



WORCESTER CATHEDRAL

Services and Music November 2023

We know little about St Cecilia, commemorated by the Church on 22 November. She was martyred in Rome, probably in about the year 230, though possibly rather earlier.

A later tradition relates that Cecilia was a Christian of noble birth who, against her will, was betrothed to be married to a pagan named Valerian. While the guests sang and danced at their wedding, Cecilia sat apart, reciting psalms. Later, on retiring to their bedroom, Cecilia managed to persuade her new husband to respect her vow of virginity. Indeed, Valerian and his brother were soon baptized, but came to the attention of the Roman prefect who had them beheaded. The newly widowed Cecilia then turned her home into a place of worship, in turn being arrested and sentenced to death. Repeated efforts at execution failed, and she died only after three attempts at striking off her head.

Just as she had sung at her wedding, so Cecilia also sang at her death, which is probably why from about the sixteenth century she became the patron saint of musicians. Many composers have written musical tributes to her, including Purcell, Handel, Parry, Britten and Howells, the latter setting words by Ursula Vaughan Williams:

Through the cold aftermath of centuries,
Cecilia's music dances in the skies;
lend us a fragment of the immortal air,
that with your choiring angels we may share,
a word to light us thro' time-fettered night,
water of life, or rose of paradise,
so from the earth another song shall rise
to meet your own in heaven's long delight.

John Paul Hoskins

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Canon Precentor:
Director of Music:

Stephen Edwards
John Paul Hoskins
Samuel Hudson

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

October 2023

In Residence: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

Sunday 29th October The Last Sunday after Trinity

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| 7.30 am | Morning Prayer | Psalm 119.137-152 |
| 8.00 am | Holy Communion (BCP) (with livestream) | |
| | Preacher: The Revd Canon Dr Stephen Edwards | |
| 10.30 am | Sung Eucharist (<i>sung by the Stamford Singers</i>) | |
| | Communion Service in F <i>Harold Darke</i> | Psalm 1 |
| | Ave verum corpus <i>William Byrd</i> | |
| | Preacher: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan | |
| 4.00 pm | Evensong (<i>sung by the Stamford Singers</i>) | Responses: <i>Byrd</i> |
| | Evening Service in G <i>Herbert Howells</i> | Psalm 119.89-104 |
| | Geistliches Lied <i>Johannes Brahms</i> | Hymns 216, 331 |
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Monday 30th

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| 7.30 am | Morning Prayer | Psalms 1, 2, 3 |
| 8.00 am | Holy Communion (with livestream) | |
| 5.30 pm | Evening Prayer | Psalms 4, 7 |

Tuesday 31st

Day of music endowed by Marion Bleney.

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| 7.30 am | Morning Prayer | Psalms 5, 6 |
| 8.00 am | Holy Communion (with livestream) | |
| 5.30 pm | Evening Prayer | Psalms 1, 5 |

November 2023

Wednesday 1st November

All Saints' Day

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 15, 84, 149
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
1.00 pm	Holy Communion	
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalms 148, 150
7.30 pm	Sung Eucharist (<i>sung by the Oakville Singers</i>)	
	Communion Service in F <i>Harold Darke</i>	Psalm 34.1-10
	Give us the wings of faith <i>Ernest Bullock</i>	
	Preacher: Canon Doug Chaplin	

VERSE: DECANI

Thursday 2nd

All Souls' Day

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 14, 15, 16
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalm 18
7.30 pm	Requiem Eucharist (<i>sung by the Chamber Choir</i>)	
	Requiem <i>Gabriel Fauré</i>	
	Preacher: The Revd Canon Dr Stephen Edwards	

Friday 3rd Richard Hooker, Priest, Teacher of the Faith, 1600

Day of music endowed by Brian Ferris.

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 17, 19
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
11.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalm 22

Saturday 4th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 20, 21, 23
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
1.00 pm	Regents Theological College Graduation Ceremony	
5.30 pm	Evensong (<i>sung by the Oakville Singers</i>)	Responses: <i>Smith</i>
	Evening Service in A flat <i>Basil Harwood</i>	Psalms 24, 25
	Greater love hath no man <i>John Ireland</i>	Hymns 342 (t178), 369

November 2023

In Residence: The Revd Canon John Paul Hoskins

Sunday 5th The Fourth Sunday before Advent

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalm 33
8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP) (with livestream)	
	Preacher: The Revd Canon Dr Stephen Edwards	
10.30 am	Sung Eucharist (<i>sung by the Oakville Singers</i>)	
	Missa Brevis <i>Grayston Ives</i>	Psalm 107.1-9
	If ye love me, keep my commandments <i>Thomas Tallis</i>	
	Preacher: The Revd Charmian Manship	
4.00 pm	Evensong (<i>sung by the Oakville Singers</i>)	Responses: <i>Smith</i>
	Evening Service in B flat <i>John Stainer</i>	Psalms 111, 117
	The Lord is my Shepherd <i>Franz Schubert</i>	Hymns 341, 225ii

Monday 6th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 27, 30
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: <i>Maxim</i>
	Evening Service in F minor <i>Derek Holman</i>	Psalms 26, 28, 29
	My eyes for beauty pine <i>Herbert Howells</i>	

Tuesday 7th Willibrord of York, Bishop, 739

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 32, 36
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalm 33

November 2023

Wednesday 8th

The Saints and Martyrs of England

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalm 34
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 D <i>Charles Villiers Stanford</i>	Psalm 119.33-56
	The Lord is my Shepherd <i>Kenneth Leighton</i>	

VERSE: CANTORIS

Thursday 9th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalm 37
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
12.15 pm	Lunchtime Recital	James Thomas (organ)
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: <i>Maxim</i>
	Fauxbourdon Service <i>John Holmes</i>	Psalms 39, 40
	Call to remembrance <i>Richard Farrant</i>	
7.00 pm	Concert	London Film Orchestra
9.15 pm	Concert	London Film Orchestra

Friday 10th

Leo the Great, Bishop of Rome, Teacher of the Faith, 461

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalm 31
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
10.45 am	King's School Remembrance Service	
11.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
5.30 pm	Evensong attended by King's Scholars	Responses: <i>Tomkins</i>
	The Fifth Service <i>Thomas Tomkins</i>	Psalm 35
	Solomon in all his glory <i>Neil Cox</i>	Hymn 265
7.00 pm	Concert	London Film Orchestra
9.15 pm	Concert	London Film Orchestra

November 2023

Saturday 11th

Martin, Bishop of Tours, c. 397

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 41, 42, 43
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
10.55 am	An Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial	
5.30 pm	Evensong (<i>Lower voices</i>)	Responses: <i>Lloyd</i>
	Evening Service in E Charles Wood	Psalms 45, 46
	For the Fallen <i>Samuel Hudson</i>	Hymns 357, 245

In Residence: The Revd Canon Dr Stephen Edwards

Sunday 12th

Remembrance Sunday

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalm 91
8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP) (with livestream)	
	Preacher: The Revd Canon John Paul Hoskins	
10.00 am	A Service of Remembrance (<i>sung by the Cathedral Choir and Voluntary Choir</i>)	
	Kyrie (<i>Missa Sanctae Margaretae</i>) <i>Gabriel Jackson</i>	
	<i>Dona nobis pacem</i> <i>Johann Sebastian Bach</i>	
	Preacher: The Revd Canon Dr Stephen Edwards	
10.55 am	An Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial	
	They shall beat their swords into ploughshares <i>Peter Nardone</i>	
4.00 pm	Evensong (<i>sung by the Chamber Choir</i>)	Responses: <i>Hunt</i>
	The Fourth Service <i>Adrian Batten</i>	Psalms 20, 82
	In Paradisum <i>Gabriel Fauré</i>	Hymns 208, 216
6.30 pm	Requiem Eucharist	
	Requiem <i>Maurice Duruflé</i>	

Preacher: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

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Monday 13th Charles Simeon, Priest, Evangelical Divine, 1836

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 44
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: <i>Tomkins</i>
	Evening Service in <i>G Herbert Sumsion</i>	Psalms 47, 49
	<i>Expectans expectavi Charles Wood</i>	

Tuesday 14th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 48, 52
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalms 50

Wednesday 15th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 119.57-80
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
1.00 pm	Holy Communion	
5.30 pm	Evensong (<i>Upper voices</i>)	Responses: <i>Plainsong</i>
	The Second Service <i>Philip Moore</i>	Psalms 59, 60, 67
	<i>Pie Jesu Gabriel Fauré</i>	

VERSE: DECANI

Thursday 16th

Margaret, Queen of Scotland, Philanthropist, 1093

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 56, 57, 63
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
12.15 pm	Lunchtime Recital	Jordan English (organ)
5.30 pm	Evensong (<i>Lower voices</i>)	Responses: <i>Rose</i>
	The Carlisle Service <i>Michael Walsh</i>	Psalms 61, 62, 64
	Hear the voice and prayer <i>Thomas Tallis</i>	
7.30 pm	Tudor Grange Academy Awards Ceremony	

November 2023

Friday 17th

Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln, 1200

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 51, 54
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)
- 11.30 am **Holy Communion** (BCP)
- 2.30 pm **Lights of Love Service**
- 5.30 pm **Evensong** Responses: *Sumsion*
The Fauxbourdon Service *Jeremy Woodside* Psalm 38
Never weather-beaten sail *Thomas Campion*
- 7.00 pm **Lights of Love Service**

Saturday 18th

**Elizabeth of Hungary, Princess,
Philanthropist, 1231**

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 68
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)
- 5.30 pm **RSCM Festival Evensong** Responses: *Maxim*
Evening Service in D *Herbert Brewer* Psalm 66
Evening Hymn *Henry Balfour Gardiner* Hymns AM632, AM636 (t499)

November 2023

In Residence: The Revd Canon John Paul Hoskins

Sunday 19th The Second Sunday before Advent Safeguarding Sunday

7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 98

8.00 am **Holy Communion** (BCP) (with livestream)
Preacher: The Revd Canon Dr Stephen Edwards

10.30 am **Sung Eucharist**
Mass in G *Franz Schubert* Psalm 90.1-8
O, for a closer walk with God *Charles Villiers Stanford*
Preacher: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

4.00 pm **Evensong and Diocesan Farewell to the Archdeacon of Worcester** Responses: *Sumsion*
At the River *Aaron Copland* Psalm 89.20-36
Evening Service in B flat *Charles Villiers Stanford*
Ave Maria *Edward Elgar* Hymns 478, AM42, 408i

6.30 pm **Evening Worship** (*sung by the Voluntary Choir*)
Light of the World *John Dankworth*
The King of Love *Paul Treppe*
Preacher: The Revd Canon Dr Stephen Edwards

Monday 20th Edmund, King of the East Angles, Martyr, 870

7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 71

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

5.30 pm **Evensong** Responses: *Moore*
Evening Service in D flat *Sydney Nicholson* Psalms 72, 75
The secret of Christ *Richard Shephard*

Tuesday 21st

7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 73

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

5.30 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalm 74

7.30 pm **Concert** G4
A G4 Christmas

November 2023

Wednesday 22nd

Day of music endowed by Worcester Cathedral Chamber Choir, and by Adrian Lucas.

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalm 77
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
1.00 pm	Holy Communion	
5.30 pm	Evensong (<i>Upper voices</i>)	Responses: <i>Nardone</i>
	Evening Service in F Sydney Watson	Psalm 119.81-104
	My song is in sighing <i>Martin Dalby</i>	

VERSE: CANTORIS

Thursday 23rd **Clement, Bishop of Rome, Martyr, c. 100**

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalm 78.1-39
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
12.15 pm	Lunchtime Recital	Martyn Rawles (organ)
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: <i>Moore</i>
	Fauxbourdon Service <i>Healey Willan</i>	Psalm 78.41-end
	God be in my head <i>John Rutter</i>	
6.30 pm	Recital given on behalf of the Friends of Worcester Cathedral (Chapter House)	Worcester Cathedral Choir

Friday 24th

Day of music endowed by Richard and Sarah Weaver.

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalm 55
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
11.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
5.30 pm	Evensong (<i>Boys' voices</i>)	Responses: <i>Nardone</i>
	Evening Service in C minor George Dyson	Psalm 69
	Prevent us, O Lord <i>Derek Holman</i>	

November 2023

Saturday 25th

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 76, 79
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)
- 5.30 pm **Evensong** (*Lower voices*) Responses: *Tallis*
Secundi et quinti toni Orlando Lassus Psalms 99, 100
Es ist ein Ros entsprungen Michael Praetorius
Hymns 497 (t449), 359 (t322)
- 7.30 pm **Concert** Worcester Festival Choral Society
Siegfried Idyll Richard Wagner
Ein Deutsches Requiem Johannes Brahms

In Residence: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

Sunday 26th

Christ the King

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 29, 110
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (BCP) (with livestream)
Preacher: The Revd Canon John Paul Hoskins
- 10.30 am **Sung Eucharist**
Coronation Mass *Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart* Psalm 95.1-7
O clap your hands Ralph Vaughan Williams
Preacher: The Revd Canon John Paul Hoskins
- 4.00 pm **Evensong** Responses: *Moore*
Evening Service in D *Edward Bairstow* Psalms 93, 97
Let all the world Kenneth Leighton Hymns 433 (omit vv 4 and 5), 338
- 6.30 pm **Sung Eucharist with Confirmations** (*sung by the Youth Choir*)
Missa Brevis Grayston Ives
Let all mortal flesh keep silence Rogers Covey-Crump
Preacher: The Bishop
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November 2023

Monday 27th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 80, 82
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: <i>Jackson</i>
	The Second Service <i>William Byrd</i>	Psalms 85, 86
	Benedicimus Deum caeli <i>James Macmillan</i>	

Tuesday 28th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 87, 89.1-18
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalms 89.20-end
7.30 pm	Concert	Piccadilly Sinfonietta
	Christmas Concerto <i>Arcangelo Corelli</i>	
	Piano Concerto in C major, K467 <i>Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart</i>	
	The Four Seasons <i>Antonio Vivaldi</i>	

Wednesday 29th

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 Durham Service <i>Christopher Totney</i>	Psalms 91, 93
	Litany to the Holy Spirit <i>Peter Hurford</i>	
7.30 pm	Confirmation service for St George's and Our Lady Queen of Peace RC Churches	

November/December 2023

VERSE: DECANI

Thursday 30th

Andrew the Apostle

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 47, 147.1-12
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
12.15 pm	Lunchtime Recital	Belaria (operatic duo)
4.45 pm	Community Carol Service for the start of the Victorian Christmas Fayre	
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: <i>Clucas</i>
	Evening Service in A <i>William Harris</i>	Psalms 87, 96
	Doctor bonus, amicus Dei <i>Tomas Luis de Victoria</i>	Hymn 200

Friday 1st December

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 88, 95
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
11.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
2.00 pm	Shoppers' Carol Service	
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: <i>Jackson</i>
	The Fauxbourdon Service <i>David Cooper</i>	Psalms 102
	Remember not, Lord, our offences <i>Henry Purcell</i>	

Saturday 2nd

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 96, 97, 100
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
2.00 pm	Shoppers' Carol Service	
5.30 pm	Evensong with Licensing of the Archdeacon of Worcester	
	(Lower voices)	Responses: <i>Cleobury</i>
	The Westminster Service <i>Humphrey Clucas</i>	Psalms 104
	Ave Maria <i>Franz Biebl</i>	Hymns 137, AM604

December 2023

In Residence: The Revd Canon John Paul Hoskins

Sunday 3rd

The First Sunday of Advent

7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 44

8.00 am **Holy Communion** (BCP) (with livestream)
Preacher: The Revd Canon Dr Stephen Edwards

10.30 am **Sung Eucharist**
Missa Rorate Coeli Desuper *Joseph Haydn* Psalm 80.1-7
Kindle a light *Michael Fleming*

Preacher: The Revd Canon Dr Stephen Edwards

4.00 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalm 25

6.30 pm **The Advent Procession with Carols** (*sung by the Cathedral Choir,
Youth Choir and Voluntary Choir*)