



WORCESTER CATHEDRAL

Services and Music September 2025

The Christaraksha is an Indian prayer for use by individuals before sleep. It begins with powerful words:

*May the cross of the Son of God,
which is mightier than all the hosts of Satan,
and more glorious than all the hosts of heaven...*

As phrases for prayer and devotion, few can be stronger than these which summon confidence and assurance for the Christian - for those who look to the cross for life and hope. This month we celebrate Holy Cross day on a Sunday and as well as revisiting the scene of Good Friday and the central message of the crucifixion, we also glory in the offering of Christ who, as the prayer book puts it, made there *a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world.*

Our present age seems burdened with the sufferings of war, climate change and increasing poverty and division, but for the Christian the cross is the symbol of our hope that all is held, all is seen, all is loved by the one who is mighty and glorious. *In the cross of Christ I glory*, says the hymn. Our prayer for the world is that the power of the cross will bring healing, hope and indeed glory.

Stephen Edwards

Dean:
Director of Music:

Stephen Edwards
Samuel Hudson

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

August/September 2025

In Residence: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

Sunday 31st The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 119.161-end

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) (with livestream)

Preacher: The Revd Dr John Fitzmaurice

10.30 am **Sung Eucharist** (*sung by the Matthaeus Consort*)

Collegium Regale *Herbert Howells*

Psalm 112

To thy heavenly banquet *Alexei Fyodorovich Lvov*

Preacher: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

4.00 pm **Evensong** (*sung by the Matthaeus Consort*)

Responses: *Gough*

Evening Service in B flat *Charles Villiers Stanford*

Psalm 119.81-96

Thou, O God, art praised in Zion *Malcolm Boyle*

Hymns 342 (t. 178), 248ii

Monday 1st September

7.30 am Morning Prayer

Psalms 80, 82

8.00 am Holy Communion *(with livestream)*

5.30 pm **Evening Prayer**

Psalms 85, 86

Tuesday 2nd

Day of music endowed for Acorns Children's Hospice.

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

September 2025

Wednesday 3rd

Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome,

Day of music endowed by Judith Aldridge.

Teacher of the Faith, 604

7.30 am **Morning Prayer**

Psalms 119.105-128

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

1.00 pm **Holy Communion**

5.30 pm **Evening Prayer**

Psalms 91, 93

VERSE: DECANI

Thursday 4th

Day of music endowed by Gordon and Julienne Bunker.

7.30 am **Morning Prayer**

Psalms 90, 92

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

5.30 pm **Evensong** *(Lower voices)*

Responses: *Cleobury*

The Carlisle Service *Michael Walsh*

Psalms 94

He that hath my commandments *William Mundy*

Friday 5th

7.30 am **Morning Prayer**

Psalms 88

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

11.30 am **Holy Communion** (BCP)

1.00 pm **Wedding of Jorgen Deal and Clementine Serrell**

5.30 pm **Evensong**

Responses: *Radcliffe*

The Short Service *Orlando Gibbons*

Psalms 102

God be in my head *John Rutter*

Saturday 6th

7.30 am **Morning Prayer**

Psalms 96, 97, 100

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

5.30 pm **Evensong attended by Malvern & Upton Deanery**

Collegium Regale *Charles Wood*

Responses: *Moore*

Prevent us, O Lord *William Byrd*

Psalms 104

Hymns 248ii, 457i

September 2025

In Residence: The Dean

Sunday 7th

The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Day of music endowed by Mr and Mrs John Humphrey.

7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 122, 123

8.00 am **Holy Communion** (BCP) *(with livestream)* Preacher: The Dean

10.30 am Sung Eucharist with Presentation of Chorister Awards

Missa Brevis *Jonathan Dove* Psalm I

Ave verum corpus *William Byrd* Preacher: Professor John Vickerman

3.00 pm **Worship in the Garden**

entering the garden through the 'deliveries' doorway outside the Edgar Tower Gate.

4.00 pm Evensong with the Admission of Choral and Organ Scholars

Evening Service in B flat *Edgar Day* Responses: *Radcliffe*

Bleib bei uns *Randall Svane* Psalm 72

Hymns 180ii, 408i

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

Ave Maria Simon Lindley

A maiden most gentle *arr. Andrew Carter*

Preacher: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

Monday 8th

The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 63.1-9, 149

8.00 am Holy Communion *(with livestream)*

5.00 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalms 122, 1275.30 pm **Sung Eucharist** (*with incense*)Communion Service in G *Francis Jackson* Canticle: Judith 16.13-16

Ave Maria *Robert Parsons* Preacher: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

September 2025

Tuesday 9th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalm 106
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
10.00 am	University of Worcester Graduation Ceremony	
12.30pm	University of Worcester Graduation Ceremony	
3.00 pm	University of Worcester Graduation Ceremony	
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalm 107

Wednesday 10th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 110, 111, 112
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
10.00 am	University of Worcester Graduation Ceremony	
12.30pm	University of Worcester Graduation Ceremony	
1.00 pm	Holy Communion	
3.00 pm	University of Worcester Graduation Ceremony	
5.30 pm	Evensong <i>(sung by the Choral Scholars)</i>	Responses: Plainsong
	Plainsong Canticles	Psalm 119.129-152
	<i>Jubilate Deo Lorenzo Perosi</i>	

VERSE: CANTORIS

Thursday 11th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 113, 115
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
10.00 am	University of Worcester Graduation Ceremony	
12.30 pm	University of Worcester Graduation Ceremony	
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: Rose
	Evening Service in A <i>Herbert Sumsion</i>	Psalms 114, 116, 117
	<i>Save us, O Lord Edward Bairstow</i>	

September 2025

Friday 12th

Day of music endowed by Caroline Aldhouse.

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 <i>(Lower voices)</i>	Responses: <i>Tallis</i>
	Magnificat primi toni <i>Francesco Soriano</i>	
	Nunc dimittis tertii toni <i>Tomás Luis de Victoria</i>	Psalms 130, 131, 137
	O nata lux <i>Piers Connor Kennedy</i>	

Saturday 13th

John Chrysostom, Bishop, Teacher of the Faith, 407

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 120, 121, 122
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: <i>Shephard</i>
	The Short Service <i>John Blow</i>	Psalm 66
	Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace <i>Samuel Sebastian Wesley</i>	
		Hymns 360, 381

September 2025

In Residence: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

Sunday 14th

Holy Cross Day

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 2, 8, 146
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (BCP) (*with livestream*)
Preacher: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan
- 10.30 am **Sung Eucharist**
Communion Service in C and F *Charles Villiers Stanford* Psalm 22.23-28
Christus factus est Anton Bruckner
Preacher: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan
- 4.00 pm **Evensong with the Re-dedication of the Great West Window**
Evening Service in B minor *Hugh Blair* Responses: Rose
The Spirit of the Lord *Edward Elgar* Psalms 110, 150
Holy is the true light *William Harris* Hymns 453, 94
- 6.30 pm **Evening Worship** (*sung by the Voluntary Choir*)
A Song of the Light *Simon Lole*
Look at the world *John Rutter* Preacher: The Revd Dr Robin Parry
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Monday 15th

Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, Martyr, 258

- 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 F minor *Derek Holman* Psalms 127, 128, 129
Behold, the tabernacle of God William Harris

Tuesday 16th

Ninian, Bishop, Apostle of the Picts, c. 432

Day of music endowed by David and Susan Snaith.

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 132, 133
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)
- 9.00 am **King's School Start of Term Service**
- 5.30 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalms 134, 135

September 2025

Wednesday 17th

Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, Visionary, 1179

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalm 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	Psalm 136
	Ave verum corpus <i>Camille Saint-Saëns</i>	

VERSE: DECANI

Thursday 18th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 143, 146
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
12.15 pm	Lunchtime Recital	Nicholas Freestone (organ)
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: Sanders
	Evening Service in B flat <i>Charles Villiers Stanford</i>	Psalms 138, 140, 141
	Verleih uns Frieden <i>Felix Mendelssohn</i>	

Friday 19th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 142, 144
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
11.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
12.00 noon	Heart of Worcestershire College Awards Ceremony	
5.30 pm	Evensong with the Installation of Mr Ben Charles as Head of Foundation of the King's School and the Admission of King's Scholars	Responses: Sanders
	Evening Service in F <i>George Dyson</i>	Psalm 145
	Antiphon <i>Ralph Vaughan Williams</i>	Hymns 391, 427

September 2025

Saturday 20th

**John Coleridge Patteson, Bishop,
and his Companions, Martyrs, 1871**

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 147
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)
- 5.30 pm **Evensong attended by the Friends of Worcester Cathedral**
- New College Service *Herbert Howells* Responses: *Shephard*
- Light of the World *Edward Elgar* Psalm 34
- Hymns 414, 252
- 7.30 pm **Concert** London Concertante
- A Night at the Opera by Candlelight

In Residence: The Dean

Sunday 21st

Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 49, 117
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (BCP) (*with livestream*)
- Preacher: The Revd Dr John Fitzmaurice
- 10.30 am **Sung Eucharist**
- Missa Eliensis *Arthur Wills* Psalm 119.65-72
- Beati quorum via *Charles Villiers Stanford*
- Preacher: The Revd Dr Mark Dorsett
- 4.00 pm **Evensong** Responses: *Sanders*
- The Three Choirs Service *Bob Chilcott* Psalm 119.33-40, 89-96
- Give us the wings of faith *Ernest Bullock* Hymns 189, 446
- 6.30 pm **Evening Worship** (*sung by the Voluntary Choir*)
- Christ be with me *Oliver Tarney*
- For all the saints *Nicholas Freestone* Preacher: The Dean

September 2025

Monday 22nd

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 1, 2, 3
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: Sanders
	Evening Service in E minor <i>Daniel Purcell</i>	Psalms 4, 7
	The secret of Christ <i>Richard Shephard</i>	

Tuesday 23rd

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 5, 6
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalms 9, 10

Wednesday 24th

Ember Day

Day of music endowed by Professor John Vickerman and Dr Linda Watson.

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 119.1-32
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 11, 12, 13
	Domine, salva nos <i>Seth Calvisius</i>	

VERSE: CANTORIS

Thursday 25th

Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop, Spiritual Writer, 1626

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 14, 15, 16
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
12.15 pm	Lunchtime Recital	Kris Thomsett (organ)
5.30 pm	Evensong with the Proclamation of the Election of a Bishop of Worcester by the College of Canons	
	Evening Service in D <i>Charles Wood</i>	Responses: Tomkins
	<i>Ecce sacerdos magnus</i> <i>Edward Elgar</i>	Psalms 99, 100
		Hymn 349, 420

September 2025

Friday 26th

Ember Day

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 17, 19
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
11.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
5.30 pm	Evensong <i>(sung by lower voices)</i>	Responses: Cleobury
	The Worcester Service <i>Piers Connor Kennedy</i>	Psalm 22
	In manus tuas <i>John Sheppard</i>	
7.30 pm	Concert	XPerience Live
	The Music of Adele by Candlelight	

Saturday 27th Vincent de Paul, Founder of the Lazarists, 1660

Ember Day

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 20, 21, 23
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
2.30 pm	Diocesan Readers Licensing Service	
	Gathering Mass <i>Paul Inwood</i>	
	View me, Lord <i>Richard Lloyd</i>	
	Preacher: The Archdeacon of Worcester	
5.30 pm	Evensong <i>(sung by the Voluntary Choir)</i>	Responses: Freestone
	Evening Service in C minor <i>George Dyson</i>	Psalm 24
	Light of the World <i>John Dankworth</i>	Hymns 463ii, 485

September 2025

In Residence: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

Sunday 28th The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalm 132
8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP) (<i>with livestream</i>)	Preacher: The Dean
10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	
	Missa Brevis <i>Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina</i>	Psalm 146
	Tantum ergo <i>Louis Vierne</i>	Preacher: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan
4.00 pm	Evensong	Responses: Moore
	Evening Service in B flat <i>Thomas Attwood Walmisley</i>	Psalms 134, 135
	O God, the King of Glory <i>Henry Purcell</i>	Hymns 377, 29
6.30 pm	Ordination of Deacons (<i>sung by the Youth Choir</i>)	
	The Worcestershire Mass <i>Nicholas Freestone</i>	
	Come down, O Love divine <i>William Harris</i>	
	Preacher: Bishop Olivia Graham	

Monday 29th Michael and All Angels

Day of music endowed by The Ouseley Church Music Trust.

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 34, 150
8.00 am	Holy Communion (<i>with livestream</i>)	
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: Tomkins
	The Second Service <i>Thomas Tomkins</i>	Psalms 138, 148
	War in heaven <i>Neil Cox</i>	Hymn 190ii

Tuesday 30th

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

October 2025

Wednesday 1st October

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalm 34
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 119.33-56
	In manus tuas <i>William Corbrand</i>	

VERSE: DECANI

Thursday 2nd

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalm 37
8.00 am	Holy Communion (<i>with livestream</i>)	
12.15 pm	Lunchtime Recital	Angelina Kopyrina (piano)
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: <i>Tomkins</i>
	Collegium Sancti Johannis Cantabrigiense <i>Herbert Howells</i>	
	The Word made Flesh <i>Philip Wilby</i>	Psalms 39, 40

Friday 3rd

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalm 31
8.00 am	Holy Communion (<i>with livestream</i>)	
11.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: <i>Jackson</i>
	The Truro Service <i>Gabriel Jackson</i>	Psalm 35
	Te lucis ante terminum <i>Thomas Tallis</i>	
7.30 pm	Concert	XPerience Live
	The Music of Whitney Houston by Candlelight	

Saturday 4th Francis of Assisi, Friar, Deacon, 1226

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 41, 42, 43
8.00 am	Holy Communion (<i>with livestream</i>)	
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: <i>Moore</i>
	The First Service <i>Thomas Tomkins</i>	Psalms 45, 46
	There is an old belief <i>C. Hubert H. Parry</i>	Hymns 433, 263 (omit *)

October 2025

In Residence: The Dean

Sunday 5th

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity Harvest Thanksgiving

7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 141

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

Preacher: The Revd Dr John Fitzmaurice

10.30 am **Harvest Eucharist**

Mass in G Franz Schubert

Psalm 100

For the beauty of the earth *Ian King*

Preacher: The Revd Charmian Manship

3.00 pm **Worship in the Garden**

*entering the garden through the 'deliveries' doorway outside the
Edgar Tower Gate.*

4.00 pm **Evensong**

Responses: G Jackson

Evening Service in C Charles Villiers Stanford

Psalm 142

The heavens are telling *Joseph Haydn*

Hymns 259, 261

6.30 pm **Worcestershire Farmers' Harvest Thanksgiving** (*sung by the
Voluntary Choir*)

The Fruits of the Land *David Ogden*

Preacher: The Dean of Hereford