



WORCESTER CATHEDRAL

Services and Music July 2026

The chances are that if you are reading this that you are scanning over the month to find out about the forthcoming music, anthems and settings. Careful planning of music and liturgy ensures that the unity of spoken word and sung verse lifts our minds, as well as our hearts, into the presence of God.

The thoughtfulness of this preparation by musicians, vergers, clergy and others is in itself an offering. It is another example of the skill and vocation of all who support the life and work of this Cathedral church that what forms part of the regular rhythm of the life of this place stems from a firm dedication to ensuring our worship is the best.

The balance of liturgy and music, together with the events presented in this month listing, are the Cathedral's offering to God, representing the whole community coming together in prayer and praise.

Stephen Edwards

Dean:
Director of Music:

Stephen Edwards
Samuel Hudson

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

June 2026

In Residence: The Dean

Sunday 28th

The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 52, 53
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (BCP) (*with livestream*)
- 10.30 am **Ordination of Deacons**
A Worcester Mass *Donald Hunt* Psalm 86.1-5, 11-12
O nata lux Morten Lauridsen Preacher: The Rt Revd Olivia Graham
- 4.00 pm **Evensong** Responses: *Hunt*
The St Paul's Service *Herbert Howells* Psalm 50
Evening Hymn *Henry Balfour Gardiner* Hymns 431, 486
- 6.30 pm **Evening Worship** (*sung by the Voluntary Choir*)
When in our music God is glorified *Charles Villiers Stanford*
How can I keep from singing? *arr. John Scott*
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Monday 29th

Peter and Paul, Apostles

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 71, 113
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)
- 5.30 pm **Evensong** Responses: *Sumsion*
Evening Service in B flat *Charles Villiers Stanford* Psalms 124, 138
Tu es Petrus Maurice Duruflé Hymn 172 (t. 443)

Tuesday 30th

- 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
- 7.00 pm **Tudor Grange Academy Awards Ceremony**

July 2026

Wednesday 1st July

Day of music endowed by Michael and Angela Clarke.

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
	In pace <i>John Blitheman</i>	

VERSE: CANTORIS

Thursday 2nd

Day of music endowed by Julie Ann Watson.

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 90, 92
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
12.15 pm	Lunchtime Recital	Eric Choate (organ)
5.30 pm	Evensong with a Celebration of the Opening of College Yard	
	Evening Service in E <i>Herbert Murrill</i>	Responses: <i>Sumsion</i>
	The Lord is my shepherd <i>Lennox Berkeley</i>	Psalms 94
	Locus iste <i>Anton Bruckner</i>	Hymn 477 (t. 271)

Friday 3rd

Thomas the Apostle

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 92, 146
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
11.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
5.30 pm	Evensong (Lower voices)	Responses: <i>Harris</i>
	Evening Service in E <i>Charles Wood</i>	Psalms 139
	Holy is the true light <i>William Harris</i>	Hymn 173 (t. 265)

Saturday 4th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 96, 97, 100
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: <i>Leighton</i>
	Magnificat <i>Arvo Pärt</i>	
	Nunc Dimittis <i>Gustav Holst</i>	Psalms 104
	O thou, the central Orb <i>Charles Wood</i>	Hymns 434, 463ii
7.30 pm	Concert	Worcester Cathedral Youth Choir and Chorus
	Works by Henry Purcell	

July 2026

In Residence: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

Sunday 5th

The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Day of music endowed by Anne Renshaw.

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 55.1-15, 18-22
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (BCP) (*with livestream*)
Preacher: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan
- 10.30 am **Sung Eucharist with Choir Farewells**
Missa Brevis *Jonathan Dove* Psalm 45.11-end
Geistliches Lied Johannes Brahms
Preacher: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan
- 3.00 pm **Worship in the Garden**
*entering the garden through the 'deliveries' doorway outside the
Edgar Tower gate.*
- 4.00 pm **Evensong with Voluntary Choir Farewells**
(*sung by the Cathedral Choir and Voluntary Choir*) Responses: *Sumsion*
Evening Service in B flat *Edgar Day* Psalms 56, 57
Give unto the Lord *Edward Elgar*
Abide with me *arr. Nicholas Freestone* Hymns 394, 331
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Monday 6th

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 98, 99, 101
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)
- 5.30 pm **Evensong** (*Lower voices*) Responses: *Rose*
The First Service *Philip Moore* Psalm 105
I will lift up mine eyes *Ernest Walker*

Tuesday 7th

- 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 8th

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	Evening Prayer	Psalm 119.129-152
7.00 pm	Concert	Worcester Cathedral Choir
	The Cathedral Choir End of Year Concert	

VERSE: DECANI

Thursday 9th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 113, 115
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
10.30 am	King's Day Service	
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalms 114, 116, 117

Friday 10th

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	Evening Prayer	Psalms 130, 131, 137

Saturday 11th

Benedict, Abbot, Father of Western Monasticism, c. 550

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 120, 121, 122
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
1.00 pm	Wedding of Piers Thomas and Emma Ellis	
5.30 pm	Evensong <i>(sung by the Chamber Choir)</i>	Responses: Byrd
	Evening Service in E minor <i>Basil Harwood</i>	Psalm 118
	Cantique de Jean Racine <i>Gabriel Fauré</i>	Hymns 114, 321

July 2026

In Residence: The Dean

Sunday 12th

The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 64, 65
8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP) <i>(with livestream)</i>	
	Preacher: The Revd Dr John Fitzmaurice	
10.30 am	Sung Eucharist <i>(sung by the Chamber Choir)</i>	
	Communion Service in F <i>Harold Darke</i>	Psalms 119.105-112
	<i>Ave maris stella</i> <i>Edward Elgar</i>	Preacher: The Dean
4.00 pm	Evensong <i>(sung by the Chamber Choir)</i>	Responses: Byrd
	The Fourth Service <i>Adrian Batten</i>	Psalms 60, 63
	<i>Gracias agimus tibi</i> <i>J. S. Bach</i>	Hymns 332 (omit vv. 2, 3), 335

Monday 13th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 123, 124, 125, 126
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalms 127, 128, 129

Tuesday 14th

John Keble, Priest, Tractarian, Poet, 1866

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 132, 133
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalms 134, 135

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Wednesday 15th Swithun, Bishop of Winchester, c. 862

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	Evening Prayer	Psalms 136

VERSE: CANTORIS

Thursday 16th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 143, 146
8.00 am	Holy Communion (<i>with livestream</i>)	
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalms 138, 140, 141

Friday 17th

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	Psalms 145

Saturday 18th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 147
8.00 am	Holy Communion (<i>with livestream</i>)	
5.30 pm	Evensong (<i>sung by the South West Chamber Choir</i>)	
	The Second Service <i>Thomas Tomkins</i>	Responses: <i>Tomkins</i>
	Ave Maria <i>Robert Parsons</i>	Psalms 148, 149, 150
		Hymns 152 (t. 244), 263

July 2026

In Residence: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

Sunday 19th The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 71

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) (with livestream)

Preacher: The Dean

10.30 am **Sung Eucharist** (*sung by the South West Chamber Choir*)

Missa Brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo *Joseph Haydn* Psalm 139.1-11

Beati quorum via *Charles Villiers Stanford*

Preacher: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

4.00 pm **Evensong** (*sung by the South West Chamber Choir*) Responses: Rose

Evening Service in E flat (no. 2) *Charles Wood* Psalms 67, 70

I was glad *C. Hubert H. Parry* Hymns 334, 338 (omit v. 6)

Monday 20th

7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 1, 2, 3

8.00 am Holy Communion *(with livestream)*

5.30 pm Evensong (*sung by the choir of All Saints, Fulham*)

The Gloucester Service *Herbert Howells* Responses: *Johnson Manning*

Jesus Christ the Apple Tree *Elizabeth Poston* Psalms 4, 7

Tuesday 21st

7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 5, 6

8.00 am Holy Communion *(with livestream)*

5.30 pm **Evensong** (*sung by the choir of All Saints, Fulham*)

Evening Service in A Herbert Sumsion Responses: Johnson Manning

The Scribe *Herbert Howells* Psalms 9, 10

July 2026

Wednesday 22nd

Mary Magdalene

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 30, 32, 150
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
1.00 pm	Holy Communion	
5.30 pm	Evensong <i>(sung by the choir of All Saints, Fulham)</i>	
	The St Martin's Service <i>Lucy Walker</i>	Responses: <i>Johnson Manning</i>
	Magdalen, cease from sobs and sighs <i>arr. Peter Hurford</i>	Psalm 63
		Hymn 174 (t. 195)

VERSE: DECANI

Thursday 23rd

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 14, 15, 16
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalm 18

Friday 24th

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 the choir of All Saints, Fulham)</i>	Responses: <i>Leighton</i>
	Magnificat quinti toni <i>Hans Leo Hassler</i>	
	Nunc dimittis - Gradualia <i>William Byrd</i>	Psalm 22
	When David heard that Absalom was slain <i>Thomas Tomkins</i>	

Saturday 25th

James the Apostle

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 7, 29, 117
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
5.30 pm	Evensong <i>(sung by the choir of All Saints, Fulham)</i>	Responses: <i>Leighton</i>
	The Kentucky Canticles <i>Bryan Kelly</i>	Psalm 94
	Dum pater familias <i>arr. Jonathan Wikeley</i>	Hymns 492, 485

July 2026

In Residence: The Dean

Sunday 26th

The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Day of music endowed by Brian and Diana Gant.

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 77
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (BCP) (with livestream) Preacher: The Dean
- 10.30 am **Sung Eucharist** (sung by the choir of All Saints, Fulham)
Missa Brevis *Jonathan Dove* Psalm 105.1-11
Verleih uns Frieden Felix Mendelssohn
Preacher: The Revd Charmian Manship
- 4.00 pm **Evensong** (sung by the choir of All Saints, Fulham) Responses: *Leighton*
Evening Service in A *Charles Villiers Stanford* Psalms 75, 76
The Road Home Stephen Paulus
God be in my head Sasha Johnson Manning Hymns 437, 478
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Monday 27th

Day of music endowed by Jenny and Rob Alexander.

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 27, 30
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)
- 5.30 pm **Evensong** (sung by the choir of Chesterfield Parish Church)
Evening Service in F minor *Derek Holman* Responses: *Tomkins*
Listen, sweet dove Grayston Ives Psalms 26, 28, 29

Tuesday 28th

Day of music endowed by Gerald and Cynthia Harris.

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 32, 36
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)
- 5.30 pm **Evensong** (sung by the choir of Chesterfield Parish Church)
The Short Service *William Byrd* Responses: *Tomkins*
Salvator mundi Thomas Tallis Psalm 33

July/August 2026

Wednesday 29th

Mary, Martha and Lazarus, Companions of Our Lord

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalm 34
8.00 am	Holy Communion (<i>with livestream</i>)	
1.00 pm	Holy Communion	
2.00 pm	Play	This Is My Theatre
	Alice's Adventures in Wonderland <i>Lewis Carroll</i>	
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalm 119.33-56
7.00 pm	Play (Old Palace)	This Is My Theatre
	The Great Gatsby <i>F. Scott Fitzgerald</i>	

VERSE: CANTORIS

Thursday 30th William Wilberforce, Social Reformer, 1833, Olaudah Equiano and Thomas Clarkson, Anti-Slavery Campaigners, 1797 and 1846

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalm 37
8.00 am	Holy Communion (<i>with livestream</i>)	
5.30 pm	Evensong (<i>sung by the choir of Chesterfield Parish Church</i>)	
	Evening Service in A minor <i>T. Tertius Noble</i>	Responses: Tomkins
	The Spirit of the Lord <i>Edward Elgar</i>	Psalms 39, 40

Friday 31st

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	Evening Prayer	Psalm 35
7.30 pm	Concert	Concerts by Candlelight
	Martin Kemp – Back to the 80s	

Saturday 1st August

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 41, 42, 43
8.00 am	Holy Communion (<i>with livestream</i>)	
5.30 pm	Evensong (<i>sung by Praeclari Cantores</i>)	Responses: Tomkins
	The Fifth Service <i>Thomas Tomkins</i>	Psalms 45, 46
	Hear my prayer, O Lord <i>Thomas Tomkins</i>	Hymns 417, 359 (t. 322)

August 2026

In Residence: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

Sunday 2nd

The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 85

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

Preacher: The Revd Dr John Fitzmaurice

10.30 am **Sung Eucharist** (*sung by Praeclari Cantores*)

Gloria: Collegium Regale *Herbert Howells* Psalm 17.1-7

Sanctus, Benedictus, Agnus Dei: Worcester Fragments *Anon*

Jubilate Deo *Peter Philips* Preacher: The Revd Dr John Fitzmaurice

3.00 pm **Worship in the Garden**

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

4.00 pm **Evensong** (*sung by Praeclari Cantores*)

Responses: *Tomkins*

The Worcester Service *Herbert Howells*

Psalm 80

O God, the proud are risen against me *Thomas Tomkins*

Hymns 377, 415 (t. 346)
