

Christmas at Christ Church



Services and concerts for
Advent, Christmas, Epiphany
and Candlemas



CHRIST CHURCH
CATHEDRAL



What's On

* = ticket required

November

28	Helen and Douglas House Christmas Concert *	8.00 pm
30	Music and Readings for Advent	6.05 pm

December

4	Christ Church College Choir Oxmas Concert (<i>free with retiring collection</i>)	8.00 pm
6	Follow the Stars: Macmillan Cancer Support Christmas Concert *	8.00 pm
7	Music at Oxford: Children and Families' Christmas Concert *	2.30 pm
7	Christmas with the Clerks of Christ Church Cathedral Choir *	8.00 pm
9	Handel's <i>Messiah</i> *	7.00 pm
12	A Viennese Christmas Spectacular by candlelight with London Concertante *	8.00 pm
13	The Basilinda Consort: Ceremonies of Carols *	8.00 pm
14	Cathedral Singers of Christ Church Christmas Concert	8.00 pm
16	Friends of Christ Church Cathedral Carol Service	6.05 pm
18	Music at Oxford: Christmas at Christ Church 1 *	8.00 pm



Further information about our Christmas services and concerts, including how to book, is on the following pages.

19	Organ Meditation for Advent	6.05 pm
20	Music at Oxford: Christmas at Christ Church 2 *	8.00 pm
21	A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols *	6.05 pm
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24	Journey to Bethlehem: Children and Families' Service	10.35 am
24	A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols *	3.05 pm
24	Midnight Mass	11.35 pm
25	Choral Eucharist of Christmas Day	11.05 am

January

6	Choral Eucharist for the Feast of the Epiphany	11.05 am
18	Epiphany Carol Service	6.05 pm
24	Frideswide Voices: Britten's <i>A Ceremony of Carols</i>	10.35 am

February

2	Choral Eucharist for Candlemas	11.05 am
8	Candlemas Carol Service	11.05 am



Services

All services at Christ Church Cathedral are free to attend. To book a ticket for Nine Lessons and Carols, please refer to the listing on the right.

November

Music and Readings for Advent

Saturday November 30 • 6.05 pm

Come along to a candlelit service of reflective music and readings as we begin the season of preparation for the coming of Jesus.

December

Friends of Christ Church

Cathedral Carol Service

Monday December 16 • 6.05 pm

The Friends of Christ Church Cathedral raise money to fund the maintenance, restoration, and beautification of the Cathedral. We take the opportunity at this carol service to recognise the work they do to support us, and all are warmly invited to come along.

Organ Meditation for Advent

Thursday December 19 • 6.05 pm

Cathedral Sub-Organist Richard Moore and Organ Scholars George Balfour and Michael Chesters take us on a musical journey through the mystery and anticipation of Advent in this special service, which takes the place of Evensong on this day.



Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

Saturday December 21 • 6.05 pm

Sunday December 22 • 6.05 pm

Monday December 23 • 6.05 pm

Tuesday December 24 • 3.05 pm

Join us for a traditional service of nine lessons and carols, sung by our Cathedral Choirs. You must book a free ticket to attend these services. Booking will open in November. To visit our Christmas website page, scan the QR code here:



Journey to Bethlehem: Children and Families' Service

Tuesday 24th December • 10.35 am

Come along with your children for this interactive service of music, play, and storytelling as we learn about the Christmas story and journey to the crib together.

Midnight Mass

Tuesday 24th December • 11.35 pm

“Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning”. In a tradition dating back 1600 years, we gather at the beginning of Christmas Day to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

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Christmas Day

Said Matins (BCP)

7.35 am

Said Holy Communion (BCP)

8.05 am

Choral Eucharist of Christmas Day

11.05 am

Said Evening Prayer (BCP)

6.05 pm

January

**Choral Eucharist for the
Feast of the Epiphany**

Monday January 6 • 6.05 pm

Epiphany, focussing on the visit of the Magi, celebrates the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles.

Epiphany Carol Service

Saturday January 18 • 6.05 pm

The Cathedral Choirs are joined by choirs from the Thames Valley for this Epiphany carol service.



Frideswide Voices:

Britten's *A Ceremony of Carols*

Friday January 24 • 6.05 pm

Christ Church Cathedral's choir of girl choristers, Frideswide Voices, continues its 10th anniversary year with a performance of Benjamin Britten's *A Ceremony of Carols*, which takes the place of Evensong.

February

Choral Eucharist for Candlemas

Sunday February 2 • 11.05 am

The Christmas and Epiphany season comes to a close with the feast of Candlemas, when, 40 days after the birth of Jesus, we celebrate his Presentation in the Temple, and his revelation as 'a light to the nations and the glory of God's people'.

Candlemas Carol Service

Saturday February 8 • 6.05 pm

Frideswide Voices and the Clerks of the Cathedral Choir lead us in our final carol service.

Broadcasts

The following Christmas services will also be broadcast on the Cathedral YouTube Channel:

1/12	6.05 pm	College Advent Carol Service
23/12	6.05 pm	Nine Lessons and Carols
25/12	11.05 am	Choral Eucharist of Christmas Day

Scan the QR code to tune in:





Concerts

Tickets are available to purchase through the attached QR codes (unless attendance is free).

November

Helen and Douglas House Christmas Concert

Thursday November 28 • 8.00 pm

A festive evening of music and readings supporting our local children's hospice. Performers include the Christ Church girl trebles, Frideswide Voices, internationally-acclaimed a cappella group Out of the Blue, and actor Anthony Calf (*Holby City*, *New Tricks*).



December

College Choir Oxmas Charity Concert

Wednesday December 4 • 8.00 pm

Christ Church's college choir performs your festive favourites. Free entry, with retiring collection.

Follow the Stars: Macmillan Cancer Support Christmas Concert

Friday December 6 • 8.00 pm

A special evening of favourite carols and choral music performed by the Oxford Bach Soloists in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. This year, we are thrilled to announce we will be joined by the wonderful Toby Jones and Gugu Mbatha-Raw for a festive collection of readings.





Music at Oxford: Family Christmas Concert *Saturday December 7 • 2.30 pm*

Our family-friendly, relaxed, fun, and informal daytime celebration of the festive season returns! Whether you're 9 or 99, you'll thrill at the thunderous sound of the organ, be inspired by the angelic voices of the choristers and be wowed by the atmospheric surroundings of Christ Church Cathedral at this Family Christmas Concert.



Christmas with the Clerks of Christ Church Cathedral Choir *Saturday December 7 • 8.00 pm*

The Clerks are the adult singers of the Cathedral choir. They present a festive feast of carols, Christmas classics, arrangements of popular tunes, and more!



Handel's Messiah *Monday December 9 • 7.00 pm*

No Christmas would be complete without *Messiah*. The boy choristers, Frideswide Voices and Clerks of the internationally renowned Christ Church Cathedral Choir are joined by a stellar cast of acclaimed soloists for this performance of Handel's majestic oratorio, accompanied by the Wolsey Ensemble and directed by Peter Holder.





A Viennese Christmas Spectacular by candlelight with London Concertante

Thursday December 12 • 8.00 pm

A favourite annual event with a combination of pieces that our audiences love, this concert celebrates the magic of Christmas and brings people together for a sensational evening of wonderful music.



The Basilinda Consort: Ceremonies of Carols

Friday December 13 • 8.00 pm

Benjamin Britten's *A Ceremony of Carols* sets medieval words to music that is profoundly modern in outlook, even as it evokes centuries long gone by. The Basilinda Consort take inspiration from his blending of different eras and styles with a new repertoire as unfamiliar now as Britten's medieval texts were then.



Cathedral Singers of Christ Church Christmas Concert

Saturday December 14 • 8.00 pm

The Cathedral Singers is Christ Church's auditioned choir of volunteers who sing for the liturgy when the Cathedral Choir is on vacation. They present a selection of favourite Christmas carols and pieces to celebrate the festive season.



Music at Oxford: Christmas at Christ Church 1 *Wednesday December 18 • 8.00 pm*

A popular mix of festive cheer and nostalgia, audiences flock to our annual celebration of Christmas music and carols each year. Revel in the glorious sounds of the Choir of Christ Church Cathedral, and enjoy seasonal readings and the chance for everyone to join in with the audience carols under the expert direction of new Director Peter Holder. These concerts always sell out, so book early!



Music at Oxford: Christmas at Christ Church 2 *Friday December 20 • 8.00 pm*

The second of our Christmas at Christ Church concerts with the Cathedral Choir.



Daily Service Times

Weekdays

7.15 am	Morning Prayer
7.35 am	Holy Communion
1.05 pm	BCP Holy Communion (Wed only)
6.05 pm	Evensong (Tue-Fri) or Evening Prayer (Mon)

Saturdays

8.15 am	Morning Prayer
8.35 am	Holy Communion
6.05 pm	Choral Evensong

Sundays

7.35 am	Said Matins
8.05 am	Said Holy Communion
11.05 am	Choral Eucharist (followed by refreshments)
6.05 pm	Choral Evensong



Frideswide Voices and Christ Church Cathedral Choir

MESSIAH

G. F. Handel

Monday 9 December • 7 pm • Cathedral Nave

Frideswide Voices and Christ Church Cathedral Choir are joined by a stellar cast of acclaimed soloists for this performance of Handel's majestic oratorio, directed by Peter Holder.

Harriet Burns *Soprano*
Katie Bray *Mezzo-Soprano*
Nick Pritchard *Tenor*
Thomas Humphreys *Baritone*


Peter Holder *Director*



Frideswide Voices
Christ Church Cathedral choir
The Wolsey Ensemble

Tickets
£10 / £18 / £30 / £40
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