lovely is thy dwelling place' is the central movement and has captivated audiences and singers alike since its first performance. This performance will feature the piano duet accompaniment making the music more affecting and intimate. The piano is played by Dewi Rees and Katrine Reimers with poignant readings chosen by Jeremy Key-Pugh.

Tickets £25, £20, £15 from Bath Box Office bathboxoffice.org
16 and under half price

SUNDAY 10 NOVEMBER

Remembrance Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am <u>Parish Communion for Remembrance Day</u> Sung by the Abbey Girls and Lay Clerks

Introit Requiem aeterna *Duruflé*

Setting Requiem *Duruflé*Communion Lux aeterna *Duruflé*

Hymns 746, 579, 683

2.00pm <u>Civic Service of Remembrance</u> Sung by the Abbey Boys & Lay Clerks

Anthems/Motets Selig sind die da Leid tragen *Brahms*

Turn back, O man Holst Set me as a seal Walton

Psalm 121

Hymns 746, 623, 579

6.30pm Informal Service

TUESDAY 12 NOVEMBER

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

Introit God be in my head John Rutter Responses Rose

Canticles Stanford in B flat Psalm 74

Anthem Greater love Ireland

THURSDAY 14 NOVEMBER

5.30pm <u>Choral Evensong</u> Sung by the Abbey Girls

Introit Litanei Alle Seelen Schubert Responses Malcolm Archer

Canticles Fauxbourdon Service *Philip Moore* Psalm 42, 43

Anthem For the fallen Mark Blatchly

SUNDAY 17 NOVEMBER

2nd Sunday before Advent

8.00am Holy Communion

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

Anthems

Hymns 362, 592, 588, 146, 153, 39

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

Introit O Lord, increase my faith *Loosemore*Setting Missa Brevis in B flat K 275 *Mozart*

Communion O salutaris hostia *Rossini*

Hymns 2, 569, 641, 795

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

Introit Svete tihiy sviattiya slavi (O Gladsome light) Rachmaninov

Responses Radcliffe

Canticles The Second Service *Leighton* Psalm 95

Anthem Hymn to the Creator of light John Rutter Hymns REH 622, 549

6.30pm Informal Service

TUESDAY 19 NOVEMBER

5.30pm Choral Evensong Sung by the Abbey Boys

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

Canticles *Dyson* in C minor Psalm 67

Anthem The Call Vaughan Williams

Bach@Bath 275 Tuesday 19 November 7.00pm

To mark the 275th anniversary of J S. Bach's death in 1750 Huw Williams will be playing the complete organ works of J S Bach at the Abbey. This opening recital features the works for Advent.

There will be pre-concert drinks available from 6.30pm.

Tickets £7.50 from Bath Box Office bathboxoffice.org

THURSDAY 21 NOVEMBER

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

Introit Svete tihiy sviattiya slavi (O Gladsome light) Rachmaninov

Responses Radcliffe

Canticles Annabel Rooney in D Psalm 94

Anthem And I saw a new heaven Bainton

SUNDAY 24 NOVEMBER

Christ the King Stewardship Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Church Family Communion Led by the Abbey Girls

Anthems King of glory *Harris*

Hymns SOF 289, 193, 728, 736, SOF 1498, 754 (omit v3)

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

Introit Let all mortal flesh *Bairstow*

Setting Mass in D *Dvorak*

Communion Christus vincit James MacMillan

Hymns 227, 769, 612, 453

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

Introit Blessed are the pure in heart Walford Davies Responses Rose

Canticles *Dyson* in D Psalm 72

Anthem Let all the world *Vaughan Williams* Hymns REH 200, 483

6.30pm Informal Service

TUESDAY 26 NOVEMBER

5.30pm <u>Choral Evensong</u> Sung by the Abbey Boys, Lay Clerks and

Choral Scholars

Introit Peace be to you *Paul Manz* Responses *Rose*Canticles *Dyson* in F Psalm 99

Anthem Hymn of St Columba Britten

THURSDAY 28 NOVEMBER

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

Introit God be in my head Walford Davies Responses Radcliffe

Canticles The Fifth Service *Tomkins* Psalm 132

Anthem And the glory of the Lord *Handel*

A Christmas Celebration Saturday 14 December 7.00pm

Capture the joy and the excitement of the Nativity in words and music in the glorious setting of Bath Abbey. Join all the Abbey choirs – Boys, Girls and Lay Clerks, and including the young Melody Makers in their Christmas celebrations. Music, readings and audience carols..there will be something for everyone!

Interval Bar

Tickets from Bath Box Office bathboxoffice.org £25, £20, £15 16 and under half price

Bach Christmas Oratorio Saturday 21 December 7.00pm

In this festive season enjoy the glory of Bach's celebratory music in the inspiring setting of Bath Abbey. The critically acclaimed Bath Abbey Girls and Lay Clerks are joined by the outstanding baroque instrumentalists of *Rejouissance*.

Originally written for Christmas in 1734, from the festive opening 'Jauchzet frolocket' the music captures the joy and excitement of the Nativity in words and music. The music is uplifting and dance-like with experienced soloists drawn from within the choir as we begin the celebrations of the 275th anniversary of J S Bach's death.

Interval Bar

Tickets from Bath Box Office bathboxoffice.org £30, £25, £20 16 and under half price

Bach@Bath 275 – the complete organ works of J S Bach at Bath.

As we celebrate the 275th anniversary of possibly the greatest composer of all time, Johann Sebastian Bach, Huw Williams plays the complete works of Bach on the magnificent Klais organ.

This will be a once in a lifetime opportunity to hear these famous works presented by one player in one city. This inspiring and wonderful music, in a wide variety of styles from the sunny optimism of the Italian influenced Trio Sonatas and concerti, to the more majestic mature preludes and fugues, will be presented across 16 concerts between November 2024 and September 2025.

As a church musician throughout his career, Bach's works were based around the liturgy and this series will mostly, where possible, present the music at the most appropriate liturgical season across the year.

Recitals will be in Bath Abbey on:

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# 1 Tuesday November 19<sup>th</sup> 7.00-8.15pm (drinks from 6.30pm) Advent music
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2 Saturday 28th December 5.00- 6.15pm *Christmas music*

3 Saturday 18th January 6.30-7.45 Featuring Epiphany and New Year music

4 Friday February 7th 6.30-7.45 *including music for Candlemas*

Lenten Series – The Way of the Cross

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# 5 Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 1.00-1.45
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6 Tuesday 11th March 1.00-1.45

7 Tuesday 18th March 1.00-1.45

8 Tuesday 25th March 1.00-1.45

9 Tuesday 1st April 1.00-1.45

10 Tuesday 20th May 1.00-1.45 with music for Eastertide and Ascension

11 Tuesday 10th June 1.00-1.45 with music for Pentecost

12 Tuesday 24th June 1.00-1.45

13 Saturday 28th June 6.30-7.45

14 Tuesday 8th July 1.00-1.45

15 Saturday 30th August 7.00-8.15

16 Friday 19th September 7.00-8.15

To celebrate the final concert in this series join us for drinks at 6.30pm

Programme details at bathabbey.org/bach-275