



# WORCESTER CATHEDRAL

## Services and Music January 2025

January is the season of Epiphany. While the world ‘goes back to normal’, we settle in for a long, unhurried celebration of the Saviours birth. This is precious time to rest in thankfulness, and receive with joy the gifts that come.

Epiphany is the season of astonishment, of perception, and of choice: to follow the star, the dream, and the long path we are called to, because it is how we walk towards light. One way to commit yourself to that journey, and to hold yourself accountable to the choice you have made, is to mark now in your diaries the service that structure the season: the Epiphany Eucharist on 6 January, the Epiphany Carol Service on the 12th; the Candlemas service on 2 February. This framework does so much of the work for us: offering glints of gold, and the curl of frankincense, as well as the unexpected encounters with strangers.

Also in January, we celebrate Wulfstan, who is daily a part of our lives. St Wulfstan’s Day falls on a Sunday this year, which inevitably makes it a bigger party. By all means, take the first days of January to rest and recover from Christmas — but then it is journeying time. I hope you will join in this season of wonder and commitment to follow the Christ child.

Kimberly Bohan

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.

# December 2024

In Residence: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

## Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December    **The First Sunday of Christmas**

7.30 am    **Morning Prayer**    Psalm 105.1-11

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

Preacher: The Dean

10.30 am    **Sung Eucharist** *(sung by Sine Nomine)*

Mass for Four Voices *William Byrd*

Psalm 148.7-end

O little town of Bethlehem *Carl Rüttli*

Preacher: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

4.00 pm    **Evensong** *(sung by Sine Nomine)*

Responses: *Walsh*

Evening Service in E *Herbert Murrill*

Psalm 132

The Magi's Dream *James Whitbourne*

Hymns 23, 37

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## Monday 30<sup>th</sup>

### **Egwin, Bishop of Worcester, Founder of Evesham Abbey, 717**

*Day of music endowed by the David Willcocks Music Trust.*

7.30 am    **Morning Prayer**

Psalms 111, 112, 113

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

5.30 pm    **Evening Prayer**

Psalms 65, 84

## Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup>

7.30 am    **Morning Prayer**

Psalm 102

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

5.30 pm    **Evening Prayer**

Psalms 90, 148

# January 2025

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> January**

**The Naming  
and Circumcision of Jesus**

7.30 am	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	Psalms 103, 150
8.00 am	<b>Holy Communion</b> <i>(with livestream)</i>	
1.00 pm	<b>Holy Communion</b>	
5.30 pm	<b>Evening Prayer</b>	Psalm 115

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**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzus,  
Bishops, Teachers of the Faith, 379 and 389**

7.30 am	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	Psalm 18.1-30
8.00 am	<b>Holy Communion</b> <i>(with livestream)</i>	
5.30 pm	<b>Evening Prayer</b>	Psalms 45, 46

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

7.30 am	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	Psalms 127, 128, 131
8.00 am	<b>Holy Communion</b> <i>(with livestream)</i>	
11.30 am	<b>Holy Communion</b> (BCP)	
5.30 pm	<b>Evening Prayer</b>	Psalms 2, 110

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>**

7.30 am	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	Psalm 89.1-37
8.00 am	<b>Holy Communion</b> <i>(with livestream)</i>	
5.30 pm	<b>Evensong</b> <i>(sung by the Priory Singers)</i>	Responses: Ayleward
	Evening Service in A <i>Herbert Sumsion</i>	Psalms 85, 87
	In the bleak midwinter <i>Richard Prince</i>	Hymns 20ii (omit vv. 4, 5), 31

# January 2025

In Residence: The Dean

## Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>

## The Second Sunday of Christmas

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 87
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (BCP) (*with livestream*)  
Preacher: The Revd Canon John Paul Hoskins
- 10.30 am **Sung Eucharist** (*sung by the Priory Singers*)  
Communion Service in F *Herbert Sumsion* Psalm 147.12-end  
A Christmas Carol *Richard Prince*  
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** (*sung by the Priory Singers*) Responses: *Reading*  
Evening Service in D *Charles Wood* Psalms 96, 97  
*Here is the little door* *Herbert Howells* Hymns 21, 40
- 6.30 pm **Devotional Performance** Nicholas Freestone (organ)  
*La Nativité du Seigneur Olivier Messiaen*
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## Monday 6<sup>th</sup>

## The Epiphany

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 132, 113
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)
- 5.00 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalms 98, 100
- 5.30 pm **Sung Eucharist** (*Lower voices; with incense*)  
Messe Brève *James Davy* Psalm 72.10-15  
*When Christ was born of Mary free* *John Joubert*  
Preacher: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

## Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>

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

# January 2025

## Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>

7.30 am	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	Psalm 77
8.00 am	<b>Holy Communion</b> <i>(with livestream)</i>	
1.00 pm	<b>Holy Communion</b>	
5.30 pm	<b>Evensong</b> <i>(Upper voices)</i>	Responses: <i>Nardone</i>
	Evening Service in D <i>Charles Villiers Stanford</i>	Psalm 119.81-104
	A New Year Carol <i>Benjamin Britten</i>	

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## Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>

7.30 am	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	Psalm 78.1-39
8.00 am	<b>Holy Communion</b> <i>(with livestream)</i>	
12.15 pm	<b>Lunchtime Recital</b>	Rebecca Hardwick (soprano)
5.30 pm	<b>Evensong attended by King's Scholars</b>	Responses: <i>Clucas</i>
	Evening Service in B flat <i>Edgar Day</i>	Psalm 78.41-end
	Cana's Guest <i>Richard Allain</i>	Hymn 47

## Friday 10<sup>th</sup>

7.30 am	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	Psalm 55
8.00 am	<b>Holy Communion</b> <i>(with livestream)</i>	
11.30 am	<b>Holy Communion</b> (BCP)	
5.30 pm	<b>Evensong</b>	Responses: <i>Sanders</i>
	The Short Service <i>Richard Ayleward</i>	Psalm 69
	<i>Benedicamus Domino Peter Warlock</i>	

## Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>

7.30 am	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	Psalms 76, 79
8.00 am	<b>Holy Communion</b> <i>(with livestream)</i>	
5.30 pm	<b>Evensong</b> <i>(sung by lower voices)</i>	Responses: <i>Rose</i>
	Evening Service in G <i>Herbert Sumsion</i>	Psalm 36
	<i>Reges Tharsis William Byrd</i>	Hymns 58, 443

# January 2025

In Residence: The Revd Canon John Paul Hoskins

## Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>

## The Baptism of Christ

7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 89.19-29

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

Preacher: The Revd Canon John Paul Hoskins

10.30 am **Sung Eucharist**

Missa Brevis *Jonathan Dove*

Psalm 29

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day *David Willcocks*

Preacher: The Revd Dr Mark Dorsett

3.30 pm **Evening Prayer**

Psalms 46, 47

4.00 pm **Epiphany Carol Service**

Epiphany Responsory *Pierluigi da Palestrina*

No small wonder *Paul Edwards*

Bethlehem Down *Peter Warlock*

The Three Kings *Peter Cornelius*

There shall a star from Jacob come forth *Felix Mendelssohn*

A babe is born *William Mathias*

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

No small wonder *Paul Edwards*

Tres magi de gentibus *C. S. Lang*

Preacher: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

## Monday 13<sup>th</sup>

## Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers, Teacher of the Faith, 367

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

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

5.30 pm **Evensong**

Responses: *Sanders*

The Short Service *Nathaniel Patrick*

Psalms 85, 86

The Lamb *John Tavener*

## Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>

*Day of music endowed by Dr Richard Adcock.*

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

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## Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 119.105-128  
8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)  
1.00 pm **Holy Communion**  
5.30 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalms 91, 93

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## Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 90, 92  
8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)  
12.15 pm **Lunchtime Recital** Francois Cloete (organ)  
5.30 pm **Evensong with the Commissioning of Children's  
and Young People's Ministers** Responses: *Clucas*  
The Short Service *Samuel Hudson* Psalm 94  
*O nata lux Thomas Tallis*  
7.30 pm **Concert** Concerts by Candlelight  
The Music of Coldplay by Candlelight

## Friday 17<sup>th</sup>

### Charles Gore, Bishop of Worcester, 1932

- 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: *Sanders*  
Evening Service in F *John Ireland* Psalm 102  
*Here is the little door Herbert Howells*  
7.30 pm **Concert** The Drifters  
The Drifters by Candlelight

## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

## Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 96, 97, 100  
8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)  
5.30 pm **Evensong with the admission of Hugh Setterfield  
as a Verger** Responses: *Clucas*  
Evening Service in D *Herbert Brewer* Psalm 96  
*My shepherd is the living Lord Thomas Tomkins* Hymns 224, 381

# January 2025

In Residence: The Dean

## Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> **Wulfstan, Bishop of Worcester, 1095**

*Day of music endowed by the Worcestershire Freemasons.*

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 1, 15
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (BCP) (with livestream) Preacher: The Dean
- 10.30 am **Sung Eucharist** (with incense)
- Missa Brevis *William Walton* Psalm 110
- Alleluya psallat *Peter Aston* Preacher: The Dean
- 4.00 pm **Evensong** (Lower voices) Responses: Rose
- Evening Service in *E Herbert Howells* Psalm 16
- Great Lord of Lords *Charles Wood*
- Hymns 221ii, 432 (omit vv. 2, 5, 6)
- 6.30 pm **Evening Worship** (sung by the Voluntary Choir)
- For all the saints *Charles Villiers Stanford*
- Hail father *Wulfstan Nicholas Freestone*
- Preacher: The Revd Canon John Paul Hoskins
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## Monday 20<sup>th</sup>

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 98, 99, 101
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)
- 5.30 pm **Evensong** Responses: Rose
- Collegium Sancti Johannis Cantabrigiense *Herbert Howells* Psalm 105
- Never weather-beaten sail *Charles Wood*

## Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>

## **Agnes, Child Martyr, 304**

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 106
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)
- 5.30 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalm 107



# January 2025

## Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 110, 111, 112  
8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)  
11.00 am **Holy Communion attended by the College of Canons**  
1.00 pm **Holy Communion**  
5.30 pm **Evensong** (*Upper voices*) Responses: *Nardone*  
Evening Service in E flat *Edward Bairstow* Psalm 119.129-152  
*The Holy Boy John Ireland*

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## Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 113, 115  
8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)  
12.15 pm **Lunchtime Recital** Roger Judd (organ)  
5.30 pm **Evensong** Responses: *Rose*  
Evening Service in E minor *Daniel Purcell* Psalms 114, 116, 117  
*Oculi omnium Charles Wood*

## Friday 24<sup>th</sup>

### Francis de Sales, Bishop, Teacher of the Faith, 1622

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 139  
8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)  
11.30 am **Holy Communion** (BCP)  
5.30 pm **Evensong** Responses: *Radcliffe*  
*Fauxbourdon service Orlando Gibbons* Psalms 130, 131, 137  
*Videntes stellam Francis Poulenc*  
7.30 pm **Music in the Undercroft** Grace Shepherd (violin)

## Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>

### The Conversion of Paul

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 66, 147.13-end  
8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)  
5.30 pm **Evensong** Responses: *Radcliffe*  
Evening Service in G *Herbert Howells* Psalm 119.41-56  
*Holy is the true light William Harris* Hymns 154ii, 155  
7.30 pm **Concert** Concerts by Candlelight  
*The Music of the Beatles by Candlelight*

# January 2025

In Residence: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

## Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> **The Third Sunday of Epiphany**

*Day of music endowed by Paul and Veronica Swinburn.*

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 113
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (BCP) (with livestream) Preacher: The Dean
- 10.30 am **Sung Eucharist**  
Messe Brève *Charles Gounod* Psalm 19.1-6  
Teach me, O Lord *Thomas Attwood*  
Preacher: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan
- 4.00 pm **City Civic Service** Responses: Rose  
Evening Service in D *Edward Bairstow* Psalm 33  
The Call of Wisdom *Will Todd*
- 6.30 pm **Evening Worship** (sung by the Voluntary Choir)  
The Lord's my shepherd *arr. Gordon Jacob*  
Jesus is Lord *Martin How* Preacher: The Dean
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## Monday 27<sup>th</sup>

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 123, 124, 125, 126
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)
- 5.30 pm **Evensong** Responses: Radcliffe  
The Second Service *Thomas Tomkins* Psalms 127, 128, 129  
*Ave Maria Edward Elgar*

## Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> **Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Philosopher, Teacher of the Faith, 1274**

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 132, 133
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)
- 5.30 pm **Evensong** (sung by the combined choirs of Hereford Cathedral School,  
*King's School, Gloucester, and King's School, Worcester*)  
Evening Service in D *Charles Wood* Responses: Tomkins  
The Spirit of the Lord *Edward Elgar* Psalms 134, 135  
Hymn 420

# January/February 2025

## Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 119.153-end  
8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)  
1.00 pm **Holy Communion**  
5.30 pm **Evensong** (*Upper voices*) Responses: Plainsong  
Evening Service *Geoffrey Burgon* Psalm 136  
And now another day is gone *Leonard Blake*

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## Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> **Charles, King and Martyr, 1649**

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 143, 146  
8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)  
12.15 pm **Lunchtime Recital** Anna Holmes (violin)  
5.30 pm **Evensong** Responses: *Maxim*  
Fauxbourdon service *Percy Whitlock* Psalms 138, 140, 141  
Call to remembrance *Richard Farrant*

## Friday 31<sup>st</sup>

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 142, 144  
8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)  
11.30 am **Holy Communion** (BCP)  
2.30 pm **King's St Alban's Pre-Prep Christingle Service**  
5.30 pm **Evensong** Responses: *Radcliffe*  
Evening Service in F *George Dyson* Psalm 145  
Almighty and everlasting God *Orlando Gibbons*

## Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 147  
8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)  
10.00 am **Baptism**  
5.30 pm **Evensong attended by Worcestershire Organists' Association** (*Lower voices*) Responses: *Cleobury*  
Evening Service in D minor *Francis Jackson* Psalm 118  
Seek him that maketh the seven stars *Edward Elgar* Hymns 247, 341

# February 2025

In Residence: The Revd Canon John Paul Hoskins

## Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> **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** (BCP) *(with livestream)*

Preacher: The Revd Dr John Fitzmaurice

10.30 am **Sung Eucharist** *(sung by the Youth Choir; with incense)*

Communion Service in B flat and F *Charles Villiers Stanford*

When Mary came to the temple *Disraeli Brown* Psalm 24.7-end

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** *(sung by the Chamber Choir)*

Responses: *Tomkins*

Evening Service in E *Herbert Murrill*

Psalms 122, 132

Geistliches Lied *Johannes Brahms*

Hymns 156 (t. 288), 234ii

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

A Ceremony of Carols *Benjamin Britten*

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