

SUNDAY 30 MARCH 2025
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
(MOTHERING 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. New Worshippers are especially welcome, please ask a steward or a verger for a welcome booklet.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Send Green Easter Greetings with Ease!

Many of us love to send Happy Easter best wishes for Easter Day to celebrate our Lord's resurrection. Rather than buying, writing, and sending cards to your friends at Worcester Cathedral, you can now send greetings to everyone through our virtual and sustainable e-aster Greeting, and at the same time support the Cathedral's work in the community. Here's how it works:

1. **Don't spend money on cards this year** but instead make a donation to Worcester Cathedral for the **Communal e-aster Greeting**.

You can do this via <https://bit.ly/4izMdMC> or by scanning the QR code with your phone camera and click on the link. You will have the opportunity to let us know how you would like your name to appear in the list of senders, or if you would like to remain anonymous. Please make your Communal e-aster Greeting by midnight on 16 April.



2. **On Easter Day, an e-greeting will be sent to all the Cathedral community** who receive our fortnightly e-news.

The names of all who have kindly made a donation to send the e-aster Greeting will be listed in this **e-greeting** as well as in the **Cathedral Sunday News**.

The benefits are:

- **Greener** – reduce, re-use, recycle.
- **Inclusive** – no one is missed out.
- **Easier** – avoid writer's cramp!
- **Wiser** – raises money for the Cathedral.

All funds raised will support the Cathedral's ongoing running costs, wherever those funds can be most effective in furthering our Vision.

Benefice Administrator required

An Administrator is required for a busy group of seven churches between Pershore and Evesham. This is a part-time post of 21.5 hours a month, paid

monthly at £288.10. Closing date 7 April 2025. For further details see www.achurchnearyou.com/benefice/42-067BW/page/92844

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 or Matthew Hall (Steward) on 01905 732907 or at MatthewHall@WorcesterCathedral.org.uk Details of how to apply can also be found at 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 Graham Lyall and Diana Perkins. 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 the cathedral's Events Team.

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.

ENVIRONMENT & SOCIAL JUSTICE

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 17 May, 1.30pm. **Living a low-carbon lifestyle.**
The Undercroft.
- Saturday 19 July, 1.30 pm. **Living in Harmony with Life: diet and animal Welfare.**
- Saturday 20 September, 1.30 pm. **Responsible Stewardship of Land and Sea: bio-diversity, fertilisers, pollution, habitat use.**
- Saturday 15 November, 1.30 pm. **Eco-justice: responding to the social implications of ecological harm.**



The events are free. You can get more details and book a place to attend at 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.

Charities

Each year the Cathedral donates a portion of its income from congregational giving to external charities. Thank you to everyone who made nominations; this year we have chosen to support:

- **Worcester Welcomes** – a charity dedicated to assisting asylum seekers in their journey towards integration. They provide essential support services, including housing, benefits guidance, training opportunities and social events.
- **Maggs Day Centre** – a Worcester-based charity that supports the homeless and vulnerable. They provide day centres in Worcester and Malvern, help with clothing and accommodation, and a consistent trusted point of contact for help from other agencies.
- **The Bridge Counselling Service** – a team of trained counsellors who have been supporting people from all backgrounds and beliefs in the Worcestershire area for over 20 years. They help clients with a wide range of issues including anxiety and depression, bereavement, relationship problems, abuse, confusion, and despair.

These charities all offer opportunities for volunteering, and we hope to encourage practical involvement as well as financial support. Details to follow...

Bishop's Lent Appeal

This year's Lent Appeal will be supporting the Morogoro Bible College Scholarship Fund, newly set up by members of our diocesan Morogoro Partnership group to support the costs of tuition and board for catechists, evangelists and pastors from the mission parishes across our link Diocese of Morogoro in Tanzania. Details of how you can contribute can be found at www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/lent-appeal

Old Spectacles Please!

Worcester Rotary Club are again collecting old spectacles. These are sent through the local Lions club to Vision Action and are used to help those in countries where is great need. In addition the Rotary Club will make a donation of £1 for each pair collected to Vision Action up to £700. Please give your glasses (cases are not required) to either John or Liz Wright.

FAITH & SPIRITUALITY

Lent Course – ‘What is Truth? Faith in a fragile world’

This year’s Lent course is born out of the sense that the world is in the midst of tumultuous change. The question, ‘what is truth?’ is at the heart of our current world situation, and at the heart of Christian Faith. Sessions will take place in the Undercroft (enter via College Green) on Tuesday evenings in Lent from 7.30 pm to 9 pm. This week (1 April): *AI, Art & Empathy*. Can AI generate truth or develop a Christian ethic? Words, silence, and the art of empathy.

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 meeting will be at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 9 April; subsequent meetings will be on 7 May and 4 June.

Worcester Theological Society

Thursday 15 May – Prof. Ann Conway-Jones, “Sibling Rivalry: early Jewish-Christian relations and their legacy”. St Andrew’s Methodist, Pump Street. 1.45 pm for a 2 pm start.

The Newman Association

‘Hope in the Cross’ Talk by David McLoughlin at St George’s Catholic Parish Hall, Sansome Place. Wednesday 9 April 7 pm to 8.30 pm. Refreshments provided.

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
6.30 pm Evening Worship (*sung by the Voluntary Choir*)

Next Sunday's Services

- 7.30 am Morning Prayer
- 8.00 am Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer, with livestream*)
- 10.30 am Eucharist with Hymns (*no choir*)
- 3.00 pm Worship in the Garden
- 4.00 pm Evening Prayer (*no choir*)

Palm Sunday 13 April

- 7.30 am Morning Prayer
- 8.00 am Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer, with livestream*)
- 10.30 am The Liturgy of Palm Sunday
(*meeting in Cathedral Square for the blessing of palms*)
- 4.00 pm Evensong
- 6.30 pm As Service of Music and Readings for Holy Week
(*sung by the Voluntary Choir*)

Monday of Holy Week 14 April

- 11.00 am Chrism Eucharist
- 5.30 pm Evensong
- 8.00 pm Compline (*sung by the Chamber Choir*)

Tuesday of Holy Week 15 April

- 8.00 pm Compline (*sung by the Youth Choir*)

Wednesday of Holy Week 16 April

- 5.30 pm Evensong
- 8.00 pm Compline (*lower voices*)

Maundy Thursday 17 April

- 12.15 pm Devotional Performance of Stabat Mater *Paul Carr*
(*sung by the Youth Choir*)
- 8.00 pm The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday (*with incense*)

Good Friday 18 April

- 1.30 pm The Liturgy of Good Friday

Easter Eve 19 April

- 8.00 pm The Easter Liturgy (*with incense*)

Easter Day 20 April

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

6.30 pm A Service of Music and Readings for Easter
(sung by the Voluntary Choir)

Worship in the Garden and Sacred Garden

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

St John Passion

The Cathedral Choir will be performing J. S. Bach's St John Passion on Saturday 5 April (tickets £22/£18/£12 WCCStJohnPassion2025.eventbrite.co.uk).

Youth Choir Recital

On Maundy Thursday (17 April) the Youth Choir will give a devotional performance of Stabat Mater by Paul Carr at 12.15 pm. (Free admission, retiring collection)

Faith in Crime Fiction

From the Golden Age to current day, crime fiction has drawn upon Christian stories and themes such as justice, redemption, innocence, and the prophetic voice; some of these books even feature a clerical detective. Canon Georgina Byrne, formerly a Residentiary Canon here in Worcester and now teaching Christian doctrine and contextual theology at The Queen's Foundation, Birmingham is also (writing as Georgina Clarke) the acclaimed author of the Lizzie Hardwicke mysteries set in 18th-century London and *The Dazzle of the Light*—which was inspired by the Forty Thieves, a gang of notorious female thieves in East London—and will be giving a talk about her novels, faith in crime fiction and also what religious people—vicars, priests, monks and nuns—*actually* do and why they might make good sleuths. 7 pm, Wednesday 2 April in the Old Palace. Tickets (£12) available from WCFaithInCrimeFiction.eventbrite.co.uk

GENERAL NOTICES

Parking

Those attending regular services may obtain the bollard code for College Green (email parking@worcestercathedral.org.uk)—the entrance from College Green to the cloisters is open on Sunday mornings and now unlocked (though shut) for Sunday 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 Lead is Canon Kimberly Bohan, whose contact email is: kimberlybohan@worcestercathedral.org.uk The phone number is 01905 732906 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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