



WORCESTER
CATHEDRAL

Services and Music January 2026

Leading onward, beaming bright.

‘New year, new me’ proclaims the voice of hope as January arrives with its hopeful opportunities and resolutions. For many of us a new start is exactly what we hope for, and of course together we will welcome Bishop Hugh as he begins his new ministry among us in this diocese. The season of Epiphany with its star of wonder, the glory of transformation, and the missional call to unity and service leads us forward into the new year with a mandate to proclaim the Christ-child as the light of the nations, the hope of the year to come. A mighty message to combat the fear and division of our times. ‘Leading onward, beaming bright’ as the carol calls; my prayer for you is to be strengthened in this mission.

Stephen Edwards

Dean:
Director of Music:

Stephen Edwards
Samuel Hudson

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

December 2025

In Residence: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

Sunday 28th

The Holy Innocents

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 36, 146
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (BCP) (*with livestream*)
Preacher: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan
- 10.30 am **Sung Eucharist** (*sung by Sine Nomine*)
Missa Aeterna Christi Munera Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina Psalm 124
Mirabile mysterium Jacobus Gallus
Preacher: The Revd Dr Robin Parry
- 4.00 pm **Evensong** (*sung by Sine Nomine*) Responses: Tunnard
Evening Service in F George Dyson Psalms 123, 128
On this day earth shall ring H. C. Stewart Hymns 23, 203
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Monday 29th

Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr, 1170

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 19, 20
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)
- 5.30 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalms 131, 132

Tuesday 30th

Ecgwine, Bishop of Worcester, Founder of Evesham Abbey, 717

Day of music endowed by the David Willcocks Music Trust.

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 111, 112, 113
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)
- 5.30 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalms 65, 84

December 2025/January 2026

Wednesday 31st

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalm 102
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
1.00 pm	Holy Communion	
5.30 pm	Evensong <i>(sung by the Choir of Pilgrim Church, Adelaide, Australia)</i>	
	Evening Service in D George Dyson	Responses: Smith
	What child is this? Becky McGlade	Psalms 90, 148

VERSE: CANTORIS

Thursday 1st January The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 103, 150
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalm 115

Friday 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 <i>(with livestream)</i>	
11.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalms 45, 46

Saturday 3rd

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

January 2026

In Residence: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

Sunday 4th

The Second Sunday of Christmas

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 87
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)
Preacher: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan
- 10.30 am **Eucharist with Hymns** Psalm 147.12-end
Preacher: The Ven Robert Jones
- 3.00 pm **Worship in the Garden**
entering the garden through the 'deliveries' doorway outside the Edgar Tower Gate.
- 3.30 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalm 135
- 4.00 pm **Organ Devotion** Nicholas Freestone (organ)
La Nativité du Seigneur Olivier Messiaen
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Monday 5th

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

Tuesday 6th

The Epiphany

- 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** (*Lower voices*) (*with incense*)
Mass for Three Voices William Byrd Psalm 72.10-15
The Three Kings Peter Cornelius arr. Ivor Atkins and Nicholas Freestone
Preacher: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

January 2026

Wednesday 7th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalm 77
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
1.00 pm	Holy Communion	
5.30 pm	Evensong <i>(sung by the Choral Scholars)</i>	Responses: Plainsong
	Plainsong Canticles	Psalm 119.81-104
	Omnes de Saba <i>Matteo Asola</i>	

VERSE: DECANI

Thursday 8th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalm 78.1-39
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
8.45 am	King's Foundation Epiphany Service	
12.15 pm	Lunchtime Recital	Gus Cox (organ)
5.30 pm	Evensong with the Installation of Prof. Lynn Nichol as a Lay Canon <i>(Lower voices)</i>	Responses: Harris
	The First Service <i>Philip Moore</i>	Psalm 78.41-end
	Ecce advenit <i>William Byrd</i>	

Friday 9th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalm 55
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
11.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: Rose
	The Fauxbourdon Service <i>Jeremy Woodside</i>	Psalm 69
	Bethlehem Down <i>Peter Warlock</i>	

Saturday 10th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 76, 79
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: Shephard
	Evening Service in C <i>Bryan Kelly</i>	Psalm 36
	Tribus miraculis <i>Luca Marenzio</i>	Hymns 23, 46i

January 2026

In Residence: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

Sunday 11th

The Baptism of Christ

7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 89.19-29

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

Preacher: The Revd Dr John Fitzmaurice

10.30 am **Sung Eucharist**

Communion Service in G *Francis Jackson*

Psalm 29

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day *Samuel Hudson*

Preacher: The Archdeacon of Dudley

4.00 pm **Epiphany Carol Service**

Psalms 46, 47

Epiphany Responsory *Samuel Hudson*

No small wonder *Paul Edwards*

Bethlehem Down *Peter Warlock*

The Three Kings *Peter Cornelius*

There shall a star from Jacob come forth *Felix Mendelssohn*

A babe is born *William Mathias*

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

A New Year Carol *Benjamin Britten*

We Three Kings *arr. Nicholas Freestone*

Preacher: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

Monday 12th

Aelred, Abbot of Rievaulx, 1167

7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 80, 82

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

5.30 pm **Evensong**

Responses: *Rose*

The Fauxbourdon Service *Orlando Gibbons*

Psalms 85, 86

A Present for the Future *Joanna Forbes L'Estrange*

Tuesday 13th

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

7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 87, 89.1-18

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

5.30 pm **Evening Prayer**

Psalm 89.20-end

January 2026

Wednesday 14th

Day of music endowed by Dr Richard Adcock.

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 (sung by the Choral Scholars)	Responses: Plainsong
	Plainsong Canticles	Psalms 91, 93
	Videntes stellam Giovanni Paolo Cima	

VERSE: CANTORIS

Thursday 15th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 90, 92
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
12.15 pm	Lunchtime Recital	Nicholas Freestone (organ)
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: Rose
	Evening Service in E minor Richard Drakeford	Psalms 94
	Here is the little door Herbert Howells	
7.30 pm	Concert	Concerts by Candlelight
	The Music of Céline Dion by Candlelight	

Friday 16th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 88, 95
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
11.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
5.30 pm	Evensong (Lower voices)	Responses: Harris
	The Worcester Service Piers Connor Kennedy	Psalms 102
	Ante luciferum genitus Jacob Handl	

Saturday 17th

Antony of Egypt, Hermit, Abbot, 356

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 96, 97, 100
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
2.00 pm	A Service of Welcome and Installation for the Rt Revd Hugh Nelson as Bishop of Worcester	
	Ubi caritas et amor Maurice Duruflé	
	The Spirit of the Lord Edward Elgar	
	Te Deum in B flat Charles Villiers Stanford	
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalms 104

January 2026

In Residence: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

Sunday 18th

The Second Sunday of Epiphany The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 145.1-12

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

Preacher: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

10.30 am **Sung Eucharist** (Lower voices)

Missa Inter Vestibulum *Francisco Guerrero*

Psalm 40.1-14

When Christ was born of Mary free *John Joubert*

Preacher: The Revd Charmian Manship

4.00 pm **Evensong**

Responses: *Shephard*

The Sixth Service *Thomas Weelkes*

Psalm 96

The souls of the righteous *Geraint Lewis* Hymns 221 ii, 423 omit 2,5,6

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

I give to you a new commandment *Peter Nardone*

Dear Lord and Father of mankind *C. Hubert H. Parry*

Preacher: tbc

Monday 19th

Wulfstan, Bishop of Worcester, 1095

Day of music endowed by Worcestershire Freemasons.

7.30 am **Morning Prayer**

Psalms 1, 15

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

5.00 pm **Evening Prayer**

Psalm 16

5.30 pm **Sung Eucharist** (with incense)

Communion Service in C and F *Charles Villiers Stanford*

Psalm 110

Holy is the true light *William Harris*

Preacher: The Bishop

Tuesday 20th

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 21st

Agnes, Child Martyr, 304

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 110, 111, 112
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
1.00 pm	Holy Communion	
5.30 pm	Evensong <i>(sung by the Choral Scholars)</i>	Responses: Plainsong
	Plainsong Canticles	Psalm 119.129-152
	A New Year Carol <i>Benjamin Britten</i>	

VERSE: DECANI

Thursday 22nd

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 113, 115
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
12.15 pm	Lunchtime Recital	Students from Bromsgrove School
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: <i>Sanders</i>
	Evening Service in G <i>Herbert Sumsion</i>	Psalms 114, 116, 117
	Videntes stellam <i>Francis Poulenc</i>	
7.30 pm	Concert	Concerts by Candlelight
	The Music of Motown by Candlelight	

Friday 23rd

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalm 139
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
11.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: <i>Sanders</i>
	Evening Service in A minor <i>Harold Darke</i>	Psalms 130, 131, 137
	The Holy Boy <i>John Ireland</i>	

Saturday 24th

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

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 120, 121, 122
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
3.00 pm	Celebration of New Ministries with commissioning of Authorised Lay Ministers	
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: <i>Reading</i>
	The Worcester Service <i>Herbert Howells</i>	Psalm 149
	Gaudet in coelis <i>Richard Dering</i>	Hymns 247, 494

January 2026

In Residence: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

Sunday 25th

The Conversion of Paul

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 66, 147.13-end
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*) Preacher: The Dean
- 10.30 am **Sung Eucharist with the Baptisms of Lila-Rose Venegas
Jagger and Zimnachimdi Chloe Chinedu**
- Missa Sanctae Margaretae *Gabriel Jackson* Psalm 67
- Be thou my vision *Bob Chilcott* Preacher: Professor John Vickerman
- 4.00 pm **Evensong** Responses: *Sanders*
- Evening Service in F *John Ireland* Psalm 119.41-56
- Let the people praise thee, O God *William Mathias* Hymns 154ii, 155
- 6.30 pm **Evening Worship** (*sung by the Voluntary Choir*)
- A Prayer of St Richard of Chichester *Richard Allain*
- Make me a light *Philip Wilby* Preacher: The Revd Dr Robin Parry
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Monday 26th

Timothy and Titus, Companions of Paul

Day of music endowed by Paul and Veronica Swinburn.

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 123, 124, 125, 126
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)
- 5.30 pm **Evensong** Responses: *Radcliffe*
- Evening Service in F minor *Derek Holman* Psalms 127, 128, 129
- The Lamb *John Tavener*

Tuesday 27th

Holocaust Memorial Day

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

January 2026

Wednesday 28th

**Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Philosopher,
Teacher of the Faith, 1274**

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>sung by the Choral Scholars</i>)	Responses: Plainsong
	Plainsong Canticles	Psalms 136
	Magi veniunt ab oriente <i>Francesco Lupino</i>	

VERSE: CANTORIS

Thursday 29th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 143, 146
8.00 am	Holy Communion (<i>with livestream</i>)	
12.15 pm	Lunchtime Recital	Christopher Hughes (organ)
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: Radcliffe
	Evening Service in G <i>Edward Bairstow</i>	Psalms 138, 140, 141
	Benedicamus Domino <i>Peter Warlock</i>	
7.30 pm	Concert	
	The Drifters by Candlelight	

Friday 30th

Charles, King and Martyr, 1649

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	Evensong (<i>Lower voices</i>)	Responses: Tallis
	Evening Service in the Dorian mode <i>Thomas Tallis</i>	Psalms 145
	Reges Tharsis <i>William Byrd</i>	
7.30 pm	Concert	Martin Kemp
	Back to the 80's DJ Set	

Saturday 31st

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 147
8.00 am	Holy Communion (<i>with livestream</i>)	
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: Reading
	Collegium Regale <i>Charles Wood</i>	Psalms 148, 149, 150
	Omnes de Saba <i>Orlande de Lassus</i>	Hymns 157, 156 (t. 288)

February 2026

In Residence: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

Sunday 1st February 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 Dr John Fitzmaurice
- 10.30 am **Sung Eucharist** (*sung by the Youth Choir*) Psalm 36.5-10
Missa Secunda *Hans Leo Hassler*
At this table *Stanley Vann* Preacher: tbc
- 3.00 pm **Worship in the Garden**
entering the garden through the 'deliveries' doorway outside the Edgar Tower Gate.
- 4.00 pm **Evensong** (*Lower voices*) Responses: Rose
Evening Service in E *Charles Wood* Psalm 118
Senex puerum portabat Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina Hymns 240, 338
- 6.30 pm **Devotional Performance** (*sung by the Cathedral Choir and the Voluntary Choir*)
A Ceremony of Carols *Benjamin Britten*
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Monday 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*)
- 5.00 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalms 122, 132
- 5.30 pm **Sung Eucharist** (*with incense*)
Missa Eliensis *Arthur Wills* Psalm 24.7-end
When to the temple Mary went *Johannes Eccard*
Preacher: The Revd Dr John Fitzmaurice