

SUNDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2026
THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT
(RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY)



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

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 Pat Roberts, Rosemary Lawley, and Lord Howard Flight. 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 Learning Team: Jo Wilson and the learning volunteers.

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.

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.



THE SOPHIA COURSE
A foundation in eco-spirituality

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 March; subsequent meetings will be on 8 April, 6 May, 3 June, 5 August, 2 September, 7 October, and 4 November.

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 (<i>Book of Common Prayer, with livestream</i>)
10.30 am	Sung Eucharist
4.00 pm	Evensong

6.30 pm Evening Worship (*sung by the Voluntary Choir*)

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Forthcoming Services

Wednesday 18 February 7.30 pm The Liturgy of Ash Wednesday
(*sung by the Oakville Singers; with incense*)

Tuesday 24 February 12.00 noon Funeral of Andrew Peter Bennett

Saturday 28 February 5.30 pm Sung Eucharist for the Feast of St Oswald
(*with incense*)

Ash Wednesday

The Liturgy of Ash Wednesday (including imposition of ashes) will be celebrated at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 18 February; incense will be used at this service. Ashes will also be imposed at the 8 am and 1 pm Holy Communion services that day. Please return last year's palm crosses to the vergers or welcome desk—they will be burned to produce this year's ash.

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

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 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 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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