



WORCESTER CATHEDRAL

Services and Music March 2024

‘You’re invited!’ say the subject lines of emails from companies and organisations keen for us to click on the next link or purchase the latest product. The words make us feel special. We are invited so perhaps some are not? At the great moments of the liturgical year, the Church invites all her children to join the holy journey, the holy feast, the holy moment. We began Lent with such an invitation.

As the March days pass so we come to the end of the month for the greatest invitation of all – to immerse ourselves in the great three days of the Triduum: three days, one solemn liturgy from Maundy Thursday through Good Friday to the Great Easter Vigil. The invitation is a wide one and all of us should feel special, not because we have been singled out, but because in accepting the invitation we shall join pilgrims and believers, new and long-standing, young and old, near and far, in being together as one Church uniting in this great moment. Mark your calendars. You’re invited.

Stephen Edwards

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.

February 2024

In Residence: The Revd Canon John Paul Hoskins

Sunday 25th February

The Second Sunday of Lent

7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 105.1-6, 37-end

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

Preacher: The Revd Canon John Paul Hoskins

10.30 am **Sung Eucharist**

Missa de Angelis *David Bednall*

Psalm 22.23-end

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake *Richard Farrant*

Preacher: The Revd Charmian Manship

4.00 pm **Evensong**

Responses: *Maxim*

The Second Service *Kenneth Leighton*

Psalm 135

Insanae et vanae curae *Josef Haydn*

Hymns 467, 412

6.30 pm **Evening Worship** (*sung by the Voluntary Choir*)

Litany to the Holy Spirit *Ben Ponniah*

'I have a dream', a man once said (Repton) *C. Hubert H. Parry*

Preacher: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

Monday 26th

7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 71

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

5.30 pm **Evensong**

Responses: *G. Jackson*

Evening Service in E Sydney Watson

Psalms 72, 75

Emendemus in melius *William Byrd*

Hymn 59i

Tuesday 27th

George Herbert, priest, poet, 1633

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 28th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalm 77
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
1.00 pm	Holy Communion	
5.30 pm	Evensong (Upper voices)	Responses: Plainsong
	Magnificat Plainsong	
	Nunc dimittis Geoffrey Burgon	Psalms 123, 131
	Salvator mundi David Bednall	Hymn 221ii

VERSE: CANTORIS

Thursday 29th Oswald, Bishop of Worcester, 992

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalm 34.1-8
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
12.15 pm	Lunchtime Recital	Carleton Etherington (organ)
5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalm 119.57-64
5.30 pm	Sung Eucharist	
	Messe brève in C Charles Gounod	Psalm 112.1-9
	Holy is the true light William Harris	
	Preacher: The Bishop of Dudley	

Friday 1st March David, Bishop, Patron of Wales, c. 601

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: Tomkins
	The Second Service Thomas Tomkins	Psalm 69
	Nolo mortem peccatoris Thomas Morley	Hymn 59i

Saturday 2nd Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, Missionary, 672

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 76, 79
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: Clucas
	The Penitential Canticles Adrian Lucas	Psalms 81, 84
	Let mine eyes run down with tears Henry Purcell	Hymns 63, 209
7.30 pm	Concert	London Concertante
	A Night at the Opera by Candlelight	

March 2024

In Residence: The Revd Canon Dr Stephen Edwards

Sunday 3rd

The Third Sunday of Lent

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 18.1-25
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)
Preacher: The Revd Canon Dr Stephen Edwards
- 10.30 am **Sung Eucharist**
Mass in G minor *Ralph Vaughan Williams* Psalm 19.7-end
If ye love me Thomas Tallis
Preacher: The Revd Canon Dr Stephen Edwards
- 3.00 pm **Worship in the Garden**
*Entering the garden through the 'deliveries' doorway outside the
Edgar Tower Gate.*
- 4.00 pm **Evensong** Responses: *Tomkins*
The Fifth Service *Thomas Tomkins* Psalms 11, 12
Solus ad victimam Kenneth Leighton Hymns 359 (t 322), 418
- 6.30 pm **Evening Worship** (*sung by the Voluntary Choir*)
Turn thy face from my sins Thomas Attwood
Forty days and forty nights arr. Harrison Oxley
Preacher: The Revd Canon John Paul Hoskins
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Monday 4th

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 80, 82
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)
- 5.30 pm **Evensong** Responses: *Clucas*
Fauxbourdon Service Percy Whitlock Psalms 85, 86
Sicut cervus Charles Gounod Hymn 241

Tuesday 5th

Day of music endowed by Caroline Aldhouse.

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 87, 89.1-18
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)
- 10.30 am **University of Worcester Graduation Ceremony**
- 12.00 noon **University of Worcester Graduation Ceremony**
- 5.30 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalm 89.20-end

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Wednesday 6th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 119.105-128
8.00 am	Holy Communion (<i>with livestream</i>)	
1.00 pm	Holy Communion	
5.30 pm	Evensong (<i>Upper voices</i>)	Responses: Plainsong
	Evening Service in E flat <i>Edward Bairstow</i>	Psalms 91, 93
	My song is in sighing <i>Martin Dalby</i>	Hymn 241

VERSE: DECANI

Thursday 7th Perpetua, Felicity and their Companions, Martyrs, 203

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 90, 92
8.00 am	Holy Communion (<i>with livestream</i>)	
12.15 pm	Lunchtime Recital	Angela Sones (organ)
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: <i>Clucas</i>
	Collegium Sancti Johannis Cantabrigiense <i>Herbert Howells</i>	Psalms 94
	Christus factus est <i>Felice Anerio</i>	Hymn 241

Friday 8th Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy, Priest, Poet, 1929

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 88, 95
8.00 am	Holy Communion (<i>with livestream</i>)	
11.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: <i>Smith</i>
	The Short Service <i>Orlando Gibbons</i>	Psalms 102
	Vinea mea electa <i>Francis Poulenc</i>	Hymn 241

Saturday 9th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 96, 97, 100
8.00 am	Holy Communion (<i>with livestream</i>)	
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: <i>Smith</i>
	Evening Service in A minor <i>Thomas Tertius Noble</i>	Psalms 104
	Ne irascaris, Domine <i>William Byrd</i>	Hymns 74, 72

March 2024

In Residence: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

Sunday 10th

The Fourth Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 27
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)
Preacher: The Revd Canon John Paul Hoskins
- 10.30 am **Sung Eucharist**
Missa Sanctae Margaretae *Gabriel Jackson* Psalm 127.1-4
Mother of God, here I stand *John Tavener*
Preacher: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan
- 4.00 pm **Evensong** Responses: *Clucas*
Fauxbourdon Service *William Byrd* Psalms 13, 14
O ye that love the Lord *Samuel Coleridge-Taylor* Hymns 66, 95
- 6.30 pm **Evening Worship** (*sung by the Voluntary Choir*)
Let my prayer rise up *Joanna Forbes L'Estrange*
Jesus, gentle shepherd, hear me *Peter Nardone after John Stainer*
Preacher: The Revd Canon John Paul Hoskins
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Monday 11th

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 98, 99, 101
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)
- 5.30 pm **Evensong** Responses: *Tomkins*
The Fourth Service *Adrian Batten* Psalm 105
Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks *Herbert Howells* Hymn 60i

Tuesday 12th

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 106
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)
- 5.30 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalm 107

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Wednesday 13th

Day of music endowed by Ian Bell.

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 (Upper voices)	Responses: Plainsong
	Evening Service in D <i>Charles Villiers Stanford</i>	Psalm 119.129-152
	O bone Jesu <i>Richard Dering</i>	Hymn 60i

VERSE: CANTORIS

Thursday 14th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 113, 115
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
12.15 pm	Lunchtime Recital	Hannah Grove (soprano)
	<i>Stabat Mater Giovanni Battista Pergolesi</i>	Alexis Hutchinson (alto)
		Musical and Amicable Society
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: Rose
	The Short Service <i>Samuel Hudson</i>	Psalms 114, 116, 117
	God so loved the world <i>John Stainer</i>	Hymn 60i
7.00 pm	Concert	Singers from Worcestershire Schools
	Nature Sings	

Friday 15th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalm 139
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
11.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: Tomkins
	Evening Service in A minor <i>Harold Darke</i>	Psalms 130, 131, 137
	Never weather-beaten sail <i>C. Hubert H. Parry</i>	Hymn 60i

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Saturday 16th

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 120, 121, 122
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)
- 5.30 pm **Evensong** (*sung by the Chamber Choir*) Responses: *Hunt*
Evening Service in C *Charles Villiers Stanford* Psalm 118
A Song of Wisdom *Charles Villiers Stanford* Hymns 441, 445
O for a closer walk with God *Charles Villiers Stanford*
- 7.30 pm **Concert** Worcester Festival Choral Society
Mirror of Perfection *Richard Blackford*
Mass in C *Ludwig van Beethoven*

In Residence: The Revd Canon John Paul Hoskins

Sunday 17th

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 107.1-22
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)
Preacher: The Revd Canon Dr Stephen Edwards
- 10.30 am **Sung Eucharist** (*sung by the Youth Choir*)
Missa Passionis Christi *Arthur Wills* Psalm 51.1-12
It is a thing most wonderful *Philip Moore*
Preacher: The Revd Canon John Paul Hoskins
- 4.00 pm **Evensong** Responses: *Rose*
Evening Service in B flat *Charles Villiers Stanford* Psalm 34
I give to you a new commandment *Peter Nardone* Hymns 379, 84
- 6.30 pm **Sung Eucharist** (*sung by the Voluntary Choir*)
St Anne's Mass *James MacMillan*
O mortal man *Traditional arr. John Scott*
Preacher: The Revd Canon Dr Stephen Edwards
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Monday 18th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 123, 124, 125, 126
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: Rose
	Fauxbourdon Service <i>John Holmes</i>	Psalms 127, 128, 129
	Drop, drop, slow tears <i>Orlando Gibbons</i>	Hymn 79

Tuesday 19th

Joseph of Nazareth

Day of music endowed by Derek Rowley.

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 25, 147.1-12
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalms 1, 112

Wednesday 20th

Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 687

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 119.153-end
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
1.00 pm	Holy Communion	
5.30 pm	Evensong <i>(Upper voices)</i>	Responses: Plainsong
	The Plainsong Canticles <i>Samuel Hudson</i>	Psalms 136
	O grosse Lieb <i>Johann Sebastian Bach</i>	Hymn 79

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VERSE: DECANI

Thursday 21st

Thomas Cranmer,

Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr, 1556

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 143, 146
8.00 am	Holy Communion (<i>with livestream</i>)	
5.30 pm	Evensong (<i>Lower voices</i>)	Responses: <i>Tallis</i>
	Evening Service in G <i>Herbert Sumsion</i>	Psalms 138, 140, 141
	Laboravi in gemitu meo <i>Antonio Caldara</i>	Hymn 79

Friday 22nd

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 142, 144
8.00 am	Holy Communion (<i>with livestream</i>)	
11.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalm 145
7.30 pm	Concert	Worcester Cathedral Choir
	St John Passion <i>Johann Sebastian Bach</i>	

Saturday 23rd

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalm 147
8.00 am	Holy Communion (<i>with livestream</i>)	
5.30 pm	Evensong (<i>sung by the Youth Choir</i>)	Responses: <i>Morley</i>
	Evening Service in F <i>John Blow</i>	Psalms 148, 149, 150
	The Lamb has come for us from the house of David <i>James MacMillan</i>	Hymns 242, 410

March 2024

HOLY WEEK

In Residence: The Revd Canon Dr Stephen Edwards

Sunday 24th

7.30 am **Morning Prayer**

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

10.30 am **Sung Eucharist**

Hosanna to the Son of David *Thomas Weelkes*

Kronstorfer Messe *Anton Bruckner*

Pueri Hebraeorum *Tomas Luis de Victoria*

Preacher: The Revd Canon Dr Stephen Edwards

The congregation meets in Cathedral Square for the blessing of palms, followed by the procession into the Cathedral, the dramatic reading of the Passion, and the Eucharist.

4.00 pm **Evensong**

Evening Service in B minor *Herbert Howells*

O vos omnes *Pablo Casals*

6.30 pm **A Service of Readings and Music for Holy Week** (*sung by the Voluntary Choir*)

Morning glory, sunlit sky *Barry Rose*

Ingrediente Domino *George Malcolm*

Agony in the Garden *Caroline Leighton*

Jesu, grant me this, I pray *Orlando Gibbons arr. Nicholas Freestone*

Palm Sunday

Psalms 61, 62

Preacher: The Revd Dr John Fitzmaurice,
Diocesan Director of Ordinands

Psalm 31.10-20

Responses: Rose

Psalm 69.1-19

Hymns 83, 86

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Monday 25th

Monday of Holy Week

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 41
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)
- 11.00 am **Chrism Eucharist**
Communion Service in G Francis Jackson Psalm 89.13-30
Tibi soli peccavi Nathaniel Giles Preacher: The Bishop
The clergy and lay ministers of the diocese renew their commitment to ministry, and oils are blessed for baptism, confirmation, ordination and the anointing of the sick.
- 5.30 pm **Evensong** (Lower voices) Responses: Tallis
The Worcester Service Piers Connor Kennedy Psalm 25
The Lamentations of Jeremiah (part 1) Thomas Tallis Hymn 80i
- 8.00 pm **Compline** (sung by the Chamber Choir)
Preacher: The Revd Canon Dr Stephen Edwards
The ancient and beautiful service of Compline or Night Prayer, with a short address.

Tuesday 26th

Tuesday of Holy Week

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 27
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)
- 5.30 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalm 55.12-23
- 8.00 pm **Compline** (sung by the Youth Choir)
Preacher: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan
The ancient and beautiful service of Compline or Night Prayer, with a short address.

Wednesday 27th

Wednesday of Holy Week

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 102
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)
- 5.30 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalm 88

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VERSE: CANTORIS

Thursday 28th

8.00 am **Morning Prayer** *(with livestream)*

Psalms 42, 43

11.00 am **The Office for the Royal Maundy**

5.30 pm **Evening Prayer**

Psalm 39

8.00 pm **The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday** *(Incense is used)*

Missa de Angelis *David Bednall*

Psalm 116.10-end

Ubi caritas et amor *Grayston Ives*

Ave verum corpus *Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart*

Preacher: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

This Eucharist commemorates the Last Supper, and includes the procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the altar of repose for the watch, a time of silent prayer commemorating the Lord's agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. The Cathedral remains open until midnight for those who wish to take part in the watch.

Friday 29th

Good Friday

8.00 am **Morning Prayer and Litany** *(with livestream)*

Psalm 69

1.30 pm **The Liturgy of Good Friday**

The Passion according to St John *Tomas Luis de Victoria*

Psalm 22

The Reproaches *John Sanders*

Crucifixus a 8 *Antonio Lotti*

Preacher: The Revd Canon John Paul Hoskins

The Liturgy includes the choral recitation of the Passion, prayers of intercession, the veneration of the cross, and concludes with the giving of Holy Communion.

5.30 pm **Evening Prayer**

Psalms 130, 143

March 2024

Saturday 30th

Easter Eve

8.00 am **Morning Prayer** (*with livestream*)

Psalm 142

5.30 pm **Evening Prayer**

Psalm 116

8.00 pm **The Easter Liturgy** (*Incense is used*)

Missa Eliensis *Arthur Wills*

This joyful Eastertide *William Harris*

Preacher: The Bishop

The Easter Liturgy service begins with a vigil, followed by the lighting of the Easter candle, and the baptism or confirmation of candidates from across the diocese. All take part in the renewal of baptismal vows, and the first Eucharist of Easter.

In Residence: The Revd Canon John Paul Hoskins

Sunday 31st

Easter Day

Day of music endowed by the Foundation for Sport and the Arts.

7.30 am **Morning Prayer**

Psalms 114, 117

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

Preacher: The Revd Canon John Paul Hoskins

10.30 am **Sung Eucharist** (*Incense is used*)

Missa Brevis *Jonathan Dove*

Psalm 118.14-24

Hallelujah *George Frideric Handel*

Preacher: The Revd Canon Dr Stephen Edwards

4.00 pm **Evensong**

Responses: *Hunt*

Evening Service in A *Charles Villiers Stanford*

Psalm 66.1-11

Blessed be the God and Father *Samuel Sebastian Wesley*

Hymns 117, 112

6.30 pm **A Service of Readings and Music for Easter** (*sung by the*

Voluntary Choir)

Christ the Lord is risen again! *John Rutter*

This joyful Eastertide *Sarah MacDonald*

Lord of the Dance *Sydney Carter arr. John Barnard*
