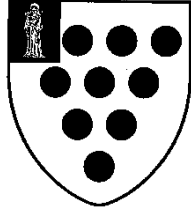


The Cathedral Church of Christ
and the Blessed Mary the Virgin of Worcester



Sung Eucharist

The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity
(Prisons Sunday)
9 October 2022

President:

The Reverend Canon John Paul Hoskins, Precentor

Preacher:

The Reverend Canon Hazel Charlton,
Dean of Women's Ministry, Diocese of Worcester

*Make in us a captive conscience
quick to hear, to act, to plead.*

Welcome



to everyone worshipping in Worcester Cathedral this morning.

Large-print copies of this service-booklet are available from the stewards.

Welcome to **babies** and **children** – please ask a steward for an activity bag.

New worshippers are invited to contact Canon Stephen Edwards (stephenedwards@worcestercathedral.org.uk) who can give you a **welcome booklet**.

A particular welcome to our **preacher**, the Reverend Canon Hazel Charlton, Team Vicar of Halas, and an Honorary Canon of this cathedral.

Today is **Prisons Sunday** and we once again welcome members of the Diocese of Worcester's **Criminal Justice Affairs Group (CJAG)** to help lead our worship. CJAG offers a Christian perspective on criminal justice matters and identifies ways to influence decision-makers through appropriate social action. Today's gospel identifies with the hopelessness of 10 outcast lepers. Prisons Week asks us to see in them the plight of those in our prisons, remembering especially the negative effects of Covid on all aspects of the Criminal Justice System, but also to see the possibility of hope springing from a thankful heart as we pray for forgiveness, justice, mercy and hope for the future through the redeeming power of Christ.

We all join together in the words printed in **bold**. Please follow the directions about standing, sitting or kneeling if you can; but do also feel free to sit down at any time if you need to.

All baptised, communicant members of churches in which God the Holy Trinity is worshipped are welcome to receive **communion** here if they wish. Those who are not receiving communion are warmly invited to come forward with those who are receiving communion, if they wish, to receive instead a **blessing** (please hold this booklet as a sign that you wish to receive a blessing). Please speak to a steward or vergier before the service if you wish to receive **gluten-free** consecrated bread, or to have communion brought to you in your seat.

This service is being **live streamed** to Facebook. Please talk to a steward if you have any queries or concerns.

A **collection** will be taken as you leave the cathedral at the end of the service, which includes a facility for contactless donation. Your gift will support the cathedral's ministry and mission, and help to keep the building in good repair and open to all without charge. UK tax-payers are kindly asked to use gift-aid envelopes, which allows the cathedral to claim an additional 25% of the donation from the government, at no additional cost to the donor. If you wish to give regularly, please contact Gerald Harris of the Stewardship Committee via the Chapter Office (01905 732900).

Refreshments are served in the Chapter House (through the Cloisters) after the service. All are warmly welcome.

The people stand as the ministers enter, and this hymn is sung

RHUDDLAN

Melody in Edward Jones's
Musical Relicks of Welsh Bards (1800)



**God of freedom, God of justice,
you whose love is strong as death,
you who saw the dark of prison,
you who knew the price of faith—
touch our world of sad oppression
with your Spirit's healing breath.**

**Rid the earth of torture's terror,
you whose hands were nailed to wood,
hear the cries of pain and protest,
you who shed the tears and blood—
move in us the power of pity
restless for the common good.**

**Make in us a captive conscience
quick to hear, to act, to plead;
make us truly sisters, brothers
of whatever race or creed—
teach us to be fully human,
open to each other's need.**

Shirley Erena Murray (b. 1931)

The Greeting

President In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

The president welcomes the people and introduces the service.

Prayers of Penitence

Minister God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ
to save us from our sins,
to be our advocate in heaven,
and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with all.

All **Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

President Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

The choir sings

*Gloria in excelsis Deo,
et in terra pax
hominibus bonae voluntatis.*

*Laudamus te, benedicimus te,
adoramus te, glorificamus te,
gratias agimus tibi
propter magnam gloriam tuam,
Domine Deus, Rex coelestis,
Deus Pater Omnipotens.*

*Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe,
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,
Filius Patris.*

*Qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.*

*Qui tollis peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem nostram.*

*Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.*

*Quoniam tu solus sanctus,
tu solus Dominus,
tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe,
cum Sancto Spiritu,
in gloria Dei Patris.
Amen.*

Glory be to God on high,
and in earth peace,
good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee
for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ:
O Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God
the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost, art Most High
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Today's Music

The choral setting of the eucharist today is the *Missa Sanctae Margaretae* by Gabriel Jackson (b. 1962), and the communion motet is *Ave verum corpus* by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756–1791).

Ave verum corpus was composed in June 1791 for the feast of Corpus Christi, originally scored for strings, organ and choir. It is notable for its simplicity and calmness.

The Collect

President Let us pray.

The people remain standing.

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The people sit for the readings and psalm.

First Reading

This reading is read by Paul West, the Bishop of Worcester's Adviser on Criminal Justice Affairs, and a former Chief Constable of West Mercia Police.

Reader A reading from the second book of Kings.

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, 'If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.' When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, 'Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.'

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, 'Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.' So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, 'Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be

clean.’ But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, ‘I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?’ He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, ‘Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, “Wash, and be clean”?’ So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, ‘Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel.’

2 Kings 5.1-3, 7-15b

All For the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

Psalm

Choir I will give thanks unto the Lord with my whole heart :
secretly among the faithful, and in the congregation.

The works of the Lord are great :
sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

His work is worthy to be praised, and had in honour :
and his righteousness endureth for ever.

The merciful and gracious Lord hath so done his marvellous works :
that they ought to be had in remembrance.

He hath given meat unto them that fear him :
he shall ever be mindful of his covenant.

He hath shewed his people the power of his works :
that he may give them the heritage of the heathen.

The works of his hands are verity and judgement :
all his commandments are true.

They stand fast for ever and ever :
and are done in truth and equity.

He sent redemption unto his people :
he hath commanded his covenant for ever;
holy and reverend is his Name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom :
a good understanding have all they that do thereafter;
the praise of it endureth for ever.

Psalm 111

Second Reading

This reading is read by Keith Stokes-Smith, a member of the Criminal Justice Affairs Group, and a retired Worcestershire magistrate.

Reader A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy.

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

2 Timothy 2.8-15

All For the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

The people stand to sing this hymn

ABRIDGE

Isaac Smith (1734-1805)



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2

**Be thou my guardian and my guide,
and hear me when I call;
let not my slippery footsteps slide,
and hold me lest I fall.**

**The world, the flesh, and Satan dwell
around the path I tread;
O, save me from the snare of hell,
thou quickener of the dead.**

3

And if I tempted am to sin,
and outward things are strong,
do thou, O Lord, keep watch within,
and save my soul from wrong.

4

Still let me ever watch and pray,
and feel that I am frail;
that is the tempter cross my way,
yet he may not prevail.

Isaac Williams (1802–1865)

Gospel Reading

The people remain standing for this acclamation which heralds the Gospel reading

Choir

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Welcome with meekness the implanted word
that has the power to save your souls.

cf. James 1.21



All

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Reader

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.



All

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

Luke 17.11-19

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



All

Praise to you, O Christ, O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

The people stand.

All

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

The people kneel.

The intercessions are led by Diane Fulbrook, Secretary of the Criminal Justice Affairs Group, and a former head of Probation in Wiltshire.

After each bidding, the following is sung

The musical notation is written on two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are: "Lord in your mer - cy: hear our prayer." The word "Choir" is written above the first staff, and "All" is written above the second staff. The melody for "Choir" starts on G4 and moves stepwise to D5. The melody for "All" starts on G4 and moves stepwise to D5. The bass line consists of a single note G2 for the first part and a chord of G2-B2-D2 for the second part.

At the end of the prayers, the following is said

All **Merciful Father,
accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The Peace

The people stand.

President 'Where two or three are gathered together in my name,'
says the Lord, 'there am I in the midst of them.'

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Minister Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Taking of the Bread and Wine

This hymn is sung, during which the bread and wine are placed on the altar

PETRA

Richard Redhead (1820-1901)
using the shape of a Spanish *Tantum Ergo*



**Rock of ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood,
from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure,
cleansing me from its guilt and power.**

**Not the labours of my hands
can fulfil thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears for ever flow,
all for sin could not atone;
thou must save, and thou alone.**

**Nothing in my hand I bring,
simply to thy cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress;
helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly;
wash me, Saviour, or I die.**

**While I draw this fleeting breath,
when mine eyes are closed in death,
when I soar through tracts unknown,
see thee on thy judgement throne;
rock of ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee.**

Augustus Toplady (1740–1778)

President Let us pray.

The people remain standing.

As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now reunited on this table in bread and wine,
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together
from the corners of the earth
into your kingdom.

All **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

President The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,
through whom you have created all things;
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,
he lived on earth and went about among us;
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;
he put an end to death by dying for us;
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

And now we give you thanks
because you are the source of light and life;
you made us in your image
and called us to new life in him.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

<i>Choir</i>	<p><i>Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.</i></p> <p><i>Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.</i></p>	<p>Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.</p> <p>Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.</p>
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President Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Minister Great is the mystery of faith:
All **Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

President And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Oswald, Wulfstan and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

The people kneel.

President As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread, saying

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Giving of Communion

The president invites the people to communion, saying

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Choir

*Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.*

O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

*Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.*

O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

*Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.*

O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

The president and people receive communion. Please follow the directions of the stewards and vergers and return to your seats via the side aisles.

All baptised members of churches in which God the Holy Trinity is worshipped are welcome to receive communion here if they wish. Those who are currently cautious about receiving communion from the common cup should be reassured that it has always been considered valid to receive communion in one kind only.

Those who are not receiving communion are warmly invited to come forward too, if they wish, to receive a blessing. Please carry this booklet as a sign that you wish to receive a blessing rather than communion.

During the giving of communion, the choir sings

*Ave verum corpus natum
de Maria Virgine,
vere passum immolatum
in cruce pro homine,
cuius latus perforatum
unda fluxit sanguine.
Esto nobis praegustatum
in mortis examine.*

Hail, true body,
born of the Virgin Mary,
who truly suffered and was sacrificed
on the cross for humankind,
from whose pierced side
flowed water and blood.
Be our foretaste [of heaven]
in the trial of death.

Words: attributed to Pope Innocent VI (14th-century)

Music: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756–1791)

The people stand to sing this hymn

GIVE THANKS

Henry Smith (b. 1952)



**Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given
Jesus Christ, his Son.**

(repeat)

**And now let the weak say, 'I am strong'
let the poor say, 'I am rich'
because of what the Lord has done for us!**

(repeat)

Henry Smith (b. 1952)

Prayer after Communion

President Let us pray.

The people remain standing.

Lord, we pray that your grace
may always precede and follow us,
and make us continually to be given to all good works;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

All **Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

The Dismissal

President The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**

The president blesses the people, saying

May God, who in Christ gives us a spring of water welling up to
eternal life,
perfect in you the image of his glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Choir Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

The ministers and people depart.

The offerings of the people are collected as they leave.

Organ Voluntary

Deuxième Fantasia (JA 117)

Jehan Alain (1911–1940)

Those leaving immediately are asked to be aware of those who wish to listen to the organ voluntary.

All are warmly welcome to refreshments served in the Chapter House (through the Cloisters).



Worcester Cathedral

Sunday News

WELCOME

A Message from the Dean

Earlier in the year I made it known that I would retire in 2023, expecting that it would take place soon after Easter. For several reasons the timescale has moved on by about three months. I can now formally announce that during the last weeks of her life, Her Late Majesty the Queen approved my resignation of the Deanery of Worcester with effect from 26 August 2023 (my 71st birthday). While my last day in office will therefore be 25 August, my public farewell will be at the services on the first Sunday of the choir year, 10 September 2023. After that Lynne and I will be dividing our time between our flat in Normandy and our new home in Kirkbymoorside, North Yorkshire.

WHAT'S ON

The Annual Worcester Lecture

In partnership with the University of Worcester, the Cathedral hosts the Worcester Lecture this year on Tuesday October 25 at 6pm in the Cathedral. More details soon.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Led by the Bishop of Worcester, The Right Reverend John Inge, the Bishop of Dudley, The Right Reverend Martin Gorick and the Archdeacon of Worcester, the Venerable Robert Jones: 22 February - 1 March 2023 For details please see the Diocesan website.

Black History Month

This October for Black History Month, Worcestershire Archive & Archaeology Service has on display original archive material. The display highlights the presence of Black people in Worcestershire dating back to 16th Cent, including items written by notable Black individuals; a letter by Oluadah Equiano (prominent Black writer and abolitionist) and the will of Henry Jetto of Holt near Worcester, baptised in 1596. Other items on display explore colonial past and Local Slave Trade Links in Upton-upon-Severn. This exhibition is free, on Level 2 at The Hive, Worcester. www.explorethepast.co.uk

Thank you

To all those who supported the Harvest lunch last week - the auction and donations for Maggs amounted to £143 and the gifts were sent to the Foodbank. Thank you to all who organised the lunch and the event. Find out about the work of Maggs here www.maggsdaycentre.co.uk

Confirmation Preparation

The Bishop of Worcester will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on the Feast of Christ the King, Sunday 20 November 2022, 6.30 pm. Any adult candidates who would like to explore Confirmation and join preparation session please contact Canon Stephen Edwards stephenedwards@worcestercathedral.org.uk

Would you like to visit our partner diocese of Morogoro in Tanzania?

A small group of people from Worcester diocese will be visiting Morogoro in July 2023, including Bishop John. If you might be interested in joining the group there will be a meeting at the beginning of November to learn what's involved, including an estimate of the cost. Diana Gant visited in 2019 and will be happy to talk to you or pass on your contact details to the organiser. The visit will include a trip to Mamboya eco village which we support as a cathedral community. Email stephenedwards@worcestercathedral.org.uk who will forward your enquiry to Diana.

Cathedral Organ Repair Work Update

Due to the ongoing repair work to the Cathedral and the organ following damage caused by Storm Arwen, our popular lunchtime recital series will resume in January 2023. The annual Anniversary Organ Recital, which was due to take place on Saturday 8 October, will also be postponed until 2023 and we will publicise a new date in due course.

Livestream

Today's 10.30 Sunday Eucharist will be livestreamed but not posted to Facebook. This means it will be possible to view the service at the time, but not later in the day. This will help the Chapter to know how many people are joining in the service at the time, as a way of taking part (albeit remotely) in the act of worship. There is a cost attached to the livestreaming and broadcasting of music, and with the cost of running the Cathedral rising steeply it is important for the Chapter to allocate its resources as carefully as possible. The eucharist at 8 a.m. each morning, including Sundays, will continue to be livestreamed and posted to Facebook.

Prayer and Intercessions

Please pray for all the departed, among them Bridget Parry Okeden, Sylvia Watts, John Ley.

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, please send an email to prayer@worcestercathedral.org.uk

FAITH AND SPIRITUALITY

Pilgrimage to Iona: Information Meeting

There will be a meeting for about an hour in the Undercroft on Sunday 30 October after the Sung Eucharist to update all interested in participating in the pilgrimage to Iona next year. The retreat is now planned for the week 7 to 14 September 2024. A reservation has been made for the use of Bishop's House on Iona as the location of the retreat. A number have registered interest, but there is still time for others to join us. Contact John Vickerman by email (johncv6@icloud.com).

Bishop's Certificate Course

This is a diocesan study course which will be running in this deanery on a Monday evening from 7.30pm – 9pm from October 31. It's designed to help you learn more about the bible and the great themes of Christian faith and life, and to relate these to your own experience and locality.. For more details of what this course is about please contact Canon Stephen Edwards stephenedwards@worcestercathedral.org.uk

ENVIRONMENT & SOCIAL JUSTICE

COP27 Walk of Witness

Following the success of last year's ecumenical walk of witness we are meeting again on Saturday 12 November, at St George's RC Church at 10.30 am. We shall walk through the city centre, stopping at various churches for prayer and reflection. Full details to follow. COP27 meets at Sharm El-Sheikh next month.

Chain Makers: Anti-Slavery Week 2022

The Cathedral's Learning team and the Mothers' Union are collaborating on a project for Anti-slavery day in October 2022. We are raising awareness of Modern Slavery in our communities and the risks to our children and grandchildren of County Lines. For more details visit www.worcestercathedral.co.uk/media/2490/chain-makers-information.pdf

Green Fair

Come and join us on Saturday 22 October, 10 am – 4 pm, for our Big Green Family Fair - a fun event for all - featuring a wide assortment of exciting participants - offering craft and nature activities, green products for sale - and a wealth of information and advice for sustainable living. The fair begins at 10 am and will be officially opened by the MP for Worcester, Mr Robin Walker, at 11 am. Visit our Secret Garden of woodland activities - featuring the local orchard group apple press. Bring your own apples and containers for the juice! Bike Worcester will be promoting active travel and the joys of cycling. Drumlove will be staging a workshop at 11 am for would-be drummers of all ages!

Living Gently on the Earth

The events are free, and you can get more details and book a place to attend on: www.worcestercathedral.co.uk/eco or if you prefer to avoid online, reserve your place by speaking to the Vice-Dean Stephen Edwards or Staffan Engstrom (07702 636065).

Forthcoming events

- Thursday 13 October, 2pm: Home and Building Energy: Reducing Energy Use and Saving Money
- Saturday 22 October, 10am - 4pm: Big Green Family Fair in the Cloister
- Saturday 5 November, 2pm: Green Transport lifestyle in the Undercroft, with Matt Jenkins

GENERAL NOTICES

Cathedral Stewardship Scheme ('TRIO')

TRIO income for the first four months of the new financial year has reached just over £33,000, including Gift Aid.

If you are a new regular worshipper but not a member of the cathedral's stewardship scheme (TRIO), possibly donating via the cash and contactless machines, you might like to consider joining TRIO. If so, please ask a steward for an explanatory letter, which provides information about how to join the scheme and explains its importance to the cathedral. Alternatively, please speak directly to Gerald Harris, chairman of TRIO, or Cathy Sloan, TRIO recorder, who works at the cathedral office (01905 732900).

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. 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.co.uk/safeguarding

WORSHIP

Today's Services

- 4.00 pm Evensong
- 6.30 pm Sung Eucharist (*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 Sung Eucharist (*with livestream*)
- 4.00 pm Evensong attended by the Worcestershire Judiciary
- 6.30 pm Evening Worship (*sung by the Voluntary Choir*)

Details of our regular pattern of services can be found on the website at www.worcestercathedral.co.uk/worship/services

For information about festivals and other services and events this month, including the monthly music list, please visit www.worcestercathedral.co.uk/worship/monthly-music

A fuller edition of the Sunday News with further notices is available at www.worcestercathedral.co.uk/community/sunday-news

Please take this booklet home as an aid to prayer and reflection during the week, and then re-cycle it.

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