



WORCESTER CATHEDRAL

Services and Music October 2026

As I write, the mist is hovering on the river, as the wing-beat and whistle of swans fills the air. Chestnuts are dropping, and the squirrels chatter their joy. The soundtrack of autumn has begun. And with it our own rhythms: Tallis and Tomkins, Leighton and Howells, Jackson and Langlais — all amidst that the steady heartbeat of plainsong and chant that orders our world and grounds us in the tradition that we steward and hand on. So much of what we do is about turning up day after day, to enact a ministry of presence. Like the resident swans, the cathedral needs and is grateful for those of you who turn up day after day to hold the space of prayer and make welcome the ones who are passing through — that for a moment, they may find rest, and beauty and the glory of God; that in a moment, they may go from passing by to finding themselves at home.

Kimberly Bohan

Dean:
Director of Music:

Stephen Edwards
Samuel Hudson

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

September 2026

In Residence: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

Sunday 27th The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 125, 126, 127

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

Preacher: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

10.30 am **Sung Eucharist**

Missa Brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo *Joseph Haydn*

Psalm 78.1-8

Benedicimus Deum caeli *James MacMillan*

Preacher: Professor John Vickerman

4.00 pm **Evensong** (*Lower voices*)

Responses: *Cleobury*

Evening Service in E *Herbert Howells*

Psalms 120, 123, 124

Great Lord of Lords *Charles Wood*

Hymns 497, 436

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

Litany to the Holy Spirit *Peter Hurford*

Jesus is Lord *Martin How*

Preacher: The Revd Dr Robin Parry

Monday 28th

7.30 am **Morning Prayer**

Psalm 71

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

5.30 pm **Evensong**

Responses: *Clucas*

Evening Service in D *Charles Wood*

Psalms 72, 75

Justorum animae *William Byrd*

Tuesday 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** (*with livestream*)

5.30 pm **Evening Prayer**

Psalms 138, 148

September/October 2026

Wednesday 30th

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 Choral Scholars)	Responses: Plainsong
	Plainsong Canticles	Psalm 119.81-104
	Caro mea <i>Francisco Guerrero</i>	

VERSE: DECANI

Thursday 1st October

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalm 78.1-39
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
12.15 pm	Lunchtime Recital	Ian Rutt (organ)
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: <i>Smith</i>
	Collegium Sancti Johannis Cantabrigiense <i>Herbert Howells</i>	
	O for a closer walk with God <i>Charles Villiers Stanford</i>	Psalm 78.41-end
7.30 pm	Concert	Concerts by Candlelight
	The Music of the Eagles by Candlelight	

Friday 2nd

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalm 55
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
11.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
5.30 pm	Evensong (Lower voices)	Responses: <i>Rose</i>
	The Worcester Service <i>Piers Connor Kennedy</i>	Psalm 69
	In manus tuas <i>John Sheppard</i>	
7.30 pm	Concert	Concerts by Candlelight
	The Music of Coldplay by Candlelight	

Saturday 3rd

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 76, 79
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
5.30 pm	Evensong attended by the Friends of Worcester Cathedral	
	Evening Service in G minor <i>Francis Jackson</i>	Responses: <i>Reading</i>
	Prevent us, O Lord <i>William Byrd</i>	Psalms 81, 84
		Hymns 417, 159

October 2026

In Residence: The Dean

Sunday 4th The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Harvest Thanksgiving

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 128, 129, 134
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (BCP) (*with livestream*) Preacher: The Dean
- 10.30 am **Harvest Eucharist**
Communion Service in C and F *Charles Villiers Stanford* Psalm 65
For the beauty of the earth *Ian King*
Preacher: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan
- 2.30 pm **Worship in the Garden**
- 4.00 pm **Evensong** Responses: *Smith*
Collegium Magdalenae Oxoniense *Kenneth Leighton* Psalm 136
The heavens are telling *Joseph Haydn* Hymns 260, 267
- 6.30 pm **Worcestershire Farmers' Harvest Thanksgiving**
(*sung by the Voluntary Choir*)
Look at the world *John Rutter* Preacher: The Bishop
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Monday 5th

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 80, 82
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)
- 5.30 pm **Evensong** Responses: *Smith*
Evening Service in E minor *Daniel Purcell* Psalms 85, 86
Save us, O Lord *Edward Bairstow*

Tuesday 6th William Tyndale, Translator, Martyr, 1536

- 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

October 2026

Wednesday 7th

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
	O Lord, the world's saviour <i>William Mundy</i>	

VERSE: CANTORIS

Thursday 8th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 90, 92
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
12.15 pm	Lunchtime Recital	Graham Thorpe (organ)
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: <i>Hunt</i>
	Evening Service in G <i>Edward Bairstow</i>	Psalms 94
	Verleih uns Frieden <i>Felix Mendelssohn</i>	

Friday 9th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 88
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
11.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: <i>Hunt</i>
	Fauxbourdon Service <i>Percy Whitlock</i>	Psalms 102
	Set me as a seal upon thine heart <i>William Walton</i>	
7.30 pm	Concert	Scouting for Girls

Saturday 10th **Paulinus, Bishop of York, Missionary, 644**

Day of music endowed in gratitude for the ministry of Charmian Manship.

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 96, 97, 100
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: <i>Shephard</i>
	Evening Service in F minor <i>Alan Gray</i>	Psalms 104
	God, which as upon this day <i>Thomas Tomkins</i>	Hymns 454, 468
7.30 pm	Concert	Tunde Baiyewu

October 2026

In Residence: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

Sunday 11th The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Day of music endowed by the Gentlemen of the Voluntary Choir. **Prisons Sunday**

7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 138, 141

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

Preacher: The Revd Dr John Fitzmaurice

10.30 am **Sung Eucharist**

Missa Brevis *Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina*

Psalms 106.1-6

The Lord is my shepherd *Lennox Berkeley*

Preacher: The Revd Jonathan Aitken

4.00 pm **Evensong attended by the High Sheriff and His Majesty's Judges**

Evening Service in D *George Dyson*

Responses: *Hunt*

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem *Herbert Howells* Psalm 139.1-18

Hymns 216ii, 333, 377

Preacher: The Revd Captain Justin Parker

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

Litany to the Holy Spirit *Ben Ponniah*

Dear Lord and Father of mankind *C. Hubert H. Parry*

Preacher: The Dean

Monday 12th Wilfrid of Ripon, Bishop, Missionary, 709

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

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

5.30 pm **Evensong** Responses: *Hunt*

Evening Service in D *Ernest Moeran*

Psalm 105

Never weather-beaten sail *C. Hubert H. Parry*

Tuesday 13th Edward the Confessor, King of England, 1066

7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 106

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

5.30 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalm 107

7.30 pm **A Service of Thanks and Celebration to Commemorate the
10th Anniversary of the Worcestershire Breast Unit Haven**

Preacher: The Revd Canon Claire Lording

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Wednesday 14th

Day of music endowed by Les Postlethwaite.

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	Evensong <i>(sung by the Choral Scholars)</i>	Responses: Plainsong
	Plainsong Canticles	Psalms 119.129-152
	Let thy merciful ears, O Lord <i>Thomas Mudd</i>	

VERSE: DECANI

Thursday 15th Teresa of Avila, Teacher of the Faith, 1582

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 113, 115
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
12.15 pm	Lunchtime Recital	Kapsetaki Twins (piano)
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: <i>Hunt</i>
	Evening Service in E Sydney Watson	Psalms 114, 116, 117
	The secret of Christ <i>Richard Shephard</i>	

Friday 16th Hugh Latimer, Bishop of Worcester, Martyr, 1555

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 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>
	Evening Service in the Dorian mode <i>Thomas Tallis</i>	Psalms 130, 131, 137
	O nata lux <i>Piers Connor Kennedy</i>	
7.30 pm	Concert	Concerts by Candlelight
	The Music of Oasis by Candlelight	

Saturday 17th Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, Martyr, c. 107

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 Sixth Service <i>Thomas Weelkes</i>	Psalms 133
	Festival Te Deum <i>Benjamin Britten</i>	Hymns 194, 243
7.30 pm	Concert	Concerts by Candlelight
	The Music of Whitney Houston by Candlelight	

October 2026

In Residence: The Dean

Sunday 18th

Luke the Evangelist

7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 145, 146

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

Preacher: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

10.30 am **Sung Eucharist**

Messe Solennelle *Jean Langlais*

Psalms 147.1-7

The Spirit of the Lord *Edward Elgar*

Preacher: The Archdeacon of Dudley

3.00 pm **A Commissioning and Celebration of Children and Young Families Ministry for the Diocese of Worcester** (*sung by the Voluntary Choir and Youth Choir*)

Ubi caritas Ola Gjeilo

Rejoice, the Lord is King *Malcolm Archer*

Preacher: The Bishop

Monday 19th

Henry Martyn, Translator, Missionary, 1812

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 20th

Day of music endowed by Father Ian and Elizabeth Pearson.

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

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

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

October 2026

Wednesday 21st

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 22nd

Day of music endowed by Danielle and David Freestone.

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
7.30 pm	Concert	Concerts by Candlelight
	Voices of Valjean	

Friday 23rd

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	Carrie Hope Fletcher
	The Ghost Light Tour – An Evening of Music and Storytelling	

Saturday 24th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 147
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
1.30 pm	Wedding of Tom Peason and Sylvi Burton	
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalms 148, 149, 150

October 2026

In Residence: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

Sunday 25th

The Last Sunday after Trinity

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 119.137-152
8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP) <i>(with livestream)</i>	
	Preacher: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan	
10.30 am	Eucharist with Hymns	Psalms 90.1-6
	Preacher: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan	
4.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalms 119.89-104

Monday 26th

Alfred the Great, King of the West Saxons, Scholar, 899

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 1, 2, 3
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalms 4, 7

Tuesday 27th

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

October 2026

Wednesday 28th

Simon and Jude, Apostles

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 116, 117
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
1.00 pm	Holy Communion	
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalms 119.1-16

VERSE: DECANI

Thursday 29th

James Hannington, Bishop, Martyr, 1885

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

Friday 30th

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	Evening Prayer	Psalms 22
7.30 pm	Concert	Gordon Hendricks
	The King's Voice – The Music of Elvis Presley by Candlelight	

Saturday 31st

Day of music endowed by Marion Bleney.

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 20, 21, 23
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 George Bennett	Psalms 1, 5
	Faire is the Heaven William Harris	Hymns 224, 226

November 2026

In Residence: The Dean

Sunday 1st November

All Saints' Day

7.30 am **Morning Prayer**

Psalms 15, 84, 149

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

Preacher: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

10.30 am **Sung Eucharist** *(sung by The Oakville Singers, with incense)*

Communion Service in G H. A. Chambers

Psalms 34.1-10

Justorum animae Charles Villiers Stanford

Preacher: The Revd Charmian Manship

2.30 pm **Worship in the Garden**

4.00 pm **Evensong** *(sung by The Oakville Singers)*

Responses: *Cotterill*

Evening Service in C Bryan Kelly

Psalms 148, 150

Give us the wings of faith *Ernest Bullock*

Hymns 198, 478
