

SUNDAY 25 DECEMBER 2022

CHRISTMAS DAY



Worcester Cathedral

Sunday News

*Christians awake! salute the happy morn
whereon the Saviour of the world was born.*

THE DEAN AND CHAPTER OF WORCESTER CATHEDRAL

WISH YOU A VERY HAPPY AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS.

Welcome

Welcome to the Cathedral today and a particular welcome to babies and children - please ask a steward for a children's activity bag.

New Worshippers are especially welcome and are invited to contact Canon Stephen Edwards who will be in touch with a welcome booklet:

stephenedwards@worcestercathedral.org.uk

Today's Services

7.30 am Morning Prayer

8.00 am Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer*) (also livestreamed)

10.30 am Sung Eucharist

4.00 pm Evensong

FORTHCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

Organ Recitals

With the return of the Cathedral's Quire Organ, we are delighted that our popular lunchtime recital series will recommence in the New Year. The recitals take place on most Thursday lunchtimes, starting at 12.15 pm. Admission is free with a retiring collection. The first recital of the series will take place Thursday 5th January and will be given by Ed Jones, our former Sub-Assistant Organist. Details of future recitals are available on the Cathedral website and on posters around the Cathedral.

We also welcome James Lancelot (Canon Emeritus Organist, Durham Cathedral and former Interim Organist and Director of Music, Worcester Cathedral) to give our annual **Gala Organ Recital**. This will be taking place at 7.30pm on

Saturday 21st January 2023. Tickets cost £15, with free admission for those under 18 or in full-time education, and are available on the door or in advance from the Cathedral website.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Christmas Card Post Box

The Friends will once again be organising a "Post Office" at Coffee on Sunday mornings. Bring your Christmas cards for other members of the Cathedral where they will be collected, sorted and be ready for collection in the Chapter House on Sundays up to and including 1st January.

Prayer and Intercessions

Please pray for all the departed, among them Sue Lyall, Maria Amma, David Hope, Simon Vernon, Josephine Bartlett, Anne Donaldson, and Richard Underwood.

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

Meditative Prayer Group

A group meets via Zoom for quiet prayer and meditation. There's some input for reflection and an opportunity to pray for ourselves, each other and the wider world. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 4 January at 7.30 pm. For more information and the Zoom link, please email: prayer@worcestercathedral.org.uk.

Quiet Mornings

We hold Quiet Mornings in the Undercroft Learning Centre four times a year, led by different people. The next one will be on Thursday 19 January at 10 for 10.15 am, led by Dr Linda Watson. Details will be available nearer the time.

Pilgrimage to Iona

A reminder to those who have signed up to the pilgrimage to Iona in 2024 that the deposit is now due for payment. If you are interested in joining the pilgrimage and would like to register please contact John Vickerman on 07549 937809 or johncv6@icloud.com

Worcester Cathedral Christmas Giving

Collections at services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will go towards our chosen Christmas charities which for 2022 are: Worcester Foodbank, Maggs Day Centre, and the Christian Aid East Africa Appeal. More details can be found on the website:

www.worcestercathedral.co.uk/community/environment-social-action/social-action

Living Gently on the Earth

The events are free, and more details and to book a place visit

www.worcestercathedral.co.uk/eco or speak to Staffan Engstrom (07702 636065). Next event Thursday 2 February, 2.30 pm: Measuring Your Carbon Footprint and Acting on it, led by Prof John Vickerman.

Support with the cost of living crisis

Worcester City Council have brought together resources, information, and help for those concerned about the cost of living crisis. Find out more here

www.worcester.gov.uk/advice-benefits/support-with-cost-of-living-crisis

GENERAL NOTICES

Your Gift to the Cathedral

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, completing the front, which increases donations by 25%. Donations may also be made via the contactless points in the cathedral. Full details of how to give online can be found at

www.worcestercathedral.co.uk/support-us/make-a-donation

Cathedral Stewardship Scheme ('TRIO')

After seven months, we are now over halfway through the financial year and TRIO income has reached just over £58,000. This puts us on course for just under £100,000 for the year.

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 consider joining TRIO, which will allow the cathedral to claim Gift Aid. 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