



WORCESTER CATHEDRAL

Services and Music February 2024

‘God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years”’ (Genesis 1.14).

There are roughly $365\frac{1}{4}$ days in a year, which is why every four years the Gregorian calendar inserts an extra day at the end of February. But because $365\frac{1}{4}$ is only an approximation, years divisible by 100 are not leap years, unless they are also divisible by 400. Even so, leap seconds have to be inserted occasionally to keep everything properly aligned.

It's even more complicated than that. From an external frame of reference such as the stars, the Earth orbits the Sun every 365.2564 days. But because of the rotation of the Earth and the precession of the Earth's axis, the apparent solar year as viewed from the Earth is only 365.2422 days – about 20 minutes shorter than the ‘true’ or sidereal year.

St Oswald, whose feast day is on 29 February, was among many other things a patron of Abbo and Byrhtferth, two scholars whose work included calculations about the date of Easter and other calendrical complexities. Oswald himself was a capable administrator but who died while washing the feet of the poor, which perhaps tells us where our priorities should be.

John Paul Hoskins

Interim 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.

January 2024

In Residence: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

Sunday 28th January **The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany**

7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 71.1-6, 15-17

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

Preacher: The Revd Canon John Paul Hoskins

10.30 am **Sung Eucharist** (*Lower voices*)

Missa Cunctipotens Genitor Deus *Ed Jones*

Psalm 111

Teach me, O Lord *William Byrd*

Preacher: The Revd Canon Dr Stuart Currie

4.00 pm **Evensong** (*sung by the Youth Choir*)

Responses: *Leighton*

The King's College Service *Joanna Forbes L'Estrange*

Psalm 34

Before the ending of the day *Liz Dilnot Johnson*

Hymns 377, 367ii

6.30 pm **Devotional Performance** (*sung by the Cathedral choristers and Voluntary Choir*)

A Ceremony of Carols *Benjamin Britten*

Monday 29th

7.30 am **Morning Prayer**

Psalms 123, 124, 125, 126

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

5.30 pm **Evensong**

Responses: *Rose*

Evening Service in D flat *Sydney Nicholson*

Psalms 127, 128, 129

Never weather-beaten sail *Charles Wood*

Tuesday 30th

Charles, King and Martyr, 1649

7.30 am **Morning Prayer**

Psalms 132, 133

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

5.30 pm **Evening Prayer**

Psalms 134, 135

January/February 2024

Wednesday 31st January

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 119.153-end
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
1.00 pm	Holy Communion	
5.30 pm	Evensong (<i>Upper voices</i>)	Responses: Plainsong
	The Second Service <i>Philip Moore</i>	Psalms 136
	I give you a new commandment <i>Peter Aston</i>	

VERSE: CANTORIS

Thursday 1st February

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 143, 146
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
12.15 pm	Lunchtime Recital	Christopher Allsop (organ)
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: Rose
	The Fauxbourdon Service <i>Healey Willan</i>	Psalms 118
	<i>Ecce sacerdos magnus Edward Elgar</i>	

Friday 2nd The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)

Day of music endowed by Angela Sutton.

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 48, 146
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
11.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalms 122, 132
5.30 pm	Sung Eucharist (<i>incense is used</i>)	
	Missa brevis <i>William Walton</i>	Psalms 24.7-end
	Presentation of Christ in the temple <i>Johannes Eccard</i>	

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

Saturday 3rd Anskar, Archbishop, Missionary, 865

Day of music endowed by the late Lady Rosalind Morrison.

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 147
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: Radcliffe
	The St Paul's Service <i>Herbert Howells</i>	Psalms 148, 149, 150
	Senex puerum portabat (a4) <i>William Byrd</i>	Hymns 341, 500

February 2024

In Residence: The Revd Canon John Paul Hoskins

Sunday 4th

The Second Sunday before Lent

7.30 am **Morning Prayer**

Psalms 29, 67

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

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

10.30 am **Sung Eucharist**

Communion Service in D *Kenneth Leighton*

Psalm 104.24-end

The Word made Flesh *Philip Wilby*

Preacher: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

3.00 pm **Worship in the Garden**

Entering the garden through the 'deliveries' doorway outside the
Edgar Tower Gate.

4.00 pm **Evensong**

Responses: *Rose*

Evening Service in A flat *Edmund Rubbra*

Psalm 65

Adam lay ybounden *Howard Skempton*

Hymns 397, 267

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

Make me a light *Philip Wilby*

Candle burning in the night *Piers Maxim*

Preacher: The Revd Canon Dr Stephen Edwards

Monday 5th

7.30 am **Morning Prayer**

Psalms 1, 2, 3

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

5.30 pm **Evensong**

Responses: *Radcliffe*

Evening Service in F *John Ireland*

Psalms 4, 7

Rejoice in the Lord always *Henry Purcell*

Hymn AMR 496

Tuesday 6th

7.30 am **Morning Prayer**

Psalms 5, 6

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

5.30 pm **Evening Prayer**

Psalms 9, 10

February 2024

Wednesday 7th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalm 119.1-32
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
1.00 pm	Holy Communion	
5.30 pm	Evensong (<i>Upper voices</i>)	Responses: <i>Nardone</i>
	Evening Service in F <i>Sydney Watson</i>	Psalms 11, 12, 13
	Abide with me <i>Johann Sebastian Bach</i>	

VERSE: DECANI

Thursday 8th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 14, 15, 16
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
12.15 pm	Lunchtime Recital	Callum Alger (organ)
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: <i>Rose</i>
	Evening Service in A <i>William Harris</i>	Psalm 18
	Call to remembrance <i>Richard Farrant</i>	

Friday 9th

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 (<i>Lower voices</i>)	Responses: <i>Tallis</i>
	Evening Service in the Dorian mode <i>Thomas Tallis</i>	Psalm 22
	He that hath my commandments <i>William Mundy</i>	

Saturday 10th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 20, 21, 23
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
5.30 pm	Evensong attended by the Worcestershire Organists Association (<i>sung by the Wheatsheaf Consort</i>)	Responses: <i>Marshall</i>
	The Wheatsheaf Canticles <i>Alastair White</i>	Psalms 24, 25
	O filii et filiae <i>Philip Moore</i>	Hymns 200 (omit v2), 482

February 2024

In Residence: The Revd Canon Dr Stephen Edwards

Sunday 11th

The Sunday next before Lent

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 27, 150
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
10.30 am	Sung Eucharist (<i>sung by the Wheatsheaf Consort</i>)	
	Cantus Missae <i>Josef Rheinberger</i>	Psalm 50.1-6
	Be thou my vision <i>Bob Chilcott</i>	
4.00 pm	Evensong (<i>sung by the Wheatsheaf Consort</i>)	Responses: <i>Marshall</i>
	Evening Service in B flat <i>Edgar Day</i>	Psalms 2, 99
	For lo, I raise up <i>Charles Villiers Stanford</i>	Hymns 343, 478

Monday 12th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 27, 30
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalms 26, 28, 29

Tuesday 13th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 32, 36
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
5.30 pm	Evensong (<i>sung by the Choir of St Mary's Church, Handsworth</i>)	
	Evening Service in D <i>Charles Wood</i>	Responses: <i>Smith</i>
	If ye love me <i>Thomas Tallis</i>	Psalm 33

February 2024

Wednesday 14th

Ash Wednesday

Day of music endowed by Michael Thomas.

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalm 38
8.00 am	Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes (with livestream)	
1.00 pm	Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes	
5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalm 102
5.30 pm	The Liturgy of Ash Wednesday (<i>Lower voices</i>) (<i>incense is used</i>)	
	The Litany <i>Thomas Tallis</i>	Psalm 51.1-17
	Messa a tre voci <i>Antonio Lotti</i>	
	Out of the deep <i>Thomas Tomkins</i>	

VERSE: CANTORIS

Thursday 15th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalm 37
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalms 39, 40

Friday 16th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalm 31
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
11.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalm 35

Saturday 17th

Janani Luwum, Archbishop of Uganda, Martyr, 1977

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 41, 42, 43
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
5.30 pm	Evensong (<i>sung by the RSCM European Cathedral Singers</i>)	
	Evening Service in A <i>Herbert Sumsion</i>	Responses: <i>Sanders</i>
	Geistliches Lied <i>Johannes Brahms</i>	Psalms 45, 46
		Hymns 71, 393

February 2024

In Residence: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

Sunday 18th

The First Sunday of Lent

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 77
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)
- 10.30 am **Sung Eucharist** (*sung by the RSCM European Cathedral Singers*)
Missa Princeps Pacis *William Lloyd Webber* Psalm 25.1-9
O sacrum convivium *Thomas Tallis*
- 4.00 pm **Evensong** (*sung by the RSCM European Cathedral Singers*)
Evening Service in A flat *Basil Harwood* Responses: *Sanders*
Wash me throughly *Samuel Sebastian Wesley* Psalm 119.17-32
Hymns 332 (omit vv 2 and 3), 439
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Monday 19th

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 44
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)
- 5.30 pm **Evensong** Responses: *Maxim*
Evening Service in E minor *Richard Drakeford* Psalms 47, 49
The spirit of the Lord *Edward Elgar* Hymn 61

Tuesday 20th

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

February 2024

Wednesday 21st

Ember Day

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 119.57-80
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
1.00 pm	Holy Communion	
5.30 pm	Evensong (<i>Upper voices</i>)	Responses: Plainsong
	The Durham Service <i>Christopher Totney</i>	Psalms 59, 60, 67
	The sorrows of my heart are enlarged <i>William Boyce</i>	Hymn 61

VERSE: DECANI

Thursday 22nd

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

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 56, 57, 63
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
12.15 pm	Lunchtime Recital	Vanessa Gunter (flute) with Nicholas Freestone (piano)
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: <i>Maxim</i>
	Evening Service in G <i>Edward Bairstow</i>	Psalms 61, 62, 64
	O saviour of the world <i>John Goss</i>	Hymn 61

Friday 23rd

Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr, c. 155

Ember Day

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 51, 54
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
11.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: <i>G. Jackson</i>
	The Truro Service <i>Gabriel Jackson</i>	Psalms 38
	In ieiunio et fletu <i>Thomas Tallis</i>	Hymn 61

Saturday 24th

Ember Day

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 68
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: <i>G. Jackson</i>
	Evening Service in G <i>Francis Jackson</i>	Psalms 65, 66
	Wash me throughly <i>Samuel Sebastian Wesley</i>	Hymns 407, 350

February 2024

In Residence: The Revd Canon John Paul Hoskins

Sunday 25th

The Second Sunday of Lent

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 105.1-6, 37-end
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)
- 10.30 am **Sung Eucharist**
Missa de Angelis *David Bednall* Psalm 22.23-end
Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake *Richard Farrant*
- 4.00 pm **Evensong** Responses: *Maxim*
The Second Service *Kenneth Leighton* Psalm 135
Insanae et vanae curae *Josef Haydn* Hymns 467, 412
- 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) *Charles Hubert Hastings Parry*
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Monday 26th

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 71
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)
- 5.30 pm **Evensong** Responses: *G. Jackson*
Evening Service in E *Sydney Watson* Psalms 72, 75
Emendemus in melius *William Byrd* Hymn 59i

Tuesday 27th

George Herbert, priest, poet, 1633

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 73
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)
- 5.30 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalm 74

February/March 2024

Wednesday 28th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalm 77
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
1.00 pm	Holy Communion	
5.00 pm	Evening Prayer (<i>Upper voices</i>)	Responses: Plainsong
	Magnificat <i>Plainsong</i>	
	Nunc dimittis <i>Geoffrey Burgon</i>	Psalms 123, 131
	Salvator mundi <i>David Bednall</i>	Hymn 221ii

VERSE: CANTORIS

Thursday 29th Oswald, Bishop of Worcester, 992

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalm 34.1-8
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
12.15 pm	Lunchtime Recital	Carleton Etherington (organ)
5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalm 119.57-64
5.30 pm	Sung Eucharist (<i>incense is used</i>)	
	Messe brève in C <i>Charles Gounod</i>	Psalm 112.1-9
	Holy is the true light <i>William Harris</i>	
	Preacher: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan	

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

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalm 55
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
11.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: <i>Tomkins</i>
	The Second Service <i>Thomas Tomkins</i>	Psalm 69
	Nolo mortem peccatoris <i>Thomas Morley</i>	Hymn 59i

Saturday 2nd Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, Missionary, 672

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 76, 79
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: <i>Clucas</i>
	The Penitential Canticles <i>Adrian Lucas</i>	Psalms 81, 84
	Let mine eyes run down with tears <i>Henry Purcell</i>	Hymns 63, 209
7.30 pm	Concert	London Concertante
	A Night at the Opera by Candlelight	

March 2024

In Residence: The Revd Canon Dr Stephen Edwards

Sunday 3rd

The Third Sunday of Lent

7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 18.1-25

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

10.30 am **Sung Eucharist**

Mass in G minor *Ralph Vaughan Williams*

Psalm 19.7-end

If ye love me *Thomas Tallis*

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*

The Fifth Service *Thomas Tomkins*

Psalms 11, 12

Solus ad victimam *Kenneth Leighton*

Hymns 359 (t 322), 418

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*
