

A photograph of the interior of Salisbury Cathedral. The image shows the high nave with its characteristic Gothic architecture, including pointed arches and flying buttresses. In the center, a large, decorated Christmas tree stands in the aisle, illuminated with warm lights. Above the tree, three large, colorful stained glass windows are visible, set within tall, narrow Gothic arches. The floor is covered with rows of wooden pews, and the overall atmosphere is one of a grand, historic church prepared for the Christmas season.

# Advent & Christmas

2024 SERVICES AND EVENTS

A white, stylized logo consisting of a vertical line that tapers to a point at the top, resembling a Gothic spire or a stylized letter 'A'.

Salisbury  
Cathedral

# Celebrate the joy OF ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

Whoever you are; wherever you're from; whatever you believe (or don't believe); we look forward to welcoming you to Salisbury Cathedral.

This is Advent, a season of anticipation and preparation. We are getting ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas. So bring your family and friends and join us in worship at one of our profoundly moving and uniquely inspiring services - or come to one of our special seasonal events. Enjoy the wonderful atmosphere of this glorious building at this time of year. I promise you a warm welcome: we will be delighted to see you. Jesus is born into the darkness of a troubled world. In that birth - in that new life - we can all discover hope and joy.

*Nicholas Papadopoulos, Dean of Salisbury*

Sunday 24 November, 16:30

 LIVESTREAMED

## CANTATA EVENSONG

The Cathedral Choir will perform JS Bach's sacred cantata, '*Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*', accompanied by period instruments.

FREE entry, no booking required





## OPENING HOURS

**Cathedral and Chapter House (Magna Carta)**

**MON-SAT** 10.00 - 16.30 (last booking 15.45)

**SUNDAY** 12.30 - 16:00 (last booking 15.00)

As a living church, Salisbury Cathedral may be closed to visitors for services or special events. Please check our website for closures or restrictions before visiting.



# From Darkness to Light

## THE ADVENT PROCESSION

All are welcome to join us for this extraordinary, atmospheric service as over 1000 candles are gradually lit, to illuminate the medieval interior, taking us from darkness into light as we embrace the hope of Advent.

---

Friday 29 November, 19:00 | Saturday 30 November, 19:00 |  
Sunday 1 December, 17:00

**No booking required. Doors open one hour before the start of the service.**  
More details available online at [www.salisburycathedral.org.uk](http://www.salisburycathedral.org.uk)



Thursday 5 December, 19:30

## G4 CHRISTMAS AT SALISBURY CATHEDRAL

Let G4 take you on an awe-inspiring musical journey, from traditional carols to sacred contemplations, classical classics to popular favourites; all the way to modern festive hits.

Escape into a world of mesmerising harmonies, beautifully-blended voices and impeccable showmanship within an idyllic festive setting.

Tickets from £15, available to book online at [www.salisburycathedral.org.uk](http://www.salisburycathedral.org.uk)

Saturday 7 December, 19:00

## HANDEL'S MESSIAH

Returning for another year with the City of London Sinfonia, the full Cathedral Choir and four distinguished soloists, this is one of the most anticipated events in Salisbury Cathedral's festive calendar, held in support of Salisbury Cathedral's Choral Foundation.

Tickets from £10, available to book online at [www.salisburycathedral.org.uk](http://www.salisburycathedral.org.uk)

Why not enjoy a special one or two course pre-concert supper ahead of the performance in our Refectory?





---

**Saturday 7 December - Sunday 2 February, 10:00-16:00**

## CHRISTMAS FAMILY TRAIL

Follow our special Christmas trail around the Cathedral. Find the clues to tell the story of the Nativity and when you've found all of them, collect a sticker. You can also leave a special message for a loved one on our Christmas prayer tree if you wish.

Included in general admission. Please note that the Christmas trail will not be available during special events and services.

---

**Monday 9 December, 10:00-12:30**

## CHRISTMAS CRAFTS

Drop in for some festive crafts suitable for all ages, including making Christmas cards and decorations. All materials will be provided, just bring your imagination!

Included in general admission.

---

**Tuesday 10 December, 14:00-15:00**

## GROUP CAROLS

Why not gather friends, family or colleagues to enjoy this special event aimed at groups of five or more? Join Salisbury Cathedral Choir for exclusive carols as they perform seasonal music for all groups to join in and sing along. Expect favourites such as *Little Town of Bethlehem* or *O Come, All Ye Faithful*, alongside some Christmas readings.

Seasonal refreshments will be served after the concert and the whole Cathedral (including the Chapter House with the Magna Carta) will be exclusively available to your guests until the evening service starts.

Tickets £19pp. To book please contact [groups@salcath.co.uk](mailto:groups@salcath.co.uk) or call 01722 555120.

---

**Tuesday 10 December, 18:30-20:30**

## FESTIVE LATE NIGHT OPENING

Explore Salisbury Cathedral after dark, with seasonal music provided by the Kate Edgar Singers. The Cathedral's beautiful 'hidden' library will be open to visit, and you can also take a trip up to the West window to enjoy a unique view down into the Nave.

The café will be open for hot chocolate, mince pies and mulled wine, and our Gift Shop is fully stocked with unique Christmas gifts and fun stocking fillers. With our huge Christmas Tree, wooden Nativity scene and stunning floral arrangements, an evening visit to Salisbury Cathedral is the perfect way to get in the festive spirit.

FREE ENTRY - no booking and no general admission ticket required.

---

**Thursday 12 December, 19:30**

## CHRISTMAS WITH JETHRO TULL

Rock legend Ian Anderson brings a unique concert to the Cathedral, featuring Christmas-themed Jethro Tull tracks, well-loved classical pieces, and traditional music from the liturgy of the Church of England.

Tickets from £30, available to book online at [www.salisburycathedral.org.uk](http://www.salisburycathedral.org.uk)

---

**Saturday 14 December from 10:00**

## FESTIVE FAMILY DAY

A day of easy christmas crafts (10.00-12.30) followed by some relaxed festive singing (12.30-14.45). Included in general admission.

---

**Saturday 14 December, 19:00**

## FESTIVE FILM SCREENING

Watch the family favourite *Home Alone* on the big screen in the Cathedral nave. Cinema snacks will be available to purchase throughout the film.

Tickets from £4, available to purchase online at [www.salisburycathedral.org.uk](http://www.salisburycathedral.org.uk)



---

Friday 20 December, 10:00-12:30 | Saturday 21 December 10:00-12:30

## CHRISTMAS CRAFTS

Drop in for some festive crafts suitable for all ages, including making Christmas cards and decorations. All materials will be provided, just bring your imagination!

Included in general admission.



---

Sunday 22 December, 17:00 – (📺) LIVESTREAM ALSO AVAILABLE

Monday 23 December, 19:00 – IN PERSON ONLY

## CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Join us for a beautiful candlelit service featuring bible readings, favourite carols and choral works sung by our Cathedral Choir as they tell the age old story of Jesus' birth.

**No booking required. Doors open one hour before the start of the service.**

More details available online at [www.salisburycathedral.org.uk](http://www.salisburycathedral.org.uk)

Saturday 16 November to Saturday 4 January 2025, 15:30 to 17:00, Mon – Sat

# Twilight Tower Tours

## SEE THE CITY AT NIGHT FROM ABOVE

For many people, a Tower Tour is the absolute highlight of their visit to Salisbury Cathedral. In the winter months we extend this unique experience into the twilight hours, offering you the opportunity to see unparalleled views of the city's twinkling Christmas lights.

On the way up to the tower you will enjoy other spectacular sights – an uninterrupted aerial view of the inside of the Cathedral, the interior of the roofspace above the main nave, and the inside of the spire itself supported by medieval wooden scaffolding. Our knowledgeable guides will tell you all about the construction of this architectural masterpiece.

**Tickets £20** when pre-booked online (concessions available) at [www.salisburycathedral.org.uk/visit-us/tower-tour](http://www.salisburycathedral.org.uk/visit-us/tower-tour). Your tour ticket includes admission to the Cathedral itself, and to the Magna Carta.







# Christmas Eve services

---

**Tuesday 24 December, 13:00 and 14:30**

## A FAMILY CRIB SERVICE FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

This short service for all the family, especially suitable for younger children, is a joyful retelling of the story of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem. Includes traditional Christmas carols with modern flourishes and music from the Cathedral's junior choristers and the Cathedral Youth and Junior Choirs.

**No booking required. Doors open half an hour before the start of each service.**

---

**Tuesday 24 December, 17:30**

**📺 LIVESTREAM AVAILABLE**

## CHORAL EVENSONG

All are welcome to this moving service of choral music, readings and prayers sung by the Cathedral Choir.

---

**Tuesday 24 December, 23:00**

**📺 LIVESTREAM AVAILABLE**

## THE FIRST EUCHARIST OF CHRISTMAS (MIDNIGHT MASS)

Celebrate the start of Christmas by sharing communion together, hearing the Christmas Gospel followed by a Christmas message, with Christmas Carols and beautiful music sung by the Cathedral Choir.

# Christmas Day services

---

Wednesday 25 December, 08:00

## HOLY COMMUNION ON CHRISTMAS DAY

---

Wednesday 25 December, 10:30

 LIVESTREAM AVAILABLE

## THE EUCHARIST ON CHRISTMAS DAY

All are welcome as the Cathedral Choir sings, we share communion together, and hear the profound words of the prologue to John's Gospel where he says "and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us".

---

Wednesday 25 December, 15:00

 LIVESTREAM AVAILABLE

## FESTAL EVENSONG ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Come and celebrate Christmas with us at this special Evensong service. The service will include readings, prayers, hymns and music sung by the Cathedral Choir.



# Epiphany services

**Saturday 18 January, 14:00**

## THE EPIPHANY PAGEANT PLAY

A short collective-worship-style service suitable for all the family. Features a series of lively parades through the Quire as the Wise Men in Teams Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh, follow the star to Bethlehem. Features familiar music and some modern flourishes.



**Sunday 26 January, 17:00**

## THE EPIPHANY DEVOTION

Join us for the last of the popular processional services celebrating Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany.

Telling the story of the journey of the Magi, travelling to worship the infant Jesus, this moving service is made up of readings, devotional addresses, and the Cathedral Choir, joined by period instruments. They will be performing parts V and VI of Bach's *Christmas Oratorio*.



## FOOD AND DRINK

During your visit why not stop off at our Refectory Restaurant offering delicious homemade cakes, deli sandwiches, hot and cold drinks, and a selection of festive treats?

The Refectory will be closed from 31 December, and be temporarily relocated into the South Transept from 6 January 2025 whilst the roof is reglazed. During these works sandwiches, cakes and jacket potatoes will be available to enjoy with a unique view into the nave of the Cathedral.



## BEAUTIFUL AND UNIQUE GIFTS

We pride ourselves on offering an interesting and eclectic mix of products in our Gift Shop, whether you are looking for a memento of your visit or a thoughtful Christmas gift for that 'difficult to buy for' friend. Many of our items are locally made, and many (such as our beautifully illustrated advent calendar) are unique to the Cathedral.

You can also find the latest recordings from the Cathedral Choir and organist available to buy on CD.

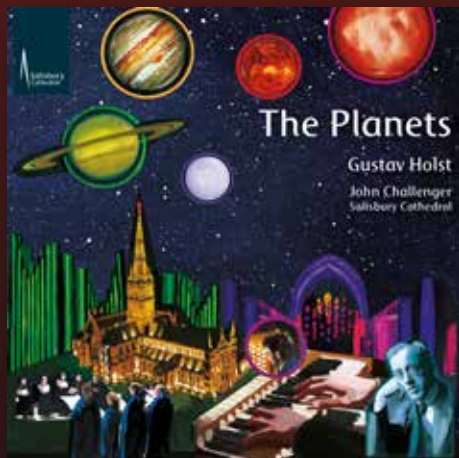


# Take the music home...

## OUR RECORDINGS

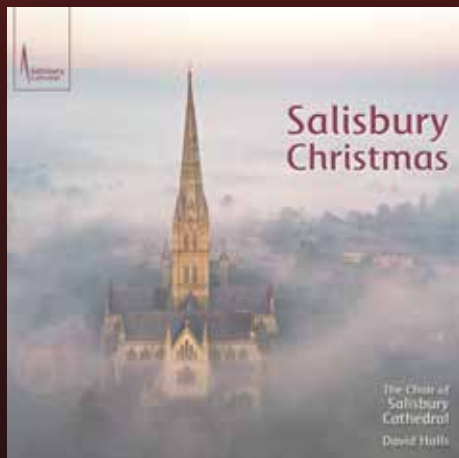
### LATEST RELEASE

The fourth solo album by the Cathedral's Assistant Director of Music, John Challenger, is an arrangement of Holst's *Planets Suite* written specially for our famous Father Willis Organ.

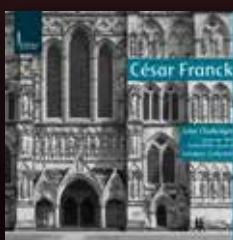


### SEASONAL CHORAL CLASSICS

A collection of carols, seasonal songs and music, performed by Salisbury Cathedral Choir. Includes the first recording of Errollyn Wallen's *Salisbury Carol*.



All these recordings are available to stream online or to purchase as CDs in our well-stocked shop:



Scan to stream:

