



RUGBY SCHOOL

CHAPEL SERVICES AND MUSIC

Rugby School Chapel
Bilton Grange School Chapel

Advent Term 2022

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 54 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 19 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 from 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 services and for refreshments in School House afterwards.

The Arnold Singers sing the ancient monastic service of Compline on two evenings this term, whilst the Temple Consort will sing Evensong which will include the 20th Century masterpiece, Rejoice in the Lamb by Benjamin Britten. The Arnold Singers will sing the Requiem by Gabriel Fauré on Armistice Day. The Temple Consort will sing a Carol Service in St Margaret’s Church, Westminster on Tuesday 6th December; Old Rugbeians who would like to sing in this service should contact Richard Tanner rjt@rugbyschool.net

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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 people in the history of Israel from the Patriarch Abraham to two of the eighth century BC Prophets who foretold the coming of a future Messiah. This will prepare us for the school carol services which are such a joyful time at the end of Advent Term as we look forward to the birth of Jesus at Christmas.

Our New Testament readings will be taken from the Gospel of Mark, the shortest and earliest of the four Gospels Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. We shall hear stories about the healing ministry and the teaching of Jesus.

There will be some days when the Church celebrates important Feast Days: for example: Tuesday 20th September, the Feast of St Matthew; Tuesday 1st November, All Saints Day; Friday 11th November, Armistice Day; Tuesday 22nd November, St Cecilia and the Final Evensong of the term, Tuesday 29th November, the Feast of St Andrew the Apostle. We shall keep these Feasts with the rest of the Church and use the special readings set for those days.

SEPTEMBER

Week 2B

Trinity 13

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 6.00pm

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 5.30pm

**Sunday 11th
September**

Arnold Singers, Rugby School

Hymns: 136, 156, 127

Anthems:

9.30am

With prayer and supplication *Amy Beach*

Upon your heart *Eleanor Daley*

Organ Voluntary: Pièce d'Orgue BWV 572 *Bach*

**Monday 12th
September**

No Evensong

**Tuesday 13th
September**

No Evensong

9.15pm

Compline – Arnold Singers

Crux Fidelis *John of Portugal*

Te lucis ante terminum *Tallis*

Nunc dimittis (The Short Service) *Gibbons*

Salve Regina *Plainchant*

**Thursday
15th
September**

No Evensong

**Friday
16th
September**

No Evensong

SEPTEMBER Week 3A Trinity 14

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 6.00pm

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 5.30pm

Sunday 18th
September *No Chapel Service*

Monday 19th
September *No Evensong*

Tuesday 20th
September *No Evensong*

Thursday
22nd
September *The Rugby Choristers at Bilton Grange*
 Inaugural Service
 All Choristers and Adult Singers
Responses: *Harris* (ATB)
Psalm: 48 (1-5)
Hymn: 87 Angel voices ever singing
Canticles: *Stanford* in B flat
Anthem: Let all the world *Dyson*
Organ voluntary: Allegro molto e ritmico
Sonata Britannica No.3 in D minor
Stanford

Friday
23rd
September *Exeat – No Evensong*

SEPTEMBER

Week 4B

Trinity 15

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 6.00pm

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 5.30pm

Sunday
25th
September

Exeat – No Chapel Service

Monday
26th
September

Girl Choristers and Adult Singers

Responses: *Harris* (ATB)
Psalm: 89 (1-4)
Hymn: 58 Firmly I believe and truly
Magnificat: Quinti Toni *Dufay* (ATB)
Nunc Dimittis: *Noble* in B minor
Anthem: View me Lord *Lloyd*

Boy Choristers

Responses: Plainsong
Psalm: 89 (1-4)
Hymn: 58 Firmly I believe and truly
Magnificat: Plainsong - tonus peregrinus
Nunc Dimittis: Plainsong - tone VI
Anthem: Prevent us O Lord *Holman*

Tuesday
27th
September

Boy Choristers and Adult Singers

Responses: *Cleobury* (ATB)
Psalm: 109 (1-4)
Hymn: 91 Be thou my guardian
Magnificat: Sexti Toni *Victoria* (ATB)
Nunc Dimittis: *Dyson* in F
Anthem: If ye love me *Tallis*

Girl Choristers

Responses: Plainsong
Psalm: 109 (1-4)
Hymn: 91 Be thou my guardian
Magnificat: Plainsong - tone V
Nunc Dimittis: Plainsong - tone II
Anthem: Light of the world *Dankworth*

Thursday
29th
September

No Evensong

Friday
30th
September

Girl Choristers and Adult Singers

Responses: *Morley* (ATB)
Psalm: 130 (1-4)
Hymn: 210 Ye holy angels bright
Canticles: *Noble* in B minor
Anthem: Sancta Maria - *Dunstable* (ATB)

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 6.00pm

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 5.30pm

Sunday
2nd
October
10.30am *Arnold Singers, Rugby School*
Hymns: 80, 167, 154
Anthems: Sing Joyfully *Byrd*
 For the beauty of the earth *Rutter*
Organ Voluntary: Tuba Tune *Lang*

Monday
3rd
October *Girl Choristers and Adult Singers*
Responses: *Cleobury* (ATB)
Psalm: 13 (1-4)
Hymn: 101 City of God
Canticles: *Sumsion* in G (ATB)
Anthem: The heavens declare the glory of
God *Boyce*

Boy Choristers
Responses: Plainsong
Psalm: 13 (1-4)
Hymn: 101 City of God
Magnificat: Plainsong - tonus peregrinus
Nunc Dimittis: Plainsong - tone VI
Anthem: God of mercy, God of grace
Barry Rose

Tuesday
4th
October *Boy Choristers and Adult Singers*
Responses: *Harris* (ATB)
Psalm: 33 (1-4)
Hymn: 97 Christ is the world's light
Canticles: *Stanford* in B flat
Anthem: God be in my head *Nicholson*

Girl Choristers
Responses: Plainsong
Psalm: 33 (1-4)
Hymn: 97 Christ is the world's light
Magnificat: Plainsong - tone V
Nunc Dimittis: Plainsong - tone II
Anthem: God be in my head *Barry Rose*

Thursday
6th
October *Senior Choristers and Adult Singers*
Responses: *Cleobury* (ATB)
Psalm: 48 (1-5)
Hymn: 102 Come let us join our cheerful
songs
Canticles: *Ives* Magdalen Service (ATB)
Anthem: Like as the hart *Howells*

Friday
7th
October *Boy Choristers and Adult Singers*
Responses: *Harris* (ATB)
Psalm: 60 (1-4)
Hymn: 56 O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace
Magnificat: *Quinti Toni Morales* (ATB)
Nunc Dimittis: *Dyson* in F
Anthem: Thy word is a lantern *Purcell*

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 6.00pm

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 5.30pm

Sunday
9th
October
10.30am

Arnold Singers, Rugby School
Hymns: 177, 187, 154
Anthems: I sat down *Bairstow*
 Jubilate Johnson
Organ Voluntary: Festival Voluntary
Peters

Monday
10th
October

Girl Choristers and Adult Singers
Responses: *Cleobury* (ATB)
Psalm: 89 (1-8)
Hymn: 92 Be thou my vision
Magnificat: *Quinti Toni Palestrina* (ATB)
Nunc Dimittis: *Ireland* in F
Anthem: O pray for the peace of
 Jerusalem Howells

Boy Choristers
Responses: Plainsong
Psalm: 89 (1-8)
Hymn: 92 Be thou my vision
Magnificat: Plainsong - tonus
peregrinus
Nunc Dimittis: Plainsong - tone VI
Anthem: Prevent us O Lord *Holman*

Tuesday
11th
October

Boy Choristers and Adult Singers
Responses: *Harris* (ATB)
Psalm: 109 (1-4)
Hymn: 117 Glory to thee, my God this
 night
Canticles: *Sumsion* in A
Anthem: Behold now praise the Lord
 Harris (ATB)

Girl Choristers
Responses: Plainsong
Psalm: 109 (1-4)
Hymn: 117 Glory to thee, my God this
 night
Magnificat: Plainsong - tone V
Nunc Dimittis: Plainsong - tone II
Anthem: Light of the World *Dankworth*

Thursday
13th
October

Senior Choristers and Adult Singers
Responses: *Cleobury* (ATB)
Psalm: 119 (17-20)
Hymn: 149 Lead us heavenly Father
Magnificat: *Wood* in E (ATB)
Nunc Dimittis: *Stanford* in C
Anthem: Be merciful unto me O God
 Purcell

Friday
14th
October

Half Term – No Evensong

HALF TERM

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
 Evensong at 6.00pm

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
 Evensong at 5.30pm

Sunday
30th
October

Half Term - No Service

Monday
31st
October

Girl Choristers and Adult Singers

Responses: *Ashfield* (ATB)
 Psalm: 13 (1-4)
 Hymn: 210 Ye holy angels bright
 Canticles: *Ireland* in F
 Anthem: Holy is the true light *Harris* (ATB)

Boy Choristers

Responses: Plainsong
 Psalm: 13 (1-4)
 Hymn: 210 Ye holy angels bright
 Magnificat: Plainsong - tonus peregrinus
 Nunc Dimittis: Plainsong - tone VI
 Anthem: God of mercy, God of grace
Barry Rose

Tuesday
1st
November

All Saints'
Day

Boy Choristers and Adult Singers

Responses: *Harris* (ATB)
 Psalm: 33 (1-6)
 Hymn: 64 Let saints on earth in concert sing
 Canticles: *Sunsion* in A
 Anthem: Give us the wings of faith
Bullock

Girl Choristers

Responses: Plainsong
 Psalm: 33 (1-6)
 Hymn: 64 Let saints on earth in concert sing
 Magnificat: Plainsong - tone V
 Nunc Dimittis: Plainsong - tone II
 Anthem: Songs of praise the angels sang
Wicks

9.15pm

Compline sung by the Arnold Singers

O Quam Gloriosum *Victoria*
 Te lucis ante terminum *Tallis*
 Nunc dimittis (The Short Service)
Gibbons
 Salve Regina *Plainchant*

Thursday
3rd
November

No Evensong

Friday
4th
November

Chorister Experience Day Evensong at
4.45pm

Responses: Plainsong

Psalm: 33 (1-6)

Hymn: 92 Be thou my vision

Magnificat: Song of Mary *Shephard*

Nunc Dimittis: *Stanford* in B flat

Anthem: The Lord is my shepherd

Goodall

Hymn: 105 Dear Lord and Father of
mankind

NOVEMBER

Week 8B

3 before Advent

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 6.00pm

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 5.30pm

Sunday
6th
November
10.30am

Arnold Singers, Rugby School
Hymns: 179, 175, 81
Anthems:
Ave Maris Stella *Grieg*
High Flight *Wicks*

Monday
7th
November

No Evensong

No Evensong

Tuesday
8th
November

Boy Choristers and Adult Singers
Responses: *Cleobury* (ATB)
Psalm: 109 (1-4, 20-24)
Hymn: 96 Christ is our cornerstone
Magnificat: *Binchois* (ATB)
Nunc Dimittis: *Sumsion* in G
Anthem: If ye love me *Tallis*

Girl Choristers
Responses: Plainsong
Psalm: 109 (1-4, 20-24)
Hymn: 96 Christ is our cornerstone
Magnificat: Plainsong - tone V
Nunc Dimittis: Plainsong - tone II
Anthem: Lord be thy word my rule *Davy*

Thursday
10th
November

Senior Choristers and Adult Singers
Responses: *Harris* (ATB)
Psalm: 119 (17-22)
Hymn: 87 Angel voices ever singing
Canticles: *Stanford* in C
Anthem: Dies irae (Requiem) *Mozart*

Friday
11th
November

Girl Choristers and Adult Singers
Responses: *Moore* (ATB)
Psalm: 130 (1-6)
Hymn: 78 Abide with me
Canticles: *Denis Browne* in A
Anthem: Give rest, O Christ *Kiev melody, ed Walter Parratt* (TTBB)

Armistice
Day

9.00pm

Arnold Singers, Rugby School
Requiem *Fauré*

NOVEMBER

Week 9A

2 before Advent

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 6.00pm

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 5.30pm

Sunday
13th
November
10.30am
Remembrance
Sunday

Arnold Singers, Rugby School
Hymns: 170, 228, 225, 242
Anthems:
Libera me Domine *Fauré*
Greater Love *Ireland*
Old Hundreth *Vaughan Williams*

Monday
14th
November

Girl Choristers and Adult Singers
Responses: *Ashfield* (ATB)
Psalm: 13
Hymn: 149 Lead us heavenly Father
Canticles: *Noble* in B minor
Anthem: In manus tuas *Sheppard* (ATB)

Boy Choristers
Responses: Plainsong
Psalm: 13
Hymn: 149 Lead us heavenly Father
Magnificat: Plainsong - tonus peregrinus
Nunc Dimittis: Plainsong - tone VI
Anthem: A prayer of St. Ignatius of Loyola *Barry Rose*

Tuesday
15th
November

No Evensong

No Evensong

Thursday
17th
November

Senior Choristers and Adult Singers
Responses: *Harris* (ATB)
Psalm: 48 (1-7)
Hymn: 101 City of God
Canticles: *Read* in F (ATB)
Anthem: Evening Hymn *Balfour Gardiner*

Friday
18th
November

Temple Consort, Rugby School
Responses: *Leighton*
Psalm: 77
Canticles: *Howells* Collegium Regale
Anthem: Rejoice in the Lamb *Britten*
Organ Voluntary: Psalm Prelude Set 2, No. 3 *Howells*

NOVEMBER

Week 10B

Christ the King: Sunday next before Advent

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 6.00pm

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 5.30pm

Sunday
20th
November

Rugby School Exeat – No Service

Monday
21st
November

Rugby School Exeat – No Evensong

Rugby School Exeat – No Evensong

Tuesday
22nd
November

St Cecilia

Boy Choristers and Adult Singers

Responses: *Harris* (ATB)

Psalm: 109 (1-4, 20-26)

Hymn: 210 Ye holy angels bright

Canticles: *Sumsion* in G

Anthem: A Hymn for St Cecilia *Howells*

Girl Choristers

Responses: Plainsong

Psalm: 109 (1-4, 20-26)

Hymn: 210 Ye holy angels bright

Magnificat: Plainsong - tone V

Nunc Dimittis: Plainsong - tone II

Anthem: Songs of praise the angels sang
Wicks

Thursday
24th
November

Senior Choristers and Adult Singers

Responses: *Rose* (ATB)

Psalm: 119 (17-24)

Hymn: 9 Thou didst leave thy throne

Canticles: *Doveton* (ATB)

Anthem: Let all the world *Vaughan*
Williams

Friday
25th
November

Girl Choristers and Adult Singers

Responses: *Cleobury* (ATB)

Psalm: 130

Hymn: 146 Judge eternal, throned in
splendour

Canticles: *Ireland* in F

Anthem: Ascribe unto the Lord *Travers*

NOVEMBER

Week 11A Advent 1

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 6.00pm

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 5.30pm

Sunday
27th
November
10.30am

Advent
Sunday

Arnold Singers, Rugby School
Hymns: 6, 1, 5
Anthems:
This is the truth *Vaughan Williams*
Rorate caeli desuper *Byrd*

Monday
28th
November

All Choristers and Adult Singers
Final Evensong of Term
Responses: *Moore* (ATB)
Psalm: 13
Hymn: 6 O Come, O Come Emmanuel
Canticles: *Stanford* in B flat
Anthem: Rejoice in the Lord Alway
Purcell

No Evensong

Tuesday
29th
November

No Evensong

1st EP of
St Andrew
the Apostle

Thursday 1st
December

No Evensong

No Evensong

Friday 2nd
December

No Evensong

No Evensong

DECEMBER

Week 12B

Advent 2

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 6.00pm

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 5.30pm

Sunday
4th
December
10.30am

Rugby School Service
No Choir

Hymns: 3, 7, 4

6.00pm

Arnold Singers, Rugby School
Carol Service for Visitors

Monday
5th
December

No Evensong

No Evensong

Tuesday
6th
December

No Evensong

No Evensong

Thursday
8th
December

No Evensong

No Evensong

7.30pm

Arnold Singers, Rugby School
Carol Service for Rugby School

Friday
9th
December

No Evensong

No Evensong

2.30pm

Bilton Grange School Choirs
Carol Service

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.

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 are holding a Chorister Experience Day on Friday 4th November where boys and girls can experience what it would be like to be a Chorister at Bilton Grange. You can find out further details and register for a place by contacting admissions@biltongrange.co.uk or telephoning 01788 818246.