

Rugby Choristers at Bilton Grange

CHAPEL SERVICES AND MUSIC

Rugby School Chapel

Bilton Grange School Chapel

Lent Term 2025



RUGBY SCHOOL

Rugby School Chapels

The building was designed by the gothic revival Architect, William Butterfield in 1875 and the interior remains as it was constructed. The smaller Memorial Chapel which is linked to the main chapel was built as a memorial to those who lost their lives from the Rugby School community in the First World War. It was designed by Sir Charles Nicholson of School House (brother of Sir Sydney Nicholson, also School House, composer and sometime organist of Westminster Abbey, founder of the Royal School of Church Music) and consecrated in 1922.

The main Rugby School Chapel contains an organ by the firm Kenneth Jones and Associates of Bray, Ireland which was built in 2001 with additions and improvements by Nicholson Organ Builders of Worcester. It is a four manual instrument comprising fifty-four stops. The organ has recently been renovated with tonal improvements by Nicholsons.

The Memorial Chapel contains an organ by Harrison and Harrison of Durham built in 1923. It is a two manual instrument of six stops.

Bilton Grange School Chapel

The mansion which forms the main school was built in 1846 attached to an existing farmhouse and was a private family home. It was designed by the eminent designer and architect Augustus Welby Pugin for Captain Washington Hibbert and is a Grade II* listed building. The first pupils were brought to the house by The Reverend Walter Earle in 1887. The brewhouse was converted into the school chapel in 1889 and classrooms were added in 1892.

The chapel contains an historic organ built by the London firm of Gray and Davison in 1892. The organ is a three manual instrument of nineteen stops and has been given an Historic Organ Certificate and listed as Grade II. It is in need of a major restoration!

Access to the Chapels for Services

Parents and visitors to services in Rugby School Chapel should enter the school via the Queen's Gate on Barby Road and the Chapel via the doors on the north and south sides. Disabled parking only is available on 'The Porridge' close to the Chapel. Parents may park in Michell House car park in Little Church Street after 5.30pm and will be given the gate code.

Parents and visitors to services in Bilton Grange Chapel should enter the school via the School Reception at the North Entrance.

Evensong

The service of Evensong has been used in English churches for centuries and is unchanged for more than 300 years. It is designed to be a daily reminder and celebration of the Incarnation – the Christian belief that Almighty God became a human being to share our life and lead us back to the life of heaven with him. The service begins with sung responses and a selection from the psalms – ancient hymns of praise, petition, questioning and triumph. At the heart of the service are the two ‘canticles’: Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis. In the Magnificat, the choir sing the joyful words first uttered by a young girl, Mary, when she heard she was to be the mother of Jesus. The Nunc Dimittis is the song of an old man, Simeon, who had been promised that he would not die until he had seen God’s chosen King with his own eyes. When they placed the baby Jesus in his arms, that ancient servant of the Lord knew that he could depart in peace.

The service includes two readings from God’s word to us in the Bible, a declaration of our faith in the spoken words of the creed, and prayers for the world and for ourselves.

Over the centuries many of the world’s greatest musicians have composed pieces known as ‘settings’ for use at Evensong. Every day the same, but every day different, Choral Evensong is truly one of the Church’s treasures.

Rugby School Services

The whole school meets in chapel for morning prayers on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. On Sundays there is a more formal service with music sung by the Arnold Singers – a choir of pupils and staff. This service is followed by a short service of Holy Communion in the Memorial Chapel. Parents and visitors are welcome to join us for these Sunday services and for refreshments in School House afterwards.

The Arnold Singers sing the ancient monastic service of Compline on two evenings this term.

The Temple Consort will also sing several Evensongs this term including a live broadcast on BBC Radio 3 on Wednesday 5 February with the Rugby Choristers at Bilton Grange, which you can hear on BBC Sounds until 5 March.



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The Readings for Choral Evensong in the Lent Term

In the Advent Term we heard stories of important figures of the Old Testament, from Abraham and Sarah through to the Prophets of Israel who foretold the coming of a future King, the Messiah. This prepared us for a joyful time at the end of the Advent term as in our carol services we looked forward to the birth of Jesus in the stable at Bethlehem.

This term begins with the celebration of the season of Epiphany, the season of light. Our readings take up the story of the child born in the stable and we think about the light of the Christ child, revealed to the Wise men who travelled from afar to Bethlehem. We hear the story of John the Baptist recognising Jesus as the light coming into the world and the story of the baptism of Jesus by John.

Jesus calls disciples to follow him and challenges them to let their light shine in the world.

After half term we move towards the keeping of Lent and through Lent we think about what Jesus expects of those who follow him.

As in the Advent term we shall again celebrate with the church around the world some special Feast Days: the Baptism of Jesus; the week of Prayer for Christian Unity when we pray that all Christians might be one; the Conversion of St Paul on the Road to Damascus; the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple in Jerusalem; and keep a special Evensong in celebration of International Women's Day.

The Psalms at Evensong

One of the joys of Evensong is the singing of the psalms. These are a collection of 150 texts in the Old Testament which were attributed to King David but are now thought to be by various authors from the 9th to 5th Centuries BC. The Rugby Choristers at Bilton Grange aspire to singing the psalms appointed for each day in the Book of Common Prayer. During the learning process we have selected portions of psalms which we have appointed for each day across a four week cycle. The texts of these psalms are printed towards the end of this Service Booklet. All the psalms conclude with the Gloria:

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

JANUARY Week 1 Epiphany

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 18.00

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 17.30

Monday 6
January

No Evensong

No Evensong

Tuesday 7
January

No Evensong

No Evensong

Thursday 9
January

No Evensong

Friday 10
January

No Evensong

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 18.00

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 17.30

Sunday 12
January
10.30

Arnold Singers, Rugby School
Morning Service
Introit: Omnes de Saba venient
Handl
Hymns: 20, 26, 23
Anthem: Tomorrow shall be my
dancing day *Gardner*

20.30

Arnold Singers, Rugby School
Memorial Chapel
Ceremony of Carols *Britten*

Monday 13
January

Girl Choristers, Lay Clerks & Choral *No Evensong*
Scholars
Responses: *Rose*
Psalm: 13
Hymn: 23, As with gladness men
of old
Canticles: *Noble* in B minor
Anthem: *Bethlehem Down Warlock*
Organ Voluntary: *In dir ist Freude*
BWV 615 *Bach*

Tuesday 14
January

Boy Choristers, Lay Clerks & Choral *Girl Choristers*
Scholars
Responses: *Rose*
Psalm: 14
Hymn: 25, Hail to the Lord's Anointed
Magnificat: Plainsong - tone V
Nunc dimittis: Plainsong - tone II
Anthem: *Jesus good above all other*
Barry Rose
Organ Voluntary: *Puer natus in*
Bethlehem BuxWV 217 Buxtehude

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 18.00

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 17.30

Thursday 16
January

*Senior Choristers, Lay Clerks &
Choral Scholars*

Epiphany Carol Service

Organ Voluntary: Les Mages
(La Nativité du Seigneur) *Messiaen*

Hostis Herodes impie Plainsong

Tribus miraculis *Marenzio*

Videntes stellam *Poulenc*

The Three Kings *Cornelius*

Cana's Guest *Allain*

Quem pastores laudavere *arr.*

Wicks

This is the record of John *Gibbons*

Tomorrow shall be my dancing
day *Gardner*

Organ Voluntary: Dieu parmi nous
(La Nativité du Seigneur) *Messiaen*

Friday 17
January

No Evensong

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
 Evensong at 18.00

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
 Evensong at 17.30

Sunday 19
January
 10.30

Arnold Singers, Rugby School
Morning Service
Introit: Ubi caritas *Duruflé*

Hymns: 150, 202, 160

Anthem: The Father's Love á 8
*Lole*Organ Voluntary: Final,
Symphony No. 1 *Vierne*

Monday 20
January
Girl Choristers, Lay Clerks &
Choral Scholars
Responses: *Rose*

Psalm: 41

Hymn: 172, O Jesus I have
promisedCanticles: *Ireland* in FAnthem: We three Kings *Wicks*Organ Voluntary: Prelude sur
l'Introit de l'Épiphanie *Duruflé*
Boy Choristers

Responses: Plainsong

Psalm: 41

Hymn: 172, O Jesus I have promised

Magnificat: Plainsong - tonus peregrinus

Nunc dimittis: Plainsong - tone VI

Anthem: Eastern Monarchs, Sages Three
C.S. Lang

Tuesday 21
January
Boy Choristers, Lay Clerks &
Choral Scholars with
Admission of Choristers
Responses: *Rose*

Psalm: 42 (1-7)

Hymn: 202, Thy hand O God
has guidedCanticles: *Sunsion* in AAnthem: Ubi caritas *Gjeilo*
Girl Choristers

Responses: Plainsong

Psalm: 42 (1-7)

Hymn: 202, Thy hand O God has guided

Magnificat: Plainsong - tone V

Nunc dimittis: Plainsong - tone II

Anthem: Light of the world *Dankworth*

Compline
 21.15

Arnold Singers, Rugby School
Te lucis ante terminum *Tallis*Nunc dimittis: The Short Service
*Gibbons*The Three Kings *Cornelius*

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 18.00

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 17.30

**Thursday 23
January**

*Senior Choristers, Lay Clerks &
Choral Scholars*

Responses: *Sasha Johnson Manning*

Psalm: 47

Hymn: 193, The Church's one
foundation

Canticles: *Stanford* in C

Anthem: O leave your sheep

Leighton

Organ Voluntary: Toccata on
Hanover *Leighton*

**Friday 24
January**

No Evensong (Exeat)

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 18.00

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 17.30

Sunday 26
January

No Morning Service (Exeat)

Monday 27
January

*Girl Choristers, Lay Clerks & Choral
Scholars*

Responses: *Sasha Johnson Manning*
Psalm: 89 (1-19)

Hymn: CP237 We sing the glorious
conquest **1A**

Canticles: The King's College
Service *Forbes L'Estrange*

Anthem: How lovely are the
messengers *Mendelssohn*

Organ Voluntary: Overture to
oratorio 'St Paul' *Mendelssohn arr
W T Best*

Boy Choristers

Responses: Plainsong

Psalm: 89 (1-19)

Hymn: CP237 We sing the glorious
conquest

Magnificat: Plainsong - tonus
peregrinus

Nunc dimittis: Plainsong - tone VI

Anthem: The Gentiles shall come to
thy light *Greene*

Tuesday 28
January

No Evensong

Thursday 30
January

*Senior Choristers, Lay Clerks &
Choral Scholars*

Responses: *Sasha Johnson Manning*
Psalm: 89 (31-36)

Hymn: 56, O Holy Spirit, Lord of
Grace

Canticles: Collegium Regale
Howells

Anthem: There shall a star
Mendelssohn

Organ Voluntary: Fiat Lux *Dubois*

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 18.00

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 17.30

**Friday 31
January**

*Temple Consort, Senior Choristers,
Lay Clerks & Choral Scholars*

Introit: God be in my head *Moore*

Responses: *Sasha Johnson Manning*

Psalm: 27, 28, 29

Hymn: 149, Lead us heavenly

Father

Canticles: *Murrill* in E

Anthem: Great is the Lord *Elgar*

Organ Voluntary: (Benedict Tanner
T) Final Op 27 No 7 *Dupré*

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 18.00
BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 17.30

Sunday 2
February
Arnold Singers, Rugby School
Candlemas Service
Evening
Chapel
18.00

 Introit: Haec deum caeli *Tanner*
 Hymns: 153, 70, 100, 136
 Anthem: Nunc dimittis in G
Stanford

Monday 3
February
Girl Choristers, Lay Clerks & Choral
Scholars

 Responses: *Sasha Johnson Manning*
 Psalm: 108
 Hymn: NEH 156 (288), Sing how
 the age-long promise of a Saviour
2A
 Canticles: The Second Service *Byrd*
 Anthem: Hodie beata Virgo *Byrd*
 Organ Voluntary: Mit Fried und
 Freud ich fahr dahin BWV 616 *Bach*
Boy Choristers

 Responses: Plainsong
 Psalm: 108
 Hymn: NEH 156 (288), Sing how the
 age-long promise of a Saviour
 Magnificat: Plainsong - tonus
 peregrinus
 Nunc dimittis: Plainsong - tone VI
 Anthem: The Choristers' Prayer *Barry*
Rose

Tuesday 4
February
Boy Choristers, Lay Clerks & Choral
Scholars

 Responses: *Sasha Johnson Manning*
 Psalm: 109
 Hymn: 159, Lord thy word abideth
 Canticles: The Second Service
Gibbons
 Anthem: If ye love me *Tallis*
Girl Choristers

 Responses: Plainsong
 Psalm: 109
 Hymn: 159, Lord thy word abideth
 Magnificat: Plainsong - tone V
 Nunc dimittis: Plainsong - tone II
 Anthem: Let my prayer be set forth
Douglas

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 18.00

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 17.30

**Wednesday 5
February**

**BBC Radio 3
Broadcast
15.00**

*Temple Consort, Senior Choristers,
Lay Clerks & Choral Scholars*

Introit: God be in my head *Moore*

Responses: *Sasha Johnson Manning*

Psalm: 27, 28 & 29

Hymn: 149, Lead us heavenly

Father

Canticles: *Murrill* in E

Anthem: Great is the Lord *Elgar*

Organ Voluntary: (Benedict Tanner
T) Final Op 27 No 7 *Dupré*

*The congregation is asked to be seated
by 14.40*

**Thursday 6
February**

No Evensong

**Friday 7
February**

*Girl Choristers, Lay Clerks & Choral
Scholars*

Responses: *Sumsion*

Psalm: 119 (17-32)

Hymn: 58, Firmly I believe and
truly

Canticles: *Wood* in D

Anthem: View me Lord *Lloyd*

Organ Voluntary: Prelude on
'King's Lynn' *Whitlock*

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 18.00

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 17.30

Sunday 9
February
10.30

Arnold Singers, Rugby School
Morning Service
Introit: The Call *Randall*
Hymns: 127, 92, 116
Anthem: Seek him that maketh
the seven stars *Dove*

Monday 10
February

*Girl Choristers, Lay Clerks &
Choral Scholars*
Responses: *Sumsion*
Psalm: 13
Hymn: 101, City of God
Magnificat: *Primi Toni Soriano*
Nunc dimittis: *Holst*
Anthem: The Lord hath been
mindful of us *SS Wesley*
Organ Voluntary: Choral Song
Wesley

No Evensong

Tuesday 11
February

*Boy Choristers, Lay Clerks &
Choral Scholars*
Responses: *Sumsion*
Psalm: 14
Hymn: 92, Be thou my vision
Canticles: *Purcell* in G minor
Anthem: O God, thou art my
God *Purcell*

No Evensong

Thursday 13
February

No Evensong

Friday 14
February

No Evensong

Half Term

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 18.00

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 17.30

Sunday 23
February

No Morning Service (Half Term)

Monday 24
February

*Girl Choristers, Lay Clerks &
Choral Scholars*
Responses: *Sumsion*
Psalm: 41
Hymn: 124, God that madest
earth and heaven
Canticles: *Denis Browne* in A (OR)
Anthem: Give ear O Lord *Weelkes*
Organ Voluntary: On a theme of
Orlando Gibbons (Song 22)
Stanford

Boy Choristers
Responses: Plainsong
Psalm: 41
Hymn: 124, God that madest earth and
heaven
Magnificat: Plainsong - tonus
peregrinus
Nunc dimittis: Plainsong - tone VI
Anthem: O Lord God *Buck*

Tuesday 25
February

No Evensong

No Evensong

Thursday 27
February

*George
Herbert;
priest, poet,
1633*

*Senior Choristers, Lay Clerks &
Choral Scholars*
Responses: *Clucas*
Psalm: 47
Hymn: 196, The God of love
Canticles: Merton College Service
Esėnvalds
Anthem: Let all the world
Vaughan Williams
Organ Voluntary: Sortie (Seven
Sketches) *Whitlock*

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 18.00

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 17.30

**Friday 28
February**

*Boy Choristers, Lay Clerks & Choral
Scholars*

Responses: *Clucas*

Psalm: 48

Hymn: 62, Thou whose almighty
word

Canticles: *Stanford* in A

Anthem: Save us, O Lord *Bairstow*

Organ Voluntary: Scherzo (Organ
Sonata) *Bairstow*

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 18.00

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 17.30

Sunday 2
March
10.30

Arnold Singers, Rugby School
Morning Service
Introit: O Salutaris Hostia *Wicks*
Hymns: 177, 86, 119
Anthem: Tantum ergo *Wicks*

Monday 3
March

Girl Choristers, Lay Clerks & Choral Scholars
Responses: *Clucas*
Psalm: 89 (1-19)
Hymn: 102, Come let us join our cheerful songs
Canticles: *Darke* in F
Anthem: O Lorde, the maker of al thing *Joubert*
Organ Voluntary: Psalm Prelude Set 1, No 2 *Howells*

Boy Choristers
Responses: Plainsong
Psalm: 89 (1-19)
Hymn: 102, Come let us join our cheerful songs
Magnificat: Plainsong - tonus peregrinus
Nunc dimittis: Plainsong - tone VI
Anthem: Litany to the Holy Spirit *Hurford*

Tuesday 4
March

Boy Choristers, Lay Clerks & Choral Scholars
Responses: *Clucas*
Psalm: 89 (20-30)
Hymn: 91, Be thou my guardian
Canticles: *Dyson* in F
Anthem: O for a closer walk with God *Stanford*

Girl Choristers
Responses: Plainsong
Psalm: 89 (20-30)
Hymn: 91, Be thou my guardian
Magnificat: Plainsong - tone V
Nunc dimittis: Plainsong - tone II
Anthem: God be in my head *Barry Rose*

Wednesday 5
March

Ash
Wednesday
21.00

Arnold Singers, Rugby School
Memorial Chapel
The Liturgy of Ash Wednesday
Anthem: Lent Prose
Song of Penitence *Benedict Tanner*
Emendemus in melius *Byrd*
The Litany *Loosemore*
Miserere mei, Deus *Allegri*
Hear my prayer *Purcell*
Hymn: 28, Forty days and forty nights

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 18.00

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 17.30

**Thursday 6
March**

*Senior Choristers, Lay Clerks &
Choral Scholars*

Responses: Ebdon

Psalm: 89 (31-36)

Hymn: 110, Father of heaven,
whose love profound

Canticles: *Daniel Purcell* in E minor

Anthem: Wash me thoroughly SS

Wesley

Organ Voluntary: Melody in G
minor *York Bowen*

Friday 7 March

*Girl Choristers, Lay Clerks & Choral
Scholars*

***International
Women's Day***

Responses: *Ebdon*

Psalm: 89 (37-51)

Hymn: 181, Praise to the Holiest in
the height

Canticles: The King's College

Service *Forbes L'Estrange*

Anthem: Ave Maris stella *Grieg*

Organ Voluntary: (Nanako Ueda
(D) XX) Allegro moderato Trio

Sonata No 1 *Bach*

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 18.00

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 17.30

**Sunday 9
March
10.30**

Arnold Singers, Rugby School
Morning Service
Introit: Kyrie eleison à 4 *Byrd*
Hymns: 28, 91, 140
Anthem: Civitas sancti tui *Byrd*

**Monday 10
March**

*Girl Choristers, Lay Clerks &
Choral Scholars*
Responses: *Ebdon*
Psalm: 108
Hymn: 108, Father, hear the prayer
we offer
Magnificat *Pärt*
Nunc dimittis *Holst*
Anthem: Out of the deep *Morley*
Organ Voluntary: Benedictus
William Lloyd Webber

Boy Choristers
Responses: Plainsong
Psalm: 108
Hymn: 108, Father, hear the prayer we
offer
Magnificat: Plainsong - tonus
peregrinus
Nunc dimittis: Plainsong - tone VI
Anthem: Watch thou dear Lord *Barry
Rose*

**Tuesday 11
March**

*Boy Choristers, Lay Clerks &
Choral Scholars*
Responses: *Ebdon*
Psalm: 109
Hymn: 28, Forty days and forty
nights
Canticles: The Fourth Service
Batten
Anthem: Nolo mortem peccatores
Morley

Girl Choristers
Responses: Plainsong
Psalm: 109
Hymn: 28, Forty days and forty nights
Magnificat: Plainsong - tone V
Nunc dimittis: Plainsong - tone II
Anthem: There is a green hill *Wicks*

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 18.00

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 17.30

**Thursday 13
March**

*Senior Choristers, Lay Clerks &
Choral Scholars*

Responses: *Sanders*

Psalm: 119 (1-16)

Hymn: 140, Jesu, lover of my soul

Canticles: The Fifth Service

Tomkins

Anthem: Call to remembrance

Farrant

Organ Voluntary: Fantasy Aus der
Tiefe (Heinlein) *Leighton*

**Friday 14
March**

No Evensong

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 18.00

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 17.30

Sunday 16
March

No Morning Service (Exeat)

Monday 17
March

No Evensong

No Evensong

Tuesday 18
March

*Temple Consort &
Choir of Groton School,
Massachusetts, USA*

No Evensong

*First EP of
Joseph of
Nazareth*

Introit: Joseph fili David Owens
Responses: *Ayleward*
Psalm: 14
Hymn: NEH 160 (tune 190ii) Lord,
hear the praises of thy faithful
people **3A**
Canticles: *Rubbra* in A flat
Anthem: *Abendlied Rheinberger*
Organ Voluntary: *Rhapsody No 1*
in D flat *Howells*

*Compline
21.15*

*Arnold Singers &
Choir of Groton School,
Massachusetts, USA*
Anthem: *Te lucis ante terminum*
Tallis
Nunc dimittis: *The Short Service*
Gibbons

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 18.00

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 17.30

**Thursday 20
March**

*Senior Choristers, Lay Clerks &
Choral Scholars*

Responses: *Sanders*

Psalm: 22

Hymn: 105, Dear Lord and Father
of mankind

Canticles: *Humfrey* in E minor

Anthem: O Lord my God *Humfrey*

Organ Voluntary: Fantasia in C
minor BWV 562 *Bach*

Friday 21 March

*Boy Choristers, Lay Clerks,
Choral Scholars &
Choir of Groton School,
Massachusetts, USA*

Responses: *Sanders*

Psalm: 23

Hymn: 199, Thine arm, O Lord, in
days of old

Canticles: *Stanford* in B flat

Anthem: Evening Hymn *Balfour
Gardiner*

Organ Voluntary: Marche
Triomphale *Alcock*

MARCH Week 11 Lent 3

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 18.00

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 17.30

Sunday 23
March

*Arnold Singers, Rugby School &
Choir of Groton School, USA*

Introit: Miserere mei Byrd

Evening Chapel
18.00

Hymns: 152, 181, 36

Anthem: O Lord look down from
heaven *Battishill*

Monday 24
March

No Evensong

No Evensong

Tuesday 25
March

No Evensong

No Evensong

Thursday 27
March

No Evensong

Friday 28 March *No Evensong*

Saturday 29
March

Arnold Singers, Rugby School

Final Chapel

Hymns: 29, 36

*Commemoration
of The
Crucifixion*
10.10

Anthem: Salvator mundi *Tallis*

THE PSALMS

appointed for the Lent Term 2025

Monday Week A

Psalm 13

Usque quo, Domine?

1. How long wilt thou forget me, O Lord, for ever :
how long wilt thou hide thy face from me?
2. How long shall I seek counsel in my soul, and be so vexed in my heart :
how long shall mine enemies triumph over me?
3. Consider, and hear me, O Lord my God :
lighten mine eyes, that I sleep not in death.
4. Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him :
for if I be cast down, they that trouble me will rejoice at it.
5. But my trust is in thy mercy :
and my heart is joyful in thy salvation.
6. I will sing of the Lord, because he hath dealt so lovingly with me :
yea, I will praise the Name of the Lord most Highest.

Tuesday Week A

Psalm 14 (vv 5-7 omitted)

Dixit insipiens

1. The fool hath said in his heart :
There is no God.
2. They are corrupt, and become abominable in their doings :
there is none that doeth good, no not one.
3. The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men :
to see if there were any that would understand, and seek after God.
4. But they are all gone out of the way, they are altogether become abominable :
there is none that doeth good, no not one.
8. Have they no knowledge, that they are all such workers of mischief :
eating up my people as it were bread, and call not upon the Lord?
9. There were they brought in great fear, even where no fear was :
for God is in the generation of the righteous.

10. As for you, ye have made a mock at the counsel of the poor :
because he putteth his trust in the Lord.
11. Who shall give salvation unto Israel out of Sion? When the Lord turneth the
captivity of his people :
then shall Jacob rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.

Thursday Week A

Psalm 22

Deus, Deus meus

1. MY GOD, my God, look upon me; why hast thou forsaken me :
and art so far from my health, and from the words of my complaint?
2. O my God, I cry in the day-time, but thou hearest not :
and in the night-season also I take no rest.
3. And thou continuest holy :
O thou worship of Israel.
4. Our fathers hoped in thee :
they trusted in thee, and thou didst deliver them.
5. They called upon thee, and were holpen :
they put their trust in thee, and were not confounded.
6. But as for me, I am a worm, and no man :
a very scorn of men, and the outcast of the people.
7. All they that see me laugh me to scorn :
they shoot out their lips, and shake their heads, saying,
8. He trusted in God, that he would deliver him :
let him deliver him, if he will have him.
9. But thou art he that took me out of my mother's womb :
thou wast my hope, when I hanged yet upon my mother's breasts.
10. I have been left unto thee ever since I was born :
thou art my God, even from my mother's womb.
11. O go not from me, for trouble is hard at hand :
and there is none to help me.

12. Many oxen are come about me :
fat bulls of Basan close me in on every side.
13. They gape upon me with their mouths :
as it were a ramping and a roaring lion.
14. I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint :
my heart also in the midst of my body is even like melting wax.
15. My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaveth to my gums :
and thou shalt bring me into the dust of death.
16. For many dogs are come about me :
and the council of the wicked layeth siege against me.
17. They pierced my hands and my feet; I may tell all my bones :
they stand staring and looking upon me.
18. They part my garments among them :
and casts lots upon my vesture.
19. But be not thou far from me, O Lord :
thou art my succour, haste thee to help me.
20. Deliver my soul from the sword :
my darling from the power of the dog.
21. Save me from the lion's mouth :
thou hast heard me also from among the horns of the unicorns.
22. I will declare thy Name unto my brethren :
in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.
23. O praise the Lord, ye that fear him :
magnify him, all ye of the seed of Jacob, and fear him, all ye seed of Israel.
24. For he hath not despised, nor abhorred, the low estate of the poor :
he hath not hid his face from him, but when he called unto him he heard him.
25. My praise is of thee in the great congregation :
my vows will I perform in the sight of them that fear him.
26. The poor shall eat and be satisfied :
they that seek after the Lord shall praise him; your heart shall live for ever.

27. All the ends of the world shall remember themselves, and be turned unto the Lord :
and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him.
28. For the kingdom is the Lord's :
and he is the Governor among the people.
29. All such as be fat upon earth :
have eaten and worshipped.
30. All they that go down into the dust shall kneel before him :
and no man hath quickened his own soul.
31. My seed shall serve him :
they shall be counted unto the Lord for a generation.
32. They shall come, and the heavens shall declare his righteousness :
unto a people that shall be born, whom the Lord hath made.

Friday Week A

Psalm 23

Dominus regit me

1. The Lord is my shepherd :
therefore can I lack nothing.
2. He shall feed me in a green pasture :
and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.
3. He shall convert my soul :
and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake.
4. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil :
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.
5. Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me :
thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.
6. But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life :
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Monday Week B

Psalm 41

Beatus qui intelligit

1. Blessed is he that considereth the poor and needy :
the Lord shall deliver him in the time of trouble.
2. The Lord preserve him, and keep him alive, that he may be blessed upon earth :
and deliver not thou him into the will of his enemies.
3. The Lord comfort him, when he lieth sick upon his bed :
make thou all his bed in his sickness.
4. I said, Lord, be merciful unto me :
heal my soul, for I have sinned against thee.
5. Mine enemies speak evil of me : When shall he die, and his name perish?
6. And if he come to see me, he speaketh vanity :
and his heart conceiveth falsehood within himself,
and when he cometh forth he telleth it.
7. All mine enemies whisper together against me :
even against me do they imagine this evil.
8. Let the sentence of guiltiness proceed against him :
and now that he lieth, let him rise up no more.
9. Yea, even mine own familiar friend, whom I trusted :
who did also eat of my bread, hath laid great wait for me.
10. But be thou merciful unto me, O Lord :
raise thou me up again, and I shall reward them.
11. By this I know thou favourest me :
that mine enemy doth not triumph against me.
12. And when I am in my health, thou upholdest me :
and shalt set me before thy face for ever.
13. Blessed be the Lord God of Israel :
world without end. Amen.

Tuesday Week B

Psalms 42, 43

Quemadmodum

1. LIKE as the hart desireth the water-brooks:
so longeth my soul after thee, O God.
2. My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God:
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?
3. My tears have been my meat day and night:
while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God?
4. Now when I think thereupon, I pour out my heart by myself:
for I went with the multitude, and brought them forth into the house of God;
5. In the voice of praise and thanksgiving:
among such as keep holy-day.
6. Why art thou so full of heaviness, O my soul:
and why art thou so disquieted within me?
7. Put thy trust in God:
for I will yet give him thanks for the help of his countenance.
8. My God, my soul is vexed within me:
therefore will I remember thee concerning the land of Jordan,
and the little hill of Hermon.
9. One deep calleth another, because of the noise of the water-pipes:
all thy waves and storms are gone over me.
10. The Lord hath granted his loving-kindness in the day-time:
and in the night-season did I sing of him,
and made my prayer unto the God of my life.
11. I will say unto the God of my strength, Why hast thou forgotten me:
why go I thus heavily, while the enemy oppresseth me?
12. My bones are smitten asunder as with a sword:
while mine enemies that trouble me cast me in the teeth;
13. Namely, while they say daily unto me:
Where is now thy God?
14. Why art thou so vexed, O my soul: and why art thou so disquieted within me?

15. O put thy trust in God:
for I will yet thank him, which is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Psalm 43

Judica me, Deus

1. GIVE sentence with me, O God, and defend my cause against the ungodly people:
O deliver me from the deceitful and wicked man.
2. For thou art the God of my strength, why hast thou put me from thee:
and why go I so heavily, while the enemy oppresseth me?
3. O send out thy light and thy truth, that they may lead me:
and bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling.
4. And that I may go unto the altar of God, even unto the God of my joy and gladness:
and upon the harp will I give thanks unto thee, O God, my God.
5. Why art thou so heavy, O my soul:
and why art thou so disquieted within me?
6. O put thy trust in God:
for I will yet give him thanks, which is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Thursday Week B

Psalm 47

Omnes gentes, plaudite

1. O CLAP your hands together, all ye people:
O sing unto God with the voice of melody.
2. For the Lord is high, and to be feared:
he is the great King upon all the earth.
3. He shall subdue the people under us:
and the nations under our feet.
4. He shall choose out an heritage for us:
even the worship of Jacob, whom he loved.
5. God is gone up with a merry noise:
and the Lord with the sound of the trump.

6. 6. O sing praises, sing praises unto our God:
O sing praises, sing praises unto our King.
7. 7. For God is the King of all the earth:
sing ye praises with understanding.
8. 8. God reigneth over the heathen:
God sitteth upon his holy seat.
9. 9. The princes of the people are joined unto the people of the God of Abraham:
for God, which is very high exalted, doth defend the earth, as it were with a shield.

Friday Week B

Psalm 48

Magnus Dominus

1. Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised :
in the city of our God, even upon his holy hill.
2. The hill of Sion is a fair place, and the joy of the whole earth :
upon the north-side lieth the city of the great King; God is well known in her
palaces as a sure refuge.
3. For lo, the kings of the earth :
are gathered, and gone by together.
4. They marvelled to see such things :
they were astonished, and suddenly cast down.
5. Fear came there upon them, and sorrow :
as upon a woman in her travail.
6. Thou shalt break the ships of the sea : through the east-wind.
7. Like as we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the
city of our God :
God upholdeth the same for ever.
8. We wait for thy loving-kindness, O God :
in the midst of thy temple.
9. O God, according to thy Name, so is thy praise unto the world's end :
thy right hand is full of righteousness.
10. Let the mount Sion rejoice, and the daughter of Judah be glad :
because of thy judgements.
11. Walk about Sion, and go round about her :
and tell the towers thereof.

12. Mark well her bulwarks, set up her houses :
that ye may tell them that come after.
13. For this God is our God for ever and ever :
he shall be our guide unto death.

Monday Week C

Psalm 89 (1-19)

Misericordias Domini

1. My song shall be alway of the loving-kindness of the Lord :
with my mouth will I ever be shewing thy truth from one generation to
another.
2. For I have said, Mercy shall be set up for ever :
thy truth shalt thou stablish in the heavens.
3. I have made a covenant with my chosen :
I have sworn unto David my servant;
4. Thy seed will I stablish for ever; and set up thy throne from one generation to
another.
5. O Lord, the very heavens shall praise thy wondrous works :
and thy truth in the congregation of the saints.
6. For who is he among the clouds :
that shall be compared unto the Lord?
7. And what is he among the gods :
that shall be like unto the Lord?
8. God is very greatly to be feared in the council of the saints :
and to be had in reverence of all them that are round about him.
9. O Lord God of hosts, who is like unto thee :
thy truth, most mighty Lord, is on every side.
10. Thou rulest the raging of the sea :
thou stillest the waves thereof when they arise.
11. Thou hast subdued Egypt, and destroyed it :
thou hast scattered thine enemies abroad with thy mighty arm.
12. The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine :
thou hast laid the foundation of the round world, and all that therein is.
13. Thou hast made the north and the south :
Tabor and Hermon shall rejoice in thy Name.

14. Thou hast a mighty arm :
strong is thy hand, and high is thy right hand.
15. Righteousness and equity are the habitation of thy seat :
mercy and truth shall go before thy face.
16. Blessed is the people, O Lord, that can rejoice in thee :
they shall walk in the light of thy countenance.
17. Their delight shall be daily in thy Name :
and in thy righteousness shall they make their boast.
18. For thou art the glory of their strength :
and in thy loving-kindness thou shalt lift up our horns.
19. For the Lord is our defence :
the Holy One of Israel is our King.

Tuesday Week C

Psalm 89 (20-30)

20. Thou spakest sometime in visions unto thy saints, and saidst:
I have laid help upon one that is mighty; I have exalted one chosen out of the people.
21. I have found David my servant:
with my holy oil have I anointed him.
22. My hand shall hold him fast:
and my arm shall strengthen him.
23. The enemy shall not be able to do him violence:
the son of wickedness shall not hurt him.
24. I will smite down his foes before his face:
and plague them that hate him.
25. My truth also and my mercy shall be with him:
and in my Name shall his horn be exalted.
26. I will set his dominion also in the sea:
and his right hand in the floods.
27. He shall call me, Thou art my Father:
my God, and my strong salvation.

28. And I will make him my first-born:
higher than the kings of the earth.
29. My mercy will I keep for him for evermore:
and my covenant shall stand fast with him.
30. His seed also will I make to endure for ever:
and his throne as the days of heaven.

Thursday Week C

Psalm 89 (31-36)

31. But if his children forsake my law:
and walk not in my judgements;
32. If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments:
I will visit their offences with the rod, and their sin with scourges.
33. Nevertheless, my loving-kindness will I not utterly take from him:
nor suffer my truth to fail.
34. My covenant I will not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips:
I have sworn once by my holiness, that I will not fail David.
35. His seed shall endure for ever:
and his seat is like as the sun before me.
36. He shall stand fast for evermore as the moon:
and as the faithful witness in heaven.

Friday Week C

Psalm 89 (37-50)

37. But thou hast abhorred and forsaken thine Anointed:
and art displeased at him.
38. Thou hast broken the covenant of thy servant:
and cast his crown to the ground.
39. Thou hast overthrown all his hedges:
and broken down his strong holds.
40. All they that go by spoil him:
and he is become a reproach to his neighbours.

41. Thou hast set up the right hand of his enemies:
and made all his adversaries to rejoice.
42. Thou hast taken away the edge of his sword:
and givest him not victory in the battle.
43. Thou hast put out his glory:
and cast his throne down to the ground.
44. The days of his youth hast thou shortened:
and covered him with dishonour.
45. Lord, how long wilt thou hide thyself, for ever:
and shall thy wrath burn like fire?
46. O remember how short my time is:
wherefore hast thou made all men for nought?
47. What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death:
and shall he deliver his soul from the hand of hell?
48. Lord, where are thy old loving-kindnesses:
which thou swarest unto David in thy truth?
49. Remember, Lord, the rebuke that thy servants have:
and how I do bear in my bosom the rebukes of many people.
50. Wherewith thine enemies have blasphemed thee, and slandered the footsteps
of thine Anointed:
Praised be the Lord for evermore. Amen, and Amen.

Monday Week D

Psalm 108

Paratum cor meum

1. O GOD, my heart is ready, my heart is ready:
I will sing and give praise with the best member that I have.
2. Awake, thou lute, and harp:
I myself will awake right early.
3. I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the people:
I will sing praises unto thee among the nations.

4. For thy mercy is greater than the heavens:
and thy truth reacheth unto the clouds.
5. Set up thyself, O God, above the heavens:
and thy glory above all the earth.
6. That thy beloved may be delivered:
let thy right hand save them, and hear thou me.
7. God hath spoken in his holiness:
I will rejoice therefore, and divide Sichem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.
8. Gilead is mine, and Manasses is mine:
Ephraim also is the strength of my head.
9. Judah is my law-giver, Moab is my wash-pot:
over Edom will I cast out my shoe, upon Philistia will I triumph.
10. Who will lead me into the strong city:
and who will bring me into Edom?
11. Hast not thou forsaken us, O God:
and wilt not thou, O God, go forth with our hosts?
12. O help us against the enemy:
for vain is the help of man.
13. Through God we shall do great acts:
and it is he that shall tread down our enemies.

Tuesday Week D

Psalm 109 (5-19 omitted)

Deus laudem

1. Hold not thy tongue, O God of my praise :
for the mouth of the ungodly, yea, the mouth of the deceitful is opened upon me.
2. And they have spoken against me with false tongues :
they compassed me about also with words of hatred, and fought against me
without a cause.
3. For the love that I had unto them, lo, they take now my contrary part :
but I give myself unto prayer.
4. Thus have they rewarded me evil for good :
and hatred for my good will.

20. But deal thou with me, O Lord God, according unto thy Name :
for sweet is thy mercy.
21. O deliver me, for I am helpless and poor :
and my heart is wounded within me.
22. I go hence like the shadow that departeth :
and am driven away as the grasshopper.
23. My knees are weak through fasting :
my flesh is dried up for want of fatness.
24. I became also a reproach unto them :
they that looked upon me shook their heads.
25. Help me, O Lord my God :
O save me according to thy mercy;
26. And they shall know, how that this is thy hand :
and that thou, Lord, hast done it.
27. Though they curse, yet bless thou :
and let them be confounded that rise up against me; but let thy servant rejoice.
28. Let mine adversaries be clothed with shame :
and let them cover themselves with their own confusion, as with a cloke.
29. As for me, I will give great thanks unto the Lord with my mouth :
and praise him among the multitude;
30. For he shall stand at the right hand of the poor :
to save his soul from unrighteous judges.

Thursday Week D

Psalm 119 (1-16)

Beati immaculati

1. BLESSED are those that are undefiled in the way:
and walk in the law of the Lord.
2. Blessed are they that keep his testimonies:
and seek him with their whole heart.
3. For they who do no wickedness:
walk in his ways.

4. Thou hast charged:
that we shall diligently keep thy commandments.
5. O that my ways were made so direct:
that I might keep thy statutes!
6. So shall I not be confounded:
while I have respect unto all thy commandments.
7. I will thank thee with an unfeigned heart:
when I shall have learned the judgements of thy righteousness.
8. I will keep thy ceremonies:
O forsake me not utterly.

In quo corriget?

9. WHEREWITHAL shall a young man cleanse his way:
even by ruling himself after thy word.
10. With my whole heart have I sought thee:
O let me not go wrong out of thy commandments.
11. Thy words have I hid within my heart:
that I should not sin against thee.
12. Blessed art thou, O Lord:
O teach me thy statutes.
13. With my lips have I been telling:
of all the judgements of thy mouth.
14. I have had as great delight in the way of thy testimonies:
as in all manner of riches.
15. I will talk of thy commandments:
and have respect unto thy ways.
16. My delight shall be in thy statutes:
and I will not forget thy word.

Friday Week D

Psalm 119 (17-32)

Retribuere servo tuo

17. O do well unto thy servant :
that I may live, and keep thy word.
18. Open thou mine eyes :
that I may see the wondrous things of thy law.
19. I am a stranger upon earth :
O hide not thy commandments from me.
20. My soul breaketh out for the very fervent desire :
that it hath always unto thy judgements.
21. Thou hast rebuked the proud :
and cursed are they that do err from thy commandments.
22. O turn from me shame and rebuke :
for I have kept thy testimonies.
23. Princes also did sit and speak against me :
but thy servant is occupied in thy statutes.
24. For thy testimonies are my delight : and my counsellors.
25. My soul cleaveth to the dust :
O quicken thou me, according to thy word.
26. I have acknowledged my ways, and thou heardest me :
O teach me thy statutes.
27. Make me to understand the way of thy commandments :
and so shall I talk of thy wondrous works.
28. My soul melteth away for very heaviness :
comfort thou me according unto thy word.
29. Take from me the way of lying :
and cause thou me to make much of thy law.
30. I have chosen the way of truth :
and thy judgements have I laid before me.
31. I have stuck unto thy testimonies : O Lord, confound me not.
32. I will run the way of thy commandments :
when thou hast set my heart at liberty.



Readings from the Bible – Lent Term 2025

Lectionary compiled by Dame Mary Tanner

Week 2 – Epiphany 1

Monday 13 January

- Old Testament: Isaiah 60. 1-3 and 6 *Isaiah foretells the coming of kings and nations to the Light*
- New Testament: Matthew 2. 1-13 *The Wise Men come to the stable bearing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh*

Tuesday 14 January

- Old Testament: Isaiah 9. 2, 6 and 7 *Isaiah foretells the one called to be a light to the nations who will establish peace and justice*
- New Testament: John 1. 29 – 34 *John the Baptist recognises the man Jesus as the Son of God*

Thursday 16 January, The Epiphany Carol Service

Week 3 – Epiphany 2

We take this week to celebrate with Christians around the world the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity by reflecting on Jesus’ prayer for the unity of his disciples then and our unity now.

Monday 20 January - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

- Old Testament: Galatians 3. 26-28 *St Paul tells the Galatians that all who are baptised are one in Christ*
- New Testament: John 17. 6-11 *Jesus on the night before his death prays for the unity of his disciples who had followed him during his earthly ministry*

Tuesday 21 January - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – 18-25th

- Old Testament: Acts 2. 44 -47 *A picture of the first Christians living together in unity*
- New Testament: John 17. 20 -23 *The unity of Christians today is to be a sign to the world of what is possible for all people*

Thursday 23 January

- Old Testament: Hosea 11: 1 – 4 *The prophet Hosea speaks of God’s love for his people and his care for them*
- New Testament: John 17: 24 – end *Jesus prays that his disciples will be joined in love, the love that he shares with his Father*

Week 4 – Epiphany 3

Monday 27 January – Conversion of St Paul (transferred)

- Old Testament: Jeremiah 1. 4-10 *The calling of the prophet Jeremiah, an example of God’s calling of each person to their individual vocation*
- New Testament: Galatians 1. 11- 16a *St Paul describes to the disciples at Galatia his own conversion on the Road to Damascus*

Tuesday 28 January – No Evensong

Thursday 30 January

- 1 Kings 17: 8-16 *Elijah the prophet provides food for the starving widow and her son*
- John 2: 1-11 *Jesus reveals who he is in his first miracle at the wedding feast in Cana of Galilee where he turns water into wine*

Friday 31 January

- Old Testament: Isaiah 49. 5 and 6 *Isaiah prophesies that the Servant of the Lord will be a light to the nations, that God's salvation may reach to the end of the world*
- New Testament: John 1. 6-13 *As we come to the end of the season of Epiphany we return to the opening chapter of the Gospel of John where John points to Jesus as the true light that enlightens everyone coming into the world*

Week 5 - Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Monday 3 February - The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

- Old Testament: Malachi 3. 1-5 *The prophet foretells the coming of God to the Temple*
- New Testament: Luke 2. 22 - 35 and 40 *We look back to the presentation of Christ as a baby in the Temple and hear Simeon blessing God for the child, Jesus who is to be 'a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of God's people Israel'.*

Tuesday 4 February

- Old Testament: Isaiah 11: 1-3 *The prophet Isaiah speaks of the one who is the future hope of Israel who has the spirit of wisdom and understanding.*
- New Testament: Luke 2: 41-52 *The 12 year old Jesus is found by his parents in the temple in Jerusalem listening and questioning the teachers and growing in wisdom and favour with God.*

Wednesday 5 February - BBC Radio 3 Broadcast

Thursday 6 February - No Evensong

Friday 7 February

- Old Testament: Isaiah 49: 5 and 6 *As we approach the end of the season of Epiphany we remember that Isaiah had foretold the coming of the Servant who would be a light to the nations.*
- New Testament: John 6 1-14 *When Jesus feeds the five thousand the people say - 'This is the prophet who was to come into the world'.*

Week 6 – 4 before Lent

Monday 10 February

- Old Testament: Isaiah 58: 1-9a *Isaiah foretells the kind of life that those who follow their God faithfully must follow: a way of righteousness and caring for the homeless poor.*
- New Testament: Matthew: 5: 13 – 16 *Those who follow Jesus are to let their light shine before people and to be the light of the world following the example of Jesus we saw in Epiphany.*

Tuesday 11 February

- Old Testament: Exodus 19: 1-9a *We remember how Moses seeks the will of God on Mount Sinai.*
- New Testament: Matthew 6: 25 – end *Jesus in his sermon from the Mount gives all those who will follow him a pattern of prayer to follow in the words of the Lord's Prayer.*

Thursday 13 February – No Evensong

Friday 14 February – No Evensong

Half Term

Week 7 - 2 before Lent

Monday 24 February

- Old Testament: Isaiah 29: 17 – 24 *Hope for the future – the deaf shall hear, the blind shall see...*
- New Testament: Mark 8: 22- 26 *Jesus heals the blind man*

Tuesday 25 February – No Evensong

Thursday 27 February – George Herbert, priest, poet, 1633

- Old Testament: Isaiah 11: 1-4 *Isaiah looks to the future*
- New Testament: Mark 8: 11 -21 *Jesus asks his disciples 'Do you not yet understand?'*

Friday 28 February

- Old Testament: Isaiah 42: 1-4 *Isaiah foretells the ministry of the Servant of the Lord.*
- New Testament: Mark 8: 27 – 33 *Jesus asks his disciples – ‘Who do people say that I am?’.*

Week 8 Next before Lent – The week of Ash Wednesday

Monday 3 March

- Old Testament: Isaiah 58: 1-12 *Israel misunderstands why they fast seeking their own pleasure. The fast God desires is to care for the hungry, to give home to the homeless. Then their light will shine.*
- New Testament: John 8: 1-11 *Jesus tells those who would judge others not to be quick to judge; we are all prone to sin.*

Tuesday 4 March

- Old Testament: Joel 2: 1-2, 12- 17 *The prophet Joel tells the people of Israel to turn away from sin.*
- New Testament: Matthew 6:1-6 and 16 -21 *Jesus tells the disciples not to do good works for show or to be praised but to do them in secret. God sees what they do and will reward them.*

Thursday 6 March – Lent

- Old Testament: Isaiah 58:13-14 *The right keeping of the sabbath.*
- New Testament: Matthew 12: 9 – 14 *It is lawful to heal on the sabbath, it is lawful to do good on the sabbath.*

Friday 7 March - Evensong in celebration of International Women’s Day

- Old Testament: Ruth 1: 15 – 18 *Ruth shows love and support for her widowed mother- in- law Naomi.*
- New Testament: John 20: 11- 18 *Mary Magdalene recognises the risen Jesus and is sent to tell the disciples the news of the risen Christ, she becomes the Apostle to the Apostles.*

Week 9 - Lent 1

Monday 10 March

- Old Testament: Isaiah 55 10-11 *Isaiah prophesies that God’s word will prosper.*
- New Testament: Matthew 5: 14 – 16 *Jesus tells his disciples to let their light shine so people may be led to give glory to God.*

Tuesday 11 March

- Old Testament: Ezekiel 18: 21- 28 *Ezekiel describes the just dealing of the Lord with the people of Israel.*
- New Testament: Matthew 5: 20-26 *Jesus speaks to his disciples about the way of reconciliation between those divided from one another.*

Thursday 13 March

- Old Testament: Deuteronomy 26: 16 -end *Israel is to be a holy people to the Lord keeping God's commandments.*
- New Testament: Matthew 5: 43 – end *Jesus tells his disciples to love their enemies and pray for those who persecute them.*

Friday 14 March – No Evensong

Week 10 - Lent 2

Tuesday 18 March – Evensong sung by Temple Consort and Choir of Groton School

- Old Testament: Isaiah 1: 10, 16-20 *The prophet Isaiah tells Israel what being obedient to the Lord requires; to seek justice, and do good.*
- New Testament: Matthew 23: 1-12 *Jesus tells his disciples to practice what the religious leaders tell them but not what they do themselves.*

Thursday 20 March

- Old Testament: Jeremiah 17 – 5-10 *The prophet Jeremiah tells the people that those who trust in the Lord are blessed.*
- New Testament: Matthew 5: 1 – 12 *Jesus begins his Sermon on the Mount by describing to his disciples those who are blessed.*

Friday 21 March – Final Evensong of Term

- Old Testament: Deuteronomy 26: 16 -end *What it means to be a people holy to the Lord.*
- New Testament: Matthew 5: 43 -end *Jesus commends the way of loving enemies and praying for those who persecute you.*

The Organ Voluntaries

This term a number of Rugby School organ students are playing parts of the service of Evensong in Rugby School Chapel and still more will play voluntaries at Evensong. Our Organ Scholar regularly plays for Evensong in Bilton Grange Chapel on Mondays and for Evensong in Rugby School Chapel on Tuesdays.

In the season of Epiphany, we hear the effervescent *moto perpetuo* of *Dubois Fiat Lux* (Let there be light) and the *Leighton Toccata* on 'Hanover', a tune often sung to 'O Worship the King'. At the Epiphany Carol Service *Messiaen's* *Les Mages* from *La Nativité*, shows the long journey that the 'Kings' made with the gentle trudging of camels against a shimmering harmony of the star; the service concludes in a blaze of colour with the end of *Messiaen's* *La Nativité* suite, *Dieu parmi nous* (God among us); the end of this piece is truly awe inspiring!

For the transfer of the Conversion of St Paul on 27 January the service will end with a virtuosic arrangement of the Overture to *Mendelssohn's* oratorio 'St Paul' by *W T Best*. Best was municipal organist at St George's Hall, Liverpool for forty years and clearly had a prodigious pedal technique!

At the conclusion of the BBC Radio 3 broadcast on Wednesday 5 February our organ scholar will play Final Op.7 No. 5 by *Dupré*. This opens with a bold and assertive theme that is developed through a series of virtuosic passages culminating in a triumphant conclusion.

Hymns not found in the Rugby School Hymn Book

1A

1. We sing the glorious conquest
before Damascus gate,
when Saul, the church's spoiler,
came breathing threats and hate;
the ravening wolf rushed forward
full early to the prey;
but lo, the Shepherd met him,
and bound him fast today.
2. O glory most excelling
that smote across his path!
O light that pierced and blinded
the zealot in his wrath,
O voice that spake within him
the calm reproving word,
O love that sought and held him
the bondman of his Lord!
3. O wisdom, ordering all things
in order strong and sweet,
what nobler spoil was ever
cast at the Victor's feet?
What wiser master-builder
e'er wrought at thine employ
than he, till now so furious
your building to destroy?
4. Lord, teach thy church the lesson,
still in her darkest hour
of weakness and of danger
to trust thy hidden power:
thy grace by ways mysterious
the wrath of man can bind,
and in thy boldest foeman
thy chosen saint can find.

Words: John Ellerton (1826-1893)

Tune: 'Ellacombe'

18th century German melody
as included in Mainz Gesangbuch 1833

2A

1. Sing how the age-long promise of a Saviour
Spoken through lips of prophets by the Spirit,
In blessed Mary, Mother of the Christ-child,
Finds its fulfilment.
2. Virgin most pure, and wondrously conceiving,
Bearing incarnate God in awed obedience,
Now she presents him for a spotless offering
Unto his Father.
3. In God's high temple, Simeon the righteous
Takes to his loving arms with holy rapture
That One for whom his longing eyes had waited,
Jesus, Messiah.
4. Where now his Mother next her Son is seated,
In those fair mansions of the heavenly kingdom,
May Christ our Saviour grant to us his servants
Life everlasting.
5. Father eternal, Son, and Holy Spirit
Trinity blessed, Maker and Redeemer,
Giver of life, and Author of salvation,
Thine be the glory. Amen.

Words: Editors of New English Hymnal,
based on the Latin c 9th century

Tune: 'Diva Servatrix' Bayeux Antiphoner 1739 arr. RVW

3A

1. Lord, hear the praises of thy faithful people
Gathered to honour, on this holy feast-day,
Joseph thy servant, guardian of the Christ-child,
Husband of Mary.
2. Second in honour to the Virgin Mother,
Gladly he yielded to his high vocation,
When in a vision he was told the story
Of her conceiving.
3. And when the Saviour, whom prophetic voices
Long had predicted, lay within the manger,
Mother and Infant, by his strong protection,
Rested securely.
4. May his example give to us thy servants
Love of Christ Jesus, bringer of salvation,
That with saint Joseph we at length may praise thee
In life eternal.
5. Almighty Father, unto thee be glory,
With Christ our Saviour and the Holy Spirit,
From all thy people, here and in thy heaven,
Now and for ever. Amen.

Words: Editors of the New English Hymnal

Tune: NEH 190ii 'Coelites Plaudant' (from the Rouen
Antiphoner 1728) Harmony, RVW

The Rugby Choristers at Bilton Grange

The Rugby Choristers at Bilton Grange consists of a choir of girl choristers and a choir of boy choristers who sing separately alongside adult, professional singers and choral scholars in the Chapel at Rugby School as well as singing by themselves in Bilton Grange School Chapel.

Children are able to join the programme in Years 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 remaining until the age of 13 (the end of Year 8).

All choristers attend Bilton Grange Preparatory School, where they receive a discounted education either as day or boarding pupils. Further means tested support can be provided. Choristers receive free tuition on two musical instruments in addition to their singing.

Lay Clerks and Choral Scholars

Evensong at Rugby School is sung by the Rugby Choristers at Bilton Grange together with the Lay Clerks and Choral Scholars of Rugby School. Lay Clerks are members of staff or freelance professional singers, whilst the Choral Scholars are students of Rugby School who may be music scholars and working towards a Choral Scholarship at university.

If you know of a boy or girl in school years 2-7 who loves to sing then you can find out further details of the Rugby Choristers at Bilton Grange via our website: <https://www.rugbyschool.co.uk/co-curricular/chorister-programme/>



We hold a Chorister Experience Day in November where children and their families can visit Bilton Grange to find out more about life as a chorister.

You can find out further details by contacting admissions@biltongrange.co.uk or telephoning 01788 818246.



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