



WORCESTER CATHEDRAL

Services and Music March 2025

In March, spring is finally upon us. On Ash Wednesday, which this year falls on 5 March, the Church begins the season of Lent. The word comes from the Old English word for spring, lencten, from the lengthening of the days. So spring is a time of refreshment and renewal, which may seem something of a paradox given that Lent is more usually associated with fasting and denial. But the purpose of the season of Lent is to allow us to go back to basics, focusing our hearts and minds on God by stripping away all those things that distract us from our true calling. In the early Church, this was the time when the catechumens prepared themselves for their baptism at Easter. It was also when penitents disciplined themselves prior to being readmitted at Easter into the fellowship of the Church. So we allow God to prune us during Lent in order that we may grow back more faithfully and more fruitfully.

At the beginning of Lent, our focus is on renewing our walk with Jesus. Only later will the cross come more sharply into view.

John Paul Hoskins

Dean:
Canon Precentor:
Director of Music:

Stephen Edwards
John Paul Hoskins
Samuel Hudson

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

February/March 2025

Wednesday 26th

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 77
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* Psalm 119.81-104
I will worship *George Dyson*

VERSE: CANTORIS

Thursday 27th **George Herbert, priest, poet, 1633**

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 78.1-39
8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)
12.15 pm **Lunchtime Recital** Jonathan Hope (organ)
5.30 pm **Evensong** Responses: *Clucas*
Evening Service in E minor *Richard Drakeford* Psalms 123, 131
I got me flowers *Ralph Vaughan Williams* Hymn 77

Friday 28th **Oswald, Bishop of Worcester, 992**

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 34.1-8
8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)
11.30 am **Holy Communion** (BCP)
5.00 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalm 119.57-64
5.30 pm **Sung Eucharist** (with incense)
Missa Brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo *Josef Haydn* Psalm 112.1-9
O quam gloriosum *Tomas Luis de Victoria*
Preacher: The Archdeacon of Dudley

Saturday 1st March **David, Bishop, Patron of Wales, c. 601**

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 76, 79
8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)
5.30 pm **Evensong** Responses: *Clucas*
Jesus College Service *William Mathias* Psalms 81, 84
Exsultate justi *Lodovico da Viadana* Hymns 245, 368
7.30 pm **Concert** Concerts by Candlelight
The Music of David Bowie by Candlelight

March 2025

In Residence: The Dean

Sunday 2nd

The Sunday next before Lent

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 2
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (BCP) (*with livestream*)
Preacher: The Revd Dr John Fitzmaurice
- 10.30 am **Sung Eucharist**
Communion Service in G *Francis Jackson* Psalm 99
Tantum ergo Louis Vierne
Preacher: The Revd Canon John Paul Hoskins
- 3.00 pm **Worship in the Garden**
*entering the garden through the 'deliveries' doorway outside the
Edgar Tower Gate.*
- 4.00 pm **Evensong** Responses: *Sumsion*
Evening Service in G *Charles Villiers Stanford* Psalm 89.1-19
Greater love hath no man John Ireland Hymns 242, 390
- 6.30 pm **Evening Worship** (*sung by the Voluntary Choir*)
A Jubilant Song Mary Lynn Lightfoot
Antiphon Ralph Vaughan Williams Preacher: The Dean
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Monday 3rd

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 80, 82
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)
- 5.30 pm **Evensong** Responses: *Rose*
Evening Service in D flat *Sydney Nicholson* Psalms 85, 86
My eyes for beauty pine Herbert Howells

Tuesday 4th

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 87, 89.1-18
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)
- 10.30 am **University of Worcester Graduation Ceremony**
- 1.00 pm **University of Worcester Graduation Ceremony**
- 5.30 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalm 89.20-end

March 2025

Wednesday 5th

Ash Wednesday

Day of music endowed by Caroline Aldhouse.

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalm 38
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
1.00 pm	Holy Communion	
5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalm 102
5.30 pm	Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes (with incense)	
	Mass for Five Voices <i>William Byrd</i>	Psalm 51.1-4a, 10-12, 15
	Miserere mei, Deus <i>William Byrd</i>	
	Remember not, Lord, our offences <i>Henry Purcell</i>	Preacher: The Dean

VERSE: DECANI

Thursday 6th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 90, 92
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
12.15 pm	Lunchtime Recital	Ahmed Dickinson (Guitar)
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: Rose
	Evening Service in G <i>Edward Bairstow</i>	Psalm 94
	O Saviour of the world <i>John Goss</i>	Hymn 61

Friday 7th

Perpetua, Felicity and their Companions, Martyrs, 203

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	Responses: <i>Sumsion</i>
	The Short Service <i>Orlando Gibbons</i>	Psalm 102
	In ieiunio et fletu <i>Thomas Tallis</i>	Hymn 61

Saturday 8th Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy, Priest, Poet, 1929

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 96, 97, 100
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: <i>Tomkins</i>
	The Fifth Service <i>Thomas Tomkins</i>	Psalm 104
	Wash me thoroughly <i>Samuel Sebastian Wesley</i>	Hymns 64, 65

March 2025

In Residence: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

Sunday 9th

The First Sunday of Lent

7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 50.1-15

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

Preacher: The Revd Canon John Paul Hoskins

10.30 am **Sung Eucharist**

A Worcester Mass *Donald Hunt*

Psalm 91.1-11

O ye that love the Lord *Samuel Coleridge-Taylor*

Preacher: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

4.00 pm **Evensong**

Responses: Rose

The Penitential Canticles *Adrian Lucas*

Psalm 119.73-88

View me, Lord *Richard Lloyd*

Hymns 358ii, 137

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

Turn thy face from my sins *Thomas Attwood*

Forty days and forty nights *Harrison Oxley*

Preacher: The Revd Dr Robin Parry

Monday 10th

7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 98, 99, 101

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

5.30 pm **Evensong**

Responses: Tomkins

Evening Service in A *Herbert Sumsion*

Psalm 105

Nolo mortem peccatoris *Thomas Morley*

Hymn 59i

Tuesday 11th

7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 106

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

5.30 pm **Evensong** (*sung by the Choir of Bromsgrove School*) Responses: Sanders

Evening Service in D *Herbert Brewer*

Psalm 107

I waited for the Lord *Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy*

Hymn 59i

March 2025

Wednesday 12th

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer**
8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)
1.00 pm **Holy Communion**
5.30 pm **Evensong** (*Upper voices*)
The Second Service *Philip Moore*
Salvator mundi *David Bednall*

Ember Day

Psalms 110, 111, 112

Responses: *Nardone*
Psalm 119.129-152
Hymn 59i

VERSE: CANTORIS

Thursday 13th

Day of music endowed by Ian Bell.

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer**
8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)
12.15 pm **Lunchtime Recital**
2.00 pm **Funeral of Allan Laidlaw**
5.30 pm **Evensong**
The Fauxbourdon Service *John Holmes*
Sicut cervus Charles Gounod

Psalms 113, 115

Keith Hearnshaw (organ)

Responses: *Maxim*
Psalms 114, 116, 117
Hymn 59i

Friday 14th

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer**
8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)
11.30 am **Holy Communion** (BCP)
5.30 pm **Evensong**
The Short Service *Thomas Morley*
Like as the hart *Herbert Howells*

Ember Day

Psalms 139

Responses: *Tomkins*
Psalms 130, 131, 137
Hymn 59i

Saturday 15th

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer**
8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)
5.30 pm **Chamber Choir Silver Jubilee Evensong**
(*sung by the Chamber Choir*)
Evening Service in A *Charles Villiers Stanford*
Lord, let me know mine end *Maurice Greene*
7.30 pm **Concert**
Supporting the Friends of Worcester Cathedral.

Ember Day

Psalms 120, 121, 122

Responses: *Tomkins*
Psalm 118
Hymns 63, 350
Worcester Cathedral Choir

March 2025

In Residence: The Revd Canon John Paul Hoskins

Sunday 16th

The Second Sunday of Lent

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 119.161-end
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (BCP) (*with livestream*)
Preacher: The Revd Canon John Paul Hoskins
- 10.30 am **Sung Eucharist** (*Lower voices*)
Missa Cunctipotens Genitor Deus *Ed Jones* Psalm 27
O nata lux Piers Connor Kennedy
Preacher: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan
- 4.00 pm **Evensong** (*sung by the Youth Choir*) Responses: *Sanders (Dresden set)*
The Third Service *Philip Moore* Psalm 135
Abide with me arr. Nicholas Freestone Hymns 433 (omit vv. 4, 5), 76
- 6.30 pm **Evening Worship** (*sung by the Voluntary Choir*)
Prevent us, O Lord Derek Holman
Jesu, lover of my soul David Wilson
Preacher: The Revd Canon John Paul Hoskins
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Monday 17th

Patrick, Bishop, Missionary, Patron of Ireland, c. 460

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 123, 124, 125, 126
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)
- 5.30 pm **Evensong** Responses: *Maxim*
The Fauxbourdon Service *Percy Whitlock* Psalms 127, 128, 129
Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake Richard Farrant Hymn 241

Tuesday 18th

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

March 2025

Wednesday 19th

Joseph of Nazareth

Day of music endowed by Derek Rowley.

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 25, 147.1-12
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
1.00 pm	Holy Communion	
5.30 pm	Evensong <i>(Upper voices)</i>	Responses: <i>Nardone</i>
	The Plainsong Canticles <i>Samuel Hudson</i>	Psalms 1, 112
	The sorrows of my heart are enlarged <i>William Boyce</i>	Hymn 160 (t. 190ii)

VERSE: DECANI

Thursday 20th

Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 687

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 143, 146
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
12.15 pm	Lunchtime Recital	Angelina Kopyrina (piano)
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: <i>Maxim</i>
	The Paisley Service <i>Humphrey Clucas</i>	Psalms 138, 140, 141
	Christus factus est <i>Felice Anerio</i>	Hymn 241

Friday 21st

Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr, 1556

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	Responses: <i>G. Jackson</i>
	The Fauxbourdon Service <i>Jeremy Woodside</i>	Psalm 145
	Emendemus in melius <i>William Byrd</i>	Hymn 241

Saturday 22nd

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalm 147
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalms 148, 149, 150
7.00 pm	Concert	Worcester Festival Choral Society
	St Matthew Passion <i>Johann Sebastian Bach</i>	

March 2025

In Residence: The Dean

Sunday 23rd

The Third Sunday of Lent

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 26, 28
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (BCP) (*with livestream*) Preacher: The Dean
- 10.30 am **Sung Eucharist** (*Lower voices and Sopranos*)
Cantus Missae *Josef Rheinberger* Psalm 63.1-9
Sicut cervus Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina
Preacher: The Revd Canon John Paul Hoskins
- Be a Chorister for an Afternoon**
- 4.00 pm **Evensong** Responses: Rose
Evening Service in D *Charles Wood* Psalms 12, 13
Be thou my vision Bob Chilcott Hymns 416, 392
- 6.30 pm **Evening Worship** (*sung by the Voluntary Choir*)
Prayer of St Richard of Chichester *Richard Allain*
O God of mercy Simon Lole Preacher: The Dean
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Monday 24th

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 1, 2, 3
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)
- 5.30 pm **Evensong** Responses: G. Jackson
Evening Service in D minor *Thomas Attwood Walmisley* Psalm 85
Vinea mea electa Francis Poulenc Hymn 181i

Tuesday 25th

**The Annunciation of Our Lord
to the Blessed Virgin Mary**

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 111, 113
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)
- 5.00 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalms 131, 146
- 5.30 pm **Eucharist with Hymns** (*with incense*) Psalm 40.5-11
Preacher: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

March 2025

Wednesday 26th

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>(Upper voices)</i>	Responses: Plainsong
	The Berkshire Service <i>Malcolm Archer</i>	Psalms 11, 12, 13
	O bone Jesu <i>Richard Dering</i>	Hymn 60i

VERSE: CANTORIS

Thursday 27th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 14, 15, 16
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
12.15 pm	Lunchtime Recital	The Chamber Choir and vocal students from Royal Grammar School, Worcester
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: <i>Clucas</i>
	The Fauxbourdon Service <i>William Byrd</i>	Psalms 18
	God so loved the world <i>John Stainer</i>	Hymn 60i

Friday 28th

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	Responses: <i>G. Jackson</i>
	The Truro Service <i>Gabriel Jackson</i>	Psalms 22
	Ruht wohl <i>Johann Sebastian Bach</i>	Hymn 60i
7.45 pm	Concert	Tunde (The Lighthouse Family)

Saturday 29th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 20, 21, 23
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: <i>Clucas</i>
	Evening Service in A flat <i>Edmund Rubbra</i>	Psalms 24, 25
	Insanae et vanae curae <i>Josef Haydn</i>	Hymns 70, 74
7.45 pm	Concert	Boney M

March/April 2025

In Residence: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

Sunday 30th

The Fourth Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday

7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 84, 85

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

Preacher: The Revd Canon John Paul Hoskins

10.30 am **Sung Eucharist**

Kronstorfer Messe *Anton Bruckner*

Psalm 127.1-4

Ave maris stella *Edvard Grieg*

Preacher: The Dean

4.00 pm **Evensong**

Responses: *G. Jackson*

Collegium Regale *Herbert Howells*

Psalm 32

Ne irascaris, Domine *William Byrd*

Hymns 457, 461

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

St Anne Mass *James MacMillan*

Psalm 127.1-4

Like a mother with her child *Piers Maxim*

Preacher: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

Monday 31st

Day of music endowed by the Foundation for Sport and the Arts.

7.30 am **Morning Prayer**

Psalms 27, 30

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

5.30 pm **Evensong**

Responses: Clucas

The Short Service *Samuel Hudson*

Psalms 26, 28, 29

O nata lux *Thomas Tallis*

Hymn 61

Tuesday 1st April

7.30 am **Morning Prayer**

Psalms 32, 36

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

5.30 pm **Evening Prayer**

Psalm 33

April 2025

Wednesday 2nd

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>(Upper voices)</i>	Responses: Plainsong
	Plainsong Canticles	Psalm 119.33-56
	My song is in sighing <i>Martin Dalby</i>	Hymn 61

VERSE: DECANI

Thursday 3rd

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalm 37
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: Clucas
	Evening Service in E minor <i>Daniel Purcell</i>	Psalms 39, 40
	Drop, drop, slow tears <i>Orlando Gibbons</i>	Hymn 61

Friday 4th

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 <i>(Lower voices)</i>	Responses: Tallis
	The Fauxbourdon Service <i>Sarah MacDonald</i>	Psalm 35
	Out of the deep <i>Thomas Tomkins</i>	Hymn 61

Saturday 5th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 41, 42, 43
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalms 45, 46
7.30 pm	Concert	Worcester Cathedral Choir
	St John Passion <i>Johann Sebastian Bach</i>	

April 2025

In Residence: The Revd Canon John Paul Hoskins

Sunday 6th

The Fifth Sunday of Lent Passion Sunday

7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 111, 112

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

Preacher: The Revd Canon John Paul Hoskins

10.30 am **Eucharist with Hymns** Psalm 126

Preacher: The Dean

3.00 pm **Worship in the Garden**
*entering the garden through the 'deliveries' doorway outside the
Edgar Tower Gate.*

4.00 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalm 35
