

SEPTEMBER 2025

Services & Music



BRISTOL CATHEDRAL

The
LORD MAYOR'S CHAPEL

Here

with

you,

yesterday,

today,

and tomorrow

From the Minor Canon for Worship & Liturgy

September is a particular time of welcome in the Cathedral. We welcome back all those who have been away over the summer period – our students, those who have been on holiday, and particularly to our choir and music department. Welcome to you if you are new to Bristol, or to the Cathedral: you are most welcome here.

We officially welcome our choir back at 10.00am on Sunday 7 September. Here we will welcome new probationers, admit new choir members, and award medals to our senior choristers. We also celebrate Backpack Sunday in this same service, a time when we bless the bags of those starting or returning to work or school to ask for God's blessing upon us in the year ahead. Do come along to welcome back our choir, and do bring along a bag with you!

At 10.00am on Sunday 14 September we officially welcome back our Cathedral Consort. Here we also admit new members, including some familiar faces as previous senior members of our choir return as members of Consort.

We give thanks to all of our visiting choirs over the summer for leading our worship so beautifully, and we look forward to the return of our own choirs and to welcoming all of our new members of our choirs.

After two years of work, we are also especially excited to welcome back our Cathedral Organ, now fully restored and tuned. We are enormously grateful to *Harrison & Harrison* for their excellent work in preserving this special instrument for the next generation. Our season of a number of special events celebrating this begins at 3.30pm on Sunday 21 September where the organ will be unveiled during a special service of Evensong. One not to miss!

This September, we are also celebrating the season of Creationtide. This is a time when we give thanks to God for the wonder and beauty of creation, and remind ourselves of our Christian responsibilities to the earth as stewards. You will see this reflected in all of our readings, hymns, sermons and music throughout September.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only son

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11th Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 31 August

7.40am Morning Prayer

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) (*Preacher: Canon Neil Patterson*)

10.00am **Cathedral Eucharist** *sung by the Choir of St Mary's, Bowdon*

<i>Preacher</i>	<i>Canon Neil Patterson</i>	<i>Hymns</i>
<i>Setting</i>	<i>Communion Service in F Harold Darke</i>	<i>137 Down Ampney</i>
<i>Motet</i>	<i>Locus iste Anton Bruckner</i>	<i>295 Picardy</i>
<i>Voluntary</i>	<i>Incantation pour un jour Saint Jean Langlais</i>	<i>362 Abbots Leigh</i>

11.00am **Said Holy Communion with hymns** (BCP) *in the Lord Mayor's Chapel*

(Common Worship Order One, Traditional Language)

<i>Preacher</i>	<i>The Revd Paul Barrett</i>
<i>Psalm</i>	<i>28</i>
<i>Hymns</i>	<i>408 Blaenwern</i>
	<i>425 Eisenach</i>
	<i>272 All for Jesus</i>
	<i>427 Laudate Dominum</i>
<i>Voluntary</i>	<i>iv. Slow Alan Gray</i>

3.30pm **Choral Evensong** *sung by the Choir of St Mary's, Bowdon*

<i>Preacher</i>	<i>The Revd Mel Takáč</i>	
<i>Responses</i>	<i>John Reading</i>	<i>Psalm 119.81-88</i>
<i>Canticles</i>	<i>Evening Service in E Herbert Murrill</i>	<i>Hymns</i>
<i>Anthem</i>	<i>Expectans expectavi Charles Wood</i>	<i>464 St James</i>
<i>Voluntary</i>	<i>Postlude in D Henry Smart</i>	<i>368 Cwm Rhondda</i>

SEPTEMBER

01 Monday

Verses | Decani

Giles of Provence, Hermit, c.710

8.15am Morning Prayer

12.30pm Eucharist

5.15pm Evening Prayer *Psalms 1, 2, 3*

02 Tuesday

The Martyrs of Papua New Guinea, 1901 and 1942

8.15am Morning Prayer

12.30pm Eucharist

5.15pm Evening Prayer *Psalms 9*

03 Wednesday

Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, Teacher of the Faith, 604

8.15am Morning Prayer

12.30pm Eucharist

5.15pm Evening Prayer *Psalms 15, 16*

04 Thursday

Birinus, Bishop of Dorchester (Oxon), Apostle of Wessex, 650

8.15am Morning Prayer

12.30pm Eucharist

5.15pm Evening Prayer *Psalms 19*

05 Friday

Feria

8.15am Morning Prayer

12.30pm Eucharist

5.15pm **Choral Evensong** *sung by the Lay Clerks*

Responses Thomas Tallis

Psalms 24, 25

Canticles Evening Service in G Charles Wood Hymn 83 Caswall (odd verses only)

Anthem Salve Regina Christopher Tye

06 Saturday

Allen Gardiner, Missionary, Founder of the South American Mission Society, 1851

8.15am Morning Prayer

12.30pm Eucharist

3.30pm Evening Prayer *Psalms 30*

12th Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 7 September

7.40am Morning Prayer

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) (Preacher: Canon Neil Patterson)

10.00am **Cathedral Eucharist** with Cathedral Choir Admissions

Preacher	The Dean	Hymns
Setting	Messe Solennelle Louis Vierne	373 Coe Fen
Motet	Agnus Dei Louis Vierne	Word that formed creation Noel Nouvelet [115]
Voluntary	Final (Symphonie 1) Louis Vierne	Ye Sons of Earth [64 Abridge]

11.00am **Choral Mattins** (BCP) in the Lord Mayor's Chapel

Preacher	Canon Neil Patterson	Venite (96)
Introit	O sing joyfully Adrian Batten	Psalm 34.1-10 (97)
Responses	John Reading	Hymns
Te Deum	Set 1	310 Offertorium
Jubilate	Morning Service in F John Ireland	351 Neander
Anthem	Peace I leave with you Amy Beach	477 Rustington
Voluntary	Praeludium et fuga in C BWV 545 J. S. Bach	

3.30pm **Choral Evensong**

Preacher	The Revd Mel Takáč	
Responses	Bernard Rose	Psalm 121
Canticles	Evening Service in B flat Charles Villiers Stanford	Hymns (HPP)
Anthem	A New Song James MacMillan	447 St Vincent
Voluntary	Psalm Prelude (Set 2, No 3) Herbert Howells	253 Mein' Seel', O Gott

08 Monday

Verses | Cantoris

The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Accession of King Charles III, 2022

8.15am Morning Prayer

12.30pm Eucharist

5.15pm **Choral Evensong**

Responses	William Smith	Psalm 20
Canticles	Evening Service in b T. Tertius Noble	Hymn 205 Westminster Abbey
Anthem	Save us, O Lord Edward Bairstow	

09 Tuesday

Charles Fuge Lowder, Priest, 1880

8.15am Morning Prayer

12.30pm Eucharist

1.15pm **Lunchtime Recital** *Iuno Connolly (lyric soprano) and Rebecca Cohen (piano)*

5.15pm **Choral Evensong**

Responses John Reading

Psalm 44.1-9

Canticles Evening Service in e Heathcote Statham

Hymn 394 Luckington

Anthem O for a closer walk with God Charles Villiers Stanford

10 Wednesday

Feria

8.15am Morning Prayer

12.30pm Eucharist

5.15pm **Choral Evensong** *sung by the Boy Choristers*

Responses Ian Fox

Psalm 50.1-15

Canticles Evening Service in c George Dyson

Hymn 349 Nativity

Anthem Ave Maria Simon Lindley

11 Thursday

Feria

8.15am Morning Prayer

12.30pm Eucharist

5.15pm Evening Prayer *Psalm 56*

12 Friday

Feria

8.15am Morning Prayer

12.30pm Eucharist

5.15pm **Choral Evensong** *sung by the Lay Clerks*

Responses Philip Moore

Psalm 62

Canticles Tones iv & iii Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

Hymn 376 Kingsfold

Anthem Exsultate justi Lodovico Viadana

13 Saturday

John Chrysostom, Bishop, Teacher of the Faith, 407

8.15am Morning Prayer

12.30pm Eucharist

3.30pm First Evening Prayer of Holy Cross Day *Psalm 66*

HOLY CROSS DAY

BCP 13th Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 14 September

7.40am Morning Prayer

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) (*Preacher: The Revd Mel Takáč*)

10.00am **Cathedral Eucharist** *sung by the Cathedral Consort with Consort Admissions*

<i>Preacher</i>	Canon Neil Patterson	Hymns
<i>Setting</i>	Communion Service in F Harold Darke	O God of grace Aurelia [167]
<i>Motet</i>	Crucifixus Antonio Lotti	95 Rockingham
<i>Voluntary</i>	Prelude in c BWV546 (i) J. S. Bach	Moved by the Gospel Ellacombe [117]

11.00am **Choral Mattins** (BCP) *in the Lord Mayor's Chapel*

<i>Preacher</i>	The Revd Mel Takáč	Venite (196)
<i>Introit</i>	Cantate Domino Giuseppe Pitoni	Psalm 74.20-end (187)
<i>Responses</i>	John Sanders	Hymns
<i>Te Deum</i>	Set 2	461 Corvedale
<i>Jubilate</i>	Morning Service in F John Ireland	393 Mannheim
<i>Anthem</i>	Exultate Deo Alessandro Scarlatti	439 Gerontius (omit *)
<i>Voluntary</i>	Canzon Quarti Toni Dopo il Post Comune (Messa delli Apostoli) Girolamo Frescobaldi	

3.30pm **Choral Evensong** *sung by the Cathedral Consort*

<i>Preacher</i>	The Dean	
<i>Responses</i>	Herbert Sumsion	Psalms 110, 150
<i>Canticles</i>	Evening Service in D Charles Wood	Hymns (HPP)
<i>Anthem</i>	Crux fidelis Sarah MacDonald	439 Das neugeborne Kindelein
<i>Voluntary</i>	Fugue in c BWV546 (ii) J. S. Bach	440 Thorn Tree

15 Monday

Verses | Decani

Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, Martyr, 258

8.15am Morning Prayer

12.30pm Eucharist

5.15pm **Choral Evensong**

<i>Responses</i>	William Smith	Psalm 75
<i>Canticles</i>	Evening Service in A Herbert Sumsion	Hymn 379 Wychbold
<i>Anthem</i>	Expectans expectavi Charles Wood	

16 Tuesday

Ninian, Bishop of Galloway, Apostle of the Picts, c.432;
Edward Bouverie Pusey, Priest, Tractarian, 1882

8.15am Morning Prayer; 12.30pm Eucharist

1.15pm **Lunchtime Recital** *Luca Luciano (clarinet)*

5.15pm **Choral Evensong**

Responses John Reading

Psalm 79

Canticles Fourth Service Adrian Batten

Hymn 459 Crimond

Anthem Cantate Domino Giuseppe Pitoni

17 Wednesday

Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, Visionary, 1179

8.15am Morning Prayer; 12.30pm Eucharist

5.15pm **Choral Evensong** *sung by the Girl Choristers*

Responses Philip Nardone

Psalm 87

Canticles Evening Service in E flat Edward Bairstow

Hymn 222

Anthem Prayer of St Richard of Chichester John White

Christe fons jugis [313]

18 Thursday

Feria

8.15am Morning Prayer; 12.30pm Eucharist

5.15pm Evening Prayer *Psalm 90*

19 Friday

Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury, 690

8.15am Morning Prayer; 12.30pm Eucharist

5.15pm **Choral Evensong** *sung by the Lay Clerks*

Responses Michael Leighton Jones

Psalms 95, 96

Canticles Short Service Thomas Weelkes

Hymn 221 *Exultet caelum laudibus*

Anthem In manus tuas John Sheppard

20 Saturday

John Coleridge Patteson, 1st Bishop of Melanesia and his Companions, Martyrs, 1871

8.15am Morning Prayer; 12.30pm Eucharist

3.30pm Evening Prayer *Psalm 102*

14th Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 21 September

7.40am Morning Prayer

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) (*Preacher: The Revd Paul Barrett*)

10.00am **Cathedral Eucharist**

<i>Preacher</i>	<i>The Dean</i>	<i>Hymns</i>
<i>Setting</i>	Communion Service in E H. Darke	Sing for God's Love den Herren [440]
<i>Motet</i>	I sat down Edward Bairstow	271 Hyfrydol
<i>Voluntary</i>	Creation Dance Neil Cox	The Earth is yours, O God Carlisle [178]

11.00am **Holy Communion** in the Lord Mayor's Chapel

(Common Worship Order One, Traditional Language)

<i>Preacher</i>	<i>The Revd Paul Barrett</i>	<i>Hymns</i>
<i>Psalm</i>	118.1-9 (296)	296 St Helen
<i>Setting</i>	Communion Service in C John Ireland	388 Truro
<i>Motet</i>	View me, Lord Richard Lloyd	275 Liebster Jesu
<i>Voluntary</i>	Postlude in d Charles Villiers Stanford	420 Wolvercote

3.30pm **First Choral Evensong** of Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

with the Rededication of the Cathedral Organ

sung by the Great Choir: the combined Cathedral Choir and Consort

Special Order of Service

<i>Preacher</i>	<i>The Acting Bishop of Bristol</i>	
<i>Introit</i>	Haec dies William Byrd	
<i>Responses</i>	Bernard Rose	Psalm 34.1-10
<i>Canticles</i>	Evening Service in A Charles Villiers Stanford	
<i>Anthem</i>	Jubilate Deo William Walton	

22 Monday

Verses | Cantoris

Matthew Apostle and Evangelist

8.15am Morning Prayer

12.30pm Eucharist

5.15pm **Choral Evensong**

<i>Responses</i>	William Smith	Psalm 119.33-40
<i>Canticles</i>	Sixth Service Thomas Weelkes	Hymn 189 Eisenach [425]
<i>Anthem</i>	Lord, for thy tender mercies' sake John Hilton	

23 Tuesday

Feria

8.15am Morning Prayer; 12.30pm Eucharist

1.15pm **Lunchtime Recital** *Harrison Williams (piano)*

5.15pm **Choral Evensong**

Responses John Reading

Psalm 111

Canticles Evening Service in d Thomas Attwood Walmisley

Hymn 267

Anthem O Lorde, the maker of al thing John Joubert

Addison's (London)

24 Wednesday

Feria

8.15am Morning Prayer; 12.30pm Eucharist

5.15pm **Choral Evensong** *sung by the Boy Choristers*

Responses Timothy Noon

Psalm 116

Canticles Evening service in G Herbert Sumsion

Hymn 382 Song 13

Anthem Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness George Frederic Handel

25 Thursday

Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester, Spiritual Writer, 1626

Sergei of Radonezh, Russian Monastic Reformer, Teacher of the Faith, 1392

8.15am Morning Prayer; 12.30pm Eucharist

5.15pm Evening Prayer *Psalm 119.33-56*

26 Friday

Wilson Carlile, Founder of the Church Army, 1942

8.15am Morning Prayer; 12.30pm Eucharist

5.15pm **Choral Evensong** *sung by the Lay Clerks*

Responses William Henry Harris

Psalm 119.105-128

Canticles Evening Service in E Charles Wood

Hymn 449 St Ethelwald

Anthem Holy is the true light William Henry Harris

27 Saturday

Vincent de Paul, Founder of the Lazarists, 1660

8.15am Morning Prayer; 12.30pm Eucharist

3.30pm Evening Prayer *Psalm s 120, 121, 122*

15th Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 28 September

7.40am Morning Prayer

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) (*Preacher: The Dean*)

10.00am **Cathedral Eucharist**

<i>Preacher</i>	<i>The Revd Tatjana Ljujić</i>	Hymns
<i>Setting</i>	Communion Service in G Francis Jackson	408 Blaenwern
<i>Motet</i>	Ubi caritas Maurice Duruflé	Lord bring the day Love Unknown [86]
<i>Voluntary</i>	Marcia Eroica Charles Villers Stanford	495 Benson

11.00am **Choral Mattins** (BCP) in the Lord Mayor's Chapel

<i>Preacher</i>	Canon Neville Boundy	Venite (210)
<i>Introit</i>	Prevent Us, O Lord Charles Hubert Hastings Parry	Psalm 92.1-6 (231)
<i>Responses</i>	Richard Ayleward	Hymns
<i>Te Deum</i>	Set 3	391 Gwalchmai
<i>Jubilate</i>	Morning Service in B flat Henry Purcell	383 Aberystwyth (omit *)
<i>Anthem</i>	Ubi Caritas Maurice Duruflé	381 Ewing
<i>Voluntary</i>	Chant donnée 'Hommage à Jean Gallon' Maurice Duruflé	

3.30pm **First Choral Evensong** of Michael and All Angels

<i>Preacher</i>	<i>The Revd Dr Hannah Swithinbank, Assistant Curate</i> <i>United Benefice Kew, St Philip, & All Saints with St Luke's</i>	
<i>Responses</i>	William Smith	Psalm 91
<i>Canticles</i>	Evening Service in F Peter Aston	Hymns (HPP)
<i>Anthem</i>	Evening Hymn Henry Balfour Gardiner	441 Brixton Tor
<i>Voluntary</i>	Pièce d'Orgue BWV572 J. S. Bach	439 Christe Sanctorum

29 Monday

Verses | Decani

Michael and All Angels

8.15am Morning Prayer

12.30pm Eucharist

5.15pm **Choral Evensong**

<i>Responses</i>	William Smith	Psalm 138
<i>Canticles</i>	Evening Service in G Herbert Sumsion	Hymn 190 Coelites Plaudant
<i>Anthem</i>	Factum est silentium Richard Dering	

SEPTEMBER

30 Tuesday

Jerome, Translator of the Scriptures, Teacher of the Faith, 420

8.15am Morning Prayer; 12.30pm Eucharist

1.15pm **Lunchtime Recital** *Merlin Shakaj (flute)*

5.15pm **Choral Evensong**

Responses John Reading

Psalm 146

Canticles Evening Service in E Sydney Watson

Hymn 407 Ravenshaw

Anthem Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace S. S. Wesley

OCTOBER

01 Wednesday

Remigius, Bishop of Rheims, Apostle of the Franks, 533

Anthony Ashley Cooper, Earl of Shaftesbury, Social Reformer, 1885

8.15am Morning Prayer; 12.30pm Eucharist

5.15pm **Choral Evensong** *with the Commissioning of Anna Chaplains*

sung by the Girl Choristers

Special Order of Service

Responses June Nixon

Psalm 4

Canticles Canterbury Service Philip Moore

Hymn 399 Rochester

Anthem Brother James's Air Trad arr. Gordon Jacob

02 Thursday

Feria

8.15am Morning Prayer; 12.30pm Eucharist

5.15pm Evening Prayer *Psalms 10, 11*

03 Friday

George Bell, Bishop of Chichester

8.15am Morning Prayer

12.30pm Eucharist

5.15pm **Choral Evensong** *sung by the Lay Clerks*

Responses Paul Edwards

Psalm 17

Canticles Evening Service Paul Edwards

Hymn 263 (omit *) *Lasst uns erfreuen*

Anthem Ubi Caritas Philip Moore

04 Saturday

Francis of Assisi, Friar, Deacon, Founder of the Friars Minor, 1226

8.15am Morning Prayer; 12.30pm Eucharist

3.30pm Evening Prayer *Psalms 20, 21*

Services

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. At the Lord Mayor's Chapel, the King James Version is used, and readings are taken from the BCP readings of the day.

Choir

Unless otherwise specified, all choral services are sung by the Cathedral Choir or, at the Lord Mayor's Chapel, the chapel 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* often 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.

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.

Service Locations

On Sundays, the 8.00am BCP Holy Communion is held at the High Altar, and the 10.00am Eucharist in the Nave.

Morning Prayer is held every day in the Newton Chapel.

Evensong or Evening Prayer is held in the Nave, except

Evening Prayer on Saturdays, which is held in the Berkeley Chapel.

Service locations may change at short notice: please speak

to a verger or one of the welcome team to confirm the location of the day’s services.

12.30pm Eucharist Locations	
Mon	Elder Lady Chapel
Tue	Eastern Lady Chapel
Wed	Newton Chapel
Thu	Berkeley Chapel
Fri	Elder Lady Chapel
Sat	Eastern Lady Chapel

About the 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.

About us

The original foundation of Bristol Cathedral 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.

THE LORD MAYOR’S CHAPEL dates back to 1220 initially built as part of a hospital founded by Maurice and Henry de Gaunt, grandsons of Robert Fitzharding, founder of the Abbey of St Augustine (which would later become Bristol Cathedral). At the dissolution of the monasteries in 1541, the Chapel was purchased by the Mayor of Bristol, at which point it became the Lord Mayor’s Chapel. It has remained in the ownership of the City Council (and its predecessors) ever since, and since April 2023 has been in the care of Bristol Cathedral.

Translations of Anthems not in English

Friday 5 September

Salve Regina

Christopher Tye c.1505-c172

Salve Regina, Mater misericordiae,
vita dulcedo et spes nostra, salve.
Ad te clamamus, exsules, filii Evae.
Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes
in hac lacrimarum valle.
Eia ergo, Advocata nostra,
illos tuos misericordes oculos
ad nos converte. Et Jesum,
benedictum fructum ventris tui,
nobis post hoc exilium ostende:
O clemens, O pia, O dulcis virgo Maria.

*Hail, Queen, Mother of mercy;
hail, our life, sweetness and hope.
We cry to you, exiled children of Eve.
We sigh to you, sorrowing and weeping
in this vale of tears.
Therefore, our advocate,
turn your merciful eyes towards us;
reveal to us Jesus,
the blessed fruit of your womb,
after this exile.
O merciful, O holy, O sweet Virgin Mary.*

Wednesday 10 September

Ave Maria

Simon Lindley b.1948

Ave Maria, gratia plena,
Dominus tecum
Benedicta tu in mulieribus,
et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.
Sancta Maria, Mater Dei, ora pro nobis,
nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.

*Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us,
now and in the hour of our death. Amen.*

after St Luke 1.28, 42

Friday 12 September

Exsultate justi

Lodovico Grossi da Viadana c.1560-1627

Exsultate justi in Domino:
rectos decet collaudatio.
Confitemini Domino in cythara:
in psalterio decem chordarum
psallite illi.
Cantate ei canticum novum:
bene psallite ei in vociferatione.

*Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous.
Praise befits the upright.
Praise the Lord with the lyre;
make melody to him with the
harp of ten strings.
Sing to him a new song;
play skilfully on the strings, with loud shouts.*

Psalm 33.1-3

Tuesday 16 September

Cantate Domino

Giuseppe Ottavio Pitoni 1657-1743

Cantate Domino canticum novum:
laus eius in ecclesia sanctorum.
Laetetur Israel in eo qui fecit eum:
et filiae Sion exultent in rege suo.

*O sing to the Lord a new song:
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.
Let Israel rejoice in his maker:
let the daughters of Zion be joyful in their king.*

Psalm 149.1-2

Friday 19 September

In manus tuas

John Sheppard c.1515-59

In manus tuas, Domine,
commendo spiritum meum:
redemisti me, Domine Deus veritatis. *for you have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.*

Psalm 31.5

Sunday 28 September

Evening Hymn

Henry Balfour Gardiner 1877-1950

Te lucis ante terminum
rerum Creator poscimus:
ut solita clementia
sis praesul et custodia.

*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.*

Procul recedant somnia
et noctium phantasmata;
hostemque nostrum comprime
ne polluantur corpora.

*From all ill dreams defend our eyes,
from nightly fears and fantasies;
tread under foot our ghostly foe,
that no pollution we may know.*

Praesta, Pater omnipotens,
per Jesum Christum Dominum
qui tecum in perpetuum
regnat cum Sancto Spiritu. Amen.

*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

Monday 29 September

Factum est silentium

Factum est silentium in coelo,
dum committeret bellum draco
cum Michael archangelo.
Audita est vox millia millium
dicentium: salus, honor, et virtus
omnipotenti Deo. Alleluia!

Richard Dering c.1580-1630

*There was a silence in heaven,
as the dragon went to war
against the archangel Michael.*

*A voice as of a thousand thousands was heard
saying: honour, and power
be to almighty God. Alleluia!*

After Revelation 12.7-10

Friday 3 October

Ubi caritas

Philip Moore b.1943

Ubi caritas et amor,
Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in
unum Christi amor.
Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur.
Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus
nos sincero.
Amen.

*Wherever charity and love are to be found,
God is there.
The love of Christ
has brought us together as one.
Let us rejoice and be glad in him.
Let us fear and love the living God;
and let us love one another
with sincerity in our heart.
Amen.*

Antiphon at the foot-washing, Maundy Thursday

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