



WORCESTER CATHEDRAL

Services and Music March 2020

The lengthening days bring with them a host of possibilities and new beginnings. A quick glance at my diary for March reveals at least three beginnings: Spring (20th), British Summer Time, and Passiontide (both on the 29th). The lighter days will no doubt inspire many of us finally to put into action the tentative aspirations made at the new year. Of course each beginning also implies an end: Spring begins, Winter fades away, and GMT gives way to BST. Passiontide is not so much a beginning as a change of pace – Lent will continue into next month. But with so many beginnings and with the hope that lighter days herald, I want to ask how much can I begin? How much can I add to my life until something breaks?

I have noticed over the past years an increase in people taking something on for Lent rather than the more traditional approach of giving something up. Many of us balance this out by doing both. I appreciate this new emphasis on taking things on as a spiritual commitment during Lent, but we need to make sure we don't have so many beginnings that we start to struggle under the weight of added burdens. Endings are often more difficult than beginnings, but unless we let go we cannot fully embrace our new disciplines. Lent provides a time to give things up but it might be a good idea to consider giving up not just the unhealthy luxuries but also the unhealthy spiritual practices which we have inadvertently collected over past months.

Lent brings us opportunities to begin things which deepen our relationship with Christ. But it also requires us to put some things to an end. Endings are more difficult than beginnings, but unless we let go of our poorer spiritual habits we will not fully appreciate the lengthening and lighter days of faith.

Stephen Edwards

Dean:

Canon Precentor:

Director of Music:

Peter Atkinson

Michael Brierley

Samuel Hudson

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

March 2020

In Residence: Canon Dr Stephen Edwards

Sunday 1st March

First Sunday of Lent

7.30 am **Morning Prayer**

Psalm 119.1-16

8.00 am **Holy Communion**

10.30 am **Sung Eucharist**

The Lent Prose

Bruckner - Kronstorfer Messe

Psalm 32

Purcell - Hear my prayer, O Lord

Preacher: Canon Dr Georgina Byrne

4.00 pm **County Civic Service**

Todd - The Call of Wisdom

Stanford - Beati quorum via

Preacher: The Dean

6.30 pm **Evensong** (*sung by the Voluntary Choir*)

Responses: Rose

Dyson in F

Psalm 50.1-15

Stainer - God so loved the world

Hymns 63, 74

Preacher: Canon Dr Michael Brierley

Monday 2nd

Chad, bishop of Lichfield, missionary, 672

7.30 am **Morning Prayer**

Psalms 80, 82

8.00 am **Holy Communion**

1.05 pm **Prayers for Healing**

5.30 pm **Evensong**

Responses: Smith

Tomkins - The Second Service

Psalms 85, 86

Wesley - Wash me throughly from my wickedness

Hymn 60i

Tuesday 3rd

7.30 am **Morning Prayer**

Psalms 87, 89.1-18

8.00 am **Holy Communion**

5.30 pm **Evening Prayer**

Psalm 89.20-end

March 2020

Wednesday 4th

Ember Day

7.30 am **Morning Prayer**
8.00 am **Holy Communion**
8.30 am **Holy Communion**
1.05 pm **Holy Communion**
5.30 pm **Evensong** (*Boys' voices*)
Magnificat: Plainsong
Nunc dimittis: Burgon
Boyce - The sorrows of my heart

Psalms 119.105-128

Responses: *Nardone*
Psalms 91, 93

Hymn 60i

Thursday 5th

Day of music endowed by Caroline Aldhouse.

7.30 am **Morning Prayer**
8.00 am **Holy Communion**
12.15 pm **Lunchtime Recital**
5.30 pm **Evensong**
Daniel Purcell in E minor
Henry Purcell - Let mine eyes run down with tears
7.30 pm **Lent Lecture** (Old Palace)

Psalms 90, 92

Jonathan Hope (organ)
Responses: *Smith*
Psalms 94
Hymn 60i
The Dean

VERSE: CANTORIS

Friday 6th

Ember Day

7.30 am **Morning Prayer**
8.00 am **Holy Communion**
11.30 am **Holy Communion** (BCP)
5.30 pm **Evensong**
Morley - The Short Service
Tallis - In ieiunio et fetu
7.30 pm **Lecture**
'Wolf Hall' in Worcester

Psalms 88, 95

Responses: *Hunt*
Psalms 102
Hymn 60i
Dr Lucy Hall

Saturday 7th Perpetua, Felicity and companions, martyrs, 203

Ember Day

7.30 am **Morning Prayer**
8.00 am **Holy Communion**
5.30 pm **Evensong** attended by the Friends of Cathedral Music
Rubbra in A flat
Haydn - Insanae et vanae curae

Psalms 96, 97, 100

Responses: *Morley*
Psalms 104
Hymns 394, For the music of creation

March 2020

In Residence: Canon Dr Michael Brierley

Sunday 8th

Second Sunday of Lent

7.30 am **Morning Prayer** *Psalm 74*

8.00 am **Holy Communion**

10.30 am **Sung Eucharist**

Vaughan Williams - Mass in G minor

Psalm 121

Elgar - The spirit of the Lord is upon me

Preacher: Canon Dr Stephen Edwards

4.00 pm **Evensong attended by the Friends of Cathedral Music**

Noble in A minor

Responses: *Hunt*

Byrd - Ne irascaris, Domine

Psalm 135

Hymns 76, 336

6.30 pm **Evensong** (*sung by the Voluntary Choir*)

Responses: *Rose*

Byrd - The Second Service

Psalm 135.1-14

Rutter - Praise the Lord, O my soul

*Hymns 95, 439 (omit *)*

Preacher: The Dean

Monday 9th

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

8.00 am **Holy Communion**

1.05 pm **Prayers for Healing**

5.30 pm **Evensong**

Responses: *Hunt*

Sumsion in A

Psalm 105

Morley - Nolo mortem peccatoris

Hymn 61i

Tuesday 10th

7.30 am **Morning Prayer** *Psalm 106*

8.00 am **Holy Communion**

5.30 pm **Evening Prayer**

Psalm 107

March 2020

Wednesday 11th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	<i>Psalms 110, 111, 112</i>
8.00 am	Holy Communion	
8.30 am	Holy Communion	
1.05 pm	Holy Communion	
5.30 pm	Evensong (<i>Boys' voices</i>) <i>Bairstow in E flat</i> <i>Bednall - Salvator mundi</i>	Responses: <i>Plainsong</i> <i>Psalm 119.129-152</i> <i>Hymn 61i</i>

Thursday 12th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	<i>Psalms 113, 115</i>
8.00 am	Holy Communion	
5.30 pm	Evensong (<i>Lower voices</i>) <i>Jackson in D minor</i> <i>Wills - By the waters of Babylon</i>	Responses: <i>Cleobury</i> <i>Psalms 114, 116, 117</i> <i>Hymn 61i</i>
7.30 pm	Lent Lecture (Old Palace)	Professor John Vickerman

VERSE: DECANI

Friday 13th

Day of music endowed by Ian Bell.

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	<i>Psalm 139</i>
8.00 am	Holy Communion	
11.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
5.30 pm	Evensong <i>Jackson - The Truro Service</i> <i>Poulenc - Vinea mea electa</i>	Responses: <i>Radcliffe</i> <i>Psalms 130, 131, 137</i> <i>Hymn 61i</i>

Saturday 14th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	<i>Psalms 120, 121, 122</i>
8.00 am	Holy Communion	
5.30 pm	Evensong <i>Lucas - Penitential Canticles</i> <i>MacMillan - Give me justice</i>	Responses: <i>Morley</i> <i>Psalm 118</i> <i>Hymns 70i, 74</i>
7.30 pm	Concert <i>Bach - St Matthew Passion</i>	Malvern Festival Chorus

March 2020

In Residence: The Dean

Sunday 15th

Third Sunday of Lent

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** *Psalm 46*
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion**
- 10.30 am **Sung Eucharist**
Palestrina - Missa Aeterna Christi Munera *Psalm 95*
Palestrina - Sicut cervus Preacher: Canon Dr Michael Brierley
- 1.30 pm **Be a boy chorister for an afternoon**
- 4.00 pm **Evensong** Responses: Radcliffe
Dyson in F *Psalm 40*
Chilcott - Be thou my vision *Hymns 63, 252*
- 6.30 pm **Evensong** (*sung by the Voluntary Choir*) Responses: Rose
Wills - Evening Service on Plainsong Tones *Psalm 40*
Wesley - Wash me throughly from my wickedness *Hymns 64, 67*
Preacher: Professor John Vickerman
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Monday 16th

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** *Psalms 123, 124, 125, 126*
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion**
- 1.05 pm **Prayers for Healing**
- 5.30 pm **Evensong** Responses: Radcliffe
Holman in F minor *Psalms 127, 128, 129*
Farrant - Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake *Hymn 59i*

Tuesday 17th

Patrick, bishop, missionary, patron of Ireland, c. 460

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** *Psalms 132, 133*
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion**
- 5.30 pm **Evensong** (*sung by the choir of Cheltenham College Preparatory School*)
Nicholson in D flat Responses: Tallis
Mathias - Lift up your heads, O ye gates *Psalms 134, 135*
Hymn 278
- 7.30 pm **Royal Grammar School Spring Concert**

March 2020

Wednesday 18th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	<i>Psalms 119.153-end</i>
8.00 am	Holy Communion	
8.30 am	Holy Communion	
1.05 pm	Holy Communion	
5.30 pm	Evensong (<i>Boys' voices</i>)	Responses: <i>Nardone</i>
	<i>Watson in F</i>	<i>Psalms 136</i>
	<i>Hurford - Litany to the Holy Spirit</i>	<i>Hymn 59i</i>

Thursday 19th

Joseph of Nazareth

Day of music endowed by Derek Rowley.

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	<i>Psalms 25, 147.1-12</i>
8.00 am	Holy Communion	
12.15 pm	Lunchtime Recital Lara James (violin) with Christopher Allsop (piano)	
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: <i>Radcliffe</i>
	<i>Sumsion in G</i>	<i>Psalms 1, 112</i>
	<i>arr. Willcocks - The Cherry Tree Carol</i>	<i>Hymn 160</i>
7.30 pm	Lent Lecture (Old Palace)	Canon Dr Michael Brierley

VERSE: CANTORIS

Friday 20th

Cuthbert, bishop of Lindisfarne, missionary, 687

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	<i>Psalms 142, 144</i>
8.00 am	Holy Communion	
11.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: <i>Tomkins</i>
	<i>Farrant - The Short Service</i>	<i>Psalms 145</i>
	<i>Stainer - God so loved the world</i>	<i>Hymn 59i</i>

Saturday 21st Thomas Cranmer, archbishop of Canterbury, martyr, 1556

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	<i>Psalms 147</i>
8.00 am	Holy Communion	
5.30 pm	Evensong (<i>sung by the Chamber Choir</i>)	Responses: <i>King</i>
	<i>Dyson in D</i>	<i>Psalms 148, 149, 150</i>
	<i>Ireland - Greater love hath no man</i>	<i>Hymns 332, 381</i>
7.30 pm	Concert	Worcester Festival Choral Society
	<i>Vaughan Williams - A Sea Symphony</i>	

March 2020

In Residence: Canon Dr Georgina Byrne

Sunday 22nd

Mothering Sunday

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** *Psalm 19*
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion**
- 10.30 am **Sung Eucharist**
Darke in E *Psalm 34.11-20*
Bruckner - Ave Maria Preacher: The Rev'd Dr Mark Dorsett
- 4.00 pm **Evensong** Responses: Tomkins
Walmisley in D minor *Psalm 31.1-9*
Grieg - Ave Maris stella Hymns 64, 447
- 6.30 pm **Sung Eucharist** (*sung by the Voluntary Choir*)
Haydn - Missa Brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo *Psalm 23*
Berkeley - The Lord is my shepherd Hymns 77, 185
Preacher: Canon Dr Michael Brierley
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Monday 23rd

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** *Psalms 1, 2, 3*
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion**
- 1.05 pm **Prayers for Healing**
- 5.30 pm **Evensong** Responses: Tomkins
Byrd - The Third Service *Psalms 4, 7*
Leighton - Solus ad Victimam Hymn 61i

Tuesday 24th

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** *Psalms 5, 6, 8*
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion**
- 9.00 am **King's School End of Term Service**
- 5.30 pm **Evensong in memory of Donald Hunt** (*sung by the choir of*
Malvern St James's School) Responses: Archer
Hunt - Evening Canticles on American Spirituals *Psalm 85*
arr. Hunt - Swing low, sweet chariot Hymn 61i

March 2020

Wednesday 25th

The Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	<i>Psalms 111, 113</i>
8.00 am	Holy Communion	
8.30 am	Holy Communion	
1.05 pm	Holy Communion	
5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	<i>Psalms 131, 146</i>
5.30 pm	Sung Eucharist (<i>Boys' voices</i>)	
	<i>Britten - Missa Brevis</i>	<i>Psalm 40.6-13</i>
	<i>Hudson - The Angel Gabriel</i>	Preacher: Canon Dr Stephen Edwards

Thursday 26th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	<i>Psalms 14, 15, 16</i>
8.00 am	Holy Communion	
5.30 pm	Evensong (<i>Lower voices</i>)	Responses: Tallis
	<i>Tallis in the Dorian Mode</i>	<i>Psalm 18</i>
	<i>Tallis - The Lamentations of Jeremiah - part 1</i>	<i>Hymn 6 li</i>
7.30 pm	Lent Lecture (Old Palace)	Canon Dr Georgina Byrne

VERSE: DECANI

Friday 27th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	<i>Psalms 17, 19</i>
8.00 am	Holy Communion	
11.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
5.30 pm	Evensong (<i>Lower voices</i>)	Responses: Tallis
	<i>Morley - Fauxbourdon Service</i>	<i>Psalm 22</i>
	<i>Tallis - The Lamentations of Jeremiah - part 2</i>	<i>Hymn 6 li</i>

Saturday 28th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	<i>Psalms 20, 21, 23</i>
8.00 am	Holy Communion	
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer	<i>Psalms 24, 25</i>

March 2020

In Residence: Canon Dr Michael Brierley

Sunday 29th

Services today sung by the Chamber Choir.

7.30 am **Morning Prayer**

Psalm 86

8.00 am **Holy Communion**

10.30 am **Sung Eucharist**

Howells - Collegium Regale

Psalm 130

Mozart - Ave verum corpus

Preacher: Paul Thomas

4.00 pm **Evensong**

Responses: King

Stanford in C

Psalm 30

Briggs - O Lord, support us

Hymns 84, 95

6.30 pm **A service of music and readings for Passiontide**

(sung by the Voluntary Choir)

Wesley - Wash me throughly from my wickedness

Nardone - I give to you a new commandment

Gibbons - Drop, drop slow tears

Elgar - Ave verum corpus

Stainer - God so loved the world

Preacher: Canon Dr Stephen Edwards

Monday 30th

7.30 am **Morning Prayer**

Psalms 27, 30

8.00 am **Holy Communion**

1.05 pm **Prayers for Healing**

5.30 pm **Evening Prayer**

Psalms 26, 28, 29

Tuesday 31st

Day of music endowed by the Foundation for Sport and the Arts.

7.30 am **Morning Prayer**

Psalms 32, 36

8.00 am **Holy Communion**

5.30 pm **Evening Prayer**

Psalm 33

April 2020

Wednesday 1st April

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	<i>Psalm 34</i>
8.00 am	Holy Communion	
1.05 pm	Holy Communion	
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer	<i>Psalm 119.33-56</i>

Thursday 2nd

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	<i>Psalm 37</i>
8.00 am	Holy Communion	
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer	<i>Psalms 39, 40</i>
7.30 pm	Lent Lecture (Old Palace)	The Rev'd Dr Mark Dorsett

VERSE: DECANI

Friday 3rd

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	<i>Psalm 31</i>
8.00 am	Holy Communion	
11.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer	<i>Psalm 35</i>

Saturday 4th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	<i>Psalms 41, 42, 43</i>
8.00 am	Holy Communion	
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer	<i>Psalms 45, 46</i>

April 2020

In Residence: Canon Dr Stephen Edwards

Sunday 5th

7.30 am **Morning Prayer**

8.00 am **Holy Communion**

10.30 am **Sung Eucharist with Procession of Palms**

Rheinberger - Cantus Missae

Casals - O vos omnes

4.00 pm **Evensong**

Gibbons - The Second Service

Weelkes - Hosanna to the Son of David

6.30 pm **A Choral Devotion for Holy Week** (sung by the Chamber Choir)

Stainer - The Crucifixion

Palm Sunday

Psalms 61, 62

Psalms 31.10-18

Preacher: The Bishop

Responses: *Clucas*

Psalm 80

Hymns 78, 511



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