

BathAbbey

Bath Abbey Services & Music List Winter 2025 December - February



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 30 NOVEMBER

Advent Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Combined Eucharist *Sung by the Chamber Choir*

Introit	Adam lay Ybounden <i>Ord</i>
Setting	Collegium Regale <i>Howells</i>
Communion	And art thou come with us to dwell <i>Alan Bullard</i>
Hymns	37, 42, 394, 41

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

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

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

SUNDAY 7 DECEMBER

2nd Sunday of Advent

8.00am Holy Communion

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

Anthems There is no Rose *Britten*
Peace on earth *Errollyn Wallen*

Hymns 38, 46, NEH 10, 30, 41

Prayers Wait for the Lord REH 635

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

Introit The Advent Prose *Plainsong REH 636*
Setting Mass for Five Voices *Byrd*
Communion And the glory of the Lord *Handel*
Hymns 37, NEH 10, 41
Voluntary Nun komm der Heiden Heiland BWV 661 *J S Bach*

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

Introit People look east *Trad arr Barry Ferguson* Responses *Spicer*
Canticles Magnificat in C *Stanford*
 Deus misereatur *Francis Grier* Psalm 11
Anthem Ecce concipies *Matthew Martin* Hymns REH 7, 8
Voluntary Fantasy on 'Veni Emmanuel' *Leighton*

6.30pm Informal Service

A Christmas Celebration Saturday 13 December 7.00pm

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

Interval Bar

Tickets are available from Bath Box Office bathboxoffice.org

SUNDAY 14 DECEMBER

3rd Sunday of Advent

8.00am Holy Communion

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

Hymns 45, 42, 35, 39, 394

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

Introit E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come *Manz*
Setting Mass for Four Voices *Byrd*
Communion Virga Jesse *Bruckner*
Hymns 45 (t REH 14), 30, 392 (t 806), 41
Voluntary Wacht auf, ruft uns die Stimme BWV 645 *J S Bach*

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

Introit The Advent Prose *Plainsong* Responses *Smith*
Canticles Magnificat *Charpentier*
Nunc dimittis The Short Service *Gibbons* Psalms 59, 60
Anthem Es ist ein Ros *Sandström*
Hymns REH 7, NEH 10 (t REH 44)
Voluntary Chaconne in E minor BuxVW 160 *Buxtehude*

6.30pm Informal Service

WEDNESDAY 17 DECEMBER

BBC Radio 3 Live Broadcast

3.00pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Abbey Boys, Abbey Girls and Lay Clerks*

Introit Let all mortal flesh keep silence *Bairstow* Responses *Spicer*
Canticles Magnificat *Charpentier*
Deus misereatur *Francis Grier* Psalms 59, 60
Anthem Es ist ein Ros entsprungen *Sandström*
People look east *Besançon carol tune, arr Barry Ferguson*
Hymn Long ago, prophets knew *Personent Hodie (NEH 10 t REH 44)*
Hark what a sound, and too divine for hearing *Highwood (REH 7)*

**Note: if you wish to attend this service you must be seated
no later than 2.45pm**

Handel's Messiah December 20th 7.00pm

Previous performances of Messiah by the Abbey choirs have received standing ovations. In 2022 one audience member commented:
Over many years, we have attended many performances of this great work, but last evening there was an energy and urgency to the performance that was unique and electric!

Written in 1742, Handel's masterpiece has become a regular part of Christmas for many. The Abbey Girls and Lay Clerks perform this work with skill and virtuosity and the solos are sung by the choir members giving this work an added sense of intimacy and operatic intensity, as would have happened in the original performance in Dublin in 1742.

Renowned specialist Baroque instrumentalists, *Rejouissance*, on period instruments provide unique accompaniment and total authenticity to this highlight of the Abbey Choirs' concert repertoire. Buy your ticket now - this concert is always an early sell out!

Tickets available from Bath Box Office bathboxoffice.org.uk

SUNDAY 21 DECEMBER

4th Sunday of Advent

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 10.30am Celebration Communion *Sung by the Chamber Choir*
- Introit A tender shoot *Kerensa Briggs*
- Setting Missa Dixit Maria *Hassler*
- Anthem Ave Maria *Parsons*
- Hymns 37, 39, 32, 85, 41
- Voluntary Fugue sopra il Magnificat BWV 733 *J S Bach*
- 3.30pm Family Nativity Service *Sung by the Melody Makers*
- Anthems The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came *arr. Pettman*
Carol of the Bells *Leontovich*
A Child is Born in Bethlehem *Malcolm Archer*

6.30pm *La Nativité du Seigneur Messiaen Organist: Huw Williams*

Nine liturgical meditations for organ by Olivier Messiaen, with scriptural readings, taking us on a journey through the story of the nativity of Christ.

TUESDAY 23 DECEMBER

5.00pm Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols *Sung by the Abbey Boys and Lay Clerks*

7.15pm Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols *Sung by the Abbey Boys and Lay Clerks*

Tickets for the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols Services are free and can be booked via our website bathabbey.org

WEDNESDAY 24 DECEMBER

Christmas Eve

3.00pm Carol Praise *Sung by the Abbey Girls Alumnae Choir*

5.00pm Carol Praise *Sung by the Abbey Girls Alumnae Choir*

11.00pm Midnight Communion *Sung by the Abbey Girls and Lay Clerks*

Introit *Silent night arr Wilcocks*

Setting *Missa Brevis Jonathan Dove*

Communion *A spotless Rose Howells*

O magnum mysterium Morten Lauridsen

Away in a manger (Normandy setting) French trad arr Pettman

Hymns 78, 70, 80, REH 59, 66

Voluntary *Final from Symphony No.1 in D minor Vierne*

THURSDAY 25 DECEMBER**Christmas Day**

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Celebration Communion *Sung by the Abbey Boys*Anthems I saw three ships come sailing in *Trad arr Huw Williams*
What child is this *Trad arr Britten*

Hymns 78, 60, 82, 79, 66

Voluntary Sinfonia from Cantata No. 28 *J S Bach arr Dupré*11.30am Sung Eucharist *Sung by the Abbey Girls and Lay Clerks*Introit All and some *Byrt*Setting Coronation Mass *Mozart*Communion For unto us a child is born *Handel*Masters in this hall *Trad arr Huw Williams*

Hymns 78, 79, 83, REH 60, 66

Voluntary Sinfonia from Cantata No. 28 *J S Bach arr Dupré***SUNDAY 28 DECEMBER****1st Sunday after Christmas**

8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Celebration Communion *Sung by Girls' choir alumnae*Setting Messe Basse *Fauré*Communion Balulalow *Britten*As Dew in Aprille *Britten*This Little Babe *Britten*

Hymns 64, 65, 68, REH 51

SUNDAY 4 JANUARY**Epiphany Sunday**

8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Celebration Communion *Sung by the Abbey Girls and Lay Clerks*Introit Vidente Stellam *Poulenc*Setting St Nicolas Mass *Haydn*Communion Lux aurumque *Eric Whitacre*

Hymns 94, REH 47, 105, 86

Voluntary Prelude and Fugue in C major BWV 545 *J S Bach*

3.30pm Epiphany Carols *Sung by the Chamber Choir*

Anthems Tribus Miraculis *Palestrina*
Vox in Rama *de Wert*
Spirit of the Lord *Elgar*
Cana's Guest *Richard Allain*
No small wonder *Paul Edwards*
Bethlehem Down *Warlock*

Voluntary *Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern Buxtehude*

TUESDAY 6 JANUARY

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

Introit The Three Kings *Cornelius arr Atkins* Responses *Clucas*
Canticles *Dyson* in F Psalm 98
Anthem When Jesus our Lord *Mendelssohn*

THURSDAY 8 JANUARY

5.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Chamber Choir*

Introit Tribus Miraculis *Palestrina* Responses *Smith*
Canticles *Sumsion* in A Psalm 145
Anthem No small wonder *Edwards*

Epiphany Concert Saturday 10 January 7.00pm

Acclaimed Bath Abbey Girls Choir sings Benjamin Britten's masterpiece *A Ceremony of Carols*, music by Sir John Rutter, and *Peace on Earth* by Errolyn Wallen, accompanied by the dazzling and enchanting sound of the harp.

Tickets available from Bath Box Office bathboxoffice.org.uk

SUNDAY 11 JANUARY**Baptism of Christ**

8.00am Holy Communion

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

Anthems The Holy Boy *Ireland*
Come Holy Ghost *Attwood*

Hymns 104, 99, 103, 108

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

Introit Come Holy Ghost *Attwood*
Setting Mass in C and F *Stanford*
Communion The Spirit of the Lord *Elgar*
Hymns 104, 101 (T 'Miller' STL 50), 108, 593
Voluntary Toccata in F major BuxWV 157 *Buxtehude*

3.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Lay Clerks*

Introit The Coventry Carol *Anon* Responses *Philip Moore*
Canticles *Sumsion* in G Psalm 46
Anthem Seek him that maketh the seven stars *Elgar*
Hymns REH 70 (t 439), 72
Voluntary Pomp and Circumstance March No. 4 *Elgar arr Jonathan Scott*

6.30pm Informal Service

TUESDAY 13 JANUARY

5.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Abbey Boys*

Introit O taste and see *Vaughan Williams* Responses *Plainsong*
Canticles *Bairstow* in E flat Psalm 45
Anthem What child is this *Trad arr Britten*

THURSDAY 15 JANUARY

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

Introit Be still and know that I am God *Antony Baldwin* Psalm 94
Canticles *Watson* in E Responses *Philip Moore*
Anthem Cantate Domino *Monteverdi*

SUNDAY 18 JANUARY**2nd Sunday of Epiphany**

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Church Family Communion *Sung by the Abbey Girls*Anthems *Agnus Dei Fauré*
O sacrum convivium Messiaen

Hymns 678, 422, 494, 427, 99

11.30am Sung Eucharist *Sung by the Abbey Girls and Lay Clerks*Introit *Cantate Domino Monteverdi*
Setting *Missa Octo Voces Hassler*
Communion *O sacrum convivium Messaien*
Hymns 99, 387, 422, 621
Voluntary *Offertoire sur les Grands jeux (Messe pour les paroisses) Couperin*3.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Abbey Boys and Lay Clerks*Introit *O taste and see Vaughan Williams* Responses *Clucas*
Canticles *Collegium Magdalenae Oxoniense Leighton* Psalm 96
Anthem *O sing unto the Lord Annabel Rooney* Hymns REH 69, 75
Voluntary *Gloria from Dublin Festival Mass Leighton*

6.30pm Informal Service

TUESDAY 20 JANUARY*No Evensong due to Bath University Graduations. Evening Prayer in the SDA.***THURSDAY 22 JANUARY***at St John's the Evangelist in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*5.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Abbey Girls and Lay Clerks*Introit *Cantate Domino Monteverdi* Responses *Philip Moore*
Canticles *Gray in F minor* Psalm 99, 100
Anthem *Sing joyfully Byrd*

SUNDAY 25 JANUARY

3rd Sunday of Epiphany

8.00am Holy Communion

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

Hymns 296, 669, 676, 587, 507

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

Introit Cantate Domino *Pitoni*

Setting Mass for Four Voices *Byrd*

Communion How lovely are the messengers *Mendelssohn*

Hymns 296, 669, 676, 507

Voluntary Allegro con brio, Mvt.1 from Sonata No.4 in A minor
Mendelssohn

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

Introit Almighty and everlasting peace *Gibbons* Responses *Tomkins*

Canticles *Jackson* in G Psalm 119 v41-56

Anthem Justorum animae *Byrd*

Hymns REH 204 (t 137ii), 205

Voluntary Rhapsody No.1 in D flat *Howells*

6.30pm Informal Service

TUESDAY 27 JANUARY

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

Introit Cantate Domino *Pitoni* Responses *Clucas*

Canticles *Stanford* in C Psalm 135

Anthem A New Song *James MacMillan*

THURSDAY 29 JANUARY

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

Introit Almighty and everlasting peace *Gibbons* Responses *Tomkins*

Canticles The Westminster Service *Howells* Psalm 24

Anthem Exsultate Deo *Palestrina*

SUNDAY 1 FEBRUARY**Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)**

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am All Together Service *Sung by the Melody Makers*

Anthems Tis the gift to be simple *Copland*
 Day by Day *How*
 Panis angelicus *Franck*

Hymns 2, 42, 113, 721

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

Introit	Nunc dimittis <i>Holst</i>
Setting	Cantus Missae <i>Rheinberger</i>
Communion	When to the temple <i>Eccard</i>
Hymns	113 v1-5, 398, 110, 610
Voluntary	Tempo Moderato, Mvt 1 from Sonata No.4 in A minor <i>Rheinberger</i>

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

Introit	Lead me Lord S S <i>Wesley</i>	Responses	<i>Clucas</i>
Canticles	<i>Dyson</i> in D	Psalm	122
Anthem	Let the people praise thee <i>Mathias</i>		
Hymn	REH 207 (t380), 347 (t47)		
Voluntary	Toccata from Symphony No.5 <i>Widor</i>		

6.30pm Informal Service

TUESDAY 3 FEBRUARY

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

Introit	Lead me Lord S S <i>Wesley</i>	Responses	<i>Clucas</i>
Canticles	The Second Service <i>Byrd</i>	Psalm	9
Anthem	God be merciful unto us <i>Francis Grier</i>		

THURSDAY 5 FEBRUARY

5.30pm	<u>Choral Evensong</u>	<i>Sung by the Abbey Girls</i>		
Introit	Glory to thee, my God <i>Tallis</i>		Responses	<i>Malcolm Archer</i>
Canticles	Magnificat in G <i>Sumsion</i>			
	Nunc dimittis <i>Burgon</i>		Psalm	18 v1-24
Anthem	Paratum cor meum <i>Blow</i>			

SATURDAY 7 FEBRUARY 1pm Melody Makers concert with Voices for Life

Our youngest choir, the Melody Makers, sing together with Bath children's choir Voices for Life. The two choirs will sing an enchanting mix of sacred and popular songs.

SATURDAY 7 FEBRUARY

5.00pm	<u>Choral Evensong</u>	<i>Sung by the Abbey Girls and Lay Clerks, attended by the Friends of Bath Abbey</i>		
Introit	Hail gladdening light <i>Wood</i>		Responses	<i>Tomkins</i>
Canticles	The St Pauls Service <i>Howells</i>		Psalm	24
Anthem	I was glad <i>Parry</i>		Hymn	739i

SUNDAY 8 FEBRUARY

2nd Sunday before Lent

8.00am	Holy Communion			
9.30am	<u>Church Family Communion</u>	<i>Sung by the Abbey Boys</i>		
Anthems	Magnificat in C minor <i>Dyson</i>			
	Panis angelicus <i>Franck</i>			
Hymns	810, 575, 532, 236, 650			

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

Introit	Cantate Domino <i>Pitoni</i>
Setting	Missa Brevis in Bb K 275 <i>Mozart</i>
Communion	Ave verum corpus <i>Mary Badarak</i>
Hymns	810, 541 (t 231), 706, 676
Voluntary	Toccatà No.1 in A minor <i>Froberger</i>

3.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Chamber Choir*

Introit	If ye love me <i>Tallis</i>	Responses	<i>Smith</i>
Canticles	<i>Wesley</i> in E	Psalm	148
Anthem	I saw the Lord <i>Stainer</i>	Hymns	REH 604, 473
Voluntary	Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr BWV 663 <i>J S Bach</i>		

6.30pm Informal Service

TUESDAY 10 FEBRUARY

5.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Abbey Boys*

Introit	A grateful heart <i>Plumstead</i>	Responses	<i>Plainsong</i>
Canticles	<i>Dyson</i> in C minor	Psalm	33
Anthem	Panis angelicus <i>Franck</i>		

THURSDAY 12 FEBRUARY

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

Introit	Hail gladdening light <i>Wood</i>	Responses	<i>Tomkins</i>
Canticles	<i>Sumsion</i> in G	Psalm	39
Anthem	My soul, there is a country <i>Parry</i>		

SATURDAY 14 FEBRUARY

5.00pm Choral Evensong *Sung by Laudes*

Canticles	<i>Noble</i> in A minor	Responses	<i>Radcliffe</i>
Anthem	My beloved spake <i>Hadley</i>	Psalm	46

SUNDAY 15 FEBRUARY**Sunday next before Lent**

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Church Family Communion *Sung by the Chamber Choir*Sanctus Mass for Four voices *Byrd*Communion Ave verum *Byrd*O nata lux *Tallis*

Hymns 2, 281, 422, 433, 603

11.30am Sung Eucharist *Sung by Laudes*Setting Missa Brevis *Jonathan Dove*Communion Nolo mortem peccatoris *Morley*

Hymns 2, 383, 281, 422

3.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by Laudes*Canticles King's College Service *Joanna Forbes L'Estrange*Responses *Radcliffe* Psalm 84Anthem Thou knowest Lord *Bob Chilcott* Hymns REH 78, 359 (omit v4&5)

6.30pm Informal Service

TUESDAY 17 FEBRUARY*Evening Prayer, no Evensong, half term***WEDNESDAY 18 FEBRUARY****Ash Wednesday**5.30pm Sung Eucharist *Sung by the Chamber Choir*Introit Remember not, Lord *Purcell*Setting Mass for Four voices *Byrd*Ashing Miserere a 4 *Lotti*Communion Civitas Sancti tui *Byrd*

Hymns 127, 128, 702

THURSDAY 19 FEBRUARY*Evening Prayer, no Evensong, half term*

SATURDAY 21 FEBRUARY

5.00pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Plaxtol Scholars*

Canticles *Farrant* in A minor Responses *Sanders*
Anthem *Jesu, grant me this, I pray Gibbons* Psalm 73

SUNDAY 22 FEBRUARY

1st Sunday of Lent

8.00am Holy Communion

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

Hymns 121, 373, 128i, 427, 621

11.30am Sung Eucharist *Sung by the Plaxtol Scholars*

Setting Collegium Regale *Howells*
Communion O Lord my God (Solomon's Prayer) *S S Wesley*
Hymns 621, 121, 116, 128i

3.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Plaxtol Scholars*

Canticles *Blair* in B minor Responses *Sanders*
Anthem *Purest and Highest Stanford* Psalm 50 v1-15
Hymn REH 491, 575

6.30pm Informal Service

TUESDAY 24 FEBRUARY

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

Introit Hear my prayer *Annabel Rooney* Responses *Rose*
Canticles The Fourth Service *Batten* Psalm 74
Anthem Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake *Farrant*

THURSDAY 26 FEBRUARY

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

Introit God that madest earth and heaven *Welsh Trad arr Vaughan Williams*
Canticles The Second Service *Leighton* Responses *Tomkins*
Anthem Jehovah quam multi sunt hostes *Purcell* Psalm 142