

Rugby Choristers at Bilton Grange

CHAPEL SERVICES AND MUSIC

Rugby School Chapel

Bilton Grange School Chapel

Advent 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 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 door under the cloister in New Quad. 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 and will sing the Requiem by *Maurice Duruflé* on Armistice Day.

The Temple Consort will also sing two Evensongs this term including a service at St Andrew’s Church, Rugby to celebrate the launch of a new charity, The Friends of St Andrew’s Rugby.

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The Readings for Choral Evensong in the Advent Term

It is customary at Choral Evensong to have two Bible readings: the first from the Old Testament and the second from the New Testament. This term we shall hear some of the important events and be introduced to some important figures in the history of Israel, from the Patriarch Abraham to the Fall of the Northern Kingdom in 722 BC, the Fall of the Southern Kingdom in 586 BC, and the Exile in Babylon. At the end of the Advent term we listen to the prophets who told of the coming of a future Messiah. This will prepare us for the school carol services which are such a joyful time as we look forward to the birth of Jesus at Christmas.

The New Testament readings are taken from the Gospel of Mark, the shortest and earliest of the Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. We shall listen to stories about the healing and teaching ministry of Jesus.

There will be some days when the Church celebrates important Feast Days: 15 September, Holy Cross Day; 22 September, St Matthew; 29 September, St Michael and All Angels; 11 November, Armistice Day; 22 November, St Cecilia. We shall keep these Feasts with the rest of the Church and use the special readings set for those days.

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. 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

SEPTEMBER

Week 1

Trinity 11

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 18.00

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 17.30

Monday 1
September

No Evensong

No Evensong

Tuesday 2
September

No Evensong

No Evensong

Thursday 4
September

No Evensong

Friday 5
September

SEPTEMBER

Week 2

Trinity 12

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 18.00

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 17.30

Sunday 7
September

*Arnold Singers, Rugby School
Morning Service*

10:00

Introit: Peace I leave with you
Amy Beach
Hymn: 175, 208, 116
Canticles:
Anthem: I was glad *Parry*
Organ Voluntary: Finale (Sixth
Symphony) *Widor*

Monday 8
September

No Evensong

No Evensong

*Accession of
King Charles
III*

Tuesday 9
September

*Boy Choristers, Lay Clerks &
Choral Scholars*

No Evensong

Responses: *Ebdon*
Psalm: 13 v.1-6
Hymn: 91 Be thou my guardian
Canticles: *Dyson* in F
Anthem: Give us the wings of faith
Bullock
Organ Voluntary: Toccata in B flat
minor *Vierne*

Tuesday 9
September

*Arnold Singers, Rugby School
Compline*

21:15

Nunc dimittis: The Short Service
Gibbons
Anthem: Te lucis ante terminum
Tallis
Salve Regina - Plainchant

SEPTEMBER

Week 2

Trinity 12

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 18.00

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 17.30

Thursday 11
September

*Senior Choristers, Lay Clerks &
Choral Scholars*

Responses: *Ebdon*

Psalm: 14 v.1-11

Hymn: 58 Firmly I believe and
truly

Canticles: *Stanford* in B flat

Anthem: Let all the world *Dyson*

Organ Voluntary: Exultemus
(Seven Sketches) *Whitlock*

Friday 12
September

No Evensong

SEPTEMBER

Week 3

Trinity 13

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 18.00

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 17.30

Sunday 14
September

Arnold Singers, Rugby School
Morning Service

10:30

Introit: O nata lux *Tallis*
Hymns: 152, 131, 179
Anthem: Thou wast O God *Tallis*
Organ Voluntary: Minuet (Suite
Gothique) *Boëllmann*

Monday 15
September

Girl Choristers, Lay Clerks &
Choral Scholars

No Evensong

Holy Cross

Responses: *Clucas*
Psalm: 34 v.15-22
Hymn: 117 Glory to thee, my God
Canticles: *Noble* in B minor
Anthem: View me Lord *Lloyd* (OR)
Organ Voluntary: *Finale Noble*

Tuesday 16
September

Boy Choristers, Lay Clerks &
Choral Scholars

No Evensong

Responses: *Clucas*
Psalm: 47 v.1-9
Hymn: 92 Be thou my vision
Canticles: *Sunsion* in G
Anthem: God be in my head
Nicholson (OR)
Organ Voluntary: *Tu es Petrus Mulet*

Thursday 18
September

Senior Choristers, Lay Clerks & Choral
Scholars

Responses: *Clucas*
Psalm: 48 v.1-13
Hymn: 202 Thy hand, O God
Canticles: *Jackson* in G
Anthem: *Ubi Caritas Gjeilo*
Organ Voluntary: *Impromptu Jackson*

Friday 19
September

No Evensong (Exeat)

SEPTEMBER

Week 4

Trinity 14

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 18.00

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 17.30

Sunday 21
September

No Morning Service (Exeat)

St Matthew

Monday 22
September

*Girl Choristers, Lay Clerks &
Choral Scholars*
Responses: *Sasha Johnson Manning*
Psalm: 60 v.1-12
Hymn: 108 Father, hear the prayer
we offer
Canticles: *Ireland* in F
Anthem: Ave verum corpus *Mozart*
Organ Voluntary: *Alla Marcia*
Ireland

Boy Choristers
Responses: Plainsong
Psalm: 60 v.1-12
Hymn: 108 Father, hear the prayer we
offer
Magnificat: Plainsong - tonus
peregrinus
Nunc dimittis: Plainsong - tone VI
Anthem: Litany to the Holy Spirit
Hurford

Tuesday 23
September

Choral Scholars & Lay Clerks
Responses: *Sasha Johnson Manning*
Psalm: 121 *Walford Davies*
Hymn: 179 Praise my soul
Canticles: *Sunsion* in A
Anthem: Let all the world *Vaughan
Williams*
Organ Voluntary: Grand Choeur
Dialogue *Gigout*

No Evensong (Advent Soloist Evening)

Thursday 25
September

*Senior Choristers, Lay Clerks &
Choral Scholars*
Responses: *Sasha Johnson Manning*
Psalm: 61 v.1-8
Hymn: 101 City of God
Canticles: *Noble* in A minor
Anthem: Rejoice in the Lord
always *Purcell*
Organ Voluntary: Voluntary for
Double Organ Z719 *Purcell*

SEPTEMBER

Week 4

Trinity 14

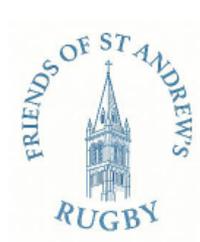
RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 18.00

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 17.30

Friday 26
September

*in St Andrew's
Church, Rugby*

18:00



*Temple Consort and St Andrew's,
Rugby Church Choir*

Introit: I sat down under his
shadow *Bairstow*

Responses: *Sasha Johnson Manning*

Psalm: 139

Hymn: NEH 377 Immortal,
invisible, God only wise

Canticles: *Rubbra* in A flat

Anthem: Beati quorum vir *Stanford*

Organ Voluntary: Sonata

Britannica No.3 in D minor

Hanover - Allegro molto e ritmico
Stanford

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 18.00

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 17.30

**Sunday 28
September**

*Arnold Singers, Rugby School
Morning Service*

10:30

Introit: Exsultate Deo *Scarlatti*
Hymns: 182, 87, 160
Anthem: *Beatus vir Monteverdi*

**Monday 29
September**

*Girl Choristers, Lay Clerks &
Choral Scholars*

*St Michael and
All Angels*

Responses: *Sumsion*
Psalm: 89 v.1-19
Hymn: 210 Ye holy angels bright
Canticles: *Wood in D*
Anthem: Set me as a seal *Walton*
Organ Voluntary: Hymn Prelude
on Darwell's 148th *Whitlock*

Boy Choristers

Responses: Plainsong
Psalm: 89 v.1-19
Hymn: 210 Ye holy angels bright
Magnificat: Plainsong - tonus
peregrinus
Nunc dimittis: Plainsong - tone VI
Anthem: God of mercy, God of grace
Rose

**Tuesday 30
September**

*Boy Choristers, Lay Clerks &
Choral Scholars*

Responses: *Sumsion*
Psalm: 126 v.1-7
Hymn: 62 Thou, whose almighty
word
Canticles: Third Service (ATB)
Philip Moore
Anthem: O for a closer walk
Stanford
Organ Voluntary: Carillon Sortie
Mulet

Girl Choristers

Responses: Plainsong
Psalm: 126 v.1-7
Hymn: 62 Thou, whose almighty
word
Magnificat: Plainsong - tone V
Nunc dimittis: Plainsong - tone II
Anthem: Light of the World
Dankworth

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 18.00

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 17.30

Thursday 2
October

*Senior Choristers, Lay Clerks &
Choral Scholars*
Responses: *Sumsion*
Psalm: 136 v.1-27
Hymn: 181 Praise to the holiest
Canticles: Merton Service *Ešenvalds*
Anthem: Evening Hymn *Balfour
Gardiner*
Organ Voluntary: Paean *Howells*

Friday 3
October

*Junior Choristers, Lay Clerks &
Choral Scholars*
Responses: *Sumsion*
Psalm: 23 v.1-8
Hymn: 149 Lead us, heavenly
Father, lead us
Canticles: *West* in C (ATB)
Anthem: If ye love me *Tallis*
Organ Voluntary: A Fancy in C
Gibbons

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 18.00

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 17.30

**Sunday 5
October**

*Arnold Singers, Rugby School
Morning Service*

10:30

Introit: O salutaris hostia *Ešenvalds*
Hymns: 108, 58, 172
Anthem: Jubilate Deo in C *Britten*

**Monday 6
October**

*Girl Choristers, Lay Clerks &
Choral Scholars*

Responses: *Rose*
Psalm: 128 v.1-7
Hymn: 96 Christ is our cornerstone
Canticles: Second Service *Byrd*
Anthem: Ave verum corpus *Byrd*
Organ Voluntary: Fantasia in C
Byrd

Boy Choristers

Responses: Plainsong
Psalm: 128 v.1-7
Hymn: 96 Christ is our cornerstone
Magnificat: Plainsong - tonus
peregrinus
Nunc dimittis: Plainsong - tone VI
Anthem: The Call *Vaughan Williams*

**Tuesday 7
October**

*Boy Choristers, Lay Clerks & Choral
Scholars*

Responses: *Rose*
Psalm: 130 v.1-8
Hymn: CP 135 A brighter day is
dawning
Canticles: *Sumsion* in A
Anthem: Jesu, the very thought of
thee *Bairstow*
Organ Voluntary: Fantasia in G
Parry

Girl Choristers

Introit:
Responses: Plainsong
Psalm: 130 v.1-8
Hymn: CP 135 A brighter day is
dawning
Magnificat: Plainsong - tone V
Nunc dimittis: Plainsong - tone II
Anthem: Thou Visitest the Earth
Greene

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 18.00

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 17.30

Thursday 9
October

*Senior Choristers, Lay Clerks &
Choral Scholars*

Responses: *Rose*

Psalm: 108 v.1-13

Hymn: 199 Thine arm, O Lord

Canticles: Collegium Regale

Howells

Anthem: Lift thine eyes & He
watching over Israel (Elijah)

Mendelssohn

Organ Voluntary: Master Tallis's

Testament *Howells*

Friday 10
October

*Junior Choristers, Lay Clerks &
Choral Scholars*

Responses: *Rose*

Psalm: 33 v.1-6

Hymn: 87 Angel voices ever
singing

Canticles: Fauxbourdons *Sharpe*

Anthem: Lead me Lord *SS Wesley*

Organ Voluntary: Larghetto in F
sharp minor *SS Wesley*

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 18.00

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 17.30

**Sunday 12
October**

Arnold Singers, Rugby School
Evening Service

18:00

Introit: In pace *Blitheman*
Hymns: 91, 167, 189
Anthem: Sleep *Whitacre*

**Monday 13
October**

Girl Choristers, Lay Clerks &
Choral Scholars

Responses: *Sanders*
Psalm: 34 v.15-22
Hymn: 130 How sweet the name of
Jesus sounds
Canticles: Fifth Service *Tomkins*
Anthem: Christe adoramus te
Monteverdi
Organ Voluntary: Concerto in A
minor BWV 593.i *Vivaldi/Bach*

Boy Choristers

Responses: Plainsong
Psalm: 34 v.15-22
Hymn: 130 How sweet the name of
Jesus sounds
Magnificat: Plainsong - tonus
peregrinus
Nunc dimittis: Plainsong - tone VI
Anthem: Lord of the Dance *arr. Owens*

**Tuesday 14
October**

Boy Choristers, Lay Clerks &
Choral Scholars

Responses: *Sanders*
Psalm: 47 v.1-9
Hymn: 140 Jesu, lover of my soul
Canticles: Fourth Service *Batten*
Anthem: Out of the deep *Morley*
Organ Voluntary: Trio Sonata no.5
BWV 529i *Bach*

Girl Choristers

Responses: Plainsong
Psalm: 47 v.1-9
Hymn: 140 Jesu, lover of my soul
Magnificat: Plainsong - tone V
Nunc dimittis: Plainsong - tone II
Anthem: Palms of Glory *Rose*

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 18.00

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 17.30

Thursday 16
October

*Choral Outreach Celebration
Concert
in the TSR
Senior Choristers*

14:30



18:00

*Senior Choristers, Lay Clerks &
Choral Scholars*
Responses: *Sanders*
Psalm: 48 v.1-13
Hymn: 123 God of mercy, God of
grace
Canticles: *Murrill* in E
Anthem: The lord hath been
mindful *SS Wesley*
Organ Voluntary: Choral Song *SS
Wesley*

Friday 17
October

No Evensong (Half Term)

Half Term

NOVEMBER

Week 8

4 before Advent

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 18.00

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 17.30

Sunday 2
November

No Morning Service (Half Term)

Monday 3
November

*Girl Choristers, Lay Clerks &
Choral Scholars*
Responses: *Sanders*
Psalm: 60 v.1-12
Hymn: 64 Let saints on earth in
concert sing
Canticles: *Harwood* in A flat
Anthem: *Dies irae* (Requiem K 626)
Mozart
Organ Voluntary: *Prelude* (Suite
op.5) *Durufié*

Boy Choristers
Responses: Plainsong
Psalm: 60 v.1-12
Hymn: 64 Let saints on earth in
concert sing
Magnificat: Plainsong - tonus
peregrinus
Nunc dimittis: Plainsong - tone VI
Anthem: *God be in my head* *Rose*

Tuesday 4
November

*Boy Choristers, Lay Clerks &
Choral Scholars*
Responses: *Sanders*
Psalm: 61 v.1-8
Hymn: 95 Christ is made the sure
Foundation
Canticles: *Darke* in F
Anthem: *Lord, for thy tender
mercy's sake* *Farrant*
Organ Voluntary: *Sicilienne* (Suite
op.5) *Durufié*

Girl Choristers
Responses: Plainsong
Psalm: 61 v.1-8
Hymn: 95 Christ is made the sure
Foundation
Magnificat: Plainsong - tone V
Nunc dimittis: Plainsong - tone II
Anthem: *Spirit of God* *arr. Rose*

NOVEMBER

Week 8

4 before Advent

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 18.00

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 17.30

Thursday 6
November

No Evensong (Advent Soirée)

*William
Temple,
Archbishop of
Canterbury
and Head
Master of
Rugby School*

Friday 7
November

No Evensong

19:15



Concerto Concert

*Boy and Girl Choristers, Lay Clerks &
Temple Consort*

Tilly Budd (G) DB (Horn)

Alyssa Barnett (S) DB (Trumpet)

Joshua Clarke (SH) LXX (Marimba)

Toby Davies (T) XX (Voice)

Sophie Averill (St) XX (Flute)

Winfred Yeung (Sh) XX (Violin)

Thatcher Lai (SF) LXX (Violin)

Sanctus, Libera me, In Paradisum
(Requiem) *Fauré*

Morceau de Concert for Horn

Saint-Saëns

Trumpet Concerto (Allegro con
spirito) *Hummel*

Marimba Concerto (Lamento) *Ney
Rosau*

Non Più Andrai (Le nozze di
Figaro) *Mozart*

Flute Concerto no. 2 in D major
(Adagio) *Devienne*

Violin Concerto (Allegro molto
appassionato) *Mendelssohn*

Violin Concerto (Allegro
moderato) *Bruch*

NOVEMBER

Week 9

3 before Advent (Remembrance)

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 18.00

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 17.30

Sunday 9
November

Service of Remembrance
Rugby School Choir

Remembrance
Sunday

Hymns: 170, 228, 225, 242
Anthems: Greater Love Ireland
Libera me Domine *Fauré*
Old Hundredth *Vaughan Williams*
For the fallen *Guest*
Organ Voluntary: Nimrod (Enigma
Variations) *Elgar*

10:15

Monday 10
November

Girl Choristers, Lay Clerks &
Choral Scholars
Responses: *Rose*
Psalm: 128 v.1-7
Hymn: 107 Eternal Father, strong
to save
Canticles: *Denis Browne* (OR) in A
Anthem: Ave verum *Ives*
Organ Voluntary: Choral Fantasia
'O God our help' *Parry*

Boy Choristers

Responses: Plainsong
Psalm: 128 v.1-7
Hymn: 107 Eternal Father, strong to
save
Magnificat: Plainsong - tonus
peregrinus
Nunc dimittis: Plainsong - tone VI
Anthem: Ave Verum *Elgar* (arr. *Field*)

Tuesday 11
November

Boy Choristers, Lay Clerks & Choral
Scholars
Responses: *Rose*
Psalm: 130 v.1-8
Hymn: 78 Abide with me
Canticles: Cherubini Service *Wicks*
Anthem: Save us, O Lord *Bairstow*
Organ Voluntary: Nimrod (Enigma
Variations) *Elgar*

Girl Choristers

Responses: Plainsong
Psalm: 130 v.1-8
Hymn: 78 Abide with me
Magnificat: Plainsong - tone V
Nunc dimittis: Plainsong - tone II
Anthem: Anthem for Remembrance
Sandy

21:00

Requiem for Remembrance
Arnold Singers, Rugby School
Requiem Duruflé

NOVEMBER

Week 9

3 before Advent (Remembrance)

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 18.00

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 17.30

Thursday 13
November

*Senior Choristers, Lay Clerks &
Choral Scholars*

Responses: *Rose*

Psalm: 108 v.1-13

Hymn: 194 The day thou gavest

Magnificat: Primi Toni *Soriano*

Nunc dimittis: Tone III à4

Palestrina

Anthem: For he shall give his
angels charge over thee (Elijah)

Mendelssohn

Organ Voluntary: Solemn Prelude

Elgar

Friday 14
November

Come and Sing Evensong

*Boy and Girl Choristers, Lay Clerks &
Choral Scholars*

Responses: *Rose*

Psalm: Psalm 150 *Stanford*

Hymn: 127 Guide me, O thou great
Jehovah

Canticles: *Stanford* in C

Anthem: I was glad *Parry*

Organ Voluntary: Toccata (Fifth
Symphony) *Widor*

NOVEMBER

Week 10

2 before Advent

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 18.00

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 17.30

**Sunday 16
November**

Arnold Singers, Rugby School
Morning Service

10:30

Introit: Bring us, O Lord God
Harris
Hymn: 146, 120, 131
Anthem: Geistliches Lied *Brahms*

17:00

Chorister Experience Day
All Choristers, Lay Clerks &
Choral Scholars

Responses: Plainsong
Psalm: 33
Hymn: 92 Be thou my vision, 105
Dear Lord and Father of mankind
Magnificat: Song of Mary *Richard*
Shephard
Nunc dimittis: *Stanford* in B flat
Anthem: The Lord is my shepherd
Howard Goodall
Organ Voluntary: Tuba Tune
Cocker

**Monday 17
November**

Girl Choristers, Lay Clerks &
Choral Scholars

Responses: *Clucas*
Psalm: 89 v.1-19
Hymn: 85 And can it be that I
should gain
Canticles: King's College Service
Forbes L'Estrange
Anthem: Let all the world *Vaughan*
Williams
Organ Voluntary: Prelude in G
BWV 541i *Bach*

Boy Choristers

Responses: Plainsong
Psalm: 89 v.1-19
Hymn: 85 And can it be that I should
gain
Magnificat: Plainsong - tonus
peregrinus
Nunc dimittis: Plainsong - tone VI
Anthem: Lord of All Hopefulness *arr.*
Bullard

NOVEMBER Week 10 2 before Advent

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 18.00

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 17.30

**Tuesday 18
November**

No Evensong (An Evening with G&S) No Evensong

**Thursday 20
November**

*Senior Choristers, Lay Clerks &
Choral Scholars*
Responses: *Clucas*
Psalm: 136 v.1-27
Hymn: 56 O Holy Spirit, Lord of
Grace
Canticles: *Humfrey* in E minor
Anthem: O Lord, give thy Holy
Spirit *Tallis*
Organ Voluntary: Prelude in E flat
Harris

**Friday 21
November**

Temple Consort, Rugby School
Responses: *Clucas*
Psalm: Psalm 149
Hymn: HGSP 203 When in our
music God is glorified
Canticles: *Stanford* in G
Anthem: Hymn to St Cecilia *Britten*
Organ Voluntary: Psalm Prelude
Set 2 No 3 *Howells*

NOVEMBER

Week 11

Christ the King

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 18.00

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 17.30

Sunday 23
November

No Morning Service (Exeat)

Monday 24
November

No Evensong (RS Exeat)

No Evensong

Tuesday 25
November

*Boy Choristers, Lay Clerks &
Choral Scholars*
Responses: *Clucas*
Psalm: 14 v.1-11
Hymn: 109 Father in heaven who
lovest all
Canticles: *Dyson* in F
Anthem: Thy word is a lantern
unto my feet *Purcell*

Girl Choristers
Responses: Plainsong
Psalm: 14 v.1-11
Hymn: 109 Father in heaven who
lovest all
Magnificat: Plainsong - tone V
Nunc dimittis: Plainsong - tone II
Anthem: Come thou redeemer of the
earth *arr.Rose*

Tuesday 25
November
21:15

*Arnold Singers, Rugby School
Compline*
Nunc dimittis: The Short Service
Gibbons
Anthem: Te lucis ante terminum
Tallis
Salve Regina - Plainchant

NOVEMBER

Week 11

Christ the King

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 18.00

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 17.30

Thursday 27
November

*Senior Choristers, Lay Clerks &
Choral Scholars*

Responses: *Clucas*

Psalm: 34 v.15-22

Hymn: 196 The God of love my
Shepherd is

Canticles: *Jackson* in G

Anthem: O taste and see *Vaughan
Williams*

Organ Voluntary: Toccata (Suite
op.5) *Durufié*

Friday 28
November

*Junior Choristers, Lay Clerks &
Choral Scholars*

Responses: *Clucas*

Psalm: 13 v.1-6

Hymn: 105 Dear Lord and Father
of mankind

Magnificat: Song of Mary *Richard
Shephard*

Nunc dimittis: *Sumsion* in G (ATB)

Anthem: God be in my head
Walford Davies

Organ Voluntary: Le monde dans
l'attente du Sauveur (Symphonie-
Passion) *Dupré*

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

Sunday 30
November
Advent Sunday
18:00
Arnold Singers, Rugby School
Evening Service

 Introit: Drop down, ye heavens,
 from above *Judith Weir*

Hymns: 1, 6, 5

 Anthem: Canite tuba *Palestrina*

Monday 1
December
in St Andrew's
Church, Rugby

18:00
Senior Choristers, Lay Clerks &
Choral Scholars
St Andrew's Church Rugby
Patronal Festival Evensong

 Responses: *Clucas*

Psalm: 23 v.1-8

 Hymn: NEH 478 Ye watchers and
 ye holy ones

 Canticles: *Denis Browne* (OR) in A

 Anthem: O for a closer walk with
 God *Stanford*

 Hymn: NEH 200 Jesus calls us o'er
 the tumult

 Organ Voluntary: Toccata on Veni
 Emmanuel *Carter*

No Evensong
Tuesday 2
December
Senior Choristers, Lay Clerks &
Choral Scholars
Advent Carol Service
No Evensong

Wednesday 3
December
18:30
Carol Service for Old Rugbeians
All Saints, Margaret Street, London
Temple Consort, Rugby School


Thursday 4
and Friday 5
December

No Evensong

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 18.00

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 17.30

**Sunday 7
December**

No Choir, Hymns only
Morning Service
Hymns: 17, 16, 11

10:30

18:30

Carol Service for Visitors
Rugby School Choir

**Monday 8
December**

No Evensong

No Evensong

**Tuesday 9
December**

No Evensong

No Evensong

19:30

School Carol Service
Rugby School Choir

**Thursday 11
December**

Bilton Grange Carol Service
All Choristers, Lay Clerks
Bilton Grange Choirs

14:30

THE PSALMS

appointed for the Advent Term 2025

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.

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.

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.

Psalm 33

Exultate, justi

1. REJOICE in the Lord, O ye righteous:
for it becometh well the just to be thankful.
2. Praise the Lord with harp:
sing praises unto him with the lute, and instrument of ten strings.
3. Sing unto the Lord a new song:
sing praises lustily unto him with a good courage.
4. For the word of the Lord is true:
and all his works are faithful.
5. He loveth righteousness and judgement:
the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

6. By the word of the Lord were the heavens made:
and all the hosts of them by the breath of his mouth.
7. He gathereth the waters of the sea together, as it were upon an heap:
and layeth up the deep, as in a treasure-house.
8. Let all the earth fear the Lord:
stand in awe of him, all ye that dwell in the world.
9. For he spake, and it was done:
he commanded, and it stood fast.
10. The Lord bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought:
and maketh the devices of the people to be of none effect,
and casteth out the counsels of princes.
11. The counsel of the Lord shall endure for ever:
and the thoughts of his heart from generation to generation.
12. Blessed are the people, whose God is the Lord Jehovah:
and blessed are the folk, that he hath chosen to him to be his inheritance.
13. The Lord looked down from heaven, and beheld all the children of men:
from the habitation of his dwelling
he considereth all them that dwell on the earth.
14. He fashioneth all the hearts of them:
and understandeth all their works.
15. There is no king that can be saved by the multitude of an host:
neither is any mighty man delivered by much strength.
16. A horse is counted but a vain thing to save a man:
neither shall he deliver any man by his great strength.
17. Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him:
and upon them that put their trust in his mercy;
18. To deliver their soul from death:
and to feed them in the time of dearth.
19. Our soul hath patiently tarried for the Lord:
for he is our help and our shield.
20. For our heart shall rejoice in him:
because we have hoped in his holy Name.
21. Let thy merciful kindness, O Lord, be upon us:
like as we do put our trust in thee.

Psalm 34 (v.15-22)

Benedicam Domino

15. The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous:
and his ears are open unto their prayers.
16. The countenance of the Lord is against them that do evil:
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.
17. The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth them:
and delivereth them out of all their troubles.
18. The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart:
and will save such as be of an humble spirit.
19. Great are the troubles of the righteous:
but the Lord delivereth him out of all.
20. He keepeth all his bones:
so that not one of them is broken.
21. But misfortune shall slay the ungodly:
and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.
22. The Lord delivereth the souls of his servants:
and all they that put their trust in him shall not be destitute.

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. O sing praises, sing praises unto our God:
O sing praises, sing praises unto our King.
7. For God is the King of all the earth:
sing ye praises with understanding.
8. God reigneth over the heathen:
God sitteth upon his holy seat.
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.

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.

Psalm 60

Deus, repulisti nos

1. O God, thou hast cast us out, and scattered us abroad :
thou hast also been displeased; O turn thee unto us again.
2. Thou hast moved the land, and divided it :
heal the sores thereof, for it shaketh.
3. Thou hast shewed thy people heavy things :
thou hast given us a drink of deadly wine.
4. Thou hast given a token for such as fear thee :
that they may triumph because of the truth.
5. Therefore were thy beloved delivered :
help me with thy right hand, and hear me.
6. God hath spoken in his holiness, I will rejoice and divide Sichem :
and mete out the valley of Succoth.
7. Gilead is mine, and Manasses is mine :
Ephraim also is the strength of my head; Judah is my law-giver;
8. Moab is my wash-pot; over Edom will I cast out my shoe :
Philistia, be thou glad of me.
9. Who will lead me into the strong city :
who will bring me into Edom?
10. Hast not thou cast us out, O God :
wilt not thou, O God, go out with our hosts?
11. O be thou our help in trouble : for vain is the help of man.
12. Through God will we do great acts :
for it is he that shall tread down our enemies.

Psalm 61

Exaudi, Deus

1. Hear my crying, O God :
give ear unto my prayer.
2. From the ends of the earth will I call upon thee :
when my heart is in heaviness.
3. O set me up upon the rock that is higher than I :
for thou hast been my hope, and a strong tower for me against the enemy.
4. I will dwell in thy tabernacle for ever :
and my trust shall be under the covering of thy wings.
5. For thou, O Lord, hast heard my desires :
and hast given an heritage unto those that fear thy Name.
6. Thou shalt grant the King a long life :
that his years may endure throughout all generations.
7. He shall dwell before God for ever :
O prepare thy loving mercy and faithfulness, that they may preserve him.
8. So will I always sing praise unto thy Name :
that I may daily perform my vows.

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.

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.

Psalm 121

Levavi oculus

1. I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills :
from whence cometh my help.
2. My help cometh even from the Lord :
who hath made heaven and earth.
3. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved :
and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.
4. Behold, he that keepeth Israel :
shall neither slumber nor sleep.
5. The Lord himself is thy keeper :
the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;
6. So that the sun shall not burn thee by day :
neither the moon by night.
7. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil :
yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.
8. The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in :
from this time forth for evermore.

Psalm 126

In convertendo

1. WHEN the Lord turned again the captivity of Sion:
then were we like unto them that dream.
2. Then was our mouth filled with laughter:
and our tongue with joy.
3. Then said they among the heathen:
The Lord hath done great things for them.
4. Yea, the Lord hath done great things for us already:
whereof we rejoice.
5. Turn our captivity, O Lord:
as the rivers in the south.

6. They that sow in tears:
shall reap in joy.
7. He that now goeth on his way weeping, and beareth forth good seed:
shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring his sheaves with him.

Psalm 128

Beati omnes

1. BLESSED are all they that fear the Lord:
and walk in his ways.
2. For thou shalt eat the labours of thine hands:
O well is thee, and happy shalt thou be.
3. Thy wife shall be as the fruitful vine:
upon the walls of thine house.
4. Thy children like the olive-branches:
round about thy table.
5. Lo, thus shall the man be blessed:
that feareth the Lord.
6. The Lord from out of Sion shall so bless thee:
that thou shalt see Jerusalem in prosperity all thy life long.
7. Yea, that thou shalt see thy children's children:
and peace upon Israel.

Psalm 130

De profundis

1. 1. Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord :
Lord, hear my voice.
2. 2. O let thine ears consider well :
the voice of my complaint.
3. 3. If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss :
O Lord, who may abide it?
4. 4. For there is mercy with thee :
therefore shalt thou be feared.

5. I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him :
in his word is my trust.
6. My soul fleeth unto the Lord :
before the morning watch, I say, before the morning watch.
7. O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy :
and with him is plenteous redemption.
8. And he shall redeem Israel :
from all his sins.

Psalm 136

Confitemini

1. O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious :
and his mercy endureth for ever.
2. O give thanks unto the God of all gods :
for his mercy endureth for ever.
3. O thank the Lord of all lords :
for his mercy endureth for ever.
4. Who only doeth great wonders :
for his mercy endureth for ever.
5. Who by his excellent wisdom made the heavens :
for his mercy endureth for ever.
6. Who laid out the earth above the waters :
for his mercy endureth for ever.
7. Who hath made great lights :
for his mercy endureth for ever;
8. The sun to rule the day :
for his mercy endureth for ever;
9. The moon and the stars to govern the night :
for his mercy endureth for ever.
10. Who smote Egypt with their first-born :
for his mercy endureth for ever;

11. And brought out Israel from among them :
for his mercy endureth for ever;
12. With a mighty hand, and stretched out arm :
for his mercy endureth for ever.
13. Who divided the Red sea in two parts :
for his mercy endureth for ever;
14. And made Israel to go through the midst of it :
for his mercy endureth for ever.
15. But as for Pharaoh and his host, he overthrew them in the Red sea :
for his mercy endureth for ever.
16. Who led his people through the wilderness :
for his mercy endureth for ever.
17. Who smote great kings :
for his mercy endureth for ever;
18. Yea, and slew mighty kings :
for his mercy endureth for ever;
19. Sehon king of the Amorites :
for his mercy endureth for ever;
20. And Og the king of Basan :
for his mercy endureth for ever;
21. And gave away their land for an heritage :
for his mercy endureth for ever;
22. Even for an heritage unto Israel his servant :
for his mercy endureth for ever.
23. Who remembered us when we were in trouble :
for his mercy endureth for ever;
24. And hath delivered us from our enemies :
for his mercy endureth for ever.
25. Who giveth food to all flesh :
for his mercy endureth for ever.

26. O give thanks unto the God of heaven :
for his mercy endureth for ever.
27. O give thanks unto the Lord of lords :
for his mercy endureth for ever.

Psalm 139

Domine, probasti

1. O LORD, thou hast searched me out and known me :
thou knowest my down-sitting and mine up-rising,
thou understandest my thoughts long before.
2. Thou art about my path, and about my bed :
and spiest out all my ways.
3. For lo, there is not a word in my tongue :
but thou, O Lord, knowest it altogether.
4. Thou hast fashioned me behind and before :
and laid thine hand upon me.
5. Such knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me :
I cannot attain unto it.
6. Whither shall I go then from thy Spirit :
or whither shall I go then from thy presence?
7. If I climb up into heaven, thou art there :
if I go down to hell, thou art there also.
8. If I take the wings of the morning :
and remain in the uttermost parts of the sea;
9. Even there also shall thy hand lead me :
and thy right hand shall hold me.
10. If I say, Peradventure the darkness shall cover me :
then shall my night be turned to day.
11. Yea, the darkness is no darkness with thee,
but the night is as clear as the day :
the darkness and light to thee are both alike.

12. For my reins are thine :
thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.
13. I will give thanks unto thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made :
marvellous are thy works, and that my soul knoweth right well.
14. My bones are not hid from thee :
though I be made secretly, and fashioned beneath in the earth.
15. Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being imperfect :
and in thy book were all my members written;
16. Which day by day were fashioned :
when as yet there was none of them.
17. How dear are thy counsels unto me, O God :
O how great is the sum of them!
18. If I tell them, they are more in number than the sand :
when I wake up I am present with thee.
19. Wilt thou not slay the wicked, O God :
depart from me, ye blood-thirsty men.
20. For they speak unrighteously against thee :
and thine enemies take thy Name in vain.
21. Do not I hate them, O Lord, that hate thee :
and am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee?
22. Yea, I hate them right sore :
even as though they were mine enemies.
23. Try me, O God, and seek the ground of my heart :
prove me, and examine my thoughts.
24. Look well if there be any way of wickedness in me :
and lead me in the way everlasting.

Psalm 149

Cantate Domino

1. O SING unto the Lord a new song:
let the congregation of saints praise him.

2. Let Israel rejoice in him that made him:
and let the children of Sion be joyful in their King.
3. Let them praise his Name in the dance:
let them sing praises unto him with tabret and harp.
4. For the Lord hath pleasure in his people:
and helpeth the meek-hearted.
5. Let the saints be joyful with glory:
let them rejoice in their beds.
6. Let the praises of God be in their mouth:
and a two-edged sword in their hands;
7. To be avenged of the heathen:
and to rebuke the people;
8. To bind their kings in chains:
and their nobles with links of iron.
9. That they may be avenged of them, as it is written:
Such honour have all his saints.

Psalm 150

Laudate Dominum

1. O praise God in his holiness :
praise him in the firmament of his power.
2. Praise him in his noble acts :
praise him according to his excellent greatness.
3. Praise him in the sound of the trumpet :
praise him upon the lute and harp.
4. Praise him in the cymbals and dances :
praise him upon the strings and pipe.
5. Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals :
praise him upon the loud cymbals.
6. Let every thing that hath breath :
praise the Lord.

Readings from the Bible – Advent Term 2025

Week 2 – Trinity 12

Tuesday 9 September

- Old Testament: Genesis 11.1-8 *Humanity creates a tower to the heavens and God scatters them.*
- New Testament: Mark 1.1-8 *John heralds the arrival of Jesus.*

Thursday 11 September

- Old Testament: Genesis 12.1-9 *God calls Abram and promises to make him the father of a great nation.*
- New Testament: Mark 1.9-13 *The baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan.*

Friday 12 September – No Evensong

Week 3 – Trinity 13

Monday 15 September – Holy Cross

- Old Testament: Isaiah 52. 13-15 *Isaiah describes the Servant who will be exalted and lifted up.*
- New Testament: John 3. 13 -17 *St John describes the Son of Man who will be lifted up.*

Tuesday 16 September

- Old Testament: Genesis 37. 1-4 and 23 – 28 *Joseph, a bright 17- year- old young man, the son of Jacob, is sold into Egypt by his brothers who are jealous of him.*
- New Testament: Mark 1. 21 – 28 *Jesus begins his teaching and healing ministry. He teaches in the synagogue at Capernaum and heals a man with an unclean spirit.*

Thursday 18 September

- Old Testament: Genesis 47. 1 – 12 *Joseph prospers in Egypt and comes to the attention of the Pharaoh. He brings Jacob his father and his brothers to join him.*
- New Testament: Mark 1.29 -39 *Jesus continues to heal the sick and attracts the attention of the crowds.*

Friday 19 September – No Evensong (Exeat)

Week 4 – Trinity 14

Monday 22 September - St Matthew Apostle and Evangelist

- Old Testament: Proverbs 3. 13-18 *The gift of wisdom.*
- New Testament: Matthew 9. 9-13 *Jesus calls Matthew the tax gatherer to follow him.*

Tuesday 23 September – No Evensong

Thursday 25 September

- Old Testament: Exodus 3. 1- 12 *God appears to Moses in the burning bush. God has seen the suffering of his people in Egypt.*
- New Testament: Mark 2. 23–26 *The disciples pluck corn on the sabbath which leads to the Pharisees trying to entrap Jesus on the keeping of the sabbath day.*

Friday 26 September – Joint Evensong with Temple Consort at St Andrew's, Rugby

- Old Testament: 1 Kings 6.1, 11-28
- New Testament: Acts 15: 22-35

Week 5 – Trinity 15

Monday 29 September – St Michael and All Angels

- Old Testament: Genesis 28. 10–17 *Jacob dreams of angels ascending and descending on a ladder to and from heaven.*
- New Testament: John 1. 47–51 *Jesus says to Nathanael that he will see angels ascending and descending to heaven.*

Tuesday 30 September

- Old Testament: Exodus 3. 13–22 *God reveals to Moses his name and his intention to lead the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt and the role for Moses in God's plan.*
- New Testament: Mark 3. 7–19 *The crowds follow Jesus to see his healing. Jesus appoints 12 disciples.*

Thursday 2 October

- Old Testament: Exodus 15. 1-12 *Moses leads Israel out of Egypt across the Red Sea and they sing a song to the Lord in thanksgiving for their deliverance.*
- New Testament: Mark 4. 1-20 *Jesus teaches in parables. The parable of the Sower.*

Friday 3 October

- Old Testament: Exodus 20. 1-16 *Moses receives the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai.*
- New Testament: Mark 4. 26-34 *Jesus teaches in more parables about the kingdom of God.*

Week 6 – Trinity 16

Monday 6 October

- Old Testament: Deuteronomy 34. 1-12 *Moses sees the Land God has promised from Mount Nebo but does not cross into the Promised Land.*
- New Testament: Mark 5. 21–34 *Jesus continues to heal the sick and greater and greater crowds of people come to see him.*

Tuesday 7 October

- Old Testament: Joshua 1. 1-9 *Joshua is the one who leads the people into the Promised Land.*
- New Testament: Mark 5. 35-end *Jesus heals the daughter of the ruler of the Synagogue, Jairus.*

Thursday 9 October

- Old Testament: 1 Samuel 3. 1-10 and 19-21 *The call of Samuel to be a prophet of the Lord.*
- New Testament: Mark 6. 6b-13 *Jesus continues to teach and sends out the twelve disciples to carry on his teaching and healing ministry.*

Friday 10 October

- Old Testament: 1 Samuel 8. 4-9 and 19-22a *The elders of Israel ask Samuel to appoint a king over them like the kings of other nations.*
- New Testament: Mark 6. 30-44 *The feeding of the five thousand.*

Week 7 - Trinity 17

Monday 13 October

- Old Testament: 1 Samuel 15. 10 and 11, and 16. 1 and 6-13 *Saul, Israel's first king, transgresses the commandments of the Lord and Samuel anoints the young shepherd boy, David, as king.*
- New Testament: Mark 6. 45-end *Jesus comes to his disciples walking on the water and stills the storm.*

Tuesday 14 October

- Old Testament: 2 Samuel 5. 1-5 *The elders of Israel make a covenant with David recognising him as prince over all Israel.*
- New Testament: Mark 7. 1-13 *The Pharisees question the way Jesus' disciples observe the sabbath day and Jesus reflects on sabbath day observance.*

Thursday 16 October

- Old Testament: 2 Samuel 5. 6-10 *David captures Jerusalem/Zion, the City of David.*
- New Testament: Mark 7. 14-23 *Jesus continues to teach his disciples.*

Friday 17 October - No Evensong (Half Term)

Week 8 – 4 before Advent

Monday 3 November

- Old Testament: Samuel 6. 12-19 *David brings the ark to Jerusalem with much rejoicing.*
- New Testament: Mark 7. 24–30 *Jesus continues his healing ministry and heals the Syro-Phoenician woman.*

Tuesday 4 November

- Old Testament: 1 Kings 2. 1-4 and 10–12 *David's last words to his son Solomon who takes over the kingship of Israel.*
- New Testament: Mark 7. 31–end *Jesus heals the one who is deaf and has a speech impediment.*

Thursday 6 November – No Evensong

Friday 7 November – No Evensong

Week 9 – 3 before Advent

Monday 10 November

- Old Testament: 2 Kings 17. 21–23 *The inhabitants of the Northern Kingdom of Israel are taken to Assyria in 722 BC.*
- New Testament: Mark 8. 34–38 *Jesus tells his disciples the cost of following him.*

Tuesday 11 November– Armistice Day

- Old Testament: Isaiah 2. 1-5 *Isaiah looks to a time when many peoples would go up to Jerusalem and there would be peace among the nations.*
- New Testament: John 15. 9-17 *Jesus's commandment that we should love one another as he has loved us.*

Thursday 13 November

- Old Testament: 2 Kings 25. 8-12 *The Fall of the Southern Kingdom Judah in 586 BC to Babylonia and some leaders and people taken captives are deported to Babylon.*
- New Testament: Mark 9. 14–29 *Jesus heals a deaf and dumb man.*

Friday 14 November

- Old Testament: Ezekiel 39. 25-29 *The Prophet Ezekiel tells the Exiles in Babylon that God will lead them back to their own land and to Jerusalem.*
- New Testament: Mark 10. 17–22 *Jesus tells his disciples to care for the poor.*

Week 10 – 2 before Advent

Sunday 16 November – Chorister Experience Day

- Old Testament: Isaiah 42. 10-13 *The prophet Isaiah understands singing as the fitting response to God's acts of kindness to his people.*
- New Testament: Colossians 3. 12-17 *The writer of the Letter to the Colossians bids those who follow Jesus to sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in their hearts.*

Monday 17 November

- Old Testament: Isaiah 7. 10-17 *The eighth century BC prophet, Isaiah, tells of a future child whose name will be Immanuel, 'God with us'.*
- New Testament: Mark 8.2 2-27 *Who is this Jesus who heals and teaches?*

Tuesday 18 November – No Evensong

Thursday 20 November

- Old Testament: Micah 5. 2-4 *The prophet Micah looks for a saviour from Bethlehem.*
- New Testament: Mark 9. 2-13 *The Transfiguration: a clue to who Jesus is as he is seen standing with Moses and Elijah.*

Friday 21 November – Temple Consort

Week 11 – Christ the King

Monday 24 November – No Evensong (Exeat)

Tuesday 25 November

- Old Testament: Isaiah 40. 12-26 *The unsurpassed majesty and power of God is contrasted with the insignificance of human nations and idols.*
- New Testament: Matthew 9. 10-15 *Jesus travels, teaches and heals, seeing the crowds as lost sheep.*

Thursday 27 November

- Old Testament: Isaiah 40. 27 – 41. 7 *A message of comfort and reassurance is presented to Israel.*
- New Testament: Matthew 10. 34 – 11.1 *Jesus gives his final instructions to the Twelve disciples before sending them out to preach.*

Friday 28 November

- Old Testament: Isaiah 40. 21 – 42. 9 *A message of comfort and hope to the exiled people of Judah, reminding them of God's incomparable power and unfailing faithfulness.*
- New Testament: Matthew 11. 2-19 *John the Baptist questions Jesus, and Jesus replies with praise for John and criticism for those who will reject them both.*

Week 12 - Advent

Monday 1 December - St Andrew's Patronal Festival

- Old Testament: Romans 10. 8b-18 *Salvation is given to us through faith in Christ.*
- New Testament: Matthew 4. 18-22 *Jesus calls the fishermen whose lives are forever changed.*

1A

1. A brighter dawn is breaking,
and earth with praise is waking;
for thou, O King most highest,
the power of death defiest;
2. And thou hast come victorious,
with risen body glorious,
who now for ever livest,
and life abundant givest.
3. O free the world from blindness,
and fill the world with kindness,
give sinners resurrection,
bring striving to perfection.
4. In sickness give us healing,
in doubt thy clear revealing,
that praise to thee be given
in earth as in thy heaven.

Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)

2A

1. When in our music God is glorified,
and adoration leaves no room for pride,
it is as though the whole creation cried:
Alleluia!
2. How oft, in making music, we have found
a new dimension in the world of sound
as worship moved us to a more profound
Alleluia!
3. So has the Church, in liturgy and song,
in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,
borne witness to the truth in ev'ry tongue,
Alleluia!
4. And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night
when utmost evil strove against the light?
Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight:
Alleluia!
5. Let ev'ry instrument be tuned for praise,
let all rejoice who have a voice to raise,
and may God give us faith to sing always:
Alleluia!

Frederick Pratt Green (1903-2000)

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 an education either as day or boarding pupils. 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 on 16 November where children and their families can visit Bilton Grange to find out more about life as a chorister.

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