

SUNDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2023

THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

Safeguarding Sunday



Worcester Cathedral

Sunday News

Welcome

Welcome to the Cathedral today. If you are here with young children or babies, please ask a steward for a children's activity bag. Do join us for refreshments in the Chapter House after the service, provided by the Friends of Worcester Cathedral. New Worshippers are especially welcome and are invited to contact Canon Stephen Edwards who will be in touch with a welcome booklet:

stephenedwards@worcestercathedral.org.uk

COMMUNITY NOTICES

ADVENT 2023

Outdoor Advent Worship: Light in the Dark

A service for children and families

Sunday, 3 December, 4.30- 5.15 beginning on College Green

The Revd Dr Robin Parry will lead a special outdoor advent service with prayer, activities, songs and fire. Places are limited so please email

kimberlybohan@worcestercathedral.org.uk

Advent Procession

Sunday 3 December, 6.30 pm

The Advent Procession with Carols (sung by the Cathedral Choir, Youth Choir and Voluntary Choir)

Advent Quiet Morning: Between Darkness & Light

Saturday, 9 Dec 8.30 - 10.30 am in the Undercroft

This is an invitation to step away from the rush towards Christmas and rest in the shadows. There will be some music and speech at the start and end, but mostly silence for you to use as you wish. There will be things to look at and ponder, and prompts for prayer should you wish them. Participants may wish to bring a cushion or blanket to soften the stone floor. Some may also like to join Morning Prayer at 7.30 am, or the Eucharist at 8 am (both in the Crypt).

Advent's Happy Heresies: Things we don't believe but enjoy anyway

Mondays, 4, 11, 18 December. 7 - 8.30 pm

Each week one of the Canons will offer an Advent Carol or Seasonal Image that they love, but that they would not wish to defend theologically. We'll explore the theology, enjoy the traditions, and explore the relationship between 'proper theology' and popular tradition.

Cake Sale

There will be a Worcester Cathedral Choir Association cake sale, run by the choristers, in the Cloisters after Eucharist on Christ the King Sunday (26 November). All proceeds will support our choirs and their activities, particularly in the run up to our home Three Choirs year.

Library Second-Hand Bookstall at Christmas Fair

A novel idea—if you have any books that you would like to donate to the cathedral library's secondhand bookstall, please can you drop them off at the Cathedral's reception desk sometime in the next few weeks. The library stall will be at the Christmas Victorian fair on Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd December. Books can be fiction, non-fiction, children's books and we can sell DVDs too. Thank you very much for your continued support!

Congregational Christmas Card Exchange

It is proposed to continue the customary Congregational Christmas Card Exchange again this year. Commencing on Sunday 3 December any cards that you have for other members of the Cathedral Family may be brought to the Chapter House at coffee time and on following Sundays cards may be brought and collected as well.

Please write the full name of the intended recipient. It should be noted that this service is not intended for relatives living elsewhere in the UK! (Yes it has happened!) Any queries or problems to Phil Hancock filjoy@icloud.com

Christmas Puddings to be sold by The Friends

There are just 12 (120g) £4 puddings left. These will be on sale today in the Chapter House.

Friends of Worcester Cathedral

The Friends of Worcester Cathedral would welcome new members, please consider joining. They have recently granted money to provide new Altar Frontals for St Andrew's Chapel and Prince Arthur's Chantry and for the cushions in the Quire to be refilled with fire retardant foam and steam cleaned. Do go and look at them. The more members we have the more we can do to enhance this beautiful place. Joining booklets are available on the stand by

the North Porch door and in the Chapter House during coffee. Or visit online www.friendsofworcestercathedral.org.uk

Library Fire Rescue Plan

Have you got a burning desire to help? The Cathedral library is appealing for any spare "Bags for Life" (preferably strong ones). We would like to try and aim for a total of 300 bags we can store in the library. The Fire brigade could pack each medieval manuscript into one and send it down to the ground on a zip line in the event of a major fire. That means the bags can't be too flimsy. If you can help, even with just one or two, please leave them at the reception desk.

Worcester Cathedral Community Card

The Cathedral Community Card can be collected from the Welcome Desk during visiting hours, and at the end of Services on a Sunday they will be available from service stewards. The card is for all members of the community, whether congregation or volunteers, friends or staff, regular visitors or anyone with an interest in the Cathedral. The card is for you to show as you enter, if you so wish, so the Welcome Team know you are part of the community. There will also be occasional discounts and other benefits that come with it.

Cathedral Stewardship Scheme ('TRIO')

The Cathedral's stewardship scheme, known as TRIO – The Responsibility Is Ours, has been running for many years and constitutes a significant part of the Cathedral's income. Giving is part of Christian stewardship and discipleship and if you'd like to find out more about the Scheme please visit the website www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/community/the-responsibility-is-ours-trio

Prayer and Intercessions

Please pray for all the departed, among them Brian Marlow and Paul Simpson. The clergy maintain an intercessions list which is placed on the altar at the daily eucharist. If you would like a name to be added to this list, for whatever reason, please send an email to prayer@worcestercathedral.org.uk

Praying for the Cathedral Community

Over the course of the year a weekly prayer focus for the Cathedral Community will be printed in the Sunday News. As St Cecilia's day approaches on Wednesday, we pray this week for our Organist & Director of Music, Assistant Director of Music, Organ Scholar, and Music Administrator.

Christian Aid Middle East Appeal

To make a donation to the Christian Aid appeal and find out more about how you can respond to the current crisis, visit

www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergencies/middle-east-crisis-appeal

Addressing the climate crisis: A Living Gently on the Earth event

A debate with Worcester's parliamentary candidates: Thursday 7 December 2023, 7-9pm in The Great Hall, The Old Palace. To coincide with the United Nations COP28 climate change conference, Worcester Cathedral Eco Group has invited Worcester's prospective parliamentary candidates to discuss their parties' approaches to tackling the climate crisis. The evening will be conducted with respect for differing opinions and views.

Chair: H-J Colston-Inge, Director, Engage with China

Panel members: Mel Allcott (Liberal Democrat Party)

Marc Bayliss (Conservative Party)

Tom Collins (Labour Party)

Tor Pingree (Green Party)

The format will be a panel debate and Q&A session. Please register your attendance (free places) here

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/753166951627?aff=oddtcreator>



Questions can be submitted in advance using the QR code or this link <https://forms.gle/gSCAHJXvASrWzYKs7> or by email to ecogroup.staffan@worcestercathedral.org.uk

Cathedral Eco Video

Thanks to National Lottery Funding the Eco Group have a new video outlining its work and the progress made in eco-matters and climate issues over the past few years. You can view it here

www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/community/environment-social-action/eco-cathedral

Praying for the Holy Land

There is a prayer station in St George's Chapel in the Cathedral where you can light a candle and follow a prayer written by the Archbishop of Jerusalem.

Outdoor Advent Service for Children and Families

This year we will be holding a special outdoor Advent service for children and their families. The service will take place across various locations on Cathedral grounds. Our theme will be 'Waiting for the Dawn.' And places are limited to 50. Sunday 3 December, 4.30pm to 5.15pm - we will gather on College Green. Places are limited so please email kimberlybohan@worcestercathedral.org.uk

Worcester Theological Society

Future date: 18 January 'A Good Read'.

The Newman Association Worcester Branch

'Yoga, Zen, and Christian Faith': Speaker, the Revd Ian Spencer. Thursday 23 November, 7 pm St George's RC Church Hall WR1 1UT. All welcome.

SERVICES & EVENTS

Today's Services

- 7.30 am Morning Prayer
- 8.00 am Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer, with livestream*)
- 10.30 am Sung Eucharist
- 4.00 pm Evensong and Diocesan Farewell to the Archdeacon of Worcester
- 6.30 pm Evening Worship (*sung by the Voluntary Choir*)

Lunchtime Recitals

Recitals take place on Thursdays at 12.15 pm. Admission is free with donations welcomed at a retiring collection.

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| Thursday 23 November | Martyn Rawles (organ) |
| Thursday 30 November | Belaria (operatic duo) |

'Friends' Cathedral Choir Recital

On Thursday 23 November the Cathedral Choir will be giving a recital after Evensong as a thank you to the 'Friends' for the Annual Grant of £17,500 which is awarded to the Music Department. This will be followed by drinks and nibbles in the Chapter House. Tickets £10 from FriendsSecretary@worcestercathedral.org.uk or 01905 732920. Closing date 21 November.

Safeguarding Sunday

is a campaign organised by @thirtyoneeight. We are committed to protecting vulnerable people and creating safer places for all, which is what this campaign is all about. www.thirtyoneeight.org/get-involved/safeguarding-sunday

GENERAL NOTICES

Worcester City Council

Worcester City Council wants to hear the views of residents and businesses on what its priorities should be – and how the council should be spending public money in the year ahead. The Council's annual survey is open now and runs until 30 November. www.worcester.gov.uk/council/consultations

Parking

Those attending the Sung Eucharist on Sundays may obtain the bollard code for College Green (email parking@worcestercathedral.org.uk) Please note that parking on College Yard is extremely limited and should be used only by those who require accessible spaces.

Safeguarding at Worcester Cathedral

The Cathedral's Safeguarding Lead is Matthew Hall, whose contact email is: matthewhall@worcestercathedral.org.uk The Cathedral Safeguarding Phone number is 07391 557802 and the website (link below) contains all contact details. The Cathedral website provides details of our Safeguarding policy and procedures as well as information about Safe Spaces, an independent service supporting survivors of church-related abuse.

www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/safeguarding

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