

# The Temple Church

Wednesday 10 June 2026, 6.00 p.m.

## CHORAL EVENSONG *For Barnabas the Apostle*

Welcome to this service. It is a pleasure to see you here. We follow the services of the Book of Common Prayer (1662). The words for the service can be found from p. 47 of the white booklet. The public-address system has a loop-facility. If you wear a hearing-aid, please turn its setting to T.

### ORGAN PRELUDE

Rhapsody in E

*Harold Darke (1888-1976)*

*All stand at the entrance of the choir.*

### HYMN

- |                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1.<br>O God, our help in ages past,<br>Our hope for years to come,<br>Our shelter from the stormy blast,<br>And our eternal home;   | 2.<br>Beneath the shadow of thy throne<br>Thy saints have dwelt secure;<br>Sufficient is thine arm alone,<br>And our defence is sure. |
| 3.<br>A thousand ages in thy sight<br>Are like an evening gone;<br>Short as the watch that ends the night<br>Before the rising sun. | 4.<br>O God, our help in ages past,<br>Our hope for years to come,<br>Be thou our guard while troubles last,<br>And our eternal home! |

*Music: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)*

*Words: Based on Psalm 90*

*All sit or kneel for the Confession and Absolution (p. 47 of white booklet).*

*All stand at 'Glory be to the Father.....'*

THE RESPONSES (*Clucas*)

PSALM 72. 1-7 (*Walmisley*)

Give the King thy judgements, O God:  
and thy righteousness unto the King's son.  
Then shall he judge thy people according unto right: and defend the poor.  
The mountains also shall bring peace:  
and the little hills righteousness unto the people.  
He shall keep the simple folk by their right:  
defend the children of the poor, and punish the wrong doer.  
They shall fear thee, as long as the sun and moon endureth:  
from one generation to another.  
He shall come down like the rain into a fleece of wool:  
even as the drops that water the earth.  
In his time shall the righteous flourish:  
yea, and abundance of peace, so long as the moon endureth.

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.

*All sit.*

THE FIRST LESSON  
Job 29. 1, 7-16

Moreover Job continued his parable, and said, When I went out to the gate through the city, when I prepared my seat in the street! The young men saw me, and hid themselves: and the aged arose, and stood up. The princes refrained talking, and laid their hand on their mouth. The nobles held their peace, and their tongue cleaved to the roof of their mouth. When the ear heard me, then it blessed me; and when the eye saw me, it gave witness to me: Because I delivered the poor that cried, and the fatherless, and him that had none to help him. The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me: and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy. I put on righteousness, and it clothed me: my judgment was as a robe and a diadem. I was eyes to the blind, and feet was I to the lame. I was a father to the poor: and the cause which I knew not I searched out.

*All stand.*

MAGNIFICAT (*Fifth Service, Tomkins*)  
(*Page 49 of white booklet*)

*All sit.*

THE SECOND LESSON  
Acts 11. 19-26

Now they which were scattered abroad upon the persecution that arose about Stephen travelled as far as Phenice, and Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to none but unto the Jews only. And some of them were men of Cyprus and Cyrene, which, when they were come to Antioch, spake unto the Grecians, preaching the LORD Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord.

Then tidings of these things came unto the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem: and they sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch. Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord. For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord. Then departed Barnabas to Tarsus, for to seek Saul: And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.

*All stand.*            NUNC DIMITTIS (*Fifth Service, Tomkins*)

*All remain standing and in the tradition of the Temple Church face East to say together:*

THE CREED (*p. 51, white booklet*)

*All sit or kneel.*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Lord God Almighty, who didst endue thy holy Apostle Barnabas with singular gifts of the Holy Ghost: Leave us not, we beseech thee, destitute of thy manifold gifts, nor yet of grace to use them alway to thy honour and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*All sit.*

ANTHEM

Let thy hand be strengthened and thy right hand be exalted  
Let justice and judgment be the preparation of thy seat!  
Let mercy and truth go before thy face  
Let justice, judgment, mercy and truth go before thy face.  
Hallelujah!

*Music: Coronation Anthem, Georg Frideric Handel (1685-1759)*  
*Words: Based on Psalm 89. 13-14*

PRAYERS

HYMN

- |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p>1.<br/>Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;<br/>To his feet thy tribute bring.<br/>Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,<br/>Who like me his praise should sing?<br/>Alleluia! Alleluia!<br/>Praise the everlasting King!</p> <p>3.<br/>Father-like he tends and spares us;<br/>Well our feeble frame he knows.<br/>In his hand he gently bears us,<br/>Rescues us from all our foes.<br/>Alleluia! Alleluia!<br/>Widely as his mercy flows!</p> | <p>2.<br/>Praise him for his grace and favour<br/>To our fathers in distress.<br/>Praise him, still the same as ever,<br/>Slow to chide, and swift to bless.<br/>Alleluia! Alleluia!<br/>Glorious in his faithfulness!</p> <p>4.<br/>Angels, help us to adore him;<br/>Ye behold him face to face.<br/>Sun and moon, bow down before him,<br/>Dwellers all in time and space.<br/>Alleluia! Alleluia!<br/>Praise with us the God of grace!</p> |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

*Music:* Sir John Goss (1800-1880)  
*Words:* Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)

THE BLESSING

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Fantasia in G

*Sir Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)*

\*\*\*\*\*

*There will be a retiring collection. If you prefer to donate online kindly scan the QR code below.*



*The congregation is warmly invited to refreshments in the Round Church after the service. A donation to help cover our costs is greatly appreciated.*

*Thank you!*

\*\*\*\*\*

# **SPECIAL DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Wednesday 22 July, 6.00pm**  
**CHORAL EVENSONG AND FAREWELL**

A special service as we bid farewell and happy retirement to  
Robin Griffith-Jones, The Reverend and Valiant Master of the Temple.  
*Followed by drinks and jazz in Church Court.*

\*\*\*\*\*

## **SPECIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

**Wednesday 17 June, 6.00pm**  
**CHORAL EVENSONG**  
*Sung by The Bar Choral Society*  
*Music to include: Greater Love (Ireland)*

\*\*\*\*\*

**Sunday 21 June, 11.15am**  
**CHORAL MATTINS**  
*Sung by The Temple Church Choir*  
*Followed by Father's Day Sunday lunch in Middle Temple for*  
*members of the Inns and their guests.*  
*To book for the lunch: 020 7427 4800*

\*\*\*\*\*

**Tuesday 23 June, 7.30pm**  
**CONCERT: A CELEBRATION OF BENJAMIN BRITTEN**  
The Bar Choral Society  
Greg Morris, *conductor*; Francois Cloete, *organ*  
*For more information and to book: [www.templemusic.org](http://www.templemusic.org)*

\*\*\*\*\*

**Thursday 25 June, 6pm-7pm**

**CONCERT: SONGS OF THE BRITISH ISLES**

Temple Singers, Temple Church Choristers, Temple City Singers, and children from local schools.

This concert will centre around Michael Tippett's 'Four Songs from the British Isles' alongside folksong arrangements by Benjamin Britten.

This concert is kindly supported by The Michael Tippett Musical Foundation. Free Admission

\*\*\*\*\*

**Friday 26 June, 8pm**

**COMPLINE**

*Sung by the Temple Church Youth Choir*

\*\*\*\*\*

**Sunday 28 June, 11.15am**

**CHORAL COMMUNION**

*Followed by the Big Picnic in Inner Temple Gardens.*

*To book for the Big Picnic: [www.innertemple.org.uk/events](http://www.innertemple.org.uk/events)*

\*\*\*\*\*

**Thursday 2 JULY, 6.30pm**

**CONCERT: SPEM IN ALIUM THE 40 VOICE SPECTACULAR**

Temple Singers, Thomas Allery, conductor

*Music to include: Celia Virgo (Gabriel Jackson),  
Hymn to the Mother of God (Tavener).*

Promoted by Temple Music Foundation

*For more information and to book: [www.templemusic.org](http://www.templemusic.org)*

\*\*\*\*\*

**Thursday 16 July, 7.00pm**

**CONCERT: THE KING SHALL REJOICE: A BAROQUE  
CORONATION**

Temple Church Choir, Temple Players

Thomas Allery, *conductor*; Charles Andrews, organ

*Music to include: Zadok the Priest, Let thy Hand be strengthened (Handel)*

Promoted by Temple Music Foundation

For more information and to book: [www.templemusic.org](http://www.templemusic.org)

**Sunday 19 July, 11.15am**  
**BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION AND CHORAL**  
**COMMUNION**

With The Rt Revd Dr Emma Ineson, Bishop of Kensington and  
Acting Bishop of London presiding.

\*\*\*\*\*

**Tuesday 21 July, 6.30pm**  
**MADRIGALS IN CHURCH COURT**

Temple Singers

Come and enjoy some glorious, light music on a summer evening.  
This is a free event.

\*\*\*\*\*

**Wednesday 22 July, 6.00pm**  
**CHORAL EVENSONG**

A special service as we bid farewell and happy retirement to Robin Griffith-Jones, The  
Reverend and Valiant Master of the Temple.

*Followed by drinks and jazz in Church Court.*

\*\*\*\*\*

**KEEPING IN TOUCH**

If you would like to join our emailing list and be among the first to hear of  
our special services and events, you will find cards at the South Door exit.  
Kindly write your name and email address on a card and leave it in the bowl  
provided.

\*\*\*\*\*

**PHOTOGRAPHY**

Please refrain from all filming, recording and photography during the  
service. Thank you.

\*\*\*\*\*

**SAFEGUARDING**

If you have any concerns about safeguarding, the Safeguarding Officer can  
be contacted confidentially at [safeguarding@templechurch.com](mailto:safeguarding@templechurch.com) or  
020 7427 5650.