

# Services and Music

February 2024



BRISTOL  
CATHEDRAL

Here  
with  
*you,*  
yesterday,  
today,  
and tomorrow

## From the Dean

The Feast of Candlemas or the Presentation of Christ in the Temple which takes place on 2 February marks the moment at which the elderly Simeon, having waited all his life for the coming of the Messiah, greets the infant Jesus as the Light of the World. His words are well known to us as the text of the *Nunc Dimittis*, *Lord, now let thy servant depart in peace, for my eyes have seen your salvation*, sung at every service of Evensong.

The ancient folk title for this service, Candlemas, is a reminder that in medieval times it was the custom for people to bring candles to the service either as a gift to the church, or to be blessed for the lighting of their homes in the coming year. Our candlelit procession at the start of the Eucharist is a remnant of this practice.

Luke's retelling of this incident in the gospel moves quickly from the revelation and celebration of light to a warning about the suffering that is to come, as Simeon says to Mary, *'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'*

So, we turn towards a period of reflection, repentance and, historically, fasting, through the forty days of Lent, beginning on Ash Wednesday, this year falling on 14 February. During Lent our music is noticeably more solemn and stripped back, with a particular emphasis on the use of simpler musical forms, including plain chant.

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# Bristol Cathedral Choir

Bristol Cathedral Choir lies at the heart of the worshipping life of the Cathedral, sustaining a pattern of worship that reaches back nearly nine hundred years. Our choristers have the joy and privilege of enabling people to worship God through music and singing.

A choir has been singing on the site of the Cathedral since the Augustinian monastery was founded in 1140.

When the church formally became Bristol Cathedral in 1542 its statutes required that provision be made for the development and maintenance of the choir, whose role was to sing the praises of God.

The passing of the centuries has modified but not destroyed the pattern. The choir consists of around 28 choristers, all of whom are educated at Bristol Cathedral Choir School, 16 probationers, educated at Primary Schools across Bristol and the surrounding area, four university-age Choral Scholars, and six professional Lay Clerks.

Each year the Cathedral recruits four boys and four girls who are currently in Year 4 to become probationers when they reach Year 5.

If you are interested in finding out more about your child becoming a chorister, please contact the Music & Liturgy Officer, Tim Popple: [tim.popple@bristol-cathedral.co.uk](mailto:tim.popple@bristol-cathedral.co.uk).

## Services in Bristol Cathedral

### Bible Translation

The Cathedral uses the NRSV Anglicised Edition translation of the bible for all services except BCP Holy Communion on Sundays. Reading selections are taken from the Common Worship Lectionary, with Evensong readings taken from the Pillar Lectionary.

### Choir

Unless otherwise specified, all choral services are sung by the Cathedral Choir.

### Communion

If it is your custom to receive communion in your own church, you are welcome to receive here, whatever your denomination. You may choose not to receive wine from the common cup, recognising that some people are still vulnerable. For the safety of all please do not intinct (dip the bread/host) into the chalice.

### Feast Days Key

On each day there is an indication of whether it is a day of significance.

The different significances are indicated as follows:

- *Feria (no commemoration or otherwise)*
- *Commemoration*
- Lesser Festival
- Festival
- **PRINCIPAL FEAST**

For Festivals and Principal Feasts, (and the evening service the day before) the altar colours will reflect the occasion, and Festal Responses are said or sung at the close of the evening service.

## **Hymns**

Hymns are taken from the *New English Hymnal*, except where it indicates “HPP”, which refers to the **blue Hymns for Prayer + Praise** used at Sunday Evensong.

## **Incense**

On some feast days, incense is used during the service. This is indicated by the † symbol.

## **Live-Streaming**

Weekday Morning Prayer is live streamed on our social media channels. These services are indicated with this symbol 📺.

## **Photography and Recording**

No photography or recording of any other kind may take place during services, concerts, or rehearsals without the express permission of the Chapter.

## **Psalms**

The traditional BCP Coverdale translation is used at Evening Prayer and Evensong. Common Worship translation is used at all other services. The congregation sit for the psalms, standing for “Glory be to the Father...” at the end of the last psalm.

## **Service Length**

Said Morning Prayer lasts approximately 15 minutes.

Said Lunchtime Eucharist lasts approximately 30 minutes.

Evensong lasts around 40 minutes; Evening Prayer around 20 minutes.

BCP Communion lasts around 40 minutes.

The Eucharist on a Sunday lasts around one hour.

On a Sunday, Evensong lasts around one hour, incorporating a sermon.

## **Translations of Anthems not in English**

Translations of weekday anthems sung in languages other than English can be found at the back of this booklet.

# Sunday 28 January

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany


### BCP Sexagesima

7.40am	Morning Prayer		NEWTON CHAPEL
8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)		NAVE
	Preacher	<i>Canon Neville Boundy</i>	
10.00am	<b>Cathedral Eucharist</b>		NAVE
	Preacher	<i>The Dean</i>	
	Hymns	Entrance	52 Was Lebet
		Offertory	381 Ewing
		Communion	305 Anima Christi
		Post Communion	186 Woodlands
	Setting	<i>Missa Brevis Mathias</i>	
	Voluntary	<i>Pomp and Circumstance March No. 4 Elgar</i>	
3.30pm	<b>Choral Evensong</b>		NAVE
	Preacher	<i>Canon Nicola Stanley</i>	
	Responses	<i>Tomkins</i>	Psalm 34.1-10
	Canticles	<i>New College Service Howells</i>	Hymns
	Anthem	<i>A New Song Macmillan</i>	343 Redhead No. 46
	Voluntary	<i>Thema met variaties Andriessen</i>	392 Alberta

# Monday 29 January

*Verses / Decani*

*Feria*

8.15am	 Morning Prayer		NEWTON CHAPEL
12.30pm	Eucharist		EASTERN LADY CHAPEL
5.15pm	<b>Choral Evensong</b>		NAVE
	Responses	<i>Smith</i>	Psalm 143
	Canticles	<i>Purcell in g</i>	Hymn 414 Caithness
	Anthem	<i>Thou knowest, Lord Purcell</i>	

# Tuesday 30 January

Charles, King and Martyr, 1649

8.15am	 Morning Prayer		NEWTON CHAPEL
12.30pm	Eucharist		EASTERN LADY CHAPEL
5.15pm	<b>Choral Evensong</b>		NAVE
	Responses	<i>Tomkins</i>	Psalm 148
	Canticles	<i>Fifth Service Tomkins</i>	Hymn 218 Aeterna Christi munera [213ii]
	Anthem	<i>Bethlehem Down Warlock</i>	

## Wednesday 31 January

*John Bosco, Priest, Founder of the Salesian Teaching Order, 1888*

8.15am	☪ Morning Prayer	NEWTON CHAPEL
12.30pm	Eucharist	NEWTON CHAPEL
5.15pm	<b>Choral Evensong</b> <i>sung by the Boy Choristers</i>	NAVE
	Responses <i>Fox</i>	Psalm 149
	Canticles <i>Sumsion in G</i>	Hymn 407 Ravenshaw
	Anthem <i>Light of the world Dankworth</i>	

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## Thursday 1 February

*Brigid, Abbess of Kildare, c.525*

8.15am	☪ Morning Prayer	NEWTON CHAPEL
12.30pm	Eucharist	BERKELEY CHAPEL
5.15pm	First Evening Prayer of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple	NAVE
	Psalm 118	

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## Friday 2 February

THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE (CANDLEMAS)

8.15am	☪ Morning Prayer	NEWTON CHAPEL
12.30pm	Eucharist	EASTERN LADY CHAPEL
5.15pm	Evening Prayer	NAVE
	Psalm 132	
6.00pm	<b>Eucharist for Candlemas</b> <i>sung by the Lay Clerks</i>	NAVE
	<i>Special Order of Service</i>	
	Preacher <i>The Revd Paul Barrett</i>	
	Setting <i>Mass à 3 Byrd</i>	
	Motet <i>Senex puerum portabat Byrd</i>	
	Voluntary <i>Praeludium in e Bruhns</i>	

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## Saturday 3 February

*Anskar, Archbishop of Hamburg, Missionary in Denmark and Sweden, 865*

8.15am	☪ Morning Prayer	NEWTON CHAPEL
12.30pm	Eucharist	NEWTON CHAPEL
3.30pm	<b>Choral Evensong</b> <i>sung by St Paul's, Wokingham</i>	NAVE
	Responses <i>Sanders</i>	Psalm 15
	Canticles <i>Aston in F</i>	Hymn 246 Vesper
	Anthem <i>Abendlied Rheinberger</i>	

*A translation of the anthem can be found on page 16*

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# Sunday 4 February

## Second Sunday before Lent

### BCP Sexagesima

7.40am	Morning Prayer		NEWTON CHAPEL
8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)		NAVE
	Preacher	<i>The Dean</i>	
10.00am	<b>Cathedral Eucharist</b>	<i>sung by the Consort</i>	NAVE
	Preacher	<i>The Revd Nicola Harris</i>	
	Hymns	Entrance	33 (omit *) Divinum Mysterium
		Offertory	391 Gwalchmai
		Post Communion	Christ triumphant Guiting Power
	Setting	<i>Missa Brevis Dove</i>	
	Motet	<i>Holy is the true light Harris</i>	
	Voluntary	<i>Chant Héroïque Langlais</i>	
3.30pm	<b>Choral Evensong</b>	<i>sung by the Consort</i>	NAVE
	Preacher	<i>Canon Jonnie Parkin</i>	
	Responses	<i>Wilby</i>	Psalm 65
	Canticles	<i>Stanford in G</i>	Hymns
	Anthem	<i>Blessed city Bairstow</i>	245 HPP Solothurn
	Voluntary	<i>Pièce Héroïque Franck</i>	205 HPP Christe, fons jugis

## Monday 5 February


Verses / Cantoris

*Feria*

8.15am	 Morning Prayer		NEWTON CHAPEL
12.30pm	Eucharist		EASTERN LADY CHAPEL
5.15pm	<b>Choral Evensong</b>		NAVE
	Responses	<i>Smith</i>	Psalm 24
	Canticles	<i>Hereford Service Lloyd</i>	Hymn 54 Illsley
	Anthem	<i>Like as the hart Howells</i>	

## Tuesday 6 February

*The Martyrs of Japan, 1597*

8.15am	 Morning Prayer		NEWTON CHAPEL
12.30pm	Eucharist		EASTERN LADY CHAPEL
1.15pm	<b>Lunchtime Recital</b>	<i>bass / piano</i>	NAVE
		<i>Will Drakett</i>	
		<i>Steven Kings</i>	
5.15pm	<b>Choral Evensong</b>		NAVE
	Responses	<i>Tomkins</i>	Psalm 30
	Canticles	<i>Dyson in F</i>	Hymn 245 Ar hyd y nos
	Anthem	<i>And I saw a new heaven Bainton</i>	



## Wednesday 7 February

*Feria*

8.15am	☪ Morning Prayer	NEWTON CHAPEL
12.30pm	Eucharist	NEWTON CHAPEL
5.15pm	<b>Choral Evensong</b> <i>sung by the Girl Choristers</i>	NAVE
	Responses <i>Nardone</i>	Psalm 35.1-10
	Canticles <i>Canterbury Service Moore</i>	Hymn 356 George
	Anthem <i>Prayer of St Richard of Chichester White</i>	

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## Thursday 8 February

*Feria*

8.15am	☪ Morning Prayer	NEWTON CHAPEL
12.30pm	Eucharist	BERKELEY CHAPEL
5.15pm	Evening Prayer	NAVE
	Psalm 39	

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## Friday 9 February

*Feria*

8.15am	☪ Morning Prayer	NEWTON CHAPEL
12.30pm	Eucharist	EASTERN LADY CHAPEL
5.15pm	<b>Choral Evensong</b> <i>sung by the Lay Clerks</i>	NAVE
	Responses <i>Lloyd</i>	Psalm 44
	Canticles <i>Lang in G</i>	Hymn 82 Song 46
	Anthem <i>Oculi omnium Parnell</i>	

*A translation of the anthem can be found on page 16*

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## Saturday 10 February

*Scholastica, sister of Benedict, Abbess of Plombariola, c.543*

8.15am	☪ Morning Prayer	NEWTON CHAPEL
12.30pm	Eucharist	NEWTON CHAPEL
3.30pm	<b>Choral Evensong</b> <i>sung by the Alleyn Singers</i>	NAVE
	Responses <i>Radcliffe</i>	Psalm 50
	Canticles <i>Stanford in A</i>	Hymn 391 Gwalchmai
	Anthem <i>Evening Hymn Balfour Gardiner</i>	

*A translation of the anthem can be found on page 17*

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# Sunday 11 February

## Sunday next before Lent

### BCP Quinquagesima

7.40am	Morning Prayer		NEWTON CHAPEL
8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)		NAVE
	Preacher	<i>The Revd Paul Barrett</i>	
10.00am	<b>Cathedral Eucharist</b> with Baptism sung by the Alleyn Singers		NAVE
	Preacher	<i>Canon Jonnie Parkin</i>	
	Hymns	Entrance 433 Hanover	
		Offertory Be still	
		Post Communion 234 Ratisbon	
	Setting	Missa de Angelis <i>Plainsong</i>	
		St Paul's Service <i>Dienes-Williams</i>	
	Motet	<i>Sicut cervus Palestrina</i>	
	Voluntary	<i>Toccata Gigout</i>	
3.30pm	<b>Choral Evensong</b> sung by the Alleyn Singers		NAVE
	Preacher	<i>Roger Dubois, Head Verger and Sub Sacrist</i>	
	Responses	<i>Radcliffe</i>	Psalm 2
	Canticles	<i>Brewer in D</i>	Hymns
	Anthem	<i>The Spirit of the Lord Elgar</i>	494 Nun Danket
	Voluntary	<i>Fugue in b BWV 544 J. S. Bach</i>	244 Tallis's Canon

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# Monday 12 February

## Feria

8.15am	 Morning Prayer		NEWTON CHAPEL
12.30pm	Eucharist		EASTERN LADY CHAPEL
5.15pm	Evening Prayer		NAVE
	Psalm 62		

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# Tuesday 13 February

## Feria

8.15am	 Morning Prayer		NEWTON CHAPEL
12.30pm	Eucharist		EASTERN LADY CHAPEL
5.15pm	Evening Prayer		NAVE
	Psalm 68.1-20		

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## Wednesday 14 February

### ASH WEDNESDAY

8.15am	☪ Morning Prayer	NEWTON CHAPEL
12.30pm	Eucharist	NEWTON CHAPEL
5.15pm	Evening Prayer Psalm 71	BERKELEY CHAPEL
6.00pm	<b>Choral Eucharist</b> <i>with the Imposition of Ashes sung by the Fitzhardinge Consort</i> <i>Special Order of Service</i>	NAVE
	Preacher <i>The Revd Dr Minty Hull</i>	
	Setting <i>Missa Papae Marcelli Palestrina</i>	
	Motets <i>Miserere, mei MacMillan</i> <i>In ieiunio et fletu Tallis</i>	
	Voluntary <i>Prelude in c BWV 546 J. S. Bach</i>	

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## Thursday 15 February

*Sigfrid, Bishop, Apostle of Sweden, 1045;*

*Thomas Bray, Priest, Founder of the SPCK and the SPG, 1730*

8.15am	☪ Morning Prayer	NEWTON CHAPEL
12.30pm	Eucharist	BERKELEY CHAPEL
5.15pm	Evening Prayer Psalms 75, 76	NAVE

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## Friday 16 February

*Feria*

8.15am	☪ Morning Prayer	NEWTON CHAPEL
12.30pm	Eucharist	EASTERN LADY CHAPEL
5.15pm	Evening Prayer Psalm 79	NAVE

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## Saturday 17 February

*Janani Luwum, Archbishop of Uganda, Martyr, 1977*

8.15am	☪ Morning Prayer	NEWTON CHAPEL
12.30pm	Eucharist	NEWTON CHAPEL
3.30pm	Evening Prayer Psalms 86, 87	BERKELEY CHAPEL

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# Sunday 18 February

Verses | Cantoris

## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

7.40am	Morning Prayer		NEWTON CHAPEL
8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)		NAVE
	Preacher	<i>The Revd Nicola Harris</i>	
10.00am	<b>Cathedral Eucharist</b>		NAVE
	Preacher	<i>The Dean</i>	
	Hymns	Entrance	67 Aus der teife
		Offertory	294 Saffron Walden
		Post Communion	333 Michael
	Setting	Missa Brevis Cox	
	Motet	Lord, for thy tender mercies' sake <i>Hilton</i>	
	Voluntary	Fantasia and Toccata (op.57) <i>Stanford</i>	
3.30pm	<b>Choral Evensong</b>		NAVE
	Preacher	<i>The Revd Dr Minty Hull</i>	
	Responses	<i>Smith</i>	Psalm 119.17-24
	Canticles	Second Service <i>Gibbons</i>	Hymns
	Anthem	Call to remembrance <i>Farrant</i>	133 HPP Erhalt uns, Herr
	Voluntary	Praeludium in g <i>Buxtehude</i>	145 HPP Southwell

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# Monday 19 February

Verses | Decani


*Feria*

8.15am	 Morning Prayer		NEWTON CHAPEL
12.30pm	Eucharist		EASTERN LADY CHAPEL
5.15pm	<b>Choral Evensong</b>		NAVE
	Responses	<i>Smith</i>	Psalm 95
	Canticles	Sixth Service <i>Weelkes</i>	Hymn 64 Abridge
	Anthem	When David heard that Absalom was slain <i>Weelkes</i>	

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# Tuesday 20 February

*Feria*

8.15am	 Morning Prayer		NEWTON CHAPEL
12.30pm	Eucharist		EASTERN LADY CHAPEL
1.15pm	<b>Lunchtime Recital</b> <i>instrumental</i>		NAVE
		<i>The Ormonde Ensemble</i>	
5.15pm	<b>Choral Evensong</b>		NAVE
	Responses	<i>Tomkins</i>	Psalm 102.1-11
	Canticles	<i>Walmisley</i> in d	Hymn 63 St Bernard
	Anthem	Wash me thoroughly S. S. Wesley	

## Wednesday 21 February

*Feria*

8.15am	☪ Morning Prayer	NEWTON CHAPEL
12.30pm	Eucharist	NEWTON CHAPEL
5.15pm	<b>Choral Evensong</b> <i>sung by the Boy Choristers</i>	NAVE
	Responses <i>Noon</i>	Psalm 105.1-15
	Canticles <i>Long in F</i>	Hymn 60 Jesus Corona
	Anthem <i>Prevent us, O Lord Holman</i>	

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## Thursday 22 February

*Feria*

8.15am	☪ Morning Prayer	NEWTON CHAPEL
12.30pm	Eucharist	BERKELEY CHAPEL
5.15pm	Evening Prayer	NAVE
	Psalm 107.1-22	

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## Friday 23 February

Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, Martyr, c.155

8.15am	☪ Morning Prayer	NEWTON CHAPEL
12.30pm	Eucharist	EASTERN LADY CHAPEL
5.15pm	<b>Choral Evensong</b> <i>sung by the Lay Clerks</i>	EASTERN LADY CHAPEL
	Responses <i>Leighton-Jones</i>	Psalms 110, 111
	Canticles <i>Dearnley in falsibordone</i>	Hymn <i>Ave Regina Caelorum</i>
	Anthem <i>Laboravi in gemitu meo Caldara</i>	

*Translations of the anthem and hymn can be found on page 16*

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## Saturday 24 February

*Feria*

8.15am	☪ Morning Prayer	NEWTON CHAPEL
12.30pm	Eucharist	NEWTON CHAPEL
3.30pm	<b>Choral Evensong</b> <i>attended by Chorister for the Day participants</i>	NAVE
	Responses <i>Rose</i>	Psalm 116
	Canticles <i>St Paul's Service Howells</i>	Hymn 408 Blaenwern
	Anthem <i>Let all the world in every corner sing Vaughan Williams</i> <i>(from Five Mystical Songs)</i>	

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# Sunday 25 February

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

7.40am	Morning Prayer		NEWTON CHAPEL
8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)		NAVE
	Preacher	<i>The Revd Mel Parkin</i>	
10.00am	<b>Cathedral Eucharist</b>		NAVE
	Preacher	<i>The Revd Lee Barnes</i>	
		<i>Diocesan Adviser for Fresh Expressions of Church &amp; Curacy</i>	
	Hymns	Entrance	353 Repton
		Offertory	273 Unde et memores
		Post Communion	Stand up, stand up Morning Light
	Setting	Missa Brevis <i>Palestrina</i>	
	Motet	<i>Sicut cervus Palestrina</i>	
	Voluntary	Prelude and Fugue in a BWV 543 J. S. Bach	
3.30pm	<b>Choral Evensong</b>		NAVE
	Preacher	<i>Canon Jonnie Parkin</i>	Psalm 135
	Responses	<i>Tomkins</i>	Hymns
	Canticles	<i>Blair in b</i>	134 HPP Mode 2
	Anthem	Hail gladdening light Wood	145 HPP
	Voluntary	<i>Andante Sostenuto (Symphonie Gothique) Widor</i>	Southwell

# Monday 26 February


Verses | Cantoris

*Feria*

8.15am	 Morning Prayer		NEWTON CHAPEL
12.30pm	Eucharist		EASTERN LADY CHAPEL
5.15pm	<b>Choral Evensong</b>		NAVE
	Responses	<i>Smith</i>	Psalm 119.105-112
	Canticles	<i>Rubbra in A flat</i>	Hymn 357 Sussex
	Anthem	<i>Greater Love Ireland</i>	

# Tuesday 27 February

George Herbert, Priest, Poet, 1633

8.15am	 Morning Prayer		NEWTON CHAPEL
12.30pm	Eucharist		EASTERN LADY CHAPEL
1.15pm	<b>Lunchtime Recital</b> <i>violin &amp; piano</i>		NAVE
		<i>Leora Cohen</i>	
		<i>Paul Wingfield</i>	
5.15pm	<b>Choral Evensong</b>		NAVE
	Responses	<i>Tomkins</i>	Psalm 122
	Canticles	<i>Watson in E</i>	Hymn 456 Sandys
	Anthem	<i>I got me flowers Vaughan Williams</i> <i>(from Five Mystical Songs)</i>	

## Wednesday 28 February

*Feria*

8.15am	☪ Morning Prayer	NEWTON CHAPEL
12.30pm	Eucharist	NEWTON CHAPEL
5.15pm	<b>Choral Evensong</b> <i>sung by the Girl Choristers</i>	NAVE
	Responses <i>Nixon</i>	Psalm 133
	Canticles <i>Bairstow in E flat</i>	Hymn 464 St James
	Anthem <i>Wash me thoroughly Handel</i>	

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## Thursday 29 February

*Feria*

8.15am	☪ Morning Prayer	NEWTON CHAPEL
12.30pm	Eucharist	BERKELEY CHAPEL
5.15pm	Evening Prayer	NAVE
	Psalm 139	

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## Friday 1 March

David, Bishop of Menevia, Patron of Wales, c.601

8.15am	☪ Morning Prayer	NEWTON CHAPEL
12.30pm	Eucharist	EASTERN LADY CHAPEL
5.15pm	<b>Choral Evensong</b> <i>sung by the Lay Clerks</i>	EASTERN LADY CHAPEL
	Responses <i>Sanders</i>	Psalms 4, 5
	Canticles <i>Service 'in 3 parts' Mundy</i>	Hymn <i>Ave regina Caelorum</i>
	Anthem <i>Let my complaint Morley</i>	

*A translation of the hymn can be found on page 16*

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## Saturday 2 March

Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, Missionary, 672

8.15am	☪ Morning Prayer	NEWTON CHAPEL
12.30pm	Eucharist	NEWTON CHAPEL
3.30pm	Evening Prayer	BERKELEY CHAPEL
	Psalms 10, 11	

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# Translations of Anthems and Hymns not in English

## AVE REGINA CAELORUM

*Sung by the Lay Clerks each Friday in Lent.*

Ave, Regina caelorum,  
Ave, Domina Angelorum:  
Salve, radix, salve, porta  
Ex qua mundo lux est orta:  
Gaude, Virgo gloriosa,  
Super omnes speciosa,  
Vale, o valde decora,  
Et pro nobis Christum exora.

*Hail, O Queen of Heaven.  
Hail, O Lady of Angels  
Hail! thou root, hail! thou gate  
From whom unto the world a light has arisen:  
Rejoice, O glorious Virgin,  
Lovely beyond all others,  
Farewell, most beautiful maiden,  
And pray for us to Christ.  
Marian Antiphon, Compline*

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## ABENDLIED

Bleib' bei uns,  
denn es will Abend werden;  
und der Tag hat sich geneiget.

*Stay with us,  
because it is almost evening;  
and the day is nearly over.*

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LABORAVI IN GEMITU MEO;  
lavabo per singulas noctes lectum meum::  
lacrimis meis stratum meum rigabo.

*I am weary of my groaning;  
every night wash I my bed:  
and water my couch with my tears.*

*Psalm 6.7*

OCULI OMNIUM in te sperant Domine:  
et tu das escam illorum  
in tempore opportuno.  
Gloria tibi Domine. Amen.

*The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord:  
and thou givest them their meat  
in due season.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord. Amen.*

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## EVENING HYMN

Te lucis ante terminum  
rerum Creator poscimus:  
ut solita clementia  
sis praesul et custodia.  
Procul recedant somnia  
et noctium phantasmata;  
hostemque nostrum comprime  
ne polluantur corpora.  
Praesta, Pater omnipotens,  
per Jesum Christum Dominum  
qui tecum in perpetuum  
regnat cum Sancto Spiritu. Amen.

*Before the ending of the day,  
Creator of the world, we pray,  
that with thy wonted favour thou  
wouldst be our guard and keeper now.  
From all ill dreams defend our eyes,  
from nightly fears and fantasies;  
tread under foot our ghostly foe,  
that no pollution we may know.  
O Father, that we ask be done,  
through Jesus Christ thine only Son,  
who, with the Holy Ghost and thee,  
doth live and reign eternally. Amen.*

*Latin, translated by John Mason Neale 1818-66*

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# Bristol Cathedral

The original foundation on this site was an abbey established in 1140. It was built just outside the original walls of Bristol on high ground overlooking the river. The new monastery was dedicated to St Augustine of Canterbury, but followed the rule of Augustine of Hippo, a Bishop from North Africa who established communities in which priests lived an ordered life, but one that was not detached from the needs of local people.

The architecture of the building was initially characterised by a particularly elaborate variety of the Romanesque style, with rounded arches and rich carvings that can still be seen in the Chapter House. However, between the 13<sup>th</sup> and early 16<sup>th</sup> centuries a sequence of rebuilding projects transformed the church into a Gothic one, with its familiar pointed arches. The most important of these was the unique and beautiful 'hall church' east end begun in 1298.

The nave of the church was in the middle of being rebuilt just when Henry VIII dissolved the country's monasteries and confiscated their assets. However, Bristol was an important place – England's second city – and in 1542 the truncated building, its building works abandoned, was designated the Cathedral of the Holy and Undivided Trinity, Bristol.

The people of Bristol themselves funded the rebuilding of the nave, from 1868. Like many other institutions in Bristol, these donations would have been substantially built on the legacy of trade in sugar, tobacco and cotton, which until earlier in the century had depended on the labour of enslaved Africans. We acknowledge and repent the human impact of this legacy, together with the experience of racism that flows from it, and are working to address it.

Monuments to the aristocrats and traders of Bristol are all around you, but also notice the stained-glass windows commemorating the sacrifice of ordinary volunteers during the Second World War, and remember the many unnamed artisans and craftspeople who shaped this building, and ordinary citizens buried in its vaults.

Cathedrals are places of prayer and welcome for everyone, and we seek to be a place of welcome for all, to be here for the people of Bristol and beyond.



# Visit

Monday - Saturday 8.00am - 5.00pm  
Sunday 8.00am - 3.00pm

*No charge for entry  
but donations are gratefully received*



# Daily Services

## Monday - Saturday

8.15am Morning Prayer

12.30pm Lunchtime Eucharist

5.15pm Choral Evensong or Evening Prayer (3.30pm on Saturday)

## Sunday

7.40am Morning Prayer

8.00am Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer*)

10.00am Cathedral Eucharist

3.30pm Choral Evensong

*For more information, including a full list of services, visit:*

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