



WORCESTER CATHEDRAL

Services and Music January 2024

By January, the world around us has mostly packed Christmas away. No more trees, no more carols, no more wondering at the miracle of Christ's birth. But here, we are just getting started. From Christmas, through Epiphany (6 Jan) and to Candlemas (2 Feb) we are given a slower season to ponder the incarnation. This is the belief on which Christian faith rests: God becomes human, and by so doing changes everything. It took the early church centuries to find language for what they experienced in Jesus' life, death and resurrection. What his disciples knew was that when they look at Jesus, they saw God. When they sought God, they saw God most clearly in Jesus: the child in the manger, the teacher, the healer, the bread-giver, and silence-seeker, the crucified and risen one. Therefore, they learned to say, 'Jesus is fully God, and fully human.' 'He came to share our humanity, that we might share his divinity.' 'In him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.'

This is our faith. But it keeps catching us by surprise. Our minds still struggle to hold together 'Fully God' and 'Fully Human', because we can't quite get our heads around the idea that God's nature is so totally unlike ours, that there is no contradiction there.

Maybe you will find yourself pondering this by humming, 'frankincense to offer have I, incense owns a Deity nigh.' Or maybe, you will find yourself chanting (with Britten), 'alleluia, res miranda, pares forma, gaudeamus, transeamus.' If not, the choir will do it for you. You can sit and listen and rest, knowing that God is with us and gives us all the time in the world to make sense of what that means.

Kimberly Bohan

Interim Dean:
Canon Precentor:
Director of Music:

Stephen Edwards
John Paul Hoskins
Samuel Hudson

All choral services are sung by the cathedral choir unless otherwise stated.

December 2023/January 2024

In Residence: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

Sunday 31st December **The First Sunday of Christmas**

7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 105.1-11

8.00 am **Holy Communion** (BCP) (with livestream)
Preacher: The Revd Dr John Fitzmaurice,
Diocesan Director of Ordinands

10.30 am **Sung Eucharist** (*sung by Sine Nomine*)
Cantus Missae *Josef Rheinberger* Psalm 148.7-end
What child is this? Thomas Hewitt Jones
Preacher: The Revd Canon Dr Stephen Edwards

4.00 pm **Evensong** (*sung by Sine Nomine*) Responses: *Spicer*
The Hereford Service Richard Lloyd Psalm 132
Alleluja, freuet euch ihr Christen alle Andreas Hammerschmidt
Hymns 21, 37

Monday 1st January **The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus**

7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 103, 150

8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)

5.30 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalm 115

Tuesday 2nd **Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzus, Bishops, Teachers of the Faith, 379 and 389**

7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 18.1-30

8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)

5.30 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalms 45, 46

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Wednesday 3rd

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 127, 128, 131
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
1.00 pm	Holy Communion	
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalms 2, 110

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Thursday 4th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 89.1-37
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalms 85, 87

Friday 5th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 8, 48
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
11.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalms 96, 97

Saturday 6th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 132, 113
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalms 98, 100
5.30 pm	Sung Eucharist (<i>Lower voices</i>)	
	Mass for three voices <i>William Byrd</i>	Psalms 72.10-15
	Vidimus stellam <i>William Byrd</i>	

The Epiphany

Preacher: The Revd Canon Dr Stephen Edwards

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Sunday 7th

The Baptism of Christ

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 89.19-29
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)
Preacher: The Revd Canon Dr Stephen Edwards
- 10.30 am **Eucharist with Hymns** Psalm 29
Preacher: The Revd Canon John Paul Hoskins
- 3.00 pm **Worship in the Garden**
Entering the garden through the 'deliveries' doorway outside the Edgar Tower gate.
- 4.00 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalms 46, 47
- 6.30 pm **Devotional Performance**
La Nativité du Seigneur *Olivier Messaien* Nicholas Freestone (organ)
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Monday 8th

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 71
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)
- 5.30 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalms 72, 75

Tuesday 9th

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 73
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)
- 5.30 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalm 74

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Wednesday 10th

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 77
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)
- 9.00 am **King's School Start of Term Service**
- 1.00 pm **Holy Communion**
- 5.30 pm **Evensong** (*Upper voices*) Responses: *Nardone*
The Berkshire Service *Malcolm Archer* Psalm 119.81-104
The Holy Boy *John Ireland*

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Thursday 11th

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 78.1-39
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)
- 12.15 pm **Lunchtime Recital** Benjamin Markovic (organ)
- 5.30 pm **Evensong** Responses: *Maxim*
Evening Service in C *Charles Hylton Stewart* Psalm 78.41-end
Behold, the tabernacle of God *William Harris*

Friday 12th

Aelred, Abbot of Rievaulx, 1167

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 55
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)
- 11.30 am **Holy Communion** (BCP)
- 5.30 pm **Evensong** Responses: *Sanders*
The Short Service *Nathaniel Patrick* Psalm 69
The Lamb *John Tavener*

Saturday 13th

Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers, Teacher of the Faith, 367

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 76, 79
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)
- 5.30 pm **Evensong** Responses: *Maxim*
Evening Service in D *George Dyson* Psalms 81, 84
Tomorrow shall be my dancing day *David Willcocks*
Hymns 240, 50 (t 363)

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Wednesday 17th Charles Gore, Bishop of Worcester, 1932

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 119.105-128
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
1.00 pm	Holy Communion	
5.30 pm	Evensong (<i>Upper voices</i>)	Responses: <i>Nardone</i>
	The Plainsong Canticles <i>Samuel Hudson</i>	Psalms 91, 93
	A New Year Carol <i>Benjamin Britten</i>	

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The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Thursday 18th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 90, 92
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
5.30 pm	Evensong attended by Cathedrals Plus	Responses: <i>Clucas</i>
	Evening Service in F minor <i>Derek Holman</i>	Psalms 96
	The Lord is my shepherd <i>Lennox Berkeley</i>	

Friday 19th Wulfstan, Bishop of Worcester, 1095

Day of music endowed by the Worcestershire Freemasons.

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 1, 15
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
11.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalms 16
5.30 pm	Sung Eucharist	
	Missa Brevis Sancti Joannes de Deo <i>Josef Haydn</i>	Psalms 110
	O quam gloriosum <i>Tomas Luis de Victoria</i>	
		Preacher: The Bishop

Saturday 20th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 96, 97, 100
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
5.30 pm	Evensong attended by Lichfield Organists Association	
	Evening Service in G <i>Herbert Howells</i>	Responses: <i>Sanders</i>
	Videntes stellam <i>Francis Poulenc</i>	Psalms 104
		Hymns 480 (t 15), 355

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Wednesday 24th

Francis de Sales, Bishop, Teacher of the Faith, 1622

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 110, 111, 112
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
1.00 pm	Holy Communion	
5.30 pm	Evensong (<i>Upper voices</i>)	Responses: Plainsong
	Evening Service in F <i>Kenneth Long</i>	Psalm 119.129-152
	<i>Deo gracias Benjamin Britten</i>	

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Thursday 25th

The Conversion of Paul

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 66, 147.13-21
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
12.15 pm	Lunchtime Recital	The Darach Ensemble
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: <i>Clucas</i>
	The Short Service <i>Samuel Hudson</i>	Psalm 119.41-56
	<i>O nata lux de lumine Thomas Tallis</i>	Hymn 154i

Friday 26th

Timothy and Titus, Companions of Paul

Day of music endowed by Paul and Veronica Swinburn.

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalm 139
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
11.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
5.30 pm	Evensong attended by King's Scholars	Responses: <i>Radcliffe</i>
	The Alfrick Service <i>Peter Nardone</i>	Psalms 130, 131, 137
	<i>Alleluia psallat Peter Aston</i>	Hymn 370 (t 456)

Saturday 27th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 120, 121, 122
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
5.30 pm	Evensong (<i>sung by the Chamber Choir</i>)	Responses: <i>Hunt</i>
	Evening Service in A <i>Charles Villiers Stanford</i>	Psalm 118
	<i>Jesus bleibet meine Freude Johann Sebastian Bach</i>	Hymns 48, 56

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Sunday 28th **The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany**

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 71.1-6, 15-17
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)
Preacher: The Revd Canon John Paul Hoskins
- 10.30 am **Sung Eucharist** (*Lower voices*)
Missa Cunctipotens Genitor Deus *Ed Jones* Psalm 111
Teach me, O Lord *William Byrd*
Preacher: The Revd Canon Dr Stuart Currie
- 4.00 pm **Evensong** (*sung by the Youth Choir*) Responses: *Leighton*
The King's College Service *Joanna Forbes L'Estrange* Psalm 34
Before the ending of the day *Liz Dilnot Johnson* Hymns 377, 367ii
- 6.30 pm **Devotional Performance** (*sung by the Cathedral choristers and Voluntary Choir*)
A Ceremony of Carols *Benjamin Britten*
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Monday 29th

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 123, 124, 125, 126
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)
- 5.30 pm **Evensong** Responses: *Rose*
Evening Service in D flat *Sydney Nicholson* Psalms 127, 128, 129
Never weather-beaten sail *Charles Wood*

Tuesday 30th **Charles, King and Martyr, 1649**

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 132, 133
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)
- 5.30 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalms 134, 135

January/February 2024

Wednesday 31st

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalm 119.153-end
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
1.00 pm	Holy Communion	
5.30 pm	Evensong (<i>Upper voices</i>)	Responses: Plainsong
	The Second Service <i>Philip Moore</i>	Psalm 136
	I give you a new commandment <i>Peter Aston</i>	

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Thursday 1st February

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 143, 146
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
12.15 pm	Lunchtime Recital	Christopher Allsop (organ)
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: Rose
	The Fauxbourdon Service <i>Healey Willan</i>	Psalm 118
	<i>Ecce sacerdos magnus Edward Elgar</i>	

Friday 2nd The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)

Day of music endowed by Angela Sutton.

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 48, 146
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
11.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalms 122, 132
5.30 pm	Sung Eucharist	
	Missa Brevis <i>William Walton</i>	Psalm 24.7-end
	When to the temple Mary went <i>Johannes Eccard</i>	

Preacher: The Revd Dr John Fitzmaurice,
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