

Services and Music

March 2024



**BRISTOL
CATHEDRAL**

Here
with
you,
yesterday,
today,
and tomorrow

From the Dean

As we see the first signs of Spring around us, we look forward to the end of Lent and the end of the month of March when we enter Holy Week and the great Triduum celebration of Easter.

Musically and liturgically, we move from the solemn and understated invitation to reflection and repentance in Lent, through the drama of the last supper, the trial and death of Jesus, to the joy and celebration of the Resurrection.

This is a season when there is great value in allowing ourselves to be fully immersed in the movement and drama of the Christian story as it unfolds through the week. This year, we are aided in that journey by the contribution of Canon Dr Paula Gooder, who will be weaving stories throughout our services of Compline, the celebration of the Last Supper, and Good Friday. Music has been carefully selected that will echo her themes – particularly of God's faithfulness and love even at times when we may feel abandoned and alone.

We celebrate the Resurrection in the ancient service of the Easter Vigil, beginning with the lighting of the new fire and the Easter candle, and a great song of praise which may date back to the 5th century, the Exsultet. The service continues with the recitation of the story of salvation as it is told throughout the Old Testament. After the joyous moment when we greet the resurrected Christ, we continue with the centuries old practice of initiation, with the baptism and confirmation of new Christians.

Easter Day is then the opportunity for further celebrations and fireworks, both musical and otherwise!

May I invite you to continue the keeping of a holy Lent in preparation for the joys of Easter.

Dean of Bristol
Master of the Choristers and Organist

The Very Revd Dr Mandy Ford
Mark Lee

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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.

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 25 February

2nd Sunday of Lent

7.40am	Morning Prayer	NEWTON CHAPEL
8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	NAVE
	Preacher <i>The Revd Mel Parkin</i>	
10.00am	Cathedral Eucharist	NAVE
	Preacher <i>The Revd Lee Barnes</i>	
	<i>Diocesan Adviser for Fresh Expressions of Church & Curacy</i>	
	Hymns Entrance 353 Repton	
	Offertory 273 Unde et memores	
	Post Communion Stand up, stand up Morning Light	
	Setting <i>Missa Brevis Palestrina</i>	
	Motet <i>Sicut cervus Palestrina</i>	
	Voluntary <i>Prelude and Fugue in a BWV 543 J. S. Bach</i>	
3.30pm	Choral Evensong	NAVE
	Preacher <i>Canon Jonnie Parkin</i>	Psalms 135
	Responses <i>Tomkins</i>	Hymns
	Canticles <i>Blair in b</i>	134 HPP Mode 2
	Anthem <i>Hail gladdening light Wood</i>	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	Choral Evensong	NAVE
	Responses <i>Smith</i>	Psalms 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	Lunchtime Recital <i>violin & piano</i>	NAVE
	<i>Leora Cohen</i>	
	<i>Paul Wingfield</i>	
5.15pm	Choral Evensong	NAVE
	Responses <i>Tomkins</i>	Psalms 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	Choral Evensong <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>	

Thursday 29 February

Feria

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

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	Choral Evensong <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 Ave regina Caelorum
	Anthem <i>Let my complaint Morley</i>	

A translation of the hymn can be found on page 16

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	

Sunday 3 March

3rd Sunday of Lent

7.40am	Morning Prayer	NEWTON CHAPEL
8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	NAVE
	Preacher <i>Canon Neville Boundy</i>	
10.00am	Cathedral Eucharist	NAVE
	Preacher <i>Canon Jonnie Parkin</i>	
	Hymns	Entrance 355 Song 1
		Offertory 73 St Francis Xavier
		Post Communion 461 Corvedale
	Setting <i>Darke in F</i>	
	Motet <i>Salvator Mundi (from Requiem) Howells</i>	
	Voluntary <i>Final (Symphonie 4) Vierne</i>	
3.30pm	Choral Evensong <i>with the Installation of an Honorary Canon</i>	NAVE
	<i>Special Order of Service</i>	
	Preacher <i>The Bishop of Bristol</i>	
	Responses <i>Smith</i>	Psalm 26
	Canticles <i>Rubbra in A flat</i>	
	Anthem <i>Save us, O Lord Bairstow</i>	
	Voluntary <i>Postlude in d Stanford</i>	

Monday 4 March

Verses / Decani

Feria

8.15am	☞ Morning Prayer	NEWTON CHAPEL
12.30pm	Eucharist	EASTERN LADY CHAPEL
5.15pm	Choral Evensong	NAVE
	Responses <i>Shephard</i>	Psalm 20
	Canticles <i>Jackson in G</i>	Hymn 499 St Cecilia
	Anthem <i>Salvator Mundi (from Requiem) Howells</i>	

Tuesday 5 March

Feria

8.15am	☞ Morning Prayer	NEWTON CHAPEL
12.30pm	Eucharist	EASTERN LADY CHAPEL
5.15pm	Choral Evensong <i>with the Installation of Honorary Canons</i>	NAVE
	<i>Special Order of Service</i>	
	Responses <i>Rose</i>	Psalm 11
	Canticles <i>D. Purcell in e</i>	
	Anthem <i>Out of the deep Morley</i>	

Wednesday 6 March

Feria

8.15am	☪ Morning Prayer	NEWTON CHAPEL
12.30pm	Eucharist	NEWTON CHAPEL
5.15pm	Choral Evensong <i>sung by the Boy Choristers</i>	NAVE
	Responses <i>Fox</i>	Psalm 31.1-9
	Canticles <i>Dyson in c</i>	Hymn 64 Abridge
	Anthem <i>Crux fidelis Handel arr Higginbottom</i>	
	<i>A translation of the anthem can be found on page 16</i>	

Thursday 7 March

Perpetua, Felicity and their Companions, Martyrs at Carthage, 203

8.15am	☪ Morning Prayer	NEWTON CHAPEL
12.30pm	Eucharist	BERKELEY CHAPEL
5.15pm	Evening Prayer	NAVE
	Psalm 36	

Friday 8 March

Edward King, Bishop of Lincoln, 1910

Felix, Bishop, Apostle to the East Angles, 647

Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy, Priest, Poet, 1929

8.15am	☪ Morning Prayer	NEWTON CHAPEL
12.30pm	Eucharist	EASTERN LADY CHAPEL
5.15pm	Choral Evensong <i>sung by the Lay Clerks</i>	EASTERN LADY CHAPEL
	Responses <i>Moore</i>	Psalm 40
	Canticles <i>Tone iii Palestrina</i>	Hymn Ave regina Caelorum
	Anthem <i>God so loved the world Ley</i>	
	<i>A translation of the hymn can be found on page 16</i>	

Saturday 9 March

Feria

8.15am	☪ Morning Prayer	NEWTON CHAPEL
12.30pm	Eucharist	NEWTON CHAPEL
3.30pm	Evening Prayer	BERKELEY CHAPEL
	Psalms 45, 46	

Sunday 10 March

4th Sunday of Lent

Mothering Sunday

7.40am	Morning Prayer	NEWTON CHAPEL
8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	NAVE
	Preacher <i>The Dean</i>	
10.00am	Cathedral Eucharist	NAVE
	<i>Special Order of Service</i>	
	Preacher <i>The Revd Mel Parkin</i>	
	Hymns	Entrance God with us, Creator Father
		Offertory The love of God
		Post Communion For those who give us life and breath
	Setting <i>Collegium Regale Howells</i>	
	Motet <i>There is no rose Joubert</i>	
	Voluntary <i>Epilogue (op.50) Laurin</i>	
3.30pm	Choral Evensong	NAVE
	Preacher <i>The Dean</i>	
	Responses <i>Tomkins</i>	Psalm 13
	Canticles <i>Wood in E flat (No.2)</i>	Hymns
	Anthem <i>Ave Regina McDowall</i>	7 Little Cornard
	Voluntary <i>Attende Domine Demessieux</i>	417 St Anne
	<i>A translation of the anthem can be found on page 16</i>	

Monday 11 March

Verses / Cantoris

Feria

8.15am	☪ Morning Prayer	NEWTON CHAPEL
12.30pm	Eucharist	EASTERN LADY CHAPEL
5.15pm	Choral Evensong	NAVE
	Responses <i>Shephard</i>	Psalm 57
	Canticles <i>Purcell in B flat</i>	Hymn 65 Gute Baum Bringen
	Anthem <i>Call to remembrance Farrant</i>	

Tuesday 12 March

Feria

8.15am	☪ Morning Prayer	NEWTON CHAPEL
12.30pm	Eucharist	EASTERN LADY CHAPEL
1.15pm	Lunchtime Recital	NAVE
	<i>Musicians from Bristol Cathedral Choir School</i>	
	<i>Directed by Liz Gleed</i>	
5.15pm	Choral Evensong	NAVE
	Responses <i>Leighton</i>	Psalm 63
	Canticles <i>First Service Morley</i>	Hymn 74 Stockton
	Anthem <i>A Litany Walton</i>	

Wednesday 13 March

Feria

8.15am	☪ Morning Prayer	NEWTON CHAPEL
12.30pm	Eucharist	NEWTON CHAPEL
5.15pm	Choral Evensong <i>sung by the Girl Choristers</i>	NAVE
	Responses <i>Nardone</i>	Psalm 68.19-35 (omit 21-23)
	Canticles <i>Canterbury Service Moore</i>	Hymn 69 St Philip
	Anthem <i>Ex ore innocentium Ireland</i>	

Thursday 14 March

Feria

8.15am	☪ Morning Prayer	NEWTON CHAPEL
12.30pm	Eucharist	BERKELEY CHAPEL
5.15pm	Evening Prayer	NAVE
	Psalm 72	

Friday 15 March

Feria

8.15am	☪ Morning Prayer	NEWTON CHAPEL
12.30pm	Eucharist	EASTERN LADY CHAPEL
5.15pm	Choral Evensong <i>sung by the Lay Clerks</i>	EASTERN LADY CHAPEL
	Responses <i>Walker</i>	Psalm 77
	Canticles <i>Amner in the Dorian Mode</i>	Hymn <i>Ave regina Caelorum</i>
	Anthem <i>O Lord, hear my prayer Locke</i>	
	<i>A translation of the hymn can be found on page 16</i>	

Saturday 16 March

Feria

8.15am	☪ Morning Prayer	NEWTON CHAPEL
12.30pm	Eucharist	NEWTON CHAPEL
3.30pm	Evening Prayer	BERKELEY CHAPEL
	Psalms 80, 81	

Sunday 17 March

5th Sunday of Lent

Passiontide begins

7.40am	Morning Prayer	NEWTON CHAPEL
8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	NAVE
	Preacher <i>The Revd Paul Barrett</i>	
10.00am	Cathedral Eucharist <i>sung by the Cathedral Consort</i>	NAVE
	Preacher <i>The Revd Nicola Harris</i>	
	Hymns Entrance 86 Love Unknown	
	Offertory 84 Herongate	
	Post Communion 213 Aeterna Christi Munera ii	
	Setting Little Organ Mass <i>Haydn</i>	
	Motet Jesu, the very thought of thee <i>Bairstow</i>	
	Voluntary Toccata in d BWV 538 J. S. Bach	
3.30pm	Choral Evensong <i>sung by the Cathedral Consort</i>	NAVE
	Preacher <i>The Dean</i>	Psalm 34
	Responses <i>Radcliffe</i>	Hymns
	Canticles Fifth Service <i>Tomkins</i> 439 HPP Das Neugeborne Kindelein (Jena)	
	Anthem Lord, let me know mine end <i>Greene</i> 440 HPP Thorn Tree	
	Voluntary Christus, der uns selig macht BWV 620 J. S. Bach	

Monday 18 March

Verses / Decani

Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem, Teacher of the Faith, 386

8.15am	☪ Morning Prayer	NEWTON CHAPEL
12.30pm	Eucharist	EASTERN LADY CHAPEL
5.15pm	First Choral Evensong of Joseph of Nazareth	NAVE
	Responses <i>Shephard</i>	Psalm 132.1-13
	Canticles Jesus College Service <i>Mathias</i>	Hymn 228 Newbury
	Anthem O vos omnes <i>Casals</i>	

A translation of the anthem can be found on page 17

Tuesday 19 March

Joseph of Nazareth

8.15am	☪ Morning Prayer	NEWTON CHAPEL
12.30pm	Eucharist	EASTERN LADY CHAPEL
1.15pm	Lunchtime Recital <i>piano</i>	NAVE
	<i>Nicola Meacham</i>	
5.15pm	Choral Evensong	NAVE
	Responses <i>Leighton</i>	Psalms 1, 112
	Canticles <i>Blow in F</i>	Hymn 160 Coelites Plaudant [190ii]
	Anthem hear my prayer <i>Purcell</i>	

Wednesday 20 March

Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 687

8.15am	☪ Morning Prayer	NEWTON CHAPEL
12.30pm	Eucharist	NEWTON CHAPEL
5.15pm	Choral Evensong <i>sung by the Boy Choristers</i>	NAVE
	Responses <i>Noon</i>	Psalm 103.1-10
	Canticles <i>Sumsion in G</i>	Hymn 477 Rustington
	Anthem <i>Stabat Mater Pergolesi</i>	

Thursday 21 March

Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, Reformation Martyr, 1556

8.15am	☪ Morning Prayer	NEWTON CHAPEL
12.30pm	Eucharist	BERKELEY CHAPEL
5.15pm	Evening Prayer	NAVE
	Psalm 105.23-44	

Friday 22 March

Feria

8.15am	☪ Morning Prayer	NEWTON CHAPEL
12.30pm	Eucharist	EASTERN LADY CHAPEL
5.15pm	Choral Evensong <i>sung by the Lay Clerks</i>	EASTERN LADY CHAPEL
	Responses <i>Tallis</i>	Psalm 107.23-43
	Canticles <i>Short Service Batten</i>	Hymn <i>Ave regina Caelorum</i>
	Anthem <i>Ne irascaris, Domine Byrd</i>	
	<i>A translation of the anthem and hymn can be found on page 17</i>	

Saturday 23 March

Feria

8.15am	☪ Morning Prayer	NEWTON CHAPEL
12.30pm	Eucharist	NEWTON CHAPEL
3.30pm	Evening Prayer	BERKELEY CHAPEL
	Psalms 112, 113	

Sunday 24 March

Palm Sunday

7.40am	Morning Prayer	NEWTON CHAPEL
8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	NAVE
	Preacher <i>The Dean</i>	
10.00am	Cathedral Eucharist <i>with Procession of Palms</i>	NAVE
	<i>Special Order of Service</i>	
	Setting Mass for four voices <i>Byrd</i>	
	Motet Ave verum corpus <i>Byrd</i>	
	Voluntary Valet will ich der geben <i>J. S. Bach</i>	
3.30pm	Witnesses on the Way to the Cross	NAVE
	<i>Special Order of Service</i>	

Monday 25 March

Verses / Cantoris

Monday of Holy Week

8.15am	☪ Morning Prayer	NEWTON CHAPEL
12.30pm	Eucharist	EASTERN LADY CHAPEL
6.00pm	Compline <i>with reflections</i>	EASTERN LADY CHAPEL
	<i>Special Order of Service</i>	
	Reflection <i>Canon Dr Paula Gooder</i>	
	Motets Beatus vir qui non abit <i>Hassler</i>	
		<i>Vocem meam audisti Ferrabosco</i>

Tuesday 26 March

Tuesday of Holy Week

8.15am	☪ Morning Prayer	NEWTON CHAPEL
12.30pm	Eucharist	EASTERN LADY CHAPEL
6.00pm	Compline <i>with reflections</i>	EASTERN LADY CHAPEL
	<i>Special Order of Service</i>	
	Reflection <i>Canon Dr Paula Gooder</i>	
	Motets Confitemini Domino <i>Palestrina</i>	
		<i>Hear my prayer, O Lord Tomkins</i>

Wednesday 27 March

Wednesday of Holy Week

8.15am	☪ Morning Prayer	NEWTON CHAPEL
12.30pm	Eucharist	NEWTON CHAPEL
6.00pm	Compline with reflections	EASTERN LADY CHAPEL
	Reflection Canon Dr Paula Gooder	Special Order of Service
	Motet The Lamentations of Jeremiah Tallis	

Thursday 28 March

MAUNDY THURSDAY

8.15am	☪ Morning Prayer	NEWTON CHAPEL
10.30am	Diocesan Eucharist	NAVE
	Preacher The Bishop of Bristol	Special Order of Service
	Setting Mass of St Thomas Thorne	
	Motet Ave verum Mawby	
	Voluntary Fugue sur le thème du Carillon des Heures Duruflé	
12.30pm	Midday Prayers	BERKELEY CHAPEL
7.30pm	† The Liturgy of the Last Supper Triduum I	NAVE
	Preacher Canon Dr Paula Gooder	
	Setting Mass for five voices Byrd	Special Order of Service
	Motets to Ubi caritas Duruflé	
	Include Tantum ergo Duruflé	

Friday 29 March

GOOD FRIDAY

8.15am	☪ Morning Prayer	NEWTON CHAPEL
12noon	Meditations at the Cross	NAVE
	Preacher Canon Dr Paula Gooder	Special Order of Service
1.30pm	The Liturgy of the Lord's Death Triduum II	NAVE
	Preacher Canon Dr Paula Gooder	Special Order of Service
	Motets The Reproaches Sanders	
	Anthems Christus factus est Bruckner	
	Crucifixus Lotti	
	The Passion according to St John Victoria	

Saturday 30 March

HOLY SATURDAY

8.15am	☪ Morning Prayer	NEWTON CHAPEL
12.30pm	Midday Prayers	BERKELEY CHAPEL
3.30pm	Evening Prayer Psalm 116	SUB CROFT CHAPEL
8.00pm	† The Liturgy of the Lord's Resurrection Triduum II	NAVE
	Setting Leicester Mass Sumsion	Special Order of Service
	Motet Vespere autem Sabbati Handl	
	Voluntary Mountain of the Transfiguration Rütli	

Sunday 31 March

Easter Day

7.40am	Morning Prayer	NEWTON CHAPEL
8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	NAVE
	Preacher <i>The Dean of Bristol</i>	
10.00am	Festival Eucharist	NAVE
	Preacher <i>The Bishop of Bristol</i>	Special Order of Service
	Setting <i>Messe Solennelle Langlais</i>	
	Voluntary <i>Carillon-Sortie Mulet</i>	
3.30pm	† Festal Evensong	NAVE
	Preacher <i>The Dean of Bristol</i>	Special Order of Service
	Responses <i>Rose</i>	Psalm 66.1-11
	Canticles <i>Stanford in A</i>	
	Anthem <i>Ye choirs of new Jerusalem Stanford</i>	
	Voluntary <i>At Eastertide Stanford</i>	

Translations of Anthems and Hymns not in English

AVE REGINA

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

CRUX FIDELIS inter omnes,

arbor una nobilis,

nulla silva talem profert,

fronde flore germine,

dulce lignum, dulces claves,

dulce pondus sustinet.

Faithful Cross! above all other,

one and only noble Tree!

None in foliage, none in blossom,

none in fruit your peer may be;

sweetest wood, and sweetest iron!

sweetest weight is hung on you.

St Venantius Fortunatus c.530-600

O VOS OMNES qui transitis per viam,
attendite, et videte,
si est dolor sicut dolor meus.

*All you who pass by,
behold, and see
if there is any sorrow like my sorrow.
Lamentations 1.12*

NE IRASCARIS Domine satis,
et ne ultra memineris
iniquitatis nostrae.
Ecce, respice;
populus tuus omnes nos.
Civitas sancti tui facta est deserta.
Sion deserta facta est,
Jerusalem desolata est.

*Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember
our iniquity forever.
Behold and see;
we are all your people.
Your holy cities have become a wilderness.
Zion has become a wilderness,
Jerusalem a desolation.
Isaiah 64.9-10*

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 13th and early 16th 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

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