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**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

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**Next Bishop of Worcester Announced**

Downing Street has announced that His Majesty the King has approved the appointment of Hugh Nelson as the 114th Bishop of Worcester.

Bishop Hugh is currently the Bishop of St Germans in the Diocese of Truro, a position he has held since 2020, serving as the Acting Bishop of Truro from Sept 2023 until May this year. He is also Bishop to the Armed Forces, providing spiritual and pastoral leadership to Anglican Chaplains serving in the Royal Navy, British Army and Royal Air Force, a role which he will continue to hold as Bishop of Worcester.

Ordained in 2008, Hugh served his curacy in six rural parishes in East Kent before serving for eight years as the parish priest of Goudhurst with Kilndown, two village churches in the Diocese of Canterbury. Before ordination, Hugh spent 13 years living and leading the community of L'Arche London, part of an international network of ecumenical Christian communities where people with and without learning disabilities share life together.

Bishop Hugh said: "It is an enormous privilege to be appointed as the next Bishop of Worcester. I am so looking forward to joining you in Worcestershire and Dudley on your journey as Kingdom People; getting to know the different communities across the Diocese and finding out what God is up to in its villages, towns and cities.

"In a changing world, our first call is to be faithful; to be confident that God has given us everything we need to be the Church that he is calling us to be. From that foundation we're invited to be constantly curious about what is God doing, and to respond boldly, in both traditional and new ways. And it will be a key part of my role to lead us in doing all of that together here in Worcester, with the unity that Jesus prayed for."

The Very Revd Dr Stephen Edwards, Dean of Worcester, said: "I am delighted with the news of Bishop Hugh's appointment as the next Bishop of Worcester and we look forward to welcoming him to the Cathedral and to working together in the Diocese. As the mother church and seat of the bishop, the Cathedral prays daily for Bishop Hugh as he prepares for his new ministry, and we continue to pray for Bishop Martin and the whole diocese as we grow as Kingdom People."

Bishop Hugh is married to Lizzie, who is UK Director of Search for Common Ground, an international NGO which works to transform conflicts and build peace. Hugh and Lizzie have four children in their teens and 20s. Hugh loves hanging out with his family, gardening and playing and watching football, rugby and cricket. He is delighted that he will be living opposite New Road Cricket Ground!

## **Cathedral library – old cards**

Two of the library volunteers are looking for any old cards e.g. birthday, Easter (but not Christmas cards), or just a nice picture that can be made into homemade cards. If any of the congregation or volunteers have any they no longer want, please can you drop them off either at the library door during weekdays or at the reception desk at the north porch marked for the library.

## **St Oswald's Hospital, Worcester – Almshouses available**

St Oswald's Hospital is an ancient foundation of almshouses, located in central Worcester at The Tything, Worcester, Worcestershire WR1 1HR. It is comprised of 21 Grade II listed almshouses, a chapel and gardens and the aim of St Oswald's Hospital is to provide high quality homes in a safe, secure and friendly environment, with a strong sense of community. Each of the almshouses is self-contained and consists of a living room, a bedroom, a kitchen and a bathroom and there are currently spaces available for new residents.

For more information, please contact Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan (Chaplain) on 01905 732906 or [kimberlybohan@worcestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:kimberlybohan@worcestercathedral.org.uk) or Matthew Hall (Steward) on 01905 732907 or at [MatthewHall@WorcesterCathedral.org.uk](mailto:MatthewHall@WorcesterCathedral.org.uk) Details of how to apply can also be found at [www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/community/st-oswalds-hospital](http://www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/community/st-oswalds-hospital)

## **Prayer and Intercessions**

Please pray for the sick and those in need, and for all the departed among them Susan Gladys Stuart, Mike, and Sue MacPherson (ex-WFCS). 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](mailto: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. This week we pray for the Cloister Café, its staff and volunteers.

## **Make a Will this Summer**

We are delighted to be working with four of Worcestershire's prominent solicitors to bring you 'Make a Will this Summer'. Appointments are for simple Wills only. In return you will be asked to make a donation to the Cathedral. [www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/support-us/make-a-will-this-summer](http://www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/support-us/make-a-will-this-summer)

## **Something unique...**

Celebrate and remember your loved one with a beautiful hand-crafted Perpetual Flame. Created exclusively for Worcester Cathedral—find out more here [www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/support-us/perpetual-flame](http://www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/support-us/perpetual-flame) or view the display near the Jesus Chapel.

### Living Gently on the Earth

Worcester Cathedral's award-winning training programme Living Gently on the Earth for green and generous living continues as shown below:



- Saturday 20 September, 1.40 pm. **Responsible Stewardship of Land and Sea: bio-diversity, fertilisers, pollution, habitat use.**
- Saturday 15 November, 1.40 pm. **Eco-justice: responding to the social implications of ecological harm.**
- Saturday 17 January 2026, 1.40 pm. **Acting for a Changed-World: community, government, and business.**

The events are free, and take place in the Undercroft. You can get more details and book a place to attend at [www.worcestercathedral.co.uk/eco](http://www.worcestercathedral.co.uk/eco) (or scan the QR code with your phone camera). *Tickets are not compulsory* but will ensure that you have a place if full.



### Christian Aid Resources for Action for Gaza

The Cathedral community regularly supports Christian Aid—a charity which exists to create a world where everyone can live a full life, free from poverty. Christian Aid has made some useful resources for prayer, a prayer vigil, fasting (#FastForGaza), a petition, a template letter to send to MPs and an opportunity to donate to a Middle East Humanitarian Appeal. Please take a look: [www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergencies/dec-middle-east-humanitarian-appeal/fastforgaza](http://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergencies/dec-middle-east-humanitarian-appeal/fastforgaza)

## FAITH & SPIRITUALITY

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### Meditative Prayer Group

The Meditative Prayer Group meets monthly by Zoom. The meeting includes both short reflections and periods of quiet for meditation and the opportunity for prayer. If you would like to join the meeting and do not have the Zoom link, please email [prayer@worcestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:prayer@worcestercathedral.org.uk) and request the link. The next meeting will be at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 3 September; subsequent meetings will be on 1 October, 5 November and 3 December.

### Worcester Theological Society

Thursday 18 September – 'Theology of Safeguarding: A Decade of Listening and Responding to Voices of Pain in the Methodist Church' Henry Lewis, Methodist Minister. St Andrew's Methodist, Pump Street. 1.45 pm for a 2 pm start.

### Today's Services

- 7.30 am Morning Prayer
- 8.00 pm Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer, with livestream*)
- 10.30 am Sung Eucharist (*sung by Chorus Amicorum*)
- 4.00 pm Evensong (*sung by Chorus Amicorum*)

### Next Sunday's Services

- 7.30 am Morning Prayer
- 8.00 pm Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer, with livestream*)
- 10.30 am Sung Eucharist (*sung by Wells Cathedral Chamber Choir*)
- 4.00 pm Evensong (*sung by Wells Cathedral Chamber Choir*)

### Services in the Quire

10.30 am Eucharists on Sundays will take place in the Quire (rather than the Nave) this summer until 31 August inclusive.

### Worship in the Garden and Sacred Garden

You can find out more about these services and events by visiting [www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/eco](http://www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/eco) or by contacting the Revd Dr Robin Parry on [RobinParry@worcestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:RobinParry@worcestercathedral.org.uk)

### Cathedral Library Tours

Library tours will be offered this summer on either Thursdays or Fridays at 12.30 pm to 1.30 pm—check via the cathedral website. It is also sometimes possible to arrange a private library tour by appointment at other times—contact 01905 732922 or email [davidmorrison@worcestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:davidmorrison@worcestercathedral.org.uk) for more details. Specific themed library tours eg. medicine, law, maps or music are also possible on request.

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## GENERAL NOTICES

### Parking

Those attending regular services may obtain the bollard code for College Green (email [parking@worcestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:parking@worcestercathedral.org.uk))—the entrance from College Green to the cloisters is open on Sunday mornings and now unlocked (though shut) for all Evensongs. Please note that parking on College Yard on the north side of the cathedral is no longer possible.

### Safeguarding at Worcester Cathedral

The Cathedral's Safeguarding Officer is Juliet Faulkner, whose contact email is [julietfaulkner@worcestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:julietfaulkner@worcestercathedral.org.uk) and phone numbers 07385662791 or 01905 732948. 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](http://www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/safeguarding)

### **Cathedral Newsletter**

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### **Sunday News**

Notices for inclusion in this Sunday News should be emailed (usually by the previous Wednesday) to [sundaynews@worcestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:sundaynews@worcestercathedral.org.uk)