

CHAPEL SERVICES AND MUSIC

Rugby School Chapel Bilton Grange School Chapel

Lent Term 2023



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 Sunday services and for refreshments in School House afterwards.

The Arnold Singers sing the ancient monastic service of Compline and an Organ Meditation with Richard Pinel (Organ) playing the Symphonie-Passion by Marcel Dupré; they also sing the Britten Ceremony of Carols and the Liturgy of Ash Wednesday. The Temple Consort will sing three Evensongs one of which will include the virtuosic and strikingly original 20th Century masterpiece, The St John's College Service by Michael Tippett. This will feature our own 'en chamade' trumpet organ stop in place of the Trompeta Real for which these canticles were written on the organ of St John's College, Cambridge. The Temple Consort have two collaborations this term: they will travel to Oxford to sing a Choral Contemplation with the Choir of Somerville College and will also take part in a workshop with the Choir of Royal Holloway, University of London, with their director, Rupert Gough. In this, the 400th anniversary year of the death of William Byrd, the repertoire of all the choirs will include many of his pieces, including the Second Service and the crowning glory of his compositional art, Infelix ego at Evensong on 7th March.

Chaplain

The Reverend Richard Horner

Worship Leaders

Helen Bryant Laura Bursey Faulkner George Oates

Director of Music Director of Rugby Choristers at Bilton Grange Richard Tanner

Director of Music, Bilton Grange Mark Penrose

Director of Pre-Prep Music, Bilton Grange Kirsten Gray

Head of Keyboard Organist to Rugby Choristers at Bilton Grange Ian Wicks

> Head of Academic Music James Williams

Head of Vocal StudiesMatthew Sandy

Vocal Coach Philippa Hyde

Organist and Chorister Training
Rebecca Taylor

Chorister LiaisonElizabeth Wicks

Rugby Choristers at Bilton Grange Gap Student George Oates

Organ ScholarsSebastian Carrington
Benedict Tanner

The Readings for Choral Evensong in the Lent Term

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

This term as we celebrate the season of Epiphany our readings take up the story of the child born in the stable and think about the light of the Christ child, revealed to the Wise men who travelled from afar to Bethlehem. We hear the story of John the Baptist recognising Jesus as the light coming into the world and ponder some of Jesus' miracles.

As term continues, we move towards the days of Lent; a time of our self-examination and a time of preparation to follow Jesus' last journey to Jerusalem, the agony of the crucifixion and the joy of resurrection after three days.

As in the Advent term we shall again celebrate with the church around the world some special Feast Days: the week of Prayer for Christian Unity when we pray for the reconciliation of divided churches; the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple; the Conversion of St Paul on the Road to Damascus; and the poet and hymn writer George Herbert.

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 6.00nm

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL Evensong at 5.30pm

Sunday Arnold Singers, Rugby School

15th Hymns: 20, 26, 23

January Introit: Omnes de Saba venient Handl10.30am Anthem: We Three Kings Wicks

8.30pm Arnold Singers, Rugby School

Memorial Chapel

Ceremony of Carols Britten

Monday Girl Choristers, Lay Clerks & Choral Scholars Boy Choristers

16thResponses: Harris (ATB)Responses: PlainsongJanuaryPsalm: 89 (1-10)Psalm: 89 (1-10)

Hymn: 23 As with gladness men of old

Canticles: *Noble* in B minor

Anthem: Ecce advenit *Byrd*

Hymn: 23 As with gladness men of old

Magnificat: Plainsong - tonus

peregrinus

Nunc Dimittis: Plainsong - tone VI Anthem: The gentiles shall come to thy

light Greene

Tuesday Boy Choristers, Lay Clerks & Choral Scholars Girl Choristers

17thResponses: Harris (ATB)Responses: PlainsongJanuaryPsalm: 109 (1-4, 20-26)Psalm: 109 (1-4, 20-26)

Hymn: 25 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Canticles: Sumsion in G

Anthem: Surge illuminare, Jerusalem

Byrd (ATB)

Hymn: 25 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Magnificat: Plainsong - tone V Nunc Dimittis: Plainsong - tone II Anthem: Light of the world *Dankworth*

Thursday 19th

January 1.25pm Temple Consort join the Choir of Royal Holloway, University of London, in a Workshop in Rugby School Chapel

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18-25th)

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL Evensong at 6.00pm

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL Evensong at 5.30pm

Thursday

Senior Boy & Girl Choristers, Lay Clerks &

19th Choral Scholars

January (continued) 6.00pm **Epiphany Carol Service**

Organ Pre-Voluntary: Les Mages (La Nativité du Seigneur), *Messiaen* Hostis Herodes impie, Plainsong

Hymn: O worship the Lord in the beauty

of holiness

Tribus miraculis *Palestrina*We Three Kings *Wicks*The Three Kings *Cornelius*

Hymn: As with gladness men of old

Venite comedite *Byrd* A New Year Carol *Britten*

Hymn: The magi came from foreign lands

Like as the hart *Howells*

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day

Gardner

Hymn: Songs of thankfulness and praise Hymn: The first Nowell the angel did say Organ Voluntary:Toccata-Prelude IV 'Vom Himmel hoch' *Garth Edmundson*

Friday 20th Girl Choristers, Lay Clerks & Choral Scholars

Responses: Harris (ATB)

January Psalm: 130

Hymn: 202 Thy hand O God has guided

Canticles: Ireland in F

Anthem: Reges Tharsis et insulae à 4 Byrd

(AATB)

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL

Evensong at 6.00pm

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL

Hymn: 193 The Church's one

Magnificat: Plainsong - tonus

Magnificat: Plainsong - tone V

foundation

peregrinus

Girl Choristers

conquest

Evensong at 5.30pm

Sunday Arnold Singers, Rugby School

22nd Hymns: 95, 193, 202

January Introit: Ubi caritas *Duruflé*

10.30am Anthem: Let all the world *Vaughan*

Williams

Organ Voluntary (Benedict Tanner T):

Marche de Procession Guilmant

Monday Girl Choristers, Lay Clerks & Choral Scholars Boy Choristers

23rd Responses: *Cleobury* (ATB) Responses: Plainsong **January** Psalm: 13, 14 (1-4) Psalm: 13, 14 (1-4)

Hymn: 193 The Church's one foundation

Week of Canticles: Denis Browne in A

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Prayer for Anthem: Vidimus stellam eius in Oriente

Christian Byrd (ATB)

Unity (18Nunc Dimittis: Plainsong - tone VI
Anthem: Eastern Monarchs, Sages

three C S Lang

Tuesday Boy Choristers, Lay Clerks & Choral Scholars

24th Responses: Cleobury (ATB) Responses: Plainsong

January Psalm: 33 (1-12) Psalm: 33 (1-12)

Hymn: CP237 We sing the glorious Hymn: CP237 We sing the glorious

First conquest

Evensong of Canticles: Wood in E (ATB)
the Anthem: And Paul came to the

the Anthem: And Paul came to the Nunc Dimittis: Plainsong - tone II congregation; Now we are ambassadors; Anthem: Introit for the Conversion of

of Paul How lovely are the messengers St Paul – tone VII

Mendelssohn

9.15pm *Compline sung by the Arnold Singers*

Introit: Magnus sanctus Paulus Palestrina

Te lucis ante terminum *Tallis*

In manus tuas *Byrd*

Nunc dimittis: The Short Service Gibbons

Salva nos, domine *Mouton*In pace, in idipsum *Sheppard*Salve Regina: Tonus solemnis

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL Evensong at 6.00pm

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL Evensong at 5.30pm

Thursday

Senior Boy & Girl Choristers, Lay Clerks &

26th Choral Scholars

January Responses: Cleobury (ATB)

Psalm: 48 (1-9)

Hymn: 26 O Worship the Lord in the

beauty of holiness Canticles: *Stanford* in C

Anthem: When Jesus our Lord; Say, where is he; There shall a star from Jacob

come forth Mendelssohn

Friday 27th January No Evensong

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL Evensong at 6.00pm

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL

Evensong at 5.30pm

Sunday 29th

January

Exeat - No Chapel Service

Monday 30th

Girl Choristers, Lay Clerks & Choral

Scholars

Responses: *Moore* (ATB) January

Psalm: 89 (1-15)

Hymn: 56 O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace Magnificat: Quinti Toni Dufay (ATB)

Nunc Dimittis: Brewer in F

Anthem: There is no rose *Anon* (ATB)

Boy Choristers

Responses: Plainsong Psalm: 89 (1-15)

Hymn: 56 O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace

Magnificat: Plainsong - tonus

peregrinus

Nunc Dimittis: Plainsong - tone VI Anthem: Prevent us O Lord Holman

Tuesday

Temple Consort & Lay Clerks

31st Responses: Radcliffe

January Psalm: 109

> Hymn: 159 Lord thy word abideth Canticles: Tippett St John's Service Anthem: Videntes stellam Poulenc

No Evensong

Thursday

Senior Boy & Girl Choristers, Lay Clerks &

2nd

Choral Scholars

February

Responses: Rose/Moore

Psalm: 119 (17-24)

Presentation of Christ in

Hymn: CP94 Hail to the Lord who

the Temple

Canticles: *Stanford* in B flat

Anthem: Haec deum caeli Tanner

Friday

3rd

February

No Evensong

comes

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL

Evensong at 6.00pm

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL

Evensong at 5.30pm

Sunday Arnold Singers, Rugby School

5th Hymns: 187, 103, 116

Introit: God be in my head Moore **February** 10.30am Anthem: Be thou my vision Chilcott Organ Voluntary (William Griffiths T):

Prelude in G major BWV 541 Bach

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

6th Responses: Ashfield (ATB) Responses: Plainsong

February Psalm: 13, 14 (1-8) Psalm: 13, 14 (1-8) Hymn: 58 Firmly I believe and truly Hymn: 58 Firmly I believe and truly

> Magnificat: *West* in C (ATB) Nunc Dimittis: Wood in D

Anthem: The heavens declare the glory of

Anthem: God of mercy, God of grace God Boyce Barry Rose

Boy Choristers, Lay Clerks & Choral Scholars Girl Choristers Tuesday

7th Responses: Ashfield (ATB) Responses: Plainsong Psalm: 33 (1-16) **February**

Hymn: 87 Angel voices ever singing

Canticles: Dyson in F

Anthem: If ye love me *Tallis*

Psalm: 33 (1-16)

Hymn: 87 Angel voices ever singing Magnificat: Plainsong - tone V Nunc Dimittis: Plainsong - tone II

Anthem: Jesus good above all other *Barry*

Magnificat: Plainsong - tonus peregrinus

Nunc Dimittis: Plainsong - tone VI

Rose

Senior Boy & Girl Choristers, Lay Clerks & Thursday

9th Choral Scholars **February** Responses: Rose Psalm: 48

Hymn: 91 Be thou my guardian and my

guide

Canticles: Macpherson in E (ATB)

Anthem: Evening Hymn Balfour Gardiner

Friday No Evensong 10th

February

HALF TERM

FEBRUARY

Week 6B

Next before Lent

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL

Evensong at 6.00pm

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL

Evensong at 5.30pm

Sunday 19th February No morning service - Half term

Monday

Temple Consort & Lay Clerks

20th Responses: Ayleward

February Psalm: 89

Hymn: 95 Christ is made the sure

foundation

Canticles: Purcell in G minor

Anthem: O God thou art my God Purcell

Tuesday 21st Boy Choristers, Lay Clerks & Choral

Scholars

February Responses: Millington (ATB)

Psalm: 109

Hymn: 101 City of God Canticles: *Sumsion* in A

Anthem: O for a closer walk with God

Stanford

Girl Choristers

No Evensong

Responses: Plainsong

Psalm: 109

Hymn: 101 City of God

Magnificat: Plainsong - tone V Nunc Dimittis: Plainsong - tone II Anthem: Lord be thy word my rule

Davy

Wednesday

Arnold Singers, Rugby School

22nd *Memorial Chapel*

February The Liturgy of Ash Wednesday

9.05pm Lent Prose

Song of Penitence Benedict Tanner T

Ash Emendemus in melius Byrd

Wednesday The Litany Loosemore

Miserere mei, Deus *Allegri* Hear my prayer *Purcell*

Hymn: 28 Forty days and forty nights

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL Evensong at 6.00pm

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL Evensong at 5.30pm

Thursday Senior Boy & Girl Choristers, Lay Clerks &

Choral Scholars FebruaryResponses: *Ebdon*Psalm: 119 (17-26)

Hymn: 110 Father of heaven, whose love

profound

Magnificat: Dorian Service *Tallis* (ATB) Nunc Dimittis: *Humfrey* in E minor Anthem: Call to remembrance *Farrant*

Friday Girl Choristers, Lay Clerks & Choral

24th Scholars

February Responses: *Ebdon*

Psalm: 130, 131

Hymn: 181 Praise to the Holiest in the

height

Canticles: Noble in B minor

Anthem: Let my complaint come before

thee Morley (ATB)

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL

Evensong at 6.00pm

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL

Evensong at 5.30pm

Sunday Arnold Singers, Rugby School

26th Hymns: 28, 140, 127

February Introit: Ne irascaris Domine *Byrd* **10.30am** Anthem: Civitas sancti tui *Byrd*Organ Voluntary (Samuel Lau T):

Prelude in A minor BWV 543 Bach

5.30pm The Temple Consort join Somerville College

Choir in Oxford for a Choral Contemplation

Comings and goings
Saint-Chapelle Whitacre
I love my love Holst
Sudden Light Bednall
Media Vita Kerensa Briggs
And so it goes arr. Chilcott

Surge, propera amica mea Aleotti

Monday Girl Choristers, Lay Clerks & Choral Scholars Boy Choristers

27th Responses: *Ebdon* Responses: Plainsong

February Psalm: 13, 14 Psalm: 13, 14

Hymn: 196 The God of love

George Canticles: Wood in D Hymn: 196 The God of love

Magnificat: Plainsong - tonus

Herbert, Anthem: Let all the world Dyson peregrinus

Priest and Nunc Dimittis: Plainsong - tone VI
Poet, 1633 Anthem: The Call Vaughan Williams

Tuesday Boy Choristers, Lay Clerks & Choral Scholars Girl Choristers

28th Responses: *Ebdon* Responses: Plainsong

February Psalm: 33 Psalm: 33

Hymn: 28 Forty days and forty nights Hymn: 28 Forty days and forty nights

Canticles: Sumsion in G Magnificat: Plainsong - tone V

Anthem: Lord for thy tender mercy's sake Nunc Dimittis: Plainsong - tone II

Farrant Anthem: God be in my head Barry Rose

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL

Evensong at 6.00pm

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL Evensong at 5.30pm

Thursday Senior Boy & Girl Choristers, Lay Clerks &

2nd Choral Scholars March Responses: Ebdon

Psalm: 48

Hymn: 140 Jesu, lover of my soul Magnificat: Primi Toni *Soriano*

Nunc dimittis: Tone 2 with fa-burden

Sharpe

Anthem: Ave verum corpus *Byrd*

Friday Boy Choristers, Lay Clerks & Choral Scholars

3rd Responses: *Ebdon*March Psalm: 60, 61

Hymn: 91 Be thou my guardian

Canticles: Dyson in F

Anthem: Nolo mortem peccatores Morley

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL Evensong at 6.00pm

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL Evensong at 5.30pm

Sunday 5th

Arnold Singers, Rugby School

March 10.30am

Hymns: 152, 91, 190

Introit: God so loved the world *Chilcott*

Anthem: The Spirit of the Lord *Elgar* Organ Voluntary (Benedict Tanner T): Fugue in A minor BWV 543 *Bach*

Monday 6th March

Girl Choristers, Lay Clerks & Choral

Scholars

Responses: Ebdon

Psalm: 89

Hymn: 149 Lead us heavenly Father

Canticles: Brewer in F

Anthem: O vos omnes *Pinel* (ATB)

Boy Choristers

Responses: Plainsong

Psalm: 89

Hymn: 149 Lead us heavenly Father

Magnificat: Plainsong - tonus peregrinus

Nunc Dimittis: Plainsong - tone VI

Anthem: Litany to the Holy Spirit Hurford

Tuesday 7th March Temple Consort & Lay Clerks

Responses: Byrd

Psalm: 109

Hymn: 31 O Sacred Head, sore

wounded

Canticles: *Byrd* Second Service Anthem: Infelix ego *Byrd*

No Evensong

9.00pm

Arnold Singers with Richard Pinel

(Organ) playing Symphonie-Passion

Op 23 by Marcel Dupré

Compline and Organ Meditation

Jesu Redemptor omnium, plainchant Le monde d'attente du Sauveur *Dupré*

Adeste fideles, plainchant

Nativité Dupré

Stabat Mater dolorosa, plainchant

Crucifixion Dupré

Adoro te devote, plainchant

Résurection Dupré

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL Evensong at 6.00pm

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL Evensong at 5.30pm

Thursday

Last Evensong of Term

9th

Senior Boy & Girl Choristers, Lay Clerks

March

& Choral Scholars
Responses: Ebdon

Psalm: 119 (17-32)

Hymn: 105 Dear Lord and Father of

mankind

Canticles: *Humfrey* in E minor Anthem: O Lord my God, why hast

thou forsaken me *Humfrey*

Friday 10th March No Evensong

MARCH Week 9A Lent 3

	RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL Evensong at 6.00pm	BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL Evensong at 5.30pm
Sunday 12 th March	No Morning Service – Exeat	
Monday 13 th March	No Evensong	No Evensong
Tuesday 14 th March	No Evensong	No Evensong
Thursday 16 th March	No Evensong	
Friday 17 th March	No Evensong	

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL Evensong at 6.00pm

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL Evensong at 5.30pm

Sunday 19th

Arnold Singers, Rugby School

March

Hymns: 192, 147, 167

Introit: Ave Maria *Jimmy Scanlon T*

Mothering Sunday Anthem: Totus tuus Górecki

Organ Voluntary (Sebastian Carrington T):

Prelude in E Flat BWV 552 Bach

Monday 20th

March

No Evensong

No Evensong

Tuesday 21st March No Evensong

No Evensong

Thursday 23rd March No Evensong

Friday 24th

Arnold Singers, Rugby School

Commemoration of the Crucifixion

March

Hymns: 29, 36

10.10am

Anthem: Salvator mundi Tallis

No Evensong

The Rugby Choristers at Bilton Grange

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

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

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

Lay Clerks and Choral Scholars

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

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

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