



WORCESTER CATHEDRAL

Services and Music February 2026

This is the time of turning. February begins with the last flash of the Epiphany carols and stories – those stories that ground us in what it means to be human and hold us for a few sweet weeks in the beloved words attributed to Athanasius: ‘the glory of God is a human being fully alive.’ The Ceremony of Carols, on 1 February, and the Candlemas Eucharist on 2 February, gives us a last flash of glory, and time to rest in beauty.

Then we turn towards the harder road of discipleship – the ongoing, ever changing process of making sense of our life with God and our place in the world, as we learn to bear witness to love, even in a world full of hurt. Lent is the season when we wrestle most deeply with the challenge of faith – and in that struggle, the daily balm, the calm assertion of the promise that ‘all will be well’ will come in the steady patterns of evensong, the beauty of melodic lines stripped back to simplicity, and the ‘wresting’ of complex harmonies that suddenly resolve in peace.

Kimberly Bohan

Dean:
Director of Music:

Stephen Edwards
Samuel Hudson

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

February 2026

Wednesday 4th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalm 119.1-32
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 11, 12, 13
	Ave Maria <i>Jean Mouton</i>	

VERSE: DECANI

Thursday 5th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 14, 15, 16
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
12.15 pm	Lunchtime Recital	Samuel Hudson (organ)
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: <i>Radcliffe</i>
	Evening Service in <i>E Herbert Murrill</i>	Psalm 18
	Lead, kindly light <i>John Rutter</i>	

Friday 6th

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>Jackson</i>
	The Truro Service <i>Gabriel Jackson</i>	Psalm 22
	Senex puerum portabat (a4) <i>William Byrd</i>	

Saturday 7th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 20, 21, 23
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: <i>Reading</i>
	The Short Service <i>John Blow</i>	Psalms 24, 25
	Hail, gladdening Light <i>Charles Wood</i>	Hymns 267, 446

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In Residence: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

Sunday 8th

The Second Sunday before Lent Racial Justice Sunday

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 100, 150
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)
Preacher: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan
- 10.30 am **Sung Eucharist**
A Worcester Mass *Donald Hunt* Psalm 136.1-9, 23-end
O nata lux *Morten Lauridsen* Preacher: The Revd Dr Jamie Klair
- 1.30 pm **Be a Chorister for an Afternoon**
- 4.00 pm **Evensong** Responses: *Jackson*
Evening Service in B flat *Charles Villiers Stanford* Psalm 148
I give to you a new commandment *Peter Nardone*
Hymns 494 (t. 413), 433
- 6.30 pm **Evening Worship** (*sung by the Voluntary Choir*)
Litany to the Holy Spirit *Ben Ponniah*
"I have a dream," a man once said (Repton) *C. Hubert H. Parry*
Preacher: The Revd Dr Robin Parry
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Monday 9th

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 27, 30
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)
- 5.30 pm **Evensong** Responses: *Jackson*
Evening Service in E minor *Daniel Purcell* Psalms 26, 28, 29
Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace *Samuel Sebastian Wesley*

Tuesday 10th

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 32, 36
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)
- 5.30 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalm 33

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Wednesday 11th

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 34
- 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 119.33-56
Cantate Domino *Giuseppe Pitoni*
- 7.30 pm **Concert** xperience Live
The music of Prince by Candlelight

VERSE: CANTORIS

Thursday 12th

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 37
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)
- 12.15 pm **Lunchtime Recital** Ensembles from the King's School, Worcester
- 5.30 pm **Evensong** Responses: *Jackson*
Evening Service in G *Herbert Sumsion* Psalms 39, 40
Laudate nomen Domini *Christopher Tye*

Friday 13th

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 31
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)
- 11.30 am **Holy Communion** (BCP)
- 5.30 pm **Evensong** (*Lower voices*) Responses: *Tallis*
Magnificat primi toni *Francesco Soriano*
Nunc dimittis tertii toni *Tomás Luis de Victoria* Psalm 35
He that hath my commandments *William Mundy*
- 7.30 pm **Concert** Collabro
The Harmonies Tour 2026

February 2026

Saturday 14th

**Cyril and Methodius,
Missionaries to the Slavs, 869 and 885**

Day of music endowed by Michael Thomas.

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 the Ashtead Singers)</i>	Responses: Rose
	The Hatfield Service <i>Alec Roth</i>	Psalms 45, 46
	Greater love hath no man <i>John Ireland</i>	Hymns 455, 379
7.30 pm	Concert	Piccadilly Sinfonia
	Valentine's Vivaldi by Candlelight	

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Sunday 15th

The Sunday next before Lent

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalm 72
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	Preacher: tbc
10.30 am	Sung Eucharist <i>(sung by the Ashtead Singers)</i>	
	Missa Brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo <i>Joseph Haydn</i>	Psalm 99
	If ye love me <i>Thomas Tallis</i>	Preacher: The Revd Dr Robin Parry
4.00 pm	Evensong <i>(sung by the Ashtead Singers)</i>	Responses: Rose
	Evening Service in B minor <i>T. Tertius Noble</i>	Psalm 84
	Give us the wings of faith <i>Ernest Bullock</i>	Hymns 176ii, 377

Monday 16th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalm 44
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalms 47, 49

Tuesday 17th

**Janani Luwum, Archbishop of Uganda,
Martyr, 1977**

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 48, 52
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalm 50

February 2026

Wednesday 18th

7.30 am **Morning Prayer**

Psalm 38

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

1.00 pm **Holy Communion**

5.30 pm **Evening Prayer**

Psalm 102

7.30 pm **The Liturgy of Ash Wednesday** *(sung by the Oakville Singers)*
(with incense)

Communion Service in G H. A. Chambers

Psalm 51.1-17

Hide not thou thy face *Richard Farrant*

The Litany *Thomas Tallis*

Miserere mei, Deus *Gregorio Allegri*

Ave verum corpus *William Byrd*

Preacher: tbc

VERSE: DECANI

Thursday 19th

7.30 am **Morning Prayer**

Psalms 56, 57, 63

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

5.30 pm **Evening Prayer**

Psalms 61, 62, 64

Friday 20th

7.30 am **Morning Prayer**

Psalms 51, 54

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

11.30 am **Holy Communion** (BCP)

5.30 pm **Evening Prayer**

Psalm 38

Saturday 21st

7.30 am **Morning Prayer**

Psalm 68

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

5.30 pm **Evensong** *(sung by the Hi Lo Singers)*

Responses: *Smith*

Evening Service in D *Edward Bairstow*

Psalms 65, 66

Save us, O Lord *Edward Bairstow*

Hymns 69, 414

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Sunday 22nd

The First Sunday of Lent

Day of music endowed for the Very Revd Peter and Mrs Nancy Marshall.

7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 119.1-16

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

Preacher: The Revd Dr Jamie Klair

10.30 am **Sung Eucharist** (*sung by the Hi Lo Singers*)

Mass in G Franz Schubert

Psalm 32

Cantique de Jean Racine Gabriel Fauré

Preacher: The Revd Dr Jamie Klair

4.00 pm **Evensong** (*sung by the Hi Lo Singers*)

Responses: *Clucas*

Evening Service in B flat John Stainer

Psalm 50.1-15

Remember not, Lord, our offences *Henry Purcell*

Hymns 64, 418

Monday 23rd

Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr, c. 155

7.30 am **Morning Prayer**

Psalm 71

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

5.30 pm **Evensong**

Responses: *Tomkins*

Evening Service in A Herbert Sumsion

Psalms 72, 75

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake *Richard Farrant*

Hymn 61

Tuesday 24th

7.30 am **Morning Prayer**

Psalm 73

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

12.00 noon **Funeral of Andrew Peter Bennett**

5.30 pm **Evening Prayer**

Psalm 74

February 2026

Wednesday 25th Charles Gore, Bishop of Worcester, 1932

Ember Day

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalm 77
8.00 am	Holy Communion (<i>with livestream</i>)	
8.45 am	King's Foundation Lent Service	
1.00 pm	Holy Communion	
5.30 pm	Evensong (<i>sung by the Choral Scholars</i>)	Responses: Plainsong
	Plainsong Canticles	Psalm 119.81-104
	Miserere mei <i>Tomás Luis de Victoria</i>	Hymn 61

VERSE: CANTORIS

Thursday 26th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalm 78.1-39
8.00 am	Holy Communion (<i>with livestream</i>)	
5.30 pm	Evensong attended by King's Scholars	Responses: Tomkins
	Evening Service in E Sydney Watson	Psalm 78.41-end
	Wash me throughly <i>Samuel Sebastian Wesley</i>	Hymns 76, 417

Friday 27th

George Herbert, priest, poet, 1633

Ember Day

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalm 55
8.00 am	Holy Communion (<i>with livestream</i>)	
11.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: Tomkins
	Fauxbourdon Service <i>Healey Willan</i>	Psalms 123, 131
	The Call <i>Richard Lloyd</i>	Hymn 391

Saturday 28th

Oswald, Bishop of Worcester, 992

Ember Day

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalm 34.1-8
8.00 am	Holy Communion (<i>with livestream</i>)	
5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalm 119.57-64
5.30 pm	Sung Eucharist (<i>with incense</i>)	
	Mass in the Dorian Mode <i>Herbert Howells</i>	Psalm 112.1-9
	<i>Iustorum animae Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina</i>	Preacher: tbc

March 2026

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Sunday 1st March The Second Sunday of Lent

7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 74

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

Preacher: The Revd Dr John Fitzmaurice

10.30 am **Sung Eucharist**

Collegium Regale *Herbert Howells*

Psalm 121

Geistliches Lied *Johannes Brahms*

Preacher: The Revd Dr Mark Dorsett

3.00 pm **Worship in the Garden**

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

4.00 pm **Evensong**

Responses: *Tomkins*

Evening Service in A minor *T. Tertius Noble*

Psalm 135

In ieiunio et fletu *Thomas Tallis*

Hymns 416i, 357

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

Turn thy face from my sins *Thomas Attwood*

Forty days and forty nights *arr. Harrison Oxley*

Preacher: The Revd Dr Jamie Klair
