

SUNDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2025

THE FEAST OF ST MATTHEW



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

Harvest Lunch on Sunday 5 October

Everyone is welcome to join us at our community lunch in the Chapter House after the Harvest Eucharist on Sunday 5 October. There will be bread, cheese, pork pie and salad, followed by homemade desserts. We ask for a suggested donation of £5.00 to cover costs. Please sign up on the notice board at the west end of the Nave by Sunday 28 September.

During the meal we will auction harvest gifts of fresh produce in aid of the Maggs Day Centre, one of our cathedral charities this year.

If you are able to help set up on the day from 9 am please see Diana Gant.

Harvest Gifts

To express our thanks to our generous God we encourage all community members to bring to the Harvest Eucharist on Sunday 5 October either gifts of non-perishable food which will be donated to Worcester Foodbank or fresh produce which will be auctioned during the Harvest Lunch with the proceeds being given to the Maggs Day Centre. A list of items required by the Foodbank is available here: worcester.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food

Sunday Coffee Rota

The Friends of Worcester Cathedral have organised the coffee after the 10.30 am Sunday Service each week for the last four years. They do need help from the congregation to make and serve the coffee. There are three people needed each Sunday. Can you help? If so, please see Liz Wright (Hon. Sec. of FOWC) during coffee for more information.

Iona-inspired Art Exhibition

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 I, Netherton Court, Worcester, WR1 3AU, opening times Tuesday to Friday 11–4pm.

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 Brian Fullard, Keith Plummer, and Patricia Brown. 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, as we celebrate St Matthew the former tax collector, we pray for the Cathedral's Finance Team and the Chapter's Finance Committee.

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 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.



World Week for Peace in Palestine and Israel

This is an annual World Council of Churches event held 22–26 September, to encourage people of faith to pray for, and work towards, allowing both Palestinians and Israelis to live in peace. Daily prayers will be held 12–1 pm at St Andrew's Methodist Church, Pump Street, with a public gathering for prayer in the street on Wednesday 24 September.

Worcester Cathedral Annual Eco Fair

Sunday 18 October, 10 am–4 pm. All welcome for a celebration of green living and local life with Worcester's wildlife and community groups, information on sustainability and local history, craft and produce stalls, lots of local wares to buy, vegan snacks and smoothies, children's activities, performance arts, poetry, music, dancing, the apple press (bring apples and containers for juice—last pressing at 2.30 pm), bike repairs with Bike Worcester. For further details please see Clare Harker, Susie Arnold or Paul Robert.

An Afternoon with Patrick Watt, Chief Executive Officer for Christian Aid

Saturday 22 November, 2–4 pm, The Old Palace. For 80 years, Christian Aid has stood in solidarity with our most marginalised global neighbours, working to eradicate poverty and promote dignity, equality and justice. To mark its 80th anniversary, the Cathedral has invited Christian Aid's Chief Executive Officer, Patrick Watt, to give an address and participate in a Q&A session. Entry is free but tickets will be bookable on Eventbrite.

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

Nicaea 1700: The Council of Nicaea and its Legacy

In AD 325 a large number of bishops met at Nicaea, summoned by the first Christian Emperor of Rome to debate various issues troubling the unity of the Church. This gathering produced a new creed, a set of canons (rules) on the governance of the Church, an agreed calculation for the date of Easter, and would to be appealed back to again and again as both example and authority in

the centuries that followed. A reading and discussion group over five Tuesday evenings 14 October to 18 November will explore some aspects of this legacy through primary texts. For more information, or to reserve your place, see <https://www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/nicaea1700> or contact Robert Beattie.

On a May Morning on Malvern Hills

At 2.30 pm on Saturday 4 October, Little Malvern Priory will be hosting Prof. Wendy Scase and poet Peter Sutton to discuss the medieval poem *Piers Plowman* and its links with Little Malvern Priory, and give reading from the original 14th-century English and from a modern verse translation, accompanied by illustrative music of the time. Further details at littlemalvernpriory.co.uk

Worcester Theological Society

Thursday 16 October – ‘What is Spiritual Direction?’ St Andrew’s Methodist, Pump Street. 1.45 pm for a 2 pm start.

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

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 (<i>sung by the Voluntary Choir</i>)

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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

Gala Organ Recital

Celebrating the 17th anniversary of the Cathedral's Quire Organ, international concert organist Peter Holder returns to Worcester Cathedral, where he was a chorister. Peter has since held posts at St Paul's Cathedral and Westminster Abbey, and is presently Organist of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford. He was organist for the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II and for the coronation of King Charles III. His recital programme on Saturday 11 October at 7.30 pm will include music by Sir Edward Elgar. Tickets cost £15, with free admission for students and under 18s, and can be purchased on the door, or in advance from: [WCCGalaOrgan2025.eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.wccgalaorgan2025.eventbrite.co.uk)

Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the recital.

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 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.

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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