

SUNDAY 11 JANUARY 2026

THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST



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

Consultation on Carbon Reduction Projects

Members of the public and the Cathedral community are invited to meet with our Cathedral Architect to discuss the proposals to deliver a series of carbon reduction projects, to help with the Church of England's ambition to reach net-zero by 2030:

- ❖ changing the heat source for the underfloor system in the Chapter House from the gas boilers to Air Source Heat Pumps (ASHPs);
- ❖ installation of a photo-voltaic (PV) array to the structures in the yard;
- ❖ and, longer term, to instal PV arrays to south facing roofs of the cathedral and buildings around the cloister and upgrade the electrical supply to the precinct by introducing a new substation.

The consultation display will be in the Chapter House on Wednesday 21 January and staff will be on hand to answer queries from 1.30 pm to 7.30 pm.

Cathedral Library – Thanks and Christmas Cards

Thank you very much to all the congregation, staff and clergy who donated books, jigsaws and old cards over the past 12 months for the library stall at the Christmas Fayre. We made £885 from their sale.

If you have any Christmas cards that are no longer needed, please consider donating them to the library this January for a couple of the library volunteers to try to recycle them into new cards for sale next year. Particularly popular with the public are Christmas cards with religious art.

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 Brian Ferris, James Garrard, Colin Johnson, Mary Handy and Pat Roberts. 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 Dean, Stephen Edwards, as he returns to work, and for the Interim Assistant Dean, Nikki Groarke.

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.

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 15 January – ‘A Good Read’. Members share their recommendations. 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 (<i>Book of Common Prayer, with livestream</i>)
10.30 am	Sung Eucharist

4.00 pm Epiphany Carol Service
6.30 pm Evening Worship (*sung by the Voluntary Choir*)

Saturday 17 January

2.00 pm A Service of Welcome and Installation for
the Rt Revd Hugh Nelson as Bishop of Worcester

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 Lower Voices*)
4.00 pm Evensong
6.30 pm Evening Worship (*sung by the Voluntary Choir*)

Forthcoming Services

Monday 19 January	5.30 pm	Sung Eucharist for the Feast of St Wulfstan (<i>with incense</i>)
Sunday 1 February	6.30 pm	Devotional Performance (<i>sung by the Cathedral Choristers and the Voluntary Choir</i>) A Ceremony of Carols <i>Benjamin Britten</i>
Monday 2 February	5.30 pm	Sung Eucharist for Candlemas (<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

Welcome and Installation of Bishop Hugh Nelson

Please join us on Saturday at 2 pm to welcome the new Bishop of Worcester to
our Diocese and install him in his Cathedra. All are welcome.

Worcester Saints

We celebrate one of Worcester's most revered saints on Monday 19 January.
Born in about the year 1009, St Wulfstan's first twenty-five years after his
ordination was spent in the monastery at Worcester. Against his will, he was
elected Bishop of Worcester in 1062 but went on to prove an able
administrator and pastor. He carefully and gently nurtured both church and
state through the transition from Saxon to Norman rule. He died at Worcester
on this day in the year 1095.

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 15 January	Nicholas Freestone (organ)
Thursday 22 January	Students from Bromsgrove School

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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