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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 verger for a welcome booklet.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Summer Picnic

All are welcome to this Cathedral Community event this Sunday.

If the weather is fine it will be held on College Green (indoors if wet) from 12.30 pm, following coffee in the Chapter House.

Please bring your picnic, and a picnic chair or rug if you have one.

A cash-only bar will be available for the purchase of a glass of wine and bottled beer. Soft drinks also provided. We are looking forward to seeing you.

New Non-Executive Members of Chapter

We are delighted to welcome two new Non-Executive Members to Chapter.

Christopher Price worships at St Godwald's Church in Bromsgrove. An experienced charity leader, qualified solicitor and strategic advocate, Christopher is currently the Chief Executive of a UK-wide conservation charity, leading the organisation through a period of significant development and policy change. He previously worked for a national rural organisation, where he held senior leadership positions including Director of Policy and Advice and Chief Legal Advisor. Christopher brings substantial expertise in charity governance, regulatory compliance, financial stewardship and organisation leadership. He is also an experienced media spokesperson and public advocate, with a strong appreciation of the importance of heritage, hospitality and community life.

Patrick Swan grew up in Worcestershire, in and around Inkberrow, where he still lives nearby on the family farm. He studied horticulture, before embarking on a career in heritage garden management. In 2015 he was appointed as Gardens Advisor to the National Trust, largely covering the organisation's gardens across Wales and the Southwest. He has lectured in the UK and Europe on visitor engagement and conservation of heritage sites. Outside of this work he has a strong interest in the role of gardens and nature in wellbeing and spiritual development, and is a trustee of the Quiet Garden Movement. For seven years he was a Governor of Writtle University College. Patrick is an active member of St Paul's church, Cookhill, having previously served as Churchwarden. He has been visiting and worshipping at the Cathedral on and off for nearly fifty years.

The John Paul Hoskins Choral Scholar Appeal

As a tribute to our former Precentor John Paul Hoskins and his life-long love and support of cathedral music, we hope to raise £45,000 to support the launch of a new funding programme for choral scholars here at the cathedral.

This fund will guarantee the appointment of one choral scholar per academic year for the next six years, creating life-chances for talented emerging young musicians at a crucial time in their early career. Many of you generously supported us at this time last year, and your contributions have created a strong foundation for launching this new phase of our fundraising efforts. For more information on the Appeal scan the QR code or visit: www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/HoskinsAppeal



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 Peter Siddall, John Yelland, and Edward Montague-Youens. 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 Worcester Deanery and our Deanery Synod Representatives. The Deanery comprises the 42 Church of England churches in Worcester and its environs; we are represented on the Deanery Synod (which will be meeting on Tuesday) by the Cathedral Clergy and three elected lay representatives (Robert Beattie, Caroline Gilderdale, Morag Sutcliffe).

Adopt a Piece of History

Supporting the conservation and ongoing care of Worcester Cathedral can be done in a thoughtful and creative way, with adoptions starting from £25 for

items such as stained-glass windows, misericords, and carvings. Adopters receive a personalised certificate and a high-resolution photograph in a presentation folder, with all funds contributing to the Cathedral's upkeep and running costs—creating a meaningful gift for someone you love, from somewhere you love. Choose your piece from the catalogue here: www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/adophistory

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

Friends of the Holy Land

The CEO of Friends of the Holy Land, Brendan Metcalf, will be coming to speak at St Andrew's church in Ombersley on Monday 8 June at 7pm. Friends of the Holy Land are an ecumenical charity which enables around £1.5m of support to be given directly and mainly to the Christians in the Holy Land each year. We have a Friends of the Holy Land group in the Diocese, supported by some Catholic, Anglican and Methodist churches. Brendan will talk about the parishes in the Holy Land and how we are able to give hope to vulnerable Christians there. If you have ever been on pilgrimage to the Holy Land or have a heart for the land where Jesus lived and walked, this is an opportunity to hear how the tiny and often beleaguered Christian communities in Palestine and Israel are coping.

Bugs and Bards wildlife survey

Friday 12 June 11 am–3 pm, Old Palace Gardens.

11 am–1 pm: The Eco Group's annual wildlife survey facilitated by Worcestershire Wildlife Trust. Field guides and spyglasses will be provided. Participate in the survey and/or spend time in the beautiful gardens gathering inspiration for poetry.

1 pm–2 pm: Bring your own lunch to eat in the garden.

2 pm–3 pm: Eco poetry readings in the Old Palace Gardens (possibly including some lines newly inspired by the event!).

Part of Worcestershire Literary Festival 2026.

A Refugee Week exhibition and poetry reading event

Saturday 13 June 11 am–3 pm, Worcester Cathedral Chapter House.

An exhibition of quilts made by Quilts4You and Evesham Welcomes Refugees Women's Sewing Group, organised with Worcester City Welcomes Refugees

for Refugee Week (13–21 June). This will be a day of celebration and textile-based workshops on the themes of *Journeys of Courage—Seeking Sanctuary*. Contributors include Worcester Craftivists, Worcester Arts Collective and Christopher Whitehead Language College Design & Technology Department. There will be poetry readings on the hour 12 pm–3 pm. Part of the Worcestershire Literary Festival 2026.

Living Gently on the Earth

Worcester Cathedral’s award-winning training programme Living Gently on the Earth continues on Saturday 13 June, 2 pm, with “**Living in harmony with life: diet and animal welfare**”. The Old Palace.

The events are free. You can get more details and book a place to attend on www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/living-gently (or scan the QR code with your phone camera). *Tickets are not compulsory* but will ensure a place if full.



Old Spectacles Please!

Worcester Rotary Club are again collecting old spectacles. These are sent through the local Lions club to Vision Action for dispatch to the developing world. In addition the Rotary Club will make a donation of £1 for each pair donated up to £700. There will be a box for donated spectacles in the Chapter House after each Sunday Eucharist in June.

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 is at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 5 August; subsequent meetings will be on 2 September, 7 October, 4 November, and 2 December.

Worcester Theological Society

Thursday 18 June – ‘Existential Guilt – to whom are we accountable?’. Peter Bevan. 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 (*Book of Common Prayer, with livestream*)
10.30 am Sung Eucharist for the Translation of St Wulfstan

- 3.00 pm Worship in the Garden
4.00 pm Evensong
6.30 pm Evening Worship (*sung by the Voluntary Choir*)

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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

Ordination Services

This year's Ordination Services will take place at 2 pm on Saturday 27 June and 10.30 am on Sunday 28 June. Please pray for those to be ordained—

Deacons: Julie Berrow, Tristan Mitchell, Terry Palmer, Jonathan Pincher,
 and Tracey Skidmore

Priests: Sue Haywood, Rob Holdsworth, Philippa Lowe, Tobias Thornes,
 and Jon Turner

Please also pray for Amelia Sutcliffe, who grew up in our congregation and will be ordained deacon at Southwark Cathedral on 27 June, and for Br Michaël Brossard, who will be ordained priest at Mucknell Abbey.

'Wonder' Exhibition of Poetry and Art

See how local artists and poets have responded to the theme of 'Wonder'. An exhibition in the Dean's Chapel, 6–19 June. Part of Worcestershire Literary Festival 2026 (further information is available at the cathedral Welcome Desk or on Facebook. All events free.)

Also, on Monday 8 June 2–4 pm, the Chapter House: A celebration of the 'Wonder' exhibition, with poetry readings and music from cello duo, 2morecellos, and an opportunity to meet contributing poets and artists.

Lunchtime Recitals

Recitals begin at 12.15 pm and last until around 1 pm. Donations welcomed at a retiring collection.

Thursday 11 June	Benedict Braddock (organ)
Thursday 18 June	Stelios Sycallides (alto) and David Marlow (tenor)
Thursday 25 June	Philip Crozier (organ)
Thursday 2 July	Eric Choate (organ)

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 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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