



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

Notice from the Dean – Collections and Giving

From the first Sunday in September we will resume the practice of 'taking a collection'. During the pandemic, under restrictions, this was paused and the general move from cash to contactless payments made the passing of a plate or bag something which has not until now returned. However there is much important symbolism in restoring this act to this part of the service. The offertory presents to God the gifts of bread and wine and our money—all signs of our response to God's generosity. Of course many people will not have cash and still more will be giving by other means (the Regular Giving Scheme), however the passing of the plate or bag reminds us of the importance of giving, as our offering to God and also as the offering of ourselves as we come to receive Holy Communion. However I would warmly encourage you sign up to the Regular Giving scheme, rather than simply making your offering via the plate—this way we can keep in touch and understand our generous supporters. It is very straightforward and Cathy Sloan, Director of Fundraising, would be very to support you in this process. Please read the information on Regular Giving—either in the leaflets around the Cathedral or on our website. Thank you for the financial support which ensures the ministry, mission and witness of the Cathedral Church can flourish.

Iona-inspired Art Exhibition

As part of the countywide Worcestershire Open Studios art event (16–25 August) there is an exhibition of paintings and prints by Sara Hayward, inspired by the recent Worcester Cathedral pilgrimages to Iona, at The Cabin Studio and Gallery, Unit 1, Netherton Court, Worcester WR1 3AU, opening times 11–4 pm. The exhibition will continue throughout the autumn Tuesday to Friday 11–4 pm. www.worcestershireopenstudios.org (venue 95).

Harvest Lunch – save the date

This year's Harvest Lunch will be in the Chapter House on Sunday 5 October 2025 after the 10.30 am Eucharist with a suggested donation of £5.00. Sign-up sheets for attendance and help will be available in September.

Congregational Committee

Next meets on Monday 1 September. Members of the committee are the Dean (Chair), Judith Aldridge, Leo Atkinson, Diana Gant, Elayne Guest, Phil Hancock, Alison Marlow, Davina Rowe, Linda Watson, Robert Beattie (Deanery Rep), Caroline Gilderdale (Deanery Rep), Morag Sutcliffe (Deanery Rep). If you have any issues or ideas that you would like us to discuss, please feel free to talk to one of the committee members, or email Alison Marlow at alison.marlow@synthentic.com

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 or Matthew Hall (Steward) on 01905 732907 or at MatthewHall@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 Sue MacPherson (ex-WFCS). 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 Cathedral Gardener and the garden volunteers.

Make a Will this Summer

We are delighted to be working with four of Worcestershire's prominent solicitors to bring you 'Make a Will this Summer'. Appointments are for simple Wills only. In return you will be asked to make a donation to the Cathedral. www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/support-us/make-a-will-this-summer

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

Living Gently on the Earth

Worcester Cathedral's award-winning training programme Living Gently on the Earth for green and generous living continues as shown below:



- Saturday 20 September, 1.40 pm. **Responsible Stewardship of Land and Sea: bio-diversity, fertilisers, pollution, habitat use.**
- Saturday 15 November, 1.40 pm. **Eco-justice: responding to the social implications of ecological harm.**
- Saturday 17 January 2026, 1.40 pm. **Acting for a Changed-World: community, government, and business.**

The events are free, and take place in the Undercroft. You can get more details and book a place to attend at www.worcestercathedral.co.uk/eco (or scan the QR code with your phone camera). *Tickets are not compulsory* but will ensure that you have a place if full.



Poets and Peaks Walk – in support of Christian Aid

A 12 mile route across the hills from Ledbury to Malvern on Saturday 11 October 2025, visiting three churches on the way. To express an interest, please email Steve Chance stevechance66@outlook.com

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 Wednesday 3 September; subsequent meetings will be on 1 October, 5 November and 3 December.

The Church Worldwide

At 2.30 pm on Tuesday 16 September, Little Malvern Priory will be hosting a talk 'The Church Worldwide – Past, Present and Future'. The speaker will be the Revd Canon Dr Stephen Spencer, Director of Theology and Implementation at the London office of the Anglican Communion. He will be exploring the

challenges and opportunities facing the church, drawing on his extensive experience working of churches around the world. Further details at littlemalvernpriory.co.uk

Worcester Theological Society

Thursday 18 September – ‘Theology of Safeguarding: A Decade of Listening and Responding to Voices of Pain in the Methodist Church’ Henry Lewis, Methodist Minister. 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 (*sung by the Pilgrim Singers*)
4.00 pm Evensong (*sung by the Pilgrim Singers*)

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Forthcoming Services

Monday 8 September 5.30 pm Sung Eucharist for the Feast of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Patronal Festival)

Services in the Quire

10.30 am Eucharists on Sundays will take place in the Quire (rather than the Nave) this summer until 31 August inclusive.

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

Cathedral Library Tours

Library tours will be offered this summer on either Thursdays or Fridays at 12.30 pm to 1.30 pm—check via the cathedral website. It is also sometimes possible to arrange a private library tour by appointment at other times—contact 01905 732922 or email davidmorrison@worcestercathedral.org.uk for more details. Specific themed library tours eg. medicine, law, maps or music are also possible on request.

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 18 September Jen Townsend (flute)
Thursday 25 September Kris Thomsett (organ)
Thursday 2 October Angelina Kopyrina (piano)
Thursday 9 October Richard Walker (organ)
Thursday 16 October Michael Jones (piano)
Thursday 6 November Jonathan Soman (clarinet)
Thursday 13 November James D Hicks (organ)

GENERAL NOTICES

Parking

Those attending regular services 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 now unlocked (though shut) for all Evensongs. Please note that parking on College Yard on the north side of the cathedral is no longer possible.

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

Cathedral Newsletter

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Sunday News

Notices for inclusion in this Sunday News should be emailed (usually by the previous Wednesday) to sundaynews@worcestercathedral.org.uk