

SUNDAY 25 JANUARY 2026

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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 vergers for a welcome booklet.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

WCCA Desert Island Discs and Desserts

Please join Worcester Cathedral Choirs Association on Saturday 7 February for a fundraiser following the format of the popular radio programme, Desert Island Discs, with two interviews separated by an enticing array of desserts! Tickets will be available on Eventbrite (details to follow) and the event will take place at The King's School. The guests to be interviewed will be the Cathedral's director of music, Samuel Hudson, and the new Head of the King's Foundation, Mr Ben Charles. All proceeds from the evening will go to the WCCA, and through them to support the musical life of the cathedral.

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

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 Colin Johnson, Pat Roberts, and Rosemary Lawley. 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 our vergers: James Prior (Head Verger), Nathaniel Hitchings (Deputy Head Verger), Robert Beattie, Carol Oliver, and Hugh Setterfield.

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

The Sophia Course

We are excited to announce that Worcester Cathedral will be running **The Sophia Course** (or Wisdom Course) again monthly through April to October, with one Learning Day per month (usually the third Saturday). It is a seven-month spiritual formation programme with a focus on creation-attuned spirituality, designed to engage body, soul, and spirit, and blending theological and practical teaching with hands-on activities, social time, and contemplative prayer. It is for anyone seeking to explore and grow in Christian discipleship in a world facing unprecedented environmental challenges.



To learn more, see www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/sophia-course or scan the QR code with your phone.



If you are interested in participating in the 2026 Sophia Course, get in touch with us:

The Revd Dr Robin Parry:

robinparry@worcestercathedral.org.uk

Canon Staffan Engström:

ecogroup.staffan@worcestercathedral.org.uk

FAITH & SPIRITUALITY

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 4 February; subsequent meetings will be on 4 March, 8 April, 6 May, 3 June, and 5 August.

Worcester Theological Society

Thursday 19 February – ‘Icons and the Phronema of the Orthodox Church’.
Melangell Roe-Stevens Smith (Ethics and Church History Tutor). 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 pm Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer, with livestream*)
- 10.30 am Sung Eucharist with the Baptisms of Lila-Rose Venegas Jagger,
Zimnachimdi Chloe Chinedu, and Jackson Gabriel Brown
- 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 pm Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer, with livestream*)
- 10.30 am Sung Eucharist (*sung by the Youth Choir*)
- 3.00 pm Worship in the Garden
- 4.00 pm Evensong (*sung by lower voices*)
- 6.30 pm Devotional Performance
(*sung by the Cathedral Choristers and the Voluntary Choir*)
A Ceremony of Carols Benjamin Britten

Forthcoming Services

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| Monday 2 February | 5.30 pm | Sung Eucharist for Candlemas (<i>with incense</i>) |
| Wednesday 18 February | 7.30 pm | The Liturgy of Ash Wednesday
(<i>sung by the Oakville Singers; with incense</i>) |
| Saturday 28 February | 5.30 pm | Sung Eucharist for the Feast of St Oswald
(<i>with incense</i>) |

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

HOPE Arts Exhibition

In a time when despair too easily takes hold, the HOPE Exhibition invites artists and audiences alike to consider the radical, transformative power of hope. Hosted in collaboration with the Worcester Arts Collective, and featuring immersive, accessible visual art, installation, performance, poetry, spoken word, film, music, and sound from a range of artists, performers, and makers.

Open daily (free entry): 10.30 am–5 pm 30 January to 5 February, St Andrew's Methodist Church, Pump Street, Worcester. Preview and launch party: 7–9.30 pm Friday 30 January. Poetry workshop facilitated by Worcestershire Poet Laureate, Paul Robert: 11 am–12.30 pm 31 January. Updates will appear on Instagram @artsatstandrews. For enquiries artsandfaith.standrews@gmail.com

Lunchtime Recitals

Recitals begin at 12.15 pm and last until around 1 pm. Admission is free with donations welcomed at a retiring collection.

Thursday 5 February	Samuel Hudson (organ)
Thursday 12 February	Ensembles from King's School, Worcester
Thursday 5 March	Alexis Hutchinson (alto)
Thursday 12 March	Musicians from Royal Birmingham Conservatoire
Thursday 19 March	Peter King (organ)
Thursday 26 March	Fiona Hosford (harp)

GENERAL NOTICES

Parking

Regular worshippers at Evensong or on Sundays 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 unlocked (though shut) for all Evensongs. Accessible parking spaces on College Yard can now be booked for blue badge holders www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/parking

Safeguarding at Worcester Cathedral

The Cathedral's Safeguarding Officer is Juliet Faulkner, whose contact email is julietfaulkner@worcestercathedral.org.uk and phone numbers 07385662791 or 01905 732948. 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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