

# Services & Giving



Worcester Cathedral welcomes all who seek a quiet place for reflection or prayer.

*Father in heaven,  
you have given us a mind to know you,  
a will to serve you and a heart to love you.*

*Be with us today in all we do,  
so that your light may shine out in our lives,  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen*

## Sunday Services November 2020

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| 8am     | Holy Communion (BCP)  |
| 10.30am | Holy Communion (Sung Eucharist)<br>(also Live Streamed on Facebook) |
| 4pm     | Evensong (from 20 September)  |

## Monday to Saturday Services

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|---------|---|
| 8am     | Everyday - Holy Communion<br>(only Live Streamed on Facebook) |
| 1pm     | Wednesday - Holy Communion                                    |
| 11.30am | Friday - Holy Communion (BCP)                                 |
| 5.30pm  | Every day (except Tuesday) - Evensong                         |

For other services, and changes to the above, please see the notice boards or website at [www.worcestercathedral.co.uk/services](http://www.worcestercathedral.co.uk/services)

## Giving

We are custodians of a very precious heritage.

It costs a significant amount every day to keep the Cathedral open to worshippers, visitors and pilgrims alike.

We are committed to opening our doors free of charge, as our Benedictine forbears once did.

We receive no support from the state so we ask for a £6 voluntary donation from all visitors.

For more information on how you can help visit [www.worcestercathedral/support-us](http://www.worcestercathedral/support-us)

# Information & Your Visit

## Accessibility

Most parts of the Cathedral that are available to visit are accessible and parking can be made available for disabled visitors. A loop is available at all services for the hard of hearing.

## Interactive Exploring

Explore the Cathedral and download our free App for phones and tablets and follow self-guided trails exploring this ancient building and the faith which inspired it. Please note that some parts of the Cathedral may not be available to visit at the current time.

## Photography

You are welcome to take personal photos after purchasing a permit. Photography is NOT permitted during services and concerts.

## Meeting and Function Rooms

Available to hire at the Cathedral, with supporting catering. Contact: [events@worcestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:events@worcestercathedral.org.uk)

## Cloister Café

Refresh yourself with a range of hot and cold food. Groups please book in advance.

## Guided Tours

Socially distanced tours are available to pre-book for groups. Contact: [visits@worcestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:visits@worcestercathedral.org.uk)

## The Tower

The Tower is currently not open.

## Cathedral Shop

The Cathedral shop is situated in the Cloister.



# WORCESTER CATHEDRAL

## Autumn 2020

Open for visiting 11am - 3pm, Monday to Saturday and 1pm - 3pm on Sunday.

There is no charge to visit, donations welcomed. (Some areas may be closed)

There is normally a member of the clergy available.

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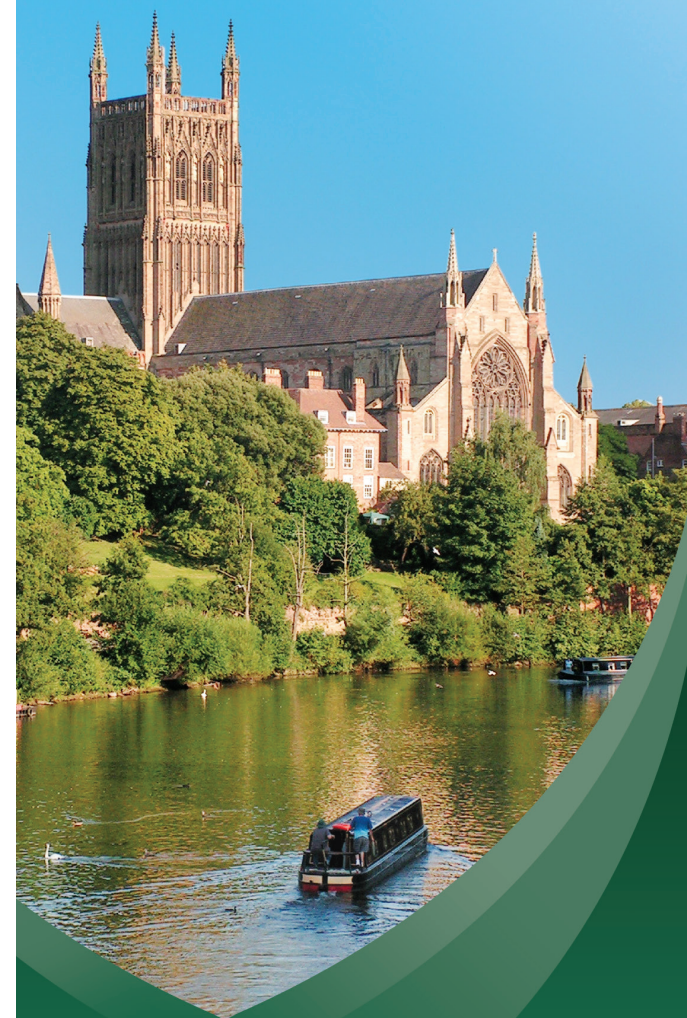
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This leaflet is available in large print.



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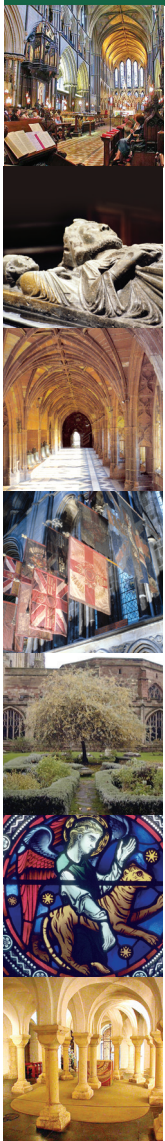
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# Welcome



# About the Cathedral

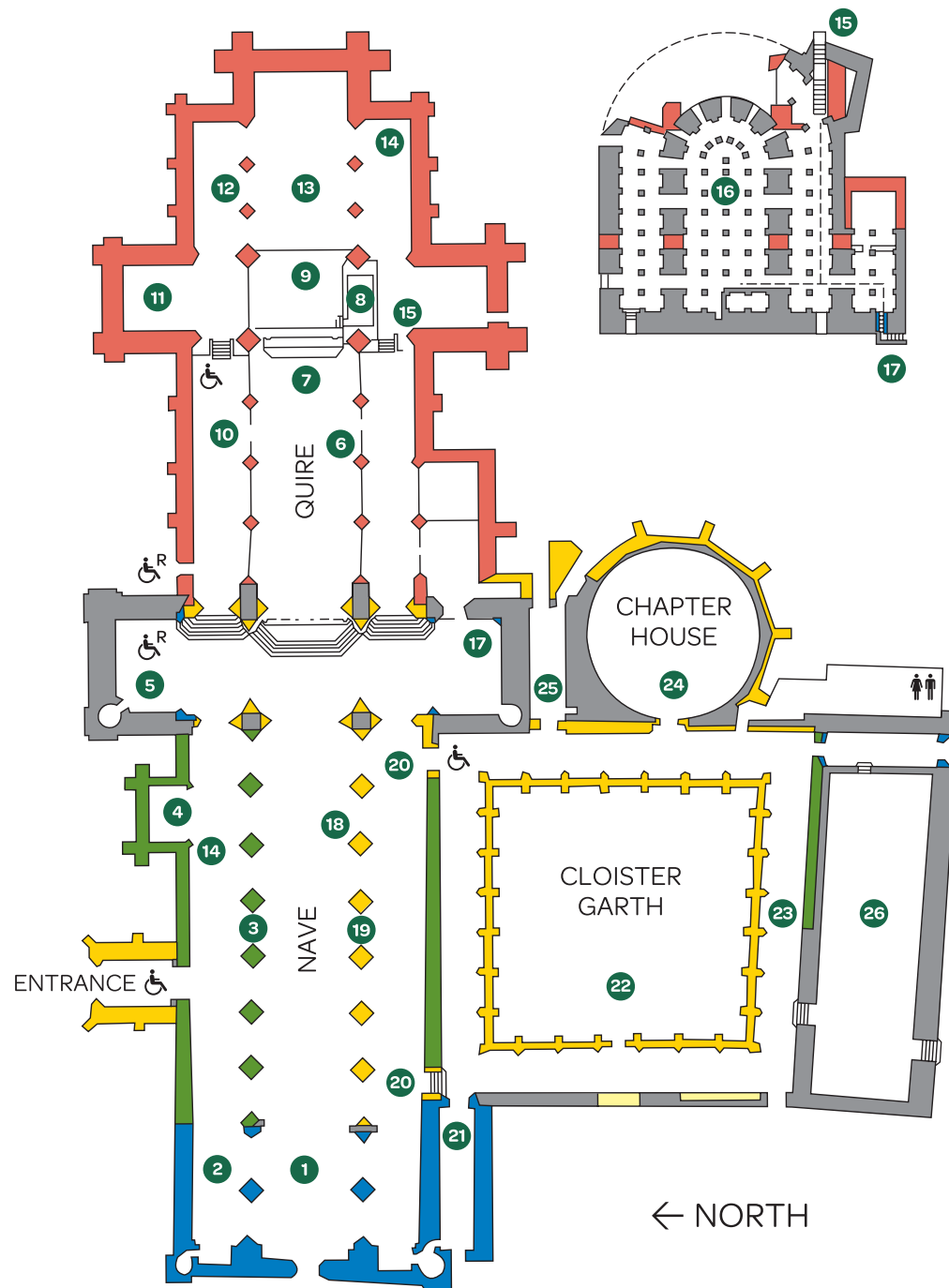


Worcester Cathedral has been a place of prayer and worship for fourteen centuries and is dedicated to Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary. It has been described as possibly the most interesting of all England's cathedrals, especially architecturally. The first Cathedral was founded in 680. Saint Oswald then built another cathedral in 983, and established a monastery attached to it. Saint Wulfstan began the present building in 1084 replacing the earlier cathedrals.

During Anglo-Saxon times, Worcester was one of the most important monastic cathedrals in the country. It was a centre of great learning, which continued into the later middle ages, when Worcester's Benedictine monks went to university to study a variety of subjects, such as theology, medicine, law, history, mathematics, physics and astronomy. Some of these medieval university textbooks still survive in the cathedral library today.

The monastery continued until 1540 when Henry VIII dissolved it, and some of the last monks became the first Dean and Chapter. The cathedral was badly damaged in the Civil Wars, and as a consequence a major programme of rebuilding was required after the Restoration of Charles II. From the late seventeenth until the nineteenth centuries there were several campaigns to restore parts of the cathedral, but the Victorians from 1854-75 carried out the largest of these. Worcester also has a famous musical tradition. Sir Edward Elgar performed in the cathedral at many Three Choirs Festival concerts.

The Cathedral's attractions include **King John's Tomb**, **Prince Arthur's Chantry**, the early **12th Century Chapter House**, **St Wulfstan's Crypt**, **medieval cloisters** and magnificent **Victorian stained glass**.



## Your guide to Worcester Cathedral

1. West end and West window and Baldwin Memorial (d.1947)
2. Elgar plaque and window
3. Beauchamp tomb (d.1388)
4. Jesus Chapel
5. Entrance to Tower
6. Bishop's throne (19th Century)  
Misericords (14th Century)
7. King John's Tomb (d.1216)
8. Prince Arthur's chantry (d.1502)
9. High Altar
10. Duke of Hamilton plaque (d.1651)
11. St George's Chapel;  
Studdert Kennedy  
(Woodbine Willie) memorial
12. Spandrel carvings
13. Lady Chapel & East window
14. Prayer candlestands
15. Dean's Chapel and  
entrance to the crypt
16. Norman crypt (including an  
exhibition in south aisle)
17. Exit from crypt
18. Pulpit (19th Century)
19. Wilde monument (d.1608)
20. Entrance to Cloister
21. Gift Shop
22. Herb garden
23. Millennium Window
24. Chapter House
25. Cloister Café (refreshments)
26. College Hall / Undercroft

- Toilets
- Wheelchair access
- Wheelchair access by request

- Norman (11th/early 12th Century)
- Transitional Norman (late 12th Century)
- Early English (13th Century)
- Decorated (early 14th Century)
- Perpendicular (late 14th Century)

