



WORCESTER CATHEDRAL

Services and Music August 2026

Every summer, as if by magic, visiting choirs appear. The song school bustles. The organ sounds. Evensong continues, and Sunday worship is sung. But it's not magic, of course. All year long, our music administrator, Alan, liaises with choirs, and wrangles the diary. Negotiations are made over rehearsal times and big events. Volunteers are found for the coffee rota. Clergy are persuaded to sing unfamiliar responses.

And then there are the choirs themselves. It is an amazing thing that up and down the country, Cathedrals that invest so heavily in music throughout the year are suddenly full of volunteer choirs. I have come to love the sheer variety of it — the 'gathered' choirs where friends and strangers gather for the sole purpose of singing for a week; the parish church choirs that build up to the intensity of 6 evensongs and a sung mass; and (my favourite, I'm afraid) the choirs from the States that invest so much time and money to do the stuff of dreams. This is a 'trust me, I'm American' moment — there are no words for how life changing a week of singing evensong in an English cathedral can be for an American teenager who somehow stumbled into the world of church music.

We are so grateful to the choirs who come and for all the hidden work that enables it. It is done with love and with no small amount of effort, *ad maiorem Dei gloriam*.

Kimberly Bohan

Dean:
Director of Music:

Stephen Edwards
Samuel Hudson

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

July 2026

In Residence: The Dean

Sunday 26th July 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)
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Monday 3rd

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 44
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)
- 5.30 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalms 47, 49

Tuesday 4th

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

August 2026

Wednesday 5th Oswald, king of Northumbria, Martyr, 642

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 119.57-80
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
1.00 pm	Holy Communion	
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalms 59, 60

VERSE: DECANI

Thursday 6th The Transfiguration of Our Lord

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 27, 150
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalms 72

Friday 7th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 51, 54
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
11.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalms 38

Saturday 8th Dominic, Priest, Founder of the Order of Preachers, 1221

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 68
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
5.30 pm	Evensong <i>(sung by the Oakville Singers)</i>	Responses: Cotterill
	Evening Service in A flat Basil Harwood	Psalms 65, 66
	My soul, there is a country C. Hubert H. Parry	
		Hymns 374, 215 (t. 434)

August 2026

In Residence: The Dean

Sunday 9th

The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 88
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (BCP) (*with livestream*)
Preacher: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan
- 10.30 am **Sung Eucharist** (*sung by the Oakville Singers*)
Communion Service in G H. A. Chambers Psalm 105.1-10
Beati quorum via *Charles Villiers Stanford*
Preacher: The Dean
- 4.00 pm **Evensong attended by the Mothers' Union**
(*sung by the Oakville Singers*)
Ubi caritas et amor *Kris Thomsett* Responses: *Cotterill*
Evening Service in G *Herbert Sumsion* Psalm 86
I give to you a new commandment *Peter Nardone*
Hymns 184, Mothers' Union hymn
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Monday 10th

Laurence, Deacon, Martyr, 258

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 71
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)
- 5.30 pm **Evensong** (*sung by the choir of Christ Church Cathedral, Cincinnati, USA*)
Evening Service in C *Charles Villiers Stanford* Responses: *Casurella*
O for a closer walk with God *Grayston Ives* Psalms 72, 75

Tuesday 11th Clare of Assisi, Founder of the Poor Clares, 1253

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 73
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)
- 5.30 pm **Evensong** (*sung by the choir of Christ Church Cathedral, Cincinnati, USA*)
The Fifth Service *Thomas Tomkins* Responses: *Neary*
Come, renew us *Eleanor Daley* Psalm 74

August 2026

Wednesday 12th

Day of music endowed by the Ouseley Church Music Trust.

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 77
8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)
1.00 pm **Holy Communion**
5.30 pm **Evensong** (sung by the choir of Christ Church Cathedral, Cincinnati, USA)
The King's College Service Joanna Forbes L'Estrange Responses: Smith
A New Song James MacMillan Psalm 119.81-104

VERSE: CANTORIS

Thursday 13th Jeremy Taylor, Bishop of Down and Connor, Teacher of the Faith, 1667

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 78.1-39
8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)
5.30 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalm 78.41-end

Friday 14th

Day of music endowed by Michael and Ruth Plank.

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 55
8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)
11.30 am **Holy Communion** (BCP)
12.00 pm **Holy Communion for Pilgrimage Youth Group**
5.30 pm **Evensong** (sung by the choir of Christ Church Cathedral, Cincinnati, USA)
Evening Service Caleb Burhans Responses: Burk Webb
Vast ocean of light Jonathan Dove Psalm 69

Saturday 15th The Blessed Virgin Mary

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 98, 138, 147.1-12
8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)
1.00 pm **Wedding of William Crofton and Ellen Page**
5.30 pm **Evensong** (sung by the choir of Christ Church Cathedral, Cincinnati, USA)
Evening Service Brenda Portman Responses: Tomkins
Ave Maria R. Nathaniel Dett Psalm 132
Hymns 180i, 188ii

August 2026

In Residence: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

Sunday 16th The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 92

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

10.30 am **Sung Eucharist**
(sung by the choir of Christ Church Cathedral, Cincinnati, USA)

The Truro Eucharist *David Briggs* Psalm 133

The Best of Rooms *Randall Thompson*

Preacher: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

4.00 pm **Evensong** (sung by the Choir of Christ Church Cathedral, Cincinnati, USA)

Evening Service in D George Dyson Responses: Ayleward

I waited patiently upon the Lord *Stephan Casurella* Psalm 90

Hymns 63, 498

Monday 17th

7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 80, 82

8.00 am Holy Communion *(with livestream)*

5.30 pm **Evensong** (*sung by the choir of St Philip & St James, Leckhampton*)

Evening Service in D Edward Bairstow Responses: Ayleward

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem *Herbert Howells* Psalm 85

Tuesday 18th

Day of music endowed by Derek and Connie Bollen.

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

August 2026

Wednesday 19th

Day of music endowed by Maude Wilderspin.

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 119.105-128
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
1.00 pm	Holy Communion	
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalms 91, 93

VERSE: DECANI

Thursday 20th

**Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux,
Teacher of the Faith, 1153**

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 90, 92
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalms 94

Friday 21st

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 88
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
11.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalms 102

Saturday 22nd

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 96, 97, 100
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
11.00 am	Pet Blessing Service	
5.30 pm	Evensong <i>(sung by the Ramsey Singers)</i>	Responses: Nardone
	The Third Service <i>Thomas Tomkins</i>	Psalms 104
	Almighty God which hast knit together thine elect <i>Thomas Tomkins</i>	Hymns 407, 392

August 2026

In Residence: The Dean

Sunday 23rd

The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 104.1-25

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

Preacher: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

10.30 am **Sung Eucharist** *(sung by the Ramsey Singers)*

Missa Brevis Neil Cox

Psalm 124

Give us the wings of faith *James Whitbourn*

Preacher: The Revd Dr Robin Parry

4.00 pm **Evensong** *(sung by the Ramsey Singers)*

Responses: *Nardone*

The Winchester Service *Joseph Twist*

Psalm 95

O be joyful *Herbert Howells*

Hymns 431, 373

Monday 24th

Bartholomew the Apostle

7.30 am **Morning Prayer**

Psalms 86, 117

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

5.30 pm **Evening Prayer**

Psalms 91, 116

Tuesday 25th

7.30 am **Morning Prayer**

Psalm 106

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

5.30 pm **Evening Prayer**

Psalm 107

August 2026

Wednesday 26th

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 110, 111, 112
8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)
1.00 pm **Holy Communion**
5.30 pm **Evensong** (sung by the choir of St Mary's, Horsham) Responses: Rose
Evening Service in C Charles Villiers Stanford Psalm 119.129-152
Just as I am Bob Chilcott

VERSE: CANTORIS

Thursday 27th **Monica, mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387**

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 113, 115
8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)
12.00 pm **Holy Communion for the Franciscan Peace Pilgrimage**
5.30 pm **Evensong** (sung by the choir of St Mary's, Horsham)
Evening Service in E Herbert Murrill Responses: Leighton
Evening Hymn Henry Balfour Gardiner Psalms 114, 116, 117

Friday 28th **Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, Teacher of the Faith, 430**

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 139
8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)
11.30 am **Holy Communion** (BCP)
5.30 pm **Evensong** (sung by the choir of St Mary's, Horsham)
The King's College Service Joanna Forbes L'Estrange Responses: Rose
Beati quorum via Charles Villiers Stanford Psalms 130, 131, 137

Saturday 29th **The Beheading of John the Baptist**

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 120, 121, 122
8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)
1.30 pm **Wedding of Theo Beaver and Jasmine MacDonald**
5.30 pm **Evensong** (sung by the choir of St Mary's, Horsham)
Collegium Regale Herbert Howells Responses: Leighton
O pray for the peace of Jerusalem Herbert Howells Psalm 118
Hymns 12, 467

August/September 2026

In Residence: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

Sunday 30th The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 107.1-32

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

10.30 am **Sung Eucharist** (*sung by the choir of St Mary's, Horsham*)
Communion Service in F Harold Darke Psalm 115

Christ has no body now but yours *David Ogden*

Preacher: The Dean

4.00 pm **Evensong** (*sung by the choir of St Mary's, Horsham*) Responses: Rose

Evening Service in D Herbert Brewer Psalm 105.1-15

Psalm 150 Philip Stopford Hymns 434, 360 (t. 3i)

Monday 31st Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 651

7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 123, 124, 125, 126

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

5.30 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalms 127, 128, 129

Tuesday 1st September

7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 132, 133

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

5.30 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalms 134, 135

September 2026

Wednesday 2nd

Day of music endowed on behalf of Acorns Childrens Hospice.

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: DECANI

Thursday 3rd

**Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome,
Teacher of the Faith, 604**

Day of music endowed by Judith Aldridge.

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 4th

Day of music endowed by Gordon and Julienne Bunker.

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
7.30 pm	Concert	Concerts by Candlelight
	The Music of Adele by Candlelight	

Saturday 5th

**Dominic, Priest,
Founder of the Order of Preachers, 1221**

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 147
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalms 148, 149, 150
7.30 pm	Concert	Concerts by Candlelight
	The Music of Tina Turner by Candlelight	

September 2026

In Residence: The Dean

Sunday 6th The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 119.17-32

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) (with livestream)

Preacher: The Revd Dr John Fitzmaurice

10.30 am **Eucharist with Hymns** Psalms 149, 150

Preacher: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

4.00 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalms 108, 115