



WORCESTER CATHEDRAL

Services and Music December 2023

Hark the glad sound! The first words of this Advent hymn call us to attention for the season of Advent. Many people will read these words on the front of this month's music list before evensong as they wait for the choir to enter. Waiting is the theme of the season, and the contrast between the silent waiting and the first glorious voices of evensong is exactly where we are now.

Advent is pregnant with expectation and excitement, tempered with the call to repentance and the realities of the world's tragedies and wars. Hope leads us to light and love, and we know that joy awaits. The lines of our hymns and readings are peppered with Advent words: Sinai's mountain; hills of the north; Emmanuel, Jesse, Gabriel and John. Our shared history points us forward. Alleluia! Come, Lord, come!

Stephen Edwards

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Director of Music:

Stephen Edwards
John Paul Hoskins
Samuel Hudson

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

November 2023

In Residence: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

Sunday 26th November

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

Monday 27th

7.30 am **Morning Prayer**

Psalms 80, 82

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

5.30 pm **Evensong**

Responses: Jackson

The Second Service *William Byrd*

Psalms 85, 86

Benedicimus Deum caeli *James Macmillan*

Tuesday 28th

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

7.30 pm **Concert**

Piccadilly Sinfonietta

Christmas Concerto *Arcangelo Corelli*

Piano Concerto in C major, K467 *Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart*

The Four Seasons *Antonio Vivaldi*

November/December 2023

Wednesday 29th

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 119.105-128
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)
- 1.00 pm **Holy Communion**
- 5.30 pm **Evensong** (*Upper voices*) Responses: *Nardone*
The Durham Service *Christopher Totney* Psalms 91, 93
Litany to the Holy Spirit *Peter Hurford*
- 7.30 pm **Confirmation service for St George's and Our Lady Queen of Peace RC Churches**

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** (*sung by the Voluntary Choir*)
When Christ was born of Mary free *Rosalie Bonighton*
Shepherds are kneeling *Peter Nardone*
- 5.30 pm **Evensong** Responses: *Clucas*
Evening Service in A *William Harris* Psalms 87, 96
Doctor bonus, amicus Dei *Tomas Luis de Victoria* 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: *Jackson*
The Fauxbourdon Service *David Cooper* Psalm 102
Remember not, Lord, our offences *Henry Purcell*

December 2023

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 Collation and Installation of the Revd Canon Mark Badger as Archdeacon of Worcester** (*Lower voices*)
The Westminster Service *Humphrey Clucas* Responses: *Cleobury*
Ave Maria Franz Biebl Psalm 104
Hymns 137, AM 604
Preacher: The Bishop

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**
The Advent Prose
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
- 4.30 pm **Light in the Dark** - Outdoor Advent worship for children and families, beginning on College Green.
- 6.30 pm **The Advent Procession by Candlelight** (*sung by the Cathedral Choir, Youth Choir and Voluntary Choir*)
Advent Responsory *Ed Jones*
The Truth from Above *Ralph Vaughan Williams*
Drop down, ye heavens *Richard Lloyd*
How beautiful are the feet *George Frideric Handel*
Zion, at thy shining gates *Gary Davison*
Audi vocem de caelo *Thomas Tallis*
Wachet auf *Johann Sebastian Bach*
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December 2023

Monday 4th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 1, 2, 3
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: <i>Clucas</i>
	Evening Service in E minor <i>Richard Drakeford</i>	Psalms 4, 7
	This is the record of John <i>Orlando Gibbons</i>	Hymn 2

Tuesday 5th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 5, 6, 8
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalms 9, 10
7.30 pm	RGS The Grange Carol Service	

Wednesday 6th

Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, c. 326

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalm 119.1-32
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
1.00 pm	Holy Communion	
4.30 pm	Christmas Tree Festival Opening Service	
5.30 pm	Evensong (<i>Upper voices</i>)	Responses: Plainsong
	Evening Service in E flat <i>Edward Bairstow</i>	Psalms 11, 12, 13
	There is no rose <i>Benjamin Britten</i>	Hymn 2

VERSE: CANTORIS

Thursday 7th

Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, Teacher of the Faith, 397

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 14, 15, 16
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: <i>Moore</i>
	Fauxbourdon Service <i>Percy Whitlock</i>	Psalm 18
	God so loved the world <i>John Stainer</i>	Hymn 2
7.30 pm	St Peter's Droitwich C of E Academy Carol Service	

December 2023

Friday 8th The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 17, 19
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
11.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: <i>Smith</i>
	The Short Service <i>Richard Ayleward</i>	Psalm 22
	In the stillness <i>Sally Beamish</i>	Hymn 2
7.30 pm	King's Hawford School Carol Service	

Saturday 9th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 20, 21, 23
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
5.30 pm	Evensong (<i>sung by the Chamber Choir</i>)	Responses: <i>Hunt</i>
	The Gloucester Service <i>Herbert Howells</i>	Psalms 24, 25
	I was glad when they said unto me <i>Henry Purcell</i>	Hymns 6, 18
7.30 pm	Concert	Worcester Festival Choral Society
	Messiah <i>George Frideric Handel</i>	

December 2023

In Residence: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

Sunday 10th **The Second Sunday of Advent**

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 80
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (BCP) (with livestream)
Preacher: The Revd Canon John Paul Hoskins
- 10.30 am **Sung Eucharist**
Mass for five voices *William Byrd* Psalm 85.8-end
Rorate coeli desuper *Josef Rheinberger*
Preacher: The Revd Canon John Paul Hoskins
- 4.00 pm **Evensong** Responses: *Moore*
Penitential Canticles *Adrian Lucas* Psalm 40
Creator of the stars of night *Malcolm Archer* Hymns 8, 7
- 6.30 pm **Evening Worship** (*sung by the Voluntary Choir*)
The Night is Still *Cecilia McDowall*
Creator of the stars of night *Plainsong*
Preacher: The Revd Dr Robin Parry
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Monday 11th

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 27, 30
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)
- 1.00 pm **Cherry Orchard Primary School Carol Service**
- 5.30 pm **Evensong** Responses: *Smith*
Evening Service in D minor *Thomas Attwood Walmisley*
Vigilate *William Byrd* Psalms 26, 28, 29
Hymn 1i

Tuesday 12th

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 32, 36
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)
- 5.30 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalm 33
- 7.30 pm **Northwick Manor Primary School Carol Service**

December 2023

Wednesday 13th

Lucy, Martyr at Syracuse, 304

Ember Day

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 34
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* Psalm 119.33-56
How beautiful are the feet *George Frideric Handel* Hymn 1i
7.30 pm **Royal Grammar School, Worcester Carol Service**

VERSE: DECANI

Thursday 14th

John of the Cross, Poet,

Day of music endowed by John Wilderspin.

Teacher of the Faith, 1591

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 37
8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)
5.30 pm **Evensong** Responses: *Moore*
St John's Service *Herbert Howells* Psalms 39, 40
Comfort, comfort ye my people *Charles Beaudrot* Hymn 1i
7.00 pm **King's St Alban's School Carol Service**

Friday 15th

Ember Day

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 31
8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)
11.30 am **Holy Communion** (BCP)
2.30 pm **King's School Carol Service**
5.30 pm **Evensong** (*Lower voices*) Responses: *Tallis*
The Short Service *Adrian Batten* Psalm 35
Sive vigilem *William Mundy* Hymn 1i

December 2023

Saturday 16th

Ember Day

7.30 am **Morning Prayer**

Psalms 41, 42, 43

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

5.30 pm **Evening Prayer**

Psalms 45, 46

7.30 pm **Concert**

Worcester Cathedral Choir

Tidings of Joy

In Residence: The Revd Canon John Paul Hoskins

Sunday 17th

The Third Sunday of Advent O Sapientia

7.30 am **Morning Prayer**

Psalms 50.1-6, 62

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

Preacher: The Revd Canon Dr Stephen Edwards

10.30 am **Sung Eucharist** (*sung by the Youth Choir*)

Missa Secunda *Hans-Leo Hassler*

Canticle: Magnificat

This is the record of John *Grayston Ives*

Preacher: Professor John Vickerman

3.30 pm **Evening Prayer**

Psalms 68.1-20

4.00 pm **Voluntary Choir Carol Service** (*sung by the Voluntary Choir*)

When Christ was born of Mary free *Rosalie Bonighton*

The Winter's Brightening *Donna Deam*

Love came down at Christmas *Barry Rose*

O little town of Bethlehem *Richard Lambert*

Shepherds are kneeling *Peter Nardone*

Monday 18th

O Adonai

7.30 am **Morning Prayer**

Psalms 44

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

5.30 pm **Evensong** (*sung by lower voices*)

Responses: *Tallis*

Evening Service in D minor *Francis Jackson*

Psalms 106

De coelo veniet *Jacob Handl*

Hymns 19i (omit vv3, 4, 5)

7.30 pm **Pitmaston Primary School Carol Service**

December 2023

Tuesday 19th

○ Radix Jesse

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 144, 146
8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)
5.30 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalm 50
6.30 pm **Blue Light Carol Service** (*sung by the Chamber Choir*)

Wednesday 20th

○ Clavis David

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 46, 95
8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)
11.30 am **Black Pear Trust Carol Service**
1.00 pm **Holy Communion**
5.30 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalm 89.1-34a
6.30 pm **Worcester News Carol Service**

Gaudete arr. Suzzie Vango

The Truth from Above arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams & Christopher Robinson

Of a Rose Cecilia McDowall

Come to Bethlehem Peter Warlock arr. Dom Gregory Murray

Ding dong! merrily on high arr. Malcolm Williamson

In the bleak midwinter Gustav Holst arr. Mack Wilberg

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day arr. Stuart Nicholson

Preacher: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

VERSE: CANTORIS

Thursday 21st

○ Oriens

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 121, 122, 123
8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)
5.30 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalm 27

December 2023

Friday 22nd

○ Rex Gentium

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer**
8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)
11.30 am **Holy Communion** (BCP)
5.30 pm **Evening Prayer**
6.30 pm **Cathedral Carol Service**

Psalms 124, 125, 126, 127

Psalm 118

The Lord at first did Adam make *Peter Nardone*
Adam lay y bounden *Boris Ord*
Illuminare, Jerusalem *Judith Weir*
Angelus ad virginem *arr. David Willcocks*
There is no rose *John Joubert*
The Christ-child *David Bednall*
Christmas lullaby *John Rutter*
Here is the little door *Herbert Howells*
A Ukranian Alleluia *Mykola Leontovych*

Saturday 23rd

○ Emanuel

Day of music endowed by Judith Pearce.

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer**
8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)
2.00 pm **Shoppers Carol Service**
5.30 pm **Evening Prayer**
6.30 pm **Cathedral Carol Service**

Psalms 128, 129, 130, 131

Psalm 80

Music as for 22nd December, 6.30pm.

December 2023

In Residence: The Revd Canon Dr Stephen Edwards

Sunday 24th The Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 144
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (BCP) (with livestream)
Preacher: The Revd Canon John Paul Hoskins
- 10.30 am **Sung Eucharist** (Congregational) Psalm 89.1-4, 20-27
Preacher: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan
- 1.00 pm **Crib Service**
- 3.00 pm **Crib Service**
- 5.30 pm **Evening Service with Carols** (*sung by the Youth Choir and former members of the Cathedral Choir*)
As Joseph was awalking *Hafliði Hallgrímsson* Psalm 85
Magnificat: The King's College Service *Joanna Forbes L'Estrange*
My dancing day *Carl Rüttli* Preacher: The Revd Canon John Paul Hoskins
- 11.30 pm **The Midnight Eucharist** Psalm 96
Missa Brevis *Zoltán Kodály*
Lux aurumque *Eric Whitacre*
Preacher: The Revd Canon Dr Stephen Edwards
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Monday 25th Christmas Day

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 110, 117
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (BCP) (with livestream)
Preacher: The Revd Canon Dr Stephen Edwards
- 10.30 am **Sung Eucharist**
Ding dong! merrily on high *Charles Wood*
Communion Service in C and F *Charles Villiers Stanford* Psalm 98
In dulci júbilo *Robert Pearsall*
A Ukranian Alleluia *Mykola Leontovych* Preacher: The Bishop
- 4.00 pm **Evensong with Carols** Responses: Rose
Ding dong! merrily on high *Malcolm Williamson*
Evening Service in B flat *Edgar Day* Psalm 8
Gaudete arr. *Suzzie Vango* Hymns 25, 29

December 2023

Tuesday 26th Stephen, Deacon, First Martyr

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 13, 31.1-8, 150
8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)
5.30 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalms 57, 86

Wednesday 27th John, Apostle and Evangelist

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 21, 147.13-21
8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)
1.00 pm **Holy Communion**
5.30 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalm 97

VERSE: DECANI

Thursday 28th The Holy Innocents

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 36, 146
8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)
5.30 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalms 123, 128

Friday 29th Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr, 1170

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 19, 20
8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)
11.30 am **Holy Communion** (BCP)
5.30 pm **Evensong** (*sung by the Choir of St Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide*)
Evening Service in G *Herbert Howells* Responses: *Hunt*
Be present, O merciful God *Owen Elsley* Psalms 131, 132

Saturday 30th Egwin, 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 **Evensong** (*sung by Sine Nomine*) Responses: *Spicer*
Evening Service in G *Charles Villiers Stanford* Psalms 65, 84
A Patre unigenitus Carl Rüttli Hymns 23, 40

December 2023

In Residence: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

Sunday 31st

The First Sunday of Christmas

7.30 am **Morning Prayer**

Psalm 105.1-11

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

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

10.30 am **Sung Eucharist** (*sung by Sine Nomine*)

Cantus Missae *Josef Rheinberger*

Psalm 148.7-end

What child is this? *Thomas Hewitt-Jones*

Preacher: The Revd Canon Dr Stephen Edwards

4.00 pm **Evensong** (*sung by Sine Nomine*)

Responses: *Spicer*

The Hereford Service *Richard Lloyd*

Psalm 132

Alleluja, freuet euch ihr Christen alle *Andreas Hammerschmidt*

Hymns 21, 37
