

SUNDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2023

THE FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT



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. Do join us for refreshments in the Chapter House after the service, provided by the Friends of Worcester Cathedral. 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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Christmas Card Sale

Worcester Cathedral Choristers Association (WCCA) will be selling Christmas cards during coffee time in the Chapter House today. Cards are £1 each and all money raised goes to support our choirs' activities. WCCA is also hoping to revive the Sunday morning book sale. So please start saving your pre-loved books - further details will follow.

Library Second Hand Bookstall at Christmas Fair

A novel idea- If you have any books that you would like to donate to the cathedral library's second hand bookstall, please can you drop them off at the Cathedral's reception desk sometime in the next few weeks. The library stall will be at the Christmas Victorian fair on Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd December. Books can be fiction, non-fiction, children's books and we can sell DVDs too. Thank you very much for your continued support!

Christmas Puddings to be sold by The Friends

Christmas puddings in three sizes (120g, 454g & 908g) will be for sale by The Friends to raise funds to support the work of the Cathedral. These puddings will be from the same firm that the Cathedral Voluntary Choir used to sell, some years ago and are not doing so this year. They are excellent and delicious puddings! An order form is available from the Friends Secretary via email at FriendsSecretary@worcestercathedral.org.uk and we will also be selling them on Sundays after the morning service. Prices are as follows:
120g pudding - £4.00, 454g pudding - £10.00, 908g pudding - £15.00.

Friends of Worcester Cathedral

The Friends of Worcester Cathedral would welcome new members, please consider joining. They have recently granted money to provide new Altar Frontals for St Andrew's Chapel and Prince Arthur's Chantry and for the cushions in the Quire to be refilled with fire retardant foam and steam cleaned. Do go and look at them. The more members we have the more we can do to enhance this beautiful place. Joining booklets are available on the stand by the North Porch door and in the Chapter House during coffee. Or visit online www.friendsofworcestercathedral.org.uk

Library Fire Rescue Plan

Have you got a burning desire to help? The Cathedral library is appealing for any spare "Bags for Life" (preferably strong ones). We would like to try and aim for a total of 300 bags we can store in the library. The Fire brigade could pack each medieval manuscript into one and send it down to the ground on a zip line in the event of a major fire. That means the bags can't be too flimsy. If you can help, even with just one or two, please leave them at the reception desk.

Worcester Cathedral Community Card

We are launching the Cathedral Community Card. These cards can be collected from the Welcome Desk during visiting hours, and at the end of Services on a Sunday they will be available from service stewards. The card is for all members of the community, whether congregation or volunteers, friends or staff, regular visitors or anyone with an interest in the Cathedral. The card is for you to show as you enter, if you so wish, so the Welcome Team know you are part of the community. There will also be occasional discounts and other benefits that come with it.

Cathedral Stewardship Scheme ('TRIO')

The Cathedral's stewardship scheme, known as TRIO – The Responsibility Is Ours, has been running for many years and constitutes a significant part of the Cathedral's income. Giving is part of Christian stewardship and discipleship and if you'd like to find out more about the Scheme please visit the website www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/community/the-responsibility-is-ours-trio

Prayer and Intercessions

Please pray for all the departed, among them Terry Plant, Ruth Willis, Brian Marlow, Malcolm Wright,

Lewis Chaddock, David Turner, Paul Simpson. 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. We pray this week for past worshippers, and for all those memorialised in the Cathedral.

ENVIRONMENT & SOCIAL JUSTICE

Christian Aid Middle East Appeal

To make a donation to the Christian Aid appeal and find out more about how you can respond to the current crisis, visit

www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergencies/middle-east-crisis-appeal

Living Gently

We have some very interesting events coming up for our Living Gently on the Earth programme, which is designed to enable green and generous living in all its

- **Thursday 7 Dec 2023, 7pm-9pm. CoP 28 Debate.** During CoP28 (Conference of Parties) we have invited representatives from each of the 4 main UK political parties to hear and debate their approach to the climate crisis. Undercroft Main Room.

The events are free. You can get more details and book a place to attend on www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/eco Tickets are not compulsory for attendance but will ensure that you will have a place if the event is full and will give us a guide of how many people to expect.

Cathedral Eco Video

Thanks to National Lottery Funding the Eco Group have a new video outlining its work and the progress made in eco-matters and climate issues over the past few years. You can view it here

www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/community/environment-social-action/eco-cathedral

Praying for the Holy Land

There is a prayer station in St George's Chapel in the Cathedral where you can light a candle and follow a prayer written by the Archbishop of Jerusalem.

Outdoor Advent Service for Children and Families

This year we will be holding a special outdoor Advent service for children and their families. The service will take place across various locations on Cathedral grounds. Our theme will be 'Waiting for the Dawn.' And places are limited to 50. Sunday 3 December, 4.30pm to 5.15pm - we will gather on College Green. Details of how to register your place will be available next week.

Meditative Prayer Group

The November meeting will be held in person in the Undercroft Learning Centre on Wednesday 8 November at 2.30 pm. Everyone is welcome to join the meeting which will include some short reflections and periods of quiet.

Worcester Theological Society

Future Date: 16 November *Introducing Francis de Sales* – Canon Sue Oliver.
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 (<i>Book of Common Prayer, with livestream</i>)
10.30 am	Sung Eucharist
4.00 pm	Evensong

Remembrance

Saturday 11 November	10.55 am	Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial
Sunday 12 November	10.00 am	A Service of Remembrance
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	6.30 pm	Requiem Eucharist

Lunchtime Recitals

Recitals take place on Thursdays at 12.15 pm. Admission is free with donations welcomed at a retiring collection.

Thursday 9 November	James Thomas (organ)
Thursday 16 November	Jordan English (organ)
Thursday 23 November	Martyn Rawles (organ)

Thursday 30 November

Belaria (operatic duo)

Forthcoming Services

Monday 13 November 11.00 am Service of Thanksgiving
for the late Mr Terry Plant

Terry was an active member of the cathedral community for about 50 years. He was a longstanding server, often as crucifer and generous in his share of duties, and also gave much support to The Friends. He will be remembered latterly, faithfully bringing Barbara, his wife, in her wheelchair to Sunday Eucharist although far from well himself.

Monday 13 November 2 pm Funeral of the late Mr David Turner
Sunday 19 November 4 pm Evensong and Diocesan Farewell
to the Archdeacon of Worcester

'Friends' Cathedral Choir Recital

The Friends of Worcester Cathedral invite you to join them on Thursday 23 November. Following Evensong at 5.30 pm there will be a recital by the Choir and a drinks reception in the Chapter House. Tickets from the Hon Secretary are £10. Email: FriendsSecretary@worcestercathedral.org.uk or telephone 01905 732920. Closing date 20 November.

Safeguarding Sunday

Three weeks to go before #SafeguardingSunday, a campaign organised by @thirtyoneeight. We are committed to protecting vulnerable people and creating safer places for all, which is what this campaign is all about. Join us on Sunday 19 November to find out more.

www.thirtyoneeight.org/get-involved/safeguarding-sunday

GENERAL NOTICES

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 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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