



Rugby Choristers at Bilton Grange

CHAPEL SERVICES AND MUSIC

Rugby School Chapel

Bilton Grange School Chapel

Advent Term 2026

First Half Term



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 north and south doors. 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 17.30 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 and Fridays, with congregational hymn practice taking place on Wednesday morning. On Sundays there is a 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 Tuesday 22 September at 21:15.

The Temple Consort will sing Evensong on Friday 2 October at 18:00.

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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; 15th September, Holy Cross, 22nd September, St Matthew; 29th September, St Michael and All Angels. We shall keep these Feasts with the rest of the Church and use the special readings set for those days. On some occasions, readings may differ from those printed.

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 Psalms are appointed for each day according to the Common Worship lectionary, and appear 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 14

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 18.00

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 17.30

Monday 31
August

No Evensong

No Evensong

Tuesday 1
Sept

No Evensong

No Evensong

Thursday 3
Sept

No Evensong

No Evensong

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 18.00

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 17.30

Sunday 6 Sept *Arnold Singers, Rugby School*
Introit: Locus Iste *Bruckner*
Hymn: 175, 208, 116
10:00 Anthem: I was glad *Parry*

Monday 7 Sept *No Evensong*

No Evensong

Tuesday 8 Sept *No Evensong*

No Evensong

*Accession of
King Charles
III*

Thursday 10 Sept *Senior Choristers & Lay Clerks*
Responses: *Sanders*
Psalm: 18 v. 1-12
Hymn: 58 Firmly I believe and truly
Canticles: *Noble* in B minor
Anthem: Ubi caritas *Ola Gjeilo*

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 18.00

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 17.30

**Sunday 13
Sept** *Arnold Singers, Rugby School*
Introit: Loquere, Domine *Matthew*
Sandy
Hymn: 179, 92, 202
10:30 Anthem: The Heavens are telling
(from *Creation*) *Haydn*

**Monday 14
Sept** *Girl Choristers & Lay Clerks* *No Evensong*
Responses: *Sanders*
Psalm: 110, 150
Holy Cross Hymn: 117 Glory to thee, my God
Day Canticles: *Wood* in D
Anthem: View me Lord *Lloyd*
(OR)

**Tuesday 15
Sept** *Boy Choristers & Lay Clerks* *No Evensong*
Responses: *Sanders*
Psalm: 33
St Cyprian Hymn: 92 Be thou my vision
Canticles: *Sumsion* in A
Anthem: O for a closer walk with
God *Stanford*

**Thursday 17
Sept** *No Evensong*
Hildegard of
Bingen

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

**Sunday 20
Sept**
Arnold Singers, Rugby School

 Introit: We wait for thy loving
kindness *McKie*

Hymn: 152, 131, 150

10:30

 Anthem: Justorum animae
Stanford

**Monday 21
Sept**
Girl Choristers & Lay Clerks

 Responses: *Sanders*

Psalm: 119 v. 33-40

St Matthew

 Hymn: 108 Father, hear the prayer
we offer

 Canticles: *Andrew Reid* King James
Canticles

 Anthem: With prayer and
supplication *Beach*
Boy Choristers

Responses: Plainsong

Psalm: 119 v. 33-40

 Hymn: 108 Father, hear the prayer
we offer

 Magnificat: Plainsong - tonus
peregrinus

Nunc dimittis: Plainsong - tone VI

 Anthem: I am the bread of life *Simon
Lole*

**Tuesday 22
Sept**
Boy Choristers & Lay Clerks

 Responses: *Sanders*

Psalm: 50 v. 1-12

Hymn: 156 Lord of all hopefulness

 Canticles: *Byrd* Tones &

Fauxbourdons

 Anthem: Jesu, joy of man's
desiring *Bach*
Girl Choristers

Responses: Plainsong

Psalm: 50 v. 1-12

Hymn: 156 Lord of all hopefulness

Magnificat: Plainsong - tone V

Nunc dimittis: Plainsong - tone II

 Anthem: Fairest Lord Jesus *Martin
How*

Compline
Arnold Singers, Rugby School
21:15

 Anthem: O Lord, give ear *Byrd*

**Thursday 24
Sept**
Senior Choristers & Lay Clerks

 Responses: *Sanders*

Psalm: 62

Hymn: 101 City of God

 Canticles: *James MacMillan* Short
Service

 Anthem: I sat down *Bairstow*

SEPTEMBER

Week 5

Trinity 18

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 18.00

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 17.30

Sunday 27
Sept

No Morning Service (Exeat)

Monday 28
Sept

No Evensong (Rugby School Exeat)

No Evensong (Rugby School Exeat)

Tuesday 29
Sept

No Evensong

No Evensong

*St Michael and
All Angels*

Thursday 1
Oct

Senior Choristers & Lay Clerks

Responses: *Clucas*

Psalm: 78 v. 40-50

Hymn: 181 Praise to the holiest

Magnificat: *Bevan* Octavi toni

Nunc Dimittis: *Holst*

Anthem: Like as the hart *Howells*

Friday 2 Oct

Temple Consort

Responses: *Shephard*

Psalm: 55

Hymn: 149 Lead us, heavenly

Father, lead us

Canticles: *Leighton* Magdalen

Service

Anthem: I love all beauteous
things *Judith Weir*

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 18.00

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 17.30

Sunday 4 Oct *Arnold Singers, Rugby School*
Harvest Introit: The Call *Lloyd*
 Hymn: 66, 65, 80
 Anthem: For the beauty of the
10:30 earth *John Rutter*

Monday 5 Oct *Girl Choristers & Lay Clerks*
 Responses: *Clucas*
 Psalm: 85
 Hymn: 96 Christ is our
 cornerstone
 Canticles: *Harwood* in Ab
 Anthem: Gloria (from *Missa*
 Brevis) *Jonathan Dove*

Boy Choristers
Responses: Plainsong
Psalm: 85
Hymn: 96 Christ is our cornerstone
Magnificat: Plainsong - tonus
peregrinus
Nunc dimittis: Plainsong - tone VI
Anthem: Thou visitest the earth
Greene

Tuesday 6 Oct *Boy Choristers & Lay Clerks*
 Responses: *Clucas*
 Psalm: 89 v. 20-36
 Hymn: CP 135 A brighter day is
 dawning
 Canticles: *Grayston Ives* Edington
 Service
 Anthem: Verleih uns frieden
 Mendelssohn

Girl Choristers
Responses: Plainsong
Psalm: 89 v. 20-36
Hymn: CP 135 A brighter day is
dawning
Magnificat: Plainsong - tone V
Nunc dimittis: Plainsong - tone II
Anthem: And now another day is
gone *Blake*

Thursday 8 *Senior Choristers & Lay Clerks*
Oct Responses: *Clucas*
 Psalm: 94
 Hymn: 199 Thine arm, O Lord
 Canticles: *Jackson* in G
 Anthem: If ye love me *Tallis*

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 18.00

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 17.30

Sunday 11 Oct *Arnold Singers, Rugby School*
(Evening Service)
Evening Introit: Hear my prayer *Hogan*
Chapel – Black Hymn: 84, 127, How great thou
History Month art
18:00 Anthem: I want Jesus to walk
with me *Roderick Williams*

Monday 12 Oct *Girl Choristers & Lay Clerks*
Responses: *Rose*
Psalm: 103 vv 1-12
Wilfred of Hymn: 130 How sweet the name
Ripon of Jesus sounds
Canticles: *Gibbons* Second Service
Anthem: *Christe adoramus te*
Monteverdi

Boy Choristers
Responses: Plainsong
Psalm: 103 vv 1-12
Hymn: 130 How sweet the name of
Jesus sounds
Magnificat: Plainsong - tonus
peregrinus
Nunc dimittis: Plainsong - tone VI
Anthem: Sent by the Lord am I *trad*
arr. Geoff Weaver

Tuesday 13 Oct *Boy Choristers & Lay Clerks*
Responses: *Bernard Rose*
Psalm: 107 vv 1-16
Edward the Hymn: 140 Jesu, lover of my soul
Confessor Canticles: *Dyson* in F
Anthem: I give to you a new
commandment *Peter Nardone*

Girl Choristers
Responses: Plainsong
Psalm: 107 vv 1-16
Hymn: 140 Jesu, lover of my soul
Magnificat: Plainsong - tone V
Nunc dimittis: Plainsong - tone II
Anthem: Litany to the Holy Spirit
Hurford

Thursday 15 Oct *Senior Choristers & Lay Clerks*
Responses: *Rose*
Psalm: 116 vv 1-12
Teresa of Avila Hymn: 123 God of mercy, God of
Grace
Canticles: *Ēriks Esēnvalds* Merton
College Service
Anthem: Deus est caritas *Roxanna*
Panufnik

THE PSALMS

appointed for the first half of the Advent Term 2026

Psalm 18

Diligam te, Domine

1. I WILL love thee, O Lord, my strength; the Lord is my stony rock, and my defence :
my saviour, my God, and my might, in whom I will trust,
my buckler, the horn also of my salvation, and my refuge.
2. I will call upon the Lord, which is worthy to be praised :
so shall I be safe from mine enemies.
3. The sorrows of death compassed me :
and the overflowings of ungodliness made me afraid.
4. The pains of hell came about me : the snares of death overtook me.
5. In my trouble I will call upon the Lord : and complain unto my God.
6. So shall he hear my voice out of his holy temple :
and my complaint shall come before him, it shall enter even into his ears.
7. The earth trembled and quaked :
the very foundations also of the hills shook, and were removed, because he was wroth.
8. There went a smoke out in his presence :
and a consuming fire out of his mouth, so that coals were kindled at it.
9. He bowed the heavens also, and came down :
and it was dark under his feet.
10. He rode upon the cherubins, and did fly :
he came flying upon the wings of the wind.
11. He made darkness his secret place :
his pavilion round about him, with dark water and thick clouds to cover him.
12. At the brightness of his presence his clouds removed :
hail-stones, and coals of fire.

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 50

Deus deorum

1. THE Lord, even the most mighty God, hath spoken :
and called the world, from the rising up of the sun unto the going down thereof.
2. Out of Sion hath God appeared :
in perfect beauty.
3. Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence :
there shall go before him a consuming fire, and a mighty tempest shall be
stirred up round about him.
4. He shall call the heaven from above :
and the earth, that he may judge his people.
5. Gather my saints together unto me :
those that have made a covenant with me with sacrifice.
6. And the heavens shall declare his righteousness :
for God is Judge himself.
7. Hear, O my people, and I will speak :
I myself will testify against thee, O Israel; for I am God, even thy God.
8. I will not reprove thee because of thy sacrifices, or for thy burnt-offerings :
because they were not alway before me.
9. I will take no bullock out of thine house :
nor he-goat out of thy folds.
10. For all the beasts of the forest are mine :
and so are the cattle upon a thousand hills.
11. I know all the fowls upon the mountains :
and the wild beasts of the field are in my sight.
12. If I be hungry, I will not tell thee :
for the whole world is mine, and all that is therein.

Psalm 55

Exaudi, Deus

1. HEAR my prayer, O God :
and hide not thyself from my petition.
2. Take heed unto me, and hear me :
how I mourn in my prayer, and am vexed.
3. The enemy crieth so, and the ungodly cometh on so fast :
for they are minded to do me some mischief; so maliciously are they set against me.
4. My heart is disquieted within me :
and the fear of death is fallen upon me.
5. Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me :
and an horrible dread hath overwhelmed me.
6. And I said, O that I had wings like a dove :
for then would I flee away, and be at rest.
7. Lo, then would I get me away far off :
and remain in the wilderness.
8. I would make haste to escape :
because of the stormy wind and tempest.
9. Destroy their tongues, O Lord, and divide them :
for I have spied unrighteousness and strife in the city.
10. Day and night they go about within the walls thereof :
mischief also and sorrow are in the midst of it.
11. Wickedness is therein :
deceit and guile go not out of their streets.
12. For it is not an open enemy, that hath done me this dishonour :
for then I could have borne it.
13. Neither was it mine adversary, that did magnify himself against me :
for then peradventure I would have hid myself from him.
14. But it was even thou, my companion :
my guide, and mine own familiar friend.
15. We took sweet counsel together :

and walked in the house of God as friends.

16. Let death come hastily upon them, and let them go down quick into hell :
for wickedness is in their dwellings, and among them.
17. As for me, I will call upon God :
and the Lord shall save me.
18. In the evening, and morning, and at noonday will I pray, and that instantly :
and he shall hear my voice.
19. It is he that hath delivered my soul in peace from the battle that was against
me: for there were many with me.
20. Yea, even God, that endureth for ever, shall hear me, and bring them down :
for they will not turn, nor fear God.
21. He laid his hands upon such as be at peace with him :
and he brake his covenant.
22. The words of his mouth were softer than butter, having war in his heart :
his words were smoother than oil, and yet be they very swords.
23. O cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall nourish thee :
and shall not suffer the righteous to fall for ever.
24. And as for them :
thou, O God, shalt bring them into the pit of destruction.
25. The blood-thirsty and deceitful men shall not live out half their days :
nevertheless, my trust shall be in thee, O Lord.

Psalm 62

Nonne Deo?

1. MY SOUL truly waiteth still upon God :
for of him cometh my salvation.
2. He verily is my strength and my salvation :
he is my defence, so that I shall not greatly fall.
3. How long will ye imagine mischief against every man :
ye shall be slain all the sort of you;
yea, as a tottering wall shall ye be, and like a broken hedge.
4. Their device is only how to put him out whom God will exalt :
their delight is in lies; they give good words with their mouth, but curse with
their heart.
5. Nevertheless, my soul, wait thou still upon God :
for my hope is in him.
6. He truly is my strength and my salvation :
he is my defence, so that I shall not fall.
7. In God is my health, and my glory :
the rock of my might, and in God is my trust.
8. O put your trust in him alway, ye people :
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our hope.
9. As for the children of men, they are but vanity :
the children of men are deceitful upon the weights, they are altogether lighter
than vanity itself.
10. O trust not in wrong and robbery, give not yourselves unto vanity :
if riches increase, set not your heart upon them.
11. God spake once, and twice I have also heard the same :
that power belongeth unto God;
12. And that thou, Lord, art merciful :
for thou rewardest every man according to his work.

Psalm 78

Attendite, popule

40. For he considered that they were but flesh :
and that they were even a wind that passeth away, and cometh not again.
41. Many a time did they provoke him in the wilderness :
and grieved him in the desert.
42. They turned back, and tempted God :
and moved the Holy One in Israel.
43. They thought not of his hand :
and of the day when he delivered them from the hand of the enemy;
44. How he had wrought his miracles in Egypt :
and his wonders in the field of Zoan.
45. He turned their waters into blood :
so that they might not drink of the rivers.
46. He sent lice among them, and devoured them up :
and frogs to destroy them.
47. He gave their fruit unto the caterpillar :
and their labour unto the grasshopper.
48. He destroyed their vines with hail-stones :
and their mulberry trees with the frost.
49. He smote their cattle also with hail-stones :
and their flocks with hot thunderbolts.
50. He cast upon them the furiousness of his wrath, anger, displeasure, and
trouble: and sent evil angels among them.

Psalm 85

Benedixisti, Domine

1. LORD, thou art become gracious unto thy land :
thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob.
2. Thou hast forgiven the offence of thy people :
and covered all their sins.
3. Thou hast taken away all thy displeasure :
and turned thyself from thy wrathful indignation.
4. Turn us then, O God our Saviour :
and let thine anger cease from us.
5. Wilt thou be displeased at us for ever :
and wilt thou stretch out thy wrath from one generation to another?
6. Wilt thou not turn again, and quicken us :
that thy people may rejoice in thee?
7. Shew us thy mercy, O Lord :
and grant us thy salvation.
8. I will hearken what the Lord God will say concerning me :
for he shall speak peace unto his people, and to his saints, that they turn not
again.
9. For his salvation is nigh them that fear him :
that glory may dwell in our land.
10. Mercy and truth are met together :
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
11. Truth shall flourish out of the earth :
and righteousness hath looked down from heaven.
12. Yea, the Lord shall shew loving-kindness :
and our land shall give her increase.
13. Righteousness shall go before him :
and he shall direct his going in the way.

Psalm 89

Misericordias Domini

20. Thou spakest sometime in visions unto thy saints, and sadist :
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.
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.

Psalm 94

Deus ultionum

1. O LORD God, to whom vengeance belongeth :
thou God, to whom vengeance belongeth, shew thyself.
2. Arise, thou Judge of the world :
and reward the proud after their deserving.
3. Lord, how long shall the ungodly :
how long shall the ungodly triumph?
4. How long shall all wicked doers speak so disdainfully :
and make such proud boasting?
5. They smite down thy people, O Lord :
and trouble thine heritage.
6. They murder the widow and the stranger :
and put the fatherless to death.
7. And yet they say, Tush, the Lord shall not see :
neither shall the God of Jacob regard it.
8. Take heed, ye unwise among the people :
O ye fools, when will ye understand?
9. He that planted the ear, shall he not hear :
or he that made the eye, shall he not see?
10. Or he that nurtureth the heathen :
it is he that teacheth man knowledge, shall not he
punish?
11. The Lord knoweth the thoughts of man :
that they are but vain.

Psalm 103

Benedic, anima mea

1. PRAISE the Lord, O my soul :
and all that is within me praise his holy Name.
2. Praise the Lord, O my soul :
and forget not all his benefits;
3. Who forgiveth all thy sin :
and healeth all thine infirmities;
4. Who saveth thy life from destruction :
and crowneth thee with mercy and loving-kindness;
5. Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things :
making thee young and lusty as an eagle.
6. The Lord executeth righteousness and judgement :
for all them that are oppressed with wrong.
7. He shewed his ways unto Moses :
his works unto the children of Israel.
8. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy :
long-suffering, and of great goodness.
9. He will not alway be chiding :
neither keepeth he his anger for ever.
10. He hath not dealt with us after our sins :
nor rewarded us according to our wickednesses.
11. For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth :
so great is his mercy also toward them that fear him.
12. Look how wide also the east is from the west :
so far hath he set our sins from us.

Psalm 107

Confitemini Domino

1. O GIVE thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious :
and his mercy endureth for ever.
2. Let them give thanks whom the Lord hath redeemed :
and delivered from the hand of the enemy;
3. And gathered them out of the lands, from the east and from the west :
from the north and from the south.
4. They went astray in the wilderness out of the way :
and found no city to dwell in;
5. Hungry and thirsty :
their soul fainted in them.
6. So they cried unto the Lord in their trouble :
and he delivered them from their distress.
7. He led them forth by the right way :
that they might go to the city where they dwelt.
8. O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness :
and declare the wonders that he doeth for the children of men!
9. For he satisfieth the empty soul :
and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.
10. Such as sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death :
being fast bound in misery and iron ;
11. Because they rebelled against the words of the Lord :
and lightly regarded the counsel of the most Highest;
12. He also brought down their heart through heaviness :
they fell down, and there was none to help them.
13. So when they cried unto the Lord in their trouble :
he delivered them out of their distress.
14. For he brought them out of darkness, and out of the shadow of death :
and brake their bonds in sunder.
15. O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness :
and declare the wonders that he doeth for the children of men!

16. For he hath broken the gates of brass :
and smitten the bars of iron in sunder.
17. Foolish men are plagued for their offence :
and because of their wickedness.
18. Their soul abhorred all manner of meat :
and they were even hard at death's door.
19. So when they cried unto the Lord in their trouble :
he delivered them out of their distress.
20. He sent his word, and healed them :
and they were saved from their destruction.

Psalm 110

Dixit Dominus

1. THE Lord said unto my Lord :
Sit thou on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.
2. The Lord shall send the rod of thy power out of Sion:
be thou ruler, even in the midst among thine enemies.
3. In the day of thy power shall the people offer thee free-will offerings with
an holy worship:
the dew of thy birth is of the womb of the morning.
4. The Lord sware, and will not repent:
Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedech.
5. The Lord upon thy right hand : shall wound even kings in the day of his
wrath.
6. He shall judge among the heathen; he shall fill the places with the dead
bodies: and smite in sunder the heads over divers countries.
7. He shall drink of the brook in the way :
therefore shall he lift up his head.

Psalm 116

Dilexi, quoniam

1. I AM well pleased :
that the Lord hath heard the voice of my prayer;
2. That he hath inclined his ear unto me :
therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.
3. The snares of death compassed me round about :
and the pains of hell gat hold upon me.
4. I shall find trouble and heaviness, and I will call upon the Name of the
Lord : O Lord, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.
5. Gracious is the Lord, and righteous :
yea, our God is merciful.
6. The Lord preserveth the simple :
I was in misery, and he helped me.
7. Turn again then unto thy rest, O my soul :
for the Lord hath rewarded thee.
8. And why? thou hast delivered my soul from death :
mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.
9. I will walk before the Lord :
in the land of the living.
10. I believed, and therefore will I speak; but I was sore troubled :
I said in my haste, All men are liars.
11. What reward shall I give unto the Lord :
for all the benefits that he hath done unto me?
12. I will receive the cup of salvation :
and call upon the Name of the Lord.

Psalm 119 (33-40)

Legem pone

33. TEACH me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes :
and I shall keep it unto the end.
34. Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law :
yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.
35. Make me to go in the path of thy commandments :
for therein is my desire.
36. Incline my heart unto thy testimonies :
and not to covetousness.
37. O turn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity :
and quicken thou me in thy way.
38. O stablish thy word in thy servant :
that I may fear thee.
39. Take away the rebuke that I am afraid of :
for thy judgements are good.
40. Behold, my delight is in thy commandments :
O quicken me in thy righteousness.

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 (First Half)

Week 2 - Trinity 15

Thursday 10th 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.*

Week 3 - Trinity 16

Monday 14th 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*

Tuesday 15th 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.*

Week 4 - Trinity 17

Monday 21st September - 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 22nd 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.*

Thursday 24th September

- Old Testament: Hosea 6. – 6.3 *The healing power of God.*
- New Testament: Mark 1.40 – 45 *Jesus has pity on a leper and heals him.*

Week 5 - Trinity 18

Thursday 1st October

- 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.*

Week 6 - Trinity 19

Monday 5th October

- 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.*

Tuesday 6th 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*

Thursday 8th October

- Old Testament: Exodus 20. 1-16 *Moses receives the 10 Commandments on Mount Sinai.*
- New Testament: Mark 4. 26 -34 *Jesus teaches in more parables about the kingdom of God.*

Week 7 - Trinity 20

Monday 12th 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 13th 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 15th 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.*
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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 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.

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/>



This year's Chorister Experience Day will take place on Saturday 14 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 and register for a free place by contacting admissions@biltongrange.co.uk or telephoning 01788 818246.

