



st mary's priory church



MUSIC SCHEME FOR DECEMBER 2025

PRIEST IN CHARGE (FROM 16th DECEMBER)
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DECEMBER 2025

7 Sunday The Second Sunday in Advent

11.15 Choral Mattins

PRELUDE	Cross Of Jesus (Come Thou Long Expected Jesus). <i>Grote</i>
INTROIT	O people of Sion.
HYMN	34. On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
RESPONCES	<i>Plainsong</i>
VENITE	
PSALM	72.1-7
OFFICE HYMN	O heavenly Word of God on high
BENEDICITE	Set A
BENEDICTUS	<i>Howells</i> in Eb
ANTHEM	Advent Message. <i>How</i>
HYMN	26. Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding
HYMN	28. Hark what a sound, and too divine for hearing
HYMN	58. Long ago, prophets knew
VOLUNTARY	Prelude On Winchester New. <i>Lloyd Webber</i>

14 Sunday The Third Sunday in Advent

11.15 Sung Eucharist

PRELUDE	Bristol (Hark the glad sound). <i>Archer</i>
SETTING	<i>Merbecke</i> / Sarum Solemn Requiem <i>Merbecke</i> - The Ten Commandments, Creed, <i>Sarum</i> - Sanctus, Benedictus, Agnus Dei
INTROIT	Rejoice in the Lord always.
HYMN	27. Hark the glad sound! the Saviour comes
HYMN	26. Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding
HYMN	591. The kingdom of God is justice and joy
COMMUNION	People look east. <i>Archer</i>
HYMN	281. Author of life divine
HYMN	29. Hills of the North, rejoice
VOLUNTARY	Little Cornard (Hills of the North rejoice). <i>Bullard</i>

6.30 A Festival of Nine lessons and Carols

21 Sunday The Fourth Sunday in Advent

11.15 Choral Mattins

PRELUDE	Veni Emmanuel. <i>Moore</i>
INTROIT	Remember me, O Lord.
HYMN	32. O come, O come, Emmanuel
RESPONCES	<i>Plainsong</i>
VENITE	
PSALM	80. 1-7
OFFICE HYMN	O heavenly Word of God on high
BENEDICITE	Set B
BENEDICTUS	<i>Bairstow</i> in Eb
ANTHEM	Gabriel's Greeting. <i>Seaman</i>
HYMN	362. Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
HYMN	30 (t 6 ii). Lift up your heads, you mighty gates
HYMN	35. People, look East, The time is near
VOLUNTARY	Veni Emmanuel. Three short preludes. <i>Bairstow</i>

6.30 Carol service at St Michael's

24 Wednesday Christmas Eve

2.30 Crib Service

PRELUDE	XII. Noel Suisse Grand jeu duo. <i>D' Aquin</i>
CAROLS	See sheet
VOLUNTARY	Toccata in G. <i>Dubois</i>

11.30 Midnight Mass

PRELUDE	The Holy Boy. <i>Ireland</i>
SETTING	<i>Merbecke / Bairstow</i> in Eb <i>Merbecke</i> – Summary of the Law, Creed, Gloria <i>Bairstow</i> - Sanctus, Benedictus, Agnus Dei
INTROIT	The Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son.
CAROL	53. Hark! the herald angels sing
CAROL	63 (t i). O little town of Bethlehem
CAROL	56 omit *. It came upon the midnight clear
COMMUNION	Sussex Carol. <i>Willcocks</i>
CAROL	45. Away in a manger
CAROL	62 omit v 4. O come, all ye faithful
VOLUNTARY	Toccata from Symphony No 5. <i>Widor</i>

25 Thursday Christmas Day

11.15 Sung Eucharist for Christmas Day

PRELUDE	In Dulci Jubilo. BWV 729. <i>J. S. Bach</i>
SETTING	<i>Merbecke / Howells</i> in Eb <i>Merbecke</i> – Summary of the Law, Creed, Gloria <i>Howells</i> - Sanctus, Benedictus, Agnus Dei
INTROIT	All the ends of the earth have seen.
CAROL	62 omit v 4. O come, all ye faithful
CAROL	57. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
CAROL	76. While shepherds watched their flocks by night
COMMUNION	The Holy Boy. <i>Britten</i>
CAROL	45. Away in a manger
CAROL	53. Hark! the herald angels sing
VOLUNTARY	Toccata From Suite Gothique. <i>Boellmann</i>

28 Sunday **The Innocents Day**
(The Sunday after Christmas Day)

11.15 Sung Eucharist

PRELUDE	The Coventry Carol. <i>W. Lloyd-Webber</i>
SETTING	<i>Merbecke / Leighton</i> in Eb <i>Merbecke</i> – Summary of the Law, Creed, Gloria <i>Leighton</i> - Sanctus, Benedictus, Agnus Dei
INTROIT	Out of the mouth of very babes.
CAROL	552 (t 469). Our saviour's infant cries were heard
CAROL	60. Lully, lulla, thou little tiny child
CAROL	73. Unto us a boy is born!
COMMUNION	Cradle Song. <i>Bryd arr Willcocks</i>
CAROL	74. What child is this, who, laid to rest
CAROL	75. Where is this stupendous stranger?
VOLUNTARY	From heaven above I hither come. BWV 606. <i>J. S. Bach</i>