SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER 2026
THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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. New Worshippers are especially welcome, please ask a steward or a verger for a welcome booklet.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Christmas Puddings for sale in aid of The Friends of Worcester Cathedral

As we did last year The Friends will be selling "Ultimate Plum Pudding" Christmas puddings in the Chapter House during coffee after the Sunday morning 10.30 am Eucharist. They come in three sizes: Small 120g = £5; Medium 454g = £11; Large 908g = £16. They are delicious as anyone who has had them during the last few years will tell you. Payment can be by cash, card or BACS.

Christmas Cards for sale

Christmas cards will also be for sale in the Chapter House during coffee, in support of the cathedral library. Cash only.

Sandwich Sunday

On the first Sunday of the month (commencing 1 November), you are invited to bring along your picnic/sandwich lunch and stay to eat it with others, after coffee, in the Chapter House. It is also planned to offer homemade soup, cash donations welcome. Why not come along, have a chat and eat your lunch with friends. Leave when you want to. Everyone is most welcome.

Prayer and Intercessions

Please pray for the sick and those in need; and for all the departed, among them Rupert Preston Bell, Peter Mkengi, and Amber Knezevic. 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. This week we pray for those resourcing the cathedral's HR and Governance: Sara Ward, PA to the Dean, and Jodie Bookes, EA to the COO and Officer for HR and Governance.

Farewell to Darren Steele

The Cathedral's Master Mason and Works Manager, Darren Steele, is retiring at the end of October after nearly 30 years distinguished service to the cathedral, stonemasonry, conservation, and teaching and mentorship through the Cathedrals' Workshop Fellowship. Those wishing to contribute to a gift in gratitude for his time with us can send a cheque made payable to '**Worcester Cathedral**' or leave a cash donation at **The Old Palace, Deansway, Worcester WR1 2JE**—clearly marking the envelope '**FAO Finance/Steele Presentation**', or by making a BACS transfer using the following details: Account Name: **Worcester Cathedral**, Account Number **50182885**, Sort Code **20-98-61**, and please add the reference **Steele Presentation**.

Vacancies

The Cathedral is currently recruiting for the following roles:

- Choral Scholars
- Organ Scholar
- Principal Tenor Lay Clerk
- Assistant Tenor Lay Clerk
- Member of the Finance Committee
- Cathedral Shop Volunteer

If you know anyone who might be interested, further details can be found at www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/jobs

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
Details of how to apply can also be found at www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/community/st-oswalds-hospital

Adopt a Piece of History

Supporting the conservation and ongoing care of Worcester Cathedral can be done in a thoughtful and creative way, with adoptions starting from £25 for items such as stained-glass windows, misericords, and carvings. Adopters receive a personalised certificate and a high-resolution photograph in a presentation folder, with all funds contributing to the Cathedral's upkeep and running costs—creating a meaningful gift for someone you love, from

somewhere you love. Choose your piece from the catalogue here: www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/adopthistory

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 or view the display near the Jesus Chapel.

FAITH & SPIRITUALITY

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 and request the link. The next meetings are at 7.30 pm on Wednesdays 4 November and 2 December.

Tewkesbury Abbey Theology Forum

Tuesday 17 November – 'The Abbots of Tewkesbury: Altruism, Ambition and Avarice" The Revd Charles Whitney. Tewkesbury Abbey Parish Hall. 7 pm drinks for a 7.30 pm start.

Worcester Theological Society

Thursday 19 November – 'Rudolph Steiner's Christian Theology' Adrian Lamont. St Andrew's Methodist, Pump Street. 1.45 pm for a 2 pm start.

SERVICES & EVENTS

Today's Services

7.30 am	Morning Prayer
8.00 am	Holy Communion *(Book of Common Prayer, with livestream)*
10.30 am	Eucharist with Hymns
4.00 pm	Evening Prayer *(said)*

Next Sunday's Services

7.30 am	Morning Prayer
8.00 am	Holy Communion *(Book of Common Prayer, with livestream)*
10.30 am	Sung Eucharist *(sung by the Oakville Singers; with incense)*
2.30 pm	Worship in the Garden
4.00 pm	Evensong *(sung by the Oakville Singers)*

All Saints' and All Souls'

There will be a Sung Eucharist for All Saints' Day at 10.30 am on Sunday 1 November, and a Requiem Eucharist for All Souls' Day at 5.30 pm on Monday 2 November. Incense will be used at both services. If you would like a name to be included on the list of the departed to be remembered at the requiem, please email prayer@worcestercathedral.org.uk mentioning the All Souls' requiem service in your subject line.

Remembrance

Sunday 8 November	10.00 am	A Service of Remembrance
	10.55 am	Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial
	6.30 pm	Requiem Eucharist
Wednesday 11 November	10.55 am	Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial

Organ Spooktacular Concert

Join us for an hour of spooktacular music in a concert supporting WCCA on Saturday 31 October, played on the cathedral organs by our Director of Music, Samuel Hudson and our new Assistant Director of Music, Alexander Robson. Featuring some of Bach's scariest music, a *Danse macabre* by Saint-Saëns, and music from your favourite spooky films, this concert promises to be a treat (no tricks!) for Halloween! Tickets (£10 adults, £5 children) are available on the door or via www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/Spooktacular

The UK première of *The Worcester Pilgrim*

A special commemorative evening marking the 40th anniversary of the discovery of the Worcester Pilgrim, featuring a new work by Ian Venables commissioned by the English Music Festival. Thursday 12 November, 6.30 pm in the Chapter House. Tickets £25. Proceeds support the John Paul Hoskins Choral Scholarship Appeal. See www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/worcesterpilgrim or scan the QR code.

A Christmas Carol

This Is My Theatre bring Charles Dickens' classic tale *A Christmas Carol* to life in a one-act adaptation. The Old Palace. 3pm & 7pm, Wednesday 18 November. Tickets £22 (U16 £16). www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/ChristmasCarol

An Evening with Allister Malcolm: creator of Your Perpetual Flame

Allister Malcolm, the acclaimed glass artist behind the Perpetual Flame, will share the story of his career and his passion for creating works that connect people with memory, reflection and hope. The Old Palace. 7pm, Thursday 26 November. Tickets £15. www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/AllisterMalcolm

Lunchtime Recitals

Recitals begin at 12.15 pm and last until around 1 pm. Donations welcomed at a retiring collection.

Thursday 5 November	Ophelia Amar (organ)
Thursday 12 November	Evan Lawrence (organ)
Thursday 19 November	James Lancelot (organ)
Thursday 26 November	Thomas Howell (organ)

GENERAL NOTICES

Parking

Regular worshippers at Evensong or on Sundays may obtain a bollard code for College Green (email parking@worcestercathedral.org.uk)—the entrance from College Green to the cloisters is open on Sunday mornings and unlocked (though shut) for all Evensongs. Accessible parking spaces on College Yard can be booked for blue badge holders via www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/parking

Safeguarding at Worcester Cathedral

The Cathedral website provides details of our Safeguarding policy as well as information about Safe Spaces, an independent service supporting survivors of church-related abuse: www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/safeguarding. If you have concerns about a child, young person or adult who may have been harmed or be at risk of harm, please contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Team, by email safeguardingadvice@cofe-worcester.org.uk or phone 01905 732800.

Cathedral Newsletter

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Sunday News

Notices for inclusion in the next issue of the Sunday News should be emailed by Wednesday 28 October to sundaynews@worcestercathedral.org.uk