



Rugby Choristers at Bilton Grange

CHAPEL SERVICES AND MUSIC

Rugby School Chapel

Bilton Grange School Chapel

Lent Term 2024



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 Sopranos and Altos of the Arnold Singers will sing *Benjamin Britten’s* Ceremony of Carols in the Memorial Chapel on Sunday 14 January at 20:30. The whole choir will sing a Lenten Mediation on 21 February at 21:05.

The Temple Consort will travel to Clare College, Cambridge to sing Evensong with their Chapel Choir on Tuesday 30 January at 18:15. On 23 February they sing Evensong which will include the magnificent anthem, For lo I raise up by *Charles Villiers Stanford*, whose centenary of his death we remember this year.

Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

This year we remember the centenary of the death of *Stanford* whose music is one of the most loved pillars of the repertoire of Evensong in the Anglican tradition. This year will see the inclusion of many pieces by *Stanford*. This term we will sing settings of the Evening canticles in A, B flat, C and G major in addition to several anthems. Organ voluntaries throughout the year will also feature his music.

Chaplain

The Reverend Richard Horner

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Rugby Choristers at Bilton Grange Gap Student

Eva Scullion

Organ Scholars

Sebastian Carrington

Benedict Tanner

The Readings for Choral Evensong in the Lent 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. In 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 begins with the celebration of the season of Epiphany. Our readings take up the story of the child born in the stable and we 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 the story of the baptism of Jesus by John.

We follow the ministry of Jesus, his calling of disciples to follow him and learn of the healing miracles of Jesus which reveal the light that has come into the world.

As term continues, we move towards the days of Lent focussing on the teachings of Jesus in Matthew's Gospel in the Sermon on the Mount, with its challenges for each of us this Lent.

As term moves to its end the question becomes - 'Who is this worker of miracles, this teacher, Jesus?' We end the term, as opposition to Jesus increases from the religious leaders of the day, and Jesus turns his face towards Jerusalem and what lies ahead of him, the agony of the crucifixion and the joy of resurrection after three days. The question remains: Who is this Jesus?

As in the Advent term we shall again celebrate with the church around the world some special Feast Days: the Baptism of Jesus; 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.

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 across a four week cycle. 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

JANUARY

Week 1

Epiphany 1 /Baptism of Christ

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 18:00

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 17:30

Monday 8
January

No Evensong

No Evensong

Tuesday 9
January

*Evensong with Making Up of
older Probationers
Boy Choristers, Lay Clerks & Choral
Scholars*

No Evensong

Responses: *Rose*

Psalm: 23

Hymn: 23 As with gladness men of
old

Canticles: *Sunsion* in G

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

Organ Voluntary: *Fiat Lux Dubois*

Thursday 11
January

*Senior Choristers, Lay Clerks &
Choral Scholars*

Responses: *Rose*

Psalm: 33

Hymn: 25 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Canticles: *Stanford* in C

Anthem: We Three Kings *Wicks*

Organ Voluntary: *Sortie* in E flat
Lefébure-Wély

Friday 12
January

*Boy Choristers, Lay Clerks &
Choral Scholars*

Responses: *Rose*

Psalm: 41

Hymn: 47 Crown him with many
crowns

Canticles: *Jackson* in G

Anthem: Here is the little door
Howells

Organ Voluntary: *Melody* in G minor
York Bowen

JANUARY

Week 2

Epiphany 2

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 18:00

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 17:30

Sunday 14
January
10:30

Arnold Singers, Rugby School
Introit: Omnes de Saba venient *Handl*
Hymn: 20 The First Nowell
26 O Worship the Lord
23 As with gladness
Anthem: The Three Kings *Cornelius*
Organ Voluntary: (Benedict Tanner,
T) Prelude in A minor BWV 543i *Bach*

20:30

*Arnold Singers Sopranos and Altos,
Rugby School*
in Memorial Chapel, Rugby School
Ceremony of Carols *Britten*

Monday 15
January

*Evensong with Making Up
of older Probationers*
*Girl Choristers, Lay Clerks & Choral
Scholars*

Responses: *Rose*
Psalm: 48
Hymn: 26 O Worship the Lord in the
beauty of holiness
Canticles: *Noble* in B minor
Anthem: Bethlehem down *Warlock*
Organ Voluntary: Prelude
Op 29, No 1 *Pierné*

No Evensong

Tuesday 16
January

*Boy Choristers, Lay Clerks & Choral
Scholars*
Responses: *Rose*
Psalm: 60 & 61
Hymn: 172 O Jesus, I have promised
Canticles: *Sumsion* in A (William
Griffiths T)
Anthem: O leave your sheep *Leighton*
Organ Voluntary: Toccata on
Hanover *Leighton*

Girl Choristers
Responses: Plainsong
Psalm: 60 & 61
Hymn: 172 O Jesus, I have promised
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 18
January** *Epiphany Carol Service*
*Senior Choristers, Lay Clerks &
Choral Scholars*
Hymns: O worship the Lord in the
beauty of holiness
As with gladness men of old
The magi came from foreign lands
Songs of thankfulness and praise
The first Nowell the angel did say
Anthems: Hostis Herodes impie
Plainsong
Tribus miraculis *Marenzio*
Videntes stellam *Poulenc*
The Three Kings *Cornelius*
Venite comedite *Byrd*
A New Year Carol *Britten*
Like as the hart *Howells*
Tomorrow shall be my dancing day
Gardner
Organ Voluntary: Toccata-Prelude IV
'Vom himmel hoch' *Garth Edmundson*

**Friday 19
January** *No Evensong*

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 18:00

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 17:30

Sunday 21
January
10:30

Arnold Singers, Rugby School

Introit: Ubi caritas *Duruflé*

Hymns: 95 Christ is made the sure
foundation

193 The Church's one foundation

202 Thy hand, O God has guided

Anthem: Let all the world *Vaughan
Williams*

Organ Voluntary: (Charles Swinfen,
T) Minuet from Suite Gothique
Boellmann

Monday 22
January

*Girl Choristers, Lay Clerks &
Choral Scholars*

Responses: *Rose*

Psalm: 78 (32-52)

Hymn: 202 Thy hand O God has
guided

Canticles: *Harwood* in A flat

Anthem: Pray that Jerusalem may
have peace *Stanford*

Organ Voluntary: Nun komm, der
Heiden Heiland BWV 659 *Bach*

Boy Choristers

Responses: Plainsong

Psalm: 78 (32-52)

Hymn: 202 Thy hand O God has
guided

Magnificat: Plainsong - tonus
peregrinus

Nunc dimittis: Plainsong - tone VI

Anthem: Eastern Monarchs, Sages
Three C.S. *Lang*

Tuesday 23
January

*Boy Choristers, Lay Clerks & Choral
Scholars*

Responses: *Rose*

Psalm: 78 (53-73)

Hymn: 193 The Church's one
foundation

Canticles: The Fourth Service *Batten*

Anthem: Ubi caritas *Gjeilo*

Organ Voluntary: Toccata in F
BuxWV 157 *Buxtehude*

Girl Choristers

Responses: Plainsong

Psalm: 78 (53-73)

Hymn: 193 The Church's one
foundation

Magnificat: Plainsong - tone V

Nunc dimittis: Plainsong - tone II

Anthem: Jesus good above all other
Barry Rose

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 18:00

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 17:30

Thursday 25 *Senior Choristers, Lay Clerks & Choral*
January *Scholars*

Conversion
of Paul

Introit: Rejoice we all, and praise the
Lord - tone VII
Responses: *Sanders*
Psalm: 89 (1-19)
Hymn: CP237 We sing the glorious
conquest
Magnificat: Primi Toni *Soriano*
Nunc dimittis: Tone III à4 *Palestrina*
Anthem: And Paul came to the
congregation; Now we are
ambassadors; How lovely are the
messengers *Mendelssohn*
Organ Voluntary: Overture to the
oratorio 'St Paul' *Mendelssohn*
arr W T Best

Friday 26 *No Evensong (Exeat)*
January

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 18:00
BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 17:30

Sunday 28 *No Morning Service (Exeat)*
January

Monday 29 *Girl Choristers, Lay Clerks &*
January *Choral Scholars*
 Responses: *Sanders*
 Psalm: 119 (17-32)
 Hymn: 56 O Holy Spirit, Lord of
 Grace
 Canticles: *Ireland in F*
 Anthem: How beauteous are their
 feet *Stanford*
 Organ Voluntary: Epithalamium
Stanford

Boy Choristers
 Responses: Plainsong
 Psalm: 119 (17-32)
 Hymn: 56 O Holy Spirit, Lord of
 Grace
 Magnificat: Plainsong - tonus
 peregrinus
 Nunc dimittis: Plainsong - tone VI
 Anthem: The Gentiles shall come to
 thy light *Greene*

Tuesday 30 *No Evensong in Rugby School Chapel*
January *Rugby School Temple Consort sing*
18.15 *Evensong in Clare College,*
 Cambridge with the Choir of Clare
 College

Organ Voluntary: (Sebastian
 Carrington T) *A Fancy Byrd*
 Introit: Jesu, grant me this I pray
Robinson (OR)
 Responses: *Janet Wheeler*
 Psalm: 19 (*Wesley & Noble*)
 Hymn: NEH 57 The race that long in
 darkness pined
 Canticles: *Denis Browne (OR)* in A
 Anthem: The Heavens are telling
Haydn

No Evensong

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 18:00

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 17:30

**Thursday 1
February** *Senior Choristers, Lay Clerks &
Choral Scholars*
*Eve of
Presentation* Introit: We have waited O God for thy
loving kindness – tone VII
Responses: *Sanders*
Psalm: 136
Hymn: CP94 Hail to the Lord who
comes
Canticles: *Stanford* in B flat
Anthem: Haec deum caeli *Tanner*
Organ Voluntary: Sortie (Seven
Sketches) *Whitlock*

**Friday 2
February** *Girl Choristers, Lay Clerks &
Choral Scholars*
Presentation Introit: We have waited O God for thy
loving kindness – tone VII
Responses: *Sanders*
Psalm: 149 & 150
Hymn: NEH 156 (288) Sing how the
age-long promise of a Saviour
Canticles: *Murrill* in E
Anthem: Hodie beata Virgo *Byrd*
Organ Voluntary: (Benedict *Tanner*, T)
Puer natus in Bethlehem BuxWV 217
Buxtehude

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 18:00
BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 17:30

Sunday 4
February
18:00

Rugby School
Evening Chapel - Soloist
 Anthem: Nunc dimittis *Burgon*
 Organ Voluntary: (Sebastian
 Carrington, T) Prelude in G major
 BWV 541i

Candlemas

Monday 5
February

Girl Choristers, Lay Clerks &
Choral Scholars
 Responses: *Sanders*
 Psalm: 13 & 14
 Hymn: 159 Lord thy word abideth
 Canticles: *Brewer in F*
 Anthem: In thee is gladness *Stanford*
 Organ Voluntary: On a theme of
 Orlando Gibbons (Song 22) *Stanford*

Boy Choristers

Responses: Plainsong
 Psalm: 13 & 14
 Hymn: 159 Lord thy word abideth
 Magnificat: Plainsong - tonus
 peregrinus
 Nunc dimittis: Plainsong - tone VI
 Anthem: Prevent us, O Lord *Holman*

Tuesday 6
February

Boy Choristers, Lay Clerks &
Choral Scholars
 Responses: *Sanders*
 Psalm: 22 & 23
 Hymn: 58 Firmly I believe and truly
 Canticles: *Stanford* in A
 Anthem: O for a closer walk with
 God *Stanford*
 Organ Voluntary: Psalm Prelude
 Set 1, No 2 *Howells*

Girl Choristers

Responses: Plainsong
 Psalm: 22 & 23
 Hymn: 58 Firmly I believe and truly
 Magnificat: Plainsong - tone V
 Nunc dimittis: Plainsong - tone II
 Anthem: Lord be thy word my rule
Davy

Thursday 8
February

Senior Choristers, Lay Clerks &
Choral Scholars
 Responses: *Sumsion*
 Psalm: 33
 Hymn: 101 City of God
 Canticles: *Dyson* in D
 Anthem: Evening Hymn *Balfour*
Gardiner
 Organ Voluntary: Organ Sonata in G
 Allegro maestoso *Elgar*

FEBRUARY

Half Term

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 18:00

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 17:30

Friday 9
February

No Evensong (Half Term)

Sunday 11
February

No Morning Service (Half Term)

Half Term

Choir Tour to Spain

Arnold Singers, Rugby School

Mass for four voices *Byrd*

Five Spirituals *Tippett*

Beati quorum via *Stanford*

Bogoroditsye Dyevo *Rachmaninov*

Emendemus in Melius *Byrd*

Ne irascaris Domine/Civitas sancti
tui *Byrd*

Miserere me, Deus *Allegrì*

Salvator mundi Tallis

Crux Fidelis *John of Portugal*

Hear my prayer *Purcell*

God so loved the world *Chilcott*

Jesu grant me this I pray *Robinson*

(OR)

Ave Maria *Jimmy Scanlon (T)*

Locus Iste *Sandy*

Ubi Caritas *Duruflé*

FEBRUARY

Week 6

Lent 1

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 18:00

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 17:30

Sunday 18
February *No Morning Service (Half Term)*

Monday 19
February *No Evensong (BG Musical Soirée)*

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Tuesday 20
February *Boy Choristers, Lay Clerks & Choral Scholars*
Responses: *Sumsion*
Psalm: 60 & 61
Hymn: 110 Father of heaven, whose love profound
Canticles: The Sixth Service *Weelkes*
Anthem: Lord for thy tender mercy's sake *Farrant*
Organ Voluntary: Voluntary No 1 *Weelkes*

Girl Choristers
Responses: Plainsong
Psalm: 60 & 61
Hymn: 110 Father of heaven, whose love profound
Magnificat: Plainsong - tone V
Nunc dimittis: Plainsong - tone II
Anthem: God be in my head *Barry Rose*

Wednesday
21 February
21:05 *Lent Meditation*
Arnold Singers, Rugby School
Anthems: Lent Prose
Kyrie eleison à 4 *Byrd*
Emendemus in melius *Byrd*
The Litany *Loosemore*
Miserere mei, Deus *Allegrì*
Hear my prayer *Purcell*

Thursday 22
February *Senior Choristers, Lay Clerks & Choral Scholars*
Responses: *Ebdon*
Psalm: 78 (1-17)
Hymn: 181 Praise to the Holiest in the height
Canticles: The Fifth Service *Tomkins*
Anthem: Call to remembrance *Farrant*
Organ Voluntary: Psalm Prelude
Set 1 No 1 *Howells*

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 18:00

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 17:30

**Friday 23
February**

Temple Consort, Rugby School

Responses: *Janet Wheeler*

Psalm: 78 (18-31)

Hymn: 108 Father, hear the prayer we
offer

Canticles: *Stanford* in G

Anthem: For lo I raise up *Stanford*

Organ Voluntary: Sonata Eroica No 2

'Rheims' *Stanford*

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 18:00
BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 17:30

Sunday 25
February
10:30 *Arnold Singers, Rugby School*
 Introit: Ne irascaris Domine *Byrd*
 Hymn: 28 Forty days and forty nights
 90 Be still my soul
 140 Jesu lover of my soul
 Anthem: Civitas sancti tui *Byrd*
 Organ Voluntary: (Jack McCallum, C)
 Fanfare *Mathias*

Monday 26
February *Girl Choristers, Lay Clerks & Choral Scholars*
 Responses: *Ebdon*
 Psalm: 78 (32-52)
 Hymn: 28 Forty days and forty nights
 Canticles: *Wood* in D
 Anthem: Give ear O Lord *Weelkes*
 Organ Voluntary: Fantasy Aus der tiefe (Heinlein) *Leighton*

Boy Choristers
 Responses: Plainsong
 Psalm: 78 (32-52)
 Hymn: 28 Forty days and forty nights
 Magnificat: Plainsong - tonus peregrinus
 Nunc dimittis: Plainsong - tone VI
 Anthem: Litany to the Holy Spirit *Hurford*

Tuesday 27
February *Boy Choristers, Lay Clerks & Choral Scholars*
 Responses: *Ebdon*
 Psalm: 78 (53-73)
 Hymn: 196 The God of love
 Canticles: *Dyson* in F
 Anthem: Let all the world *Dyson*
 Organ Voluntary: (Benedict Tanner, T) Vesper Voluntary No 3 *Elgar*

Girl Choristers
 Responses: Plainsong
 Psalm: 78 (53-73)
 Hymn: 196 The God of love
 Magnificat: Plainsong - tone V
 Nunc dimittis: Plainsong - tone II
 Anthem: The Call *Vaughan Williams*

Thursday 29
February *Senior Choristers, Lay Clerks & Choral Scholars*
 Responses: *Morley*
 Psalm: 89 (1-19)
 Hymn: 91 Be thou my guardian
 Canticles: *Daniel Purcell* in E minor
 Anthem: Wash me throughly *SS Wesley*
 Organ Voluntary: (Toby Davies, SF)
 Aria *Brian Solomons*

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 18:00

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 17:30

**Friday 1
March**

*Girl Choristers, Lay Clerks &
Choral Scholars*

St David

Introit: The Lord hath established a
covenant of peace with him -Tone VII

Responses: *Morley*

Psalm: 109

Hymn: REH 212 We praise thy name,
all-holy Lord

Canticles: *Harwood* in A flat

Anthem: View me Lord *Lloyd* (OR)

Organ Voluntary: Marche Heroïque
Brewer

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 18:00
BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 17:30

Sunday 3
March
10:30
Arnold Singers, Rugby School

Introit: Jesu grant me this I pray

Robinson (OR)

Hymns: 152 Lift high the cross

91 Be thou my vision

190 Take up thy cross

Anthem: God so loved the world

Stainer

 Organ Voluntary: (Benedict Tanner,
 T) Final Op 27 No 7 *Dupré*

Monday 4
March
Girl Choristers, Lay Clerks & Choral
Scholars

 Responses: *Morley*

Psalm: 119 (17-32)

Hymn: 149 Lead us heavenly Father

Canticles: The King's College Service

Forbes L'Estrange

 Anthem: Out of the deep *Morley*

 Organ Voluntary: (Cheuk-Hei Ma,
 Sh) Lamento *Guilmant*
Boy Choristers

Responses: Plainsong

Psalm: 119 (17-32)

Hymn: 149 Lead us heavenly Father

Magnificat: Plainsong - tonus

peregrinus

Nunc dimittis: Plainsong - tone VI

 Anthem: Watch thou dear Lord, *Barry*
Rose

Tuesday 5
March
Boy Choristers, Lay Clerks & Choral
Scholars

 Responses: *Morley*

Psalm: 130 & 131

 Hymn: 105 Dear Lord and Father of
 mankind

 Canticles: *Watson* in E

Anthem: Nolo mortem peccatores

Morley

Organ Voluntary: (Joshua Clarke, SH)

 Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ, BWV
 639 *Bach*
Girl Choristers

Responses: Plainsong

Psalm: 130 & 131

 Hymn: 105 Dear Lord and Father of
 mankind

Magnificat: Plainsong - tone V

Nunc dimittis: Plainsong - tone II

 Anthem: There is a green hill *Wicks*

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 18:00

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 17:30

**Thursday 7
March** *Last Evensong of Term*
*Senior Choristers, Lay Clerks & Choral
Scholars*
Responses: *Morley*
Psalm: 136
Hymn: 140 Jesu, lover of my soul
Canticles: *Humfrey in E minor*
Anthem: O Lord my God, why hast
thou forsaken me *Humfrey*
Organ Voluntary: Fugue in G minor
BWV 542ii *Bach*

19:00 *Organ Competition*

**Friday 8
March** *No Evensong (Exeat)*

MARCH Week 9 Lent 4/Mothering Sunday

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 18:00

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 17:30

Sunday *No Morning Service (Exeat)*
10 March

Monday *No Evensong (Exeat)* *No Evensong (Exeat)*
11 March

Tuesday *No Evensong* *No Evensong*
12 March

Thursday *No Evensong*
14 March

Friday *No Evensong*
15 March

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 18:00

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 17:30

Sunday 17 *Gospel Choir*
March Hymns: 29 My song is love unknown
10:30 181 Praise to the Holiest
 36 When I survey the wondrous
 Cross

Monday 18 *No Evensong*
March

No Evensong

Tuesday 19 *No Evensong*
March

No Evensong

*Joseph of
Nazareth*

Thursday 21 *No Evensong*
March

Friday 22 *No Evensong*
March

Saturday 23 *Commemoration of the Crucifixion*
March Hymns: 29 My song is love unknown
10:10 36 When I survey the wondrous
 Cross
 Anthem: Salvator mundi *Tallis*

THE PSALMS

appointed for the Lent Term 2024

Monday Week A

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

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.
5. Their throat is an open sepulchre, with their tongues have they deceived:
the poison of asps is under their lips.
6. Their mouth is full of cursing and bitterness:
their feet are swift to shed blood.

7. Destruction and unhappiness is in their ways, and the way of peace have they not known: there is no fear of God before their eyes.
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.

Tuesday Week A

Psalm 22

Deus, Deus meu

1. MY GOD, my God, look upon me; why hast thou forsaken me :
and art so far from my health, and from the words of my complaint?
2. O my God, I cry in the day-time, but thou hearest not :
and in the night-season also I take no rest.
3. And thou continuest holy :
O thou worship of Israel.
4. Our fathers hoped in thee :
they trusted in thee, and thou didst deliver them.
5. They called upon thee, and were holpen :
they put their trust in thee, and were not confounded.
6. But as for me, I am a worm, and no man :
a very scorn of men, and the outcast of the people.
7. All they that see me laugh me to scorn :
they shoot our their lips, and shake their heads, saying,
8. He trusted in God, that he would deliver him :
let him deliver him, if he will have him.

9. But thou art he that took me out of my mother's womb :
thou wast my hope, when I hanged yet upon my mother's breasts.
10. I have been left unto thee ever since I was born :
thou art my God, even from my mother's womb.
11. O go not from me, for trouble is hard at hand :
and there is none to help me.
12. Many oxen are come about me :
fat bulls of Basan close me in on every side.
13. They gape upon me with their mouths :
as it were a ramping and a roaring lion.
14. I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint :
my heart also in the midst of my body is even like melting wax.
15. My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaveth to my gums :
and thou shalt bring me into the dust of death.
16. For many dogs are come about me :
and the council of the wicked layeth siege against me.
17. They pierced my hands and my feet; I may tell all my bones :
they stand staring and looking upon me.
18. They part my garments among them :
and casts lots upon my vesture.
19. But be not thou far from me, O Lord :
thou art my succour, haste thee to help me.
20. Deliver my soul from the sword :
my darling from the power of the dog.
21. Save me from the lion's mouth :
thou hast heard me also from among the horns of the unicorns.
22. I will declare thy Name unto my brethren :
in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.
23. O praise the Lord, ye that fear him :
magnify him, all ye of the seed of Jacob, and fear him, all ye seed of Israel.

24. For he hath not despised, nor abhorred, the low estate of the poor :
he hath not hid his face from him, but when he called unto him he heard him.
25. My praise is of thee in the great congregation :
my vows will I perform in the sight of them that fear him.
26. The poor shall eat and be satisfied :
they that seek after the Lord shall praise him; your heart shall live for ever.
27. All the ends of the world shall remember themselves, and be turned unto the Lord :
and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him.
28. For the kingdom is the Lord's :
and he is the Governor among the people.
29. All such as be fat upon earth :
have eaten and worshipped.
30. All they that go down into the dust shall kneel before him :
and no man hath quickened his own soul.
31. My seed shall serve him :
they shall be counted unto the Lord for a generation.
32. They shall come, and the heavens shall declare his righteousness :
unto a people that shall be born, whom the Lord hath made.

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.

Thursday Week A

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.

Friday Week A

Psalm 41

Beatus qui intelligit

1. Blessed is he that considereth the poor and needy :
the Lord shall deliver him in the time of trouble.
2. The Lord preserve him, and keep him alive, that he may be blessed upon earth :
and deliver not thou him into the will of his enemies.
3. The Lord comfort him, when he lieth sick upon his bed :
make thou all his bed in his sickness.
4. I said, Lord, be merciful unto me :
heal my soul, for I have sinned against thee.

5. Mine enemies speak evil of me : When shall he die, and his name perish?
6. And if he come to see me, he speaketh vanity :
and his heart conceiveth falsehood within himself,
and when he cometh forth he telleth it.
7. All mine enemies whisper together against me :
even against me do they imagine this evil.
8. Let the sentence of guiltiness proceed against him :
and now that he lieth, let him rise up no more.
9. Yea, even mine own familiar friend, whom I trusted :
who did also eat of my bread, hath laid great wait for me.
10. But be thou merciful unto me, O Lord :
raise thou me up again, and I shall reward them.
11. By this I know thou favourest me :
that mine enemy doth not triumph against me.
12. And when I am in my health, thou upholdest me :
and shalt set me before thy face for ever.
13. Blessed be the Lord God of Israel :
world without end. Amen.

Monday Week B

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.

Tuesday Week B

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.

Thursday Week B

Psalm 78 (1-17)

Attendite, popule

1. Hear my law, O my people:
incline your ears unto the words of my mouth.
2. I will open my mouth in a parable:
I will declare hard sentences of old;
3. Which we have heard and known:
and such as our fathers have told us;
4. That we should not hide them from the children of the generations to come:
but to shew the honour of the Lord,
his mighty and wonderful works that he hath done.
5. He made a covenant with Jacob, and gave Israel a law:
which he commanded our forefathers to teach their children;
6. That their posterity might know it:
and the children which were yet unborn;
7. To the intent that when they came up:
they might shew their children the same;
8. That they might put their trust in God:
and not to forget the works of God, but to keep his commandments;
9. And not to be as their forefathers, a faithless and stubborn generation:
a generation that set not their heart aright,
and whose spirit cleaveth not stedfastly unto God;
10. Like as the children of Ephraim:
who being harnessed, and carrying bows,
turned themselves back in the day of battle.
11. They kept not the covenant of God:
and would not walk in his law;
12. But forgat what he had done:
and the wonderful works that he had shewed for them.
13. Marvellous things did he in the sight of our forefathers, in the land of Egypt:
even in the field of Zoan.

14. He divided the sea, and let them go through:
he made the waters to stand on an heap.
15. In the day-time also he led them with a cloud:
and all the night through with a light of fire.
16. He clave the hard rocks in the wilderness:
and gave them drink thereof, as it had been out of the great depth.
17. He brought waters out of the stony rock:
so that it gushed out like the rivers.

Friday Week B

Psalm 78 (18-31)

18. Yet for all this they sinned more against him:
and provoked the most Highest in the wilderness.
19. They tempted God in their hearts:
and required meat for their lust.
20. They spake against God also, saying:
Shall God prepare a table in the wilderness?
21. He smote the stony rock indeed, that the waters gushed out,
and the streams flowed withal:
but can he give bread also, or provide flesh for his people?
22. When the Lord heard this, he was wroth:
so the fire was kindled in Jacob, and there came up heavy displeasure against Israel;
23. Because they believed not in God:
and put not their trust in his help.
24. So he commanded the clouds above:
and opened the doors of heaven.
25. He rained down manna also upon them for to eat:
and gave them food from heaven.
26. So man did eat angels' food:
for he sent them meat enough.
27. He caused the east-wind to blow under heaven:
and through his power he brought in the south-west-wind.

28. He rained flesh upon them as thick as dust:
and feathered fowls like as the sand of the sea.
29. He let it fall among their tents:
even round about their habitation.
30. So they did eat and were well filled, for he gave them their own desire:
they were not disappointed of their lust.
31. But while the meat was yet in their mouths,
the heavy wrath of God came upon them, and slew the wealthiest of them:
yea, and smote down the chosen men that were in Israel.

Monday Week C

Psalm 78 (32-52)

32. But for all this they sinned yet more:
and believed not his wondrous works.
33. Therefore their days did he consume in vanity:
and their years in trouble.
34. When he slew them, they sought him:
and turned them early, and inquired after God.
35. And they remembered that God was their strength:
and that the high God was their redeemer.
36. Nevertheless, they did but flatter him with their mouth:
and dissembled with him in their tongue.
37. For their heart was not whole with him:
neither continued they stedfast in his covenant.
38. But he was so merciful, that he forgave their misdeeds:
and destroyed them not.
39. Yea, many a time turned he his wrath away:
and would not suffer his whole displeasure to arise.
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.
51. He made a way to his indignation, and spared not their soul from death:
but gave their life over to the pestilence;
52. And smote all the first-born in Egypt:
the most principal and mightiest in the dwellings of Ham.

Tuesday Week C

Psalm 78 (53-73)

53. But as for his own people, he led them forth like sheep:
and carried them in the wilderness like a flock.
54. He brought them out safely, that they should not fear:
and overwhelmed their enemies with the sea.
55. And brought them within the borders of his sanctuary:
even to his mountain which he purchased with his right hand.

56. He cast out the heathen also before them:
caused their land to be divided among them for an heritage,
and made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.
57. So they tempted and displeased the most high God:
and kept not his testimonies;
58. But turned their backs, and fell away like their forefathers:
starting aside like a broken bow.
59. For they grieved him with their hill-altars:
and provoked him to displeasure with their images.
60. When God heard this, he was wroth:
and took sore displeasure at Israel.
61. So that he forsook the tabernacle in Silo:
even the tent that he had pitched among men.
62. He delivered their power into captivity:
and their beauty into the enemy's hand.
63. He gave his people over also unto the sword:
and was wroth with his inheritance.
64. The fire consumed their young men:
and their maidens were not given to marriage.
65. Their priests were slain with the sword:
and there were no widows to make lamentation.
66. So the Lord awaked as one out of sleep:
and like a giant refreshed with wine.
67. He smote his enemies in the hinder parts:
and put them to a perpetual shame.
68. He refused the tabernacle of Joseph:
and chose not the tribe of Ephraim;
69. But chose the tribe of Judah:
even the hill of Sion which he loved.
70. And there he built his temple on high:
and laid the foundation of it like the ground which he hath made continually.
71. He chose David also his servant:
and took him away from the sheep-folds.

72. As he was following the ewes great with young ones he took him:
that he might feed Jacob his people, and Israel his inheritance.
73. So he fed them with a faithful and true heart:
and ruled them prudently with all his power.

Thursday Week C

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.

Friday Week C

Psalm 109 (5-19 omitted)

Deus laudem

1. Hold not thy tongue, O God of my praise :
for the mouth of the ungodly, yea, the mouth of the deceitful is opened upon me.
2. And they have spoken against me with false tongues :
they compassed me about also with words of hatred, and fought against me
without a cause.
3. For the love that I had unto them, lo, they take now my contrary part :
but I give myself unto prayer.
4. Thus have they rewarded me evil for good :
and hatred for my good will.
20. But deal thou with me, O Lord God, according unto thy Name :
for sweet is thy mercy.
21. O deliver me, for I am helpless and poor :
and my heart is wounded within me.
22. I go hence like the shadow that departeth :
and am driven away as the grasshopper.

23. My knees are weak through fasting :
my flesh is dried up for want of fatness.
24. I became also a reproach unto them :
they that looked upon me shook their heads.
25. Help me, O Lord my God :
O save me according to thy mercy;
26. And they shall know, how that this is thy hand :
and that thou, Lord, hast done it.
27. Though they curse, yet bless thou :
and let them be confounded that rise up against me; but let thy servant rejoice.
28. Let mine adversaries be clothed with shame :
and let them cover themselves with their own confusion, as with a cloke.
29. As for me, I will give great thanks unto the Lord with my mouth :
and praise him among the multitude;
30. For he shall stand at the right hand of the poor :
to save his soul from unrighteous judges.

Monday Week D

Psalm 119 (17-32)

Retribuere servo tuo

17. O do well unto thy servant :
that I may live, and keep thy word.
18. Open thou mine eyes :
that I may see the wondrous things of thy law.
19. I am a stranger upon earth :
O hide not thy commandments from me.
20. My soul breaketh out for the very fervent desire :
that it hath always unto thy judgements.
21. Thou hast rebuked the proud :
and cursed are they that do err from thy commandments.
22. O turn from me shame and rebuke :
for I have kept thy testimonies.

23. Princes also did sit and speak against me :
but thy servant is occupied in thy statutes.
24. For thy testimonies are my delight : and my counsellors.
25. My soul cleaveth to the dust :
O quicken thou me, according to thy word.
26. I have acknowledged my ways, and thou heardest me :
O teach me thy statutes.
27. Make me to understand the way of thy commandments :
and so shall I talk of thy wondrous works.
28. My soul melteth away for very heaviness :
comfort thou me according unto thy word.
29. Take from me the way of lying :
and cause thou me to make much of thy law.
30. I have chosen the way of truth :
and thy judgements have I laid before me.
31. I have stuck unto thy testimonies : O Lord, confound me not.
32. I will run the way of thy commandments :
when thou hast set my heart at liberty.

Tuesday Week D

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. 5. I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him :
in his word is my trust.

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

Psalm 131

Domine, non est

1. Lord, I am not high-minded :
I have no proud looks.
2. I do not exercise myself in great matters :
which are too high for me.
3. But I refrain my soul, and keep it low, like as a child that is weaned from his
mother :
yea, my soul is even as a weaned child.
4. O Israel, trust in the Lord :
from this time forth for evermore.

Thursday Week D

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.

Friday Week D

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 - Lent Term

Lectionary compiled by Dame Mary Tanner

Week 1 - Epiphany 1

Tuesday 9 January

- Old Testament: Isaiah 60. 1-3 and 6 *Isaiah foretells the coming of kings and nations to the Light*
- New Testament: Matthew 2. 1-13 *The Wise Men come to the stable bearing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh*

Thursday 11 January

- Old Testament: Isaiah 9. 2, 6 and 7 *Isaiah foretells the one called to be a light to the nations who will establish peace and justice*
- New Testament: John 1. 29 - 34 *John the Baptist recognises the man Jesus as the Son of God*

Friday 12 January, The Baptism of Jesus

- Old Testament: Genesis 1. 1-5 *In the beginning God creates light*
- New Testament: Mark 1. 4-11 *John baptises Jesus in the Jordan and a voice comes from heaven, 'Thou art my beloved Son'.*

Week 2 – Epiphany 2

Monday 15 January

- Old Testament: 1 Samuel 3. 4-9 *God calls the boy Samuel to be a prophet*
- New Testament: Mark 1: 16 -20 *Jesus calls disciples to follow him and share in his ministry*

Tuesday 16 January

- Old Testament: 1 Kings 17. 8 – 16 *Elijah the prophet provides food for the starving widow and her son*
- New Testament: John 2. 1-11 *Jesus reveals who he is in his first miracle at the Wedding Feast in Cana of Galilee where he turns water into wine*

Thursday 18 January – Epiphany Carol Service

Week 3 – Epiphany 3

Monday 22 January - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – 18-25th

- Old Testament: Galatians 3. 26-28 *St Paul tells the Galatians that all who are baptised are one in Christ*
- New Testament: John 17. 6-11 *Jesus on the night before his death prays for the unity of his disciples who had followed him during his earthly ministry*

Tuesday 23 January - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – 18-25th

- Old Testament: Acts 2. 44 -47 *A picture of the first Christians living together in unity*
- New Testament: John 17. 20 -23 *The unity of Christians today is to be a sign to the world of what is possible for all people*

Thursday 25 January – Conversion of Paul

- Old Testament: Jeremiah 1. 4-10 *The calling of the prophet Jeremiah, an example of God's calling of each person to their individual vocation*
- New Testament: Galatians 1. 11- 16a *St Paul describes to the disciples at Galatia his own conversion on the Road to Damascus*

Week 4 – Epiphany 4

Monday 29 January

- Old Testament: Isaiah 61. 1-3 *Isaiah foretells the anointed one who will bring good tidings to those who are afflicted*
- New Testament: Mark 4. 35-end *Jesus continues to reveal who he is to his disciples in the calming of the storm on the Sea of Galilee*

Tuesday 30 January

- Old Testament: Isaiah 49. 5 -8 *The Prophet Isaiah tells of a future servant who will be a light to the nations, who will open the eyes of the blind and set captives free*
- New Testament: Mark 6. 1-6a *On the sabbath Jesus preaches in the synagogue and people are astonished by his teaching and his working of miracles and they begin to ask – ‘Who is this’?*

Thursday 1 February

- Old Testament: Isaiah 49. 5 and 6 *Isaiah prophecies that the Servant of the Lord will be a light to the nations, that God's salvation may reach to the end of the world*
- New Testament: John 1. 6-13 *As we come to the end of the season of Epiphany we return to the opening chapter of the Gospel of John where John points to Jesus as the true light that enlightens everyone coming into the world*

Friday 2 February – The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

- Old Testament: Malachi 3. 1-5 *The prophet foretells the coming of God to the Temple*
- New Testament: Luke 2. 22 – 35 and 40 *We look back to the presentation of Christ as a baby in the Temple and hear Simeon blessing God for the child, Jesus who is to be ‘a light to lighten the gentiles and the glory of God’s people Israel’.*

Week 5 – 2 before Lent

Monday 5 February

- Old Testament: Isaiah 58. 1-9a *Isaiah foretells the kind of life that those who follow God faithfully must follow: a way of righteousness and caring for the homeless poor*
- New Testament: Matthew 5. 13 – 16 *Jesus tells his disciples that those who follow him are to let their light shine before people and be the light of the world*

Tuesday 6 February

- Old Testament: Isaiah 29. 13- 21 *People can honour God with their lips but their hearts can be in quite another place*
- New Testament: Mark 7. 1-13 *Outer appearances can be deceptive of where the heart really is*

Thursday 8 February

- Old Testament: Exodus 19. 1-9a *Moses seeks the will of God in drawing apart to listen to God in prayer*
- New Testament: Matthew 6. 25 – end *Jesus gives all those who would follow him a pattern of prayer in the Lord's Prayer*

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Week 7 – Lent 1

Tuesday 20 February

- Old Testament: Exodus 16. 1-12 *God provides Manna in the wilderness to feed the Israelites*
- New Testament: Mark 6. 39 – 44 *Jesus feeds the five thousand*

Thursday 22 February

- Old Testament: Isaiah 11. 1-9 *Isaiah looks to the future hope of Israel on whom the Spirit of God rests*
- New Testament: Mark 8. 11-21 *After his miracles and his teaching Jesus asks his disciples – 'Do you not yet understand?'*

Friday 23 February

- Old Testament: Isaiah 42. 1-4 *The Servant of the Lord who will establish justice*
- New Testament: Mark 8. 27 -33 *Jesus asks his disciples - 'Who do people say that I am?'*

Week 8 – Lent 2

Monday 26 February – Keeping Lent

- Old Testament: Joel 2. 1-2 and 12 – 17 *The prophet Joel calls the people to return to the Lord with fasting and weeping*
- New Testament: Matthew 6. 1-6 and 16 – 21 *In his Sermon on the Mount Jesus calls for almsgiving and fasting from those who follow him*

Tuesday 27 February – George Herbert, priest, poet, 1633

- Old Testament: Isaiah 1. 10, 16-20 *The prophet Isaiah calls the people to cease to do evil and to learn to do good*
- New Testament: Matthew 23. 1 – 12 *Jesus tells his disciples to practise what they preach, to serve others, and to follow the way of humility*

Thursday 29 February

- Old Testament: Deuteronomy 9. 25 -29 *Moses and the practice of prayer*
- New Testament: Matthew 6. 7-15 *Jesus gives to his disciples the Lord's Prayer as a model of how to pray*

Friday 1 March

- Old Testament: Deuteronomy 26. 16 – end *On being a people holy to the Lord*
- New Testament: Matthew 5. 43 – end *Jesus calls those who follow him to love their enemies and pray for those who persecute them*

Week 9 Lent 3 – Jesus hints at what lies ahead of him

Monday 4 March

- Old Testament: Isaiah 49. 1-7 *Isaiah speaks of the Servant of the Lord who is to be a light to the nations*
- New Testament: Matthew 12. 14 -21 *Jesus, God's chosen Servant fulfils the prophecy of Isaiah*

Tuesday 5 March

- Old Testament: Isaiah 52. 13 – 15 *The Suffering Servant*
- New Testament: Mark 8. 27 – 32 *Jesus begins to hint to his disciples the sufferings that lie ahead*

Thursday 7 March

- Old Testament: Isaiah 53. 6 – 9 *The Servant of the Lord will suffer and bear the sins of many*
- New Testament: Matthew 20. 17 – 19 *Again, Jesus speaks to his disciples of his approaching death and his resurrection on the third day*

The Organ Voluntaries

This term a number of Rugby School organ students are playing parts of the service of Evensong in Rugby School Chapel and still more will play voluntaries at Evensong and on Sunday mornings. Our Organ Scholars regularly play for Evensong in Bilton Grange Chapel on Mondays and Tuesdays. One of our graduate teaching assistants, Michael Lukin, will also play for some services.

In the season of Epiphany, we hear the effervescent *moto perpetuo* of *Dubois Fiat Lux* (Let there be light) and the *Leighton Toccata* on 'Hanover', a tune often sung to 'O Worship the King'. At the Epiphany Carol Service *Messiaen's* Les Mages from *La Nativité*, show the long journey that the 'Kings' made with the gentle trudging of camels against a shimmering harmony of the star; the service concludes in a blaze of colour with the *Toccata-Prelude* on 'Vom Himmel Hoch' by Garth Edmondson; just wait for the final cadence!

For the Conversion of St Paul on 25 January the service will end with a virtuosic arrangement of the Overture to *Mendelssohn's* oratorio 'St Paul' by *WT Best*. Best was municipal organist at St George's Hall, Liverpool for forty years and clearly had a prodigious pedal technique!

Just before half term the first movement of *Elgar's* Organ Sonata will be played. Famously, the first performance of the Sonata in July 1895 did not go well in the hands of the Worcester Cathedral Organist, *Hugh Blair*, who received the score from *Elgar* just a very few days before the premiere attended by a convention of American organists. Following *Elgar's* death, the Sonata was orchestrated by *Gordon Jacob* and this has led to it being regarded as *Elgar's* Symphony No. 0.

In this the centenary year of the death of *Stanford*, we will hear on 23 February the first movement *Stanford's* 2nd Organ Sonata 'Rheims' which he dedicated to 'Widor and that great country to which he belongs' and composed in 1917 following the destruction of the Medieval Cathedral in Rheims. *Stanford* composed five Sonatas for organ in 1917/18; these neglected works will be featured during this year.

Hymns not found in the Rugby School Hymn Book

1A

1. We sing the glorious conquest
before Damascus gate,
when Saul, the church's spoiler,
came breathing threats and hate;
the ravening wolf rushed forward
full early to the prey;
but lo, the Shepherd met him,
and bound him fast today.
2. O glory most excelling
that smote across his path!
O light that pierced and blinded
the zealot in his wrath,
O voice that spake within him
the calm reproving word,
O love that sought and held him
the bondman of his Lord!
3. O wisdom, ordering all things
in order strong and sweet,
what nobler spoil was ever
cast at the Victor's feet?
What wiser master-builder
e'er wrought at thine employ
than he, till now so furious
your building to destroy?
4. Lord, teach thy church the lesson,
still in her darkest hour
of weakness and of danger
to trust thy hidden power:
thy grace by ways mysterious
the wrath of man can bind,
and in thy boldest foeman
thy chosen saint can find.

Words: John Ellerton (1826-1893)

Tune: 'Ellacombe'

18th century German melody
as included in Mainz Gesangbuch 1833

2A

1. Hail to the Lord who comes,
comes to his temple gate,
not with his angel host,
not in his kingly state:
no shouts proclaim him nigh,
no crowds his coming wait.
2. But borne upon the throne
of Mary's gentle breast,
watched by her duteous love,
in her fond arms at rest;
thus to his Father's house
he comes, the heavenly guest.
3. There Joseph at her side
in reverent wonder stands;
and, filled with holy joy,
old Simeon in his hands
takes up the promised child,
the glory of all lands.
4. Hail to the great First-born,
whose ransom-price they pay,
the Son before all worlds,
the child of man to-day,
that he might ransom us
who still in bondage lay.
5. O Light of all the earth,
thy children wait for thee:
come to thy temples here,
that we, from sin set free,
before thy Father's face
may all presented be.

Words: John Ellerton (1826-1893)

Tune: Old 120th

Melody Thomas Este's psalter 1592

Harmony Ravenscroft's Psalmes 1621

3A

1. Sing how the age-long promise of a Saviour
Spoken through lips of prophets by the Spirit,
In blessed Mary, Mother of the Christ-child,
Finds its fulfilment.
2. Virgin most pure, and wondrously conceiving,
Bearing incarnate God in awed obedience,
Now she presents him for a spotless offering
Unto his Father.
3. In God's high temple, Simeon the righteous
Takes to his loving arms with holy rapture
That One for whom his longing eyes had waited,
Jesus, Messiah.
4. Where now his Mother next her Son is seated,
In those fair mansions of the heavenly kingdom,
May Christ our Saviour grant to us his servants
Life everlasting.
5. Father eternal, Son, and Holy Spirit
Trinity blessed, Maker and Redeemer,
Giver of life, and Author of salvation,
Thine be the glory. Amen.

Words: Editors of New English Hymnal,
based on the Latin c 9th century

Tune: 'Diva Servatrix' Bayeux Antiphoner 1739 arr. RVW

4A

1. We praise thy name, all-holy Lord,
For him, the beacon-light
That shone beside our western sea
Through mists of ancient night;
Who sent to Ireland's fainting Church
New tidings of thy word:
For David, prince of Cambrian saints,
We praise thee, holy Lord.

2. For all the saintly band whose prayers
Still gird our land about,
Of whom, lest men disdain their praise,
The voiceless stones cry out;
Our hills and vales on every hand
Their names and deeds record:
For these, thy ancient hero host,
We praise thee, holy Lord.

3. Grant us but half their burning zeal,
But half their iron faith,
But half their charity of heart,
And fortitude to death;
That we with them and all thy saints
May in thy truth accord,
And ever in Thy holy Church
May praise thee, holy Lord.

Words: Ebenezer Josiah Newell (1853-1916)
Tune: Llangloffan - Welsh traditional melody

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/>



We hold a Chorister Experience Day in November where children and their families can visit Bilton Grange to find out more about life as a chorister.

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