



## 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.

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## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### **The Revd Dr Jamie Klair – new role**

Jamie Klair, priest on secondment, will be taking up a role as Associate Vicar at St Andrew's, Oxford in early summer.

Jamie writes: "I have loved totally the invitation over these months to serve and pray at this most special place. I believe God is encouraging this diverse community to breathe deeply in prayer and love in the coming year. I have so enjoyed dwelling with God and with you within the precincts, and across the city. Though parting will be bittersweet, I am delighted to take up this great opportunity in Oxford: to help a church discern what God is calling it to next for the life of the city, and to deepen its hunger for life in God."

Jamie's final Sunday will be on 26 April, and his last leading of worship at Holy Communion on Wednesday 29 April.

### **Flowers for Mothering Sunday**

On Saturday 14 March from 2 pm we're having our usual working party in the summer house on the top lawn of the Old Palace to make posies for Mothering Sunday. Please join us if you can, bringing flowers and greenery if you're able. We can guarantee good conversation, good fun and cake. Further information from Rachael Lenzi, Liz Hoskins or Diana Gant.

### **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](mailto:kimberlybohan@worcestercathedral.org.uk)

Details of how to apply can also be found at

[www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/community/st-oswalds-hospital](http://www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/community/st-oswalds-hospital)

## Confirmation at the Easter Vigil

Easter is the traditional time of baptism and confirmation. If you would like to be Confirmed this Easter, please email both [kimberlybohan@worcestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:kimberlybohan@worcestercathedral.org.uk) and [robertbeattie@worcestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:robertbeattie@worcestercathedral.org.uk) to learn more.

## Prayer and Intercessions

Please pray for the sick and those in need, and for all the departed, among them David New, Barbara Plant, Chris Guy, and Ian Clargo. 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](mailto: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 work of our Minor Canon for Eco-Spirituality, the Revd Dr Robin Parry, in particular Worship in the Garden, Sacred Garden, and the Sophia Course.

## Send Green Easter Greetings with Ease!

Many of us love to send Happy Easter best wishes for Easter Day to celebrate our Lord's resurrection. Rather than buying, writing, and sending cards to your friends at Worcester Cathedral, you can now send greetings to everyone through our virtual and sustainable e-aster Greeting, and at the same time support the Cathedral's work in the community.

Here's how it works:

1. **Don't spend money on cards this year** but instead make a donation to Worcester Cathedral for the **Communal e-aster Greeting**.

You can do this via <https://bit.ly/4izMdMC> or by scanning the QR code with your phone camera and click on the link. You will have the opportunity to let us know how you would like your name to appear in the list of senders, or if you would like to remain anonymous.



Please make your Communal e-aster Greeting by midnight on 1 April.

2. **On Easter Day, an e-greeting will be sent to all the Cathedral community** who receive our fortnightly e-news.

The names of all who have kindly made a donation to send the e-aster Greeting will be listed in this **e-greeting** as well as in the **Cathedral Sunday News**.

All funds raised will support the Cathedral's ongoing running costs, wherever those funds can be most effective in furthering our Vision.

## 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](http://www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/support-us/perpetual-flame) or view the display near the Jesus Chapel.

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## ENVIRONMENT & SOCIAL JUSTICE

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### 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](http://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](mailto:robinparry@worcestercathedral.org.uk)

Canon Staffan Engström:

[ecogroup.staffan@worcestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:ecogroup.staffan@worcestercathedral.org.uk)

### Refugees & Asylum Seekers – What’s Going On?

There will be a Lent gathering to come and find out about life for refugees and asylum seekers in our communities, and think about our response as Christians:

Wednesday 4 March      2.00 pm      Revd Lindsay Coulthard  
at St Stephen’s Church, Barbourne

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## FAITH & SPIRITUALITY

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### Lent Group – Fresh Looks at Ancient Spirituality

This year’s Lent Group will take place at on Wednesday evenings in March, 7.30 pm–9 pm in the Undercroft Learning Centre (enter from College Green).

4 March	Augustine: The Common Life	<i>The Revd Dr Jamie Klair</i>
11 March	Our Cathedral: Three Objects of Faith	<i>The Dean</i>
18 March	TBC	<i>Canon Kimberly Bohan</i>
25 March	The Litany: English Spiritual Tradition	<i>The Revd Dr Jamie Klair</i>

## Lent Poetry Group

Some will already be familiar with Janet Morley's book, *The Heart's Time: A poem a day for Lent and Easter* published by SPCK (2011). The book offers a poem and a short reflection for each day (except Sunday) between Ash Wednesday and the Saturday after Easter. Worcester Arts Collective Lent Poetry Group will meet informally on Wednesday lunchtimes, 12.30 pm–1.30 pm from now until 15 April, in 8 College Yard to chat about the poems for the previous week. All welcome.

## 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](mailto:prayer@worcestercathedral.org.uk) and request the link. The date of the next meeting has **changed** to 7.30 pm on **Thursday 5 March**; subsequent meetings will be on 8 April, 6 May, 3 June, and 5 August.

## Worcester Theological Society

Thursday 19 March – 'Eco-Spirituality – what it is and why it matters'.

The Revd Dr Robin Parry (Minor Canon for Eco-Spirituality, Worcester Cathedral). St Andrew's Methodist, Pump Street. 1.45 pm for a 2 pm start.

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

### 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
- 4.00 pm Evensong
- 6.30 pm Organ Devotion (*from J. S. Bach's Clavier-Übung III*)

### Forthcoming Services

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| Wednesday 25 March | 5.30 pm  | Sung Eucharist for the Annunciation<br>( <i>sung by the Choral Scholars; with incense</i> ) |
| Thursday 26 March  | 10.00 am | Funeral of Barbara Plant  |
| Sunday 29 March    | 10.30 am | The Liturgy of Palm Sunday  |

6.30 pm    Devotional Performance  
(sung by the Voluntary Choir and Youth Choir)  
Crucifixion John Stainer

### **Worship in the Garden and Sacred Garden**

You can find out more about these services and events by visiting [www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/eco](http://www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/eco) or by contacting the Revd Dr Robin Parry on [RobinParry@worcestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:RobinParry@worcestercathedral.org.uk)

### **Organ Devotion for Lent**

At 6.30 pm on Sunday 8 March, Nicholas Freestone will play penitential chorale preludes from J. S. Bach's Clavier-Übung III interspersed with readings and prayers. All are welcome to this act of worship.

### **Funeral of Barbara Plant**

We were sad to hear of the death of Barbara Plant. Barbara and her late husband Terry worshipped in the Cathedral for more than half a century, and joined the Friends of Worcester Cathedral in April 1991. From then on, they both enhanced the welcome in the Cathedral by stewarding and guiding. Barbara was a valued member of the now disbanded Embroidery Guild, taking part in making cushions, kneelers and the panel now hanging at the crypt entrance; she also helped the vergers care for the cathedral's vestments and linen. She became Honorary Assistant Secretary to the Friends and was renowned for her perfect cucumber sandwiches produced for AGM teas. Her funeral will take place in the Cathedral at 10 am on Thursday 26 March.

### **Chris Guy**

Chris Guy, our Cathedral Archaeologist for 33 years, died on 23 February. Chris served Worcester Cathedral for more than three decades, holding the first full time Cathedral Archaeologist post in the country from 1990 until his retirement in 2023, following a severe stroke. His work included the Chapter House floor excavations (2003–2004), which revealed an Anglo-Saxon cemetery; the College Hall excavations (2019–2020) which, after generations of conjecture, located parts of the Anglo-Saxon Cathedral; emergency research following the fall of a pinnacle during Storm Arwen (2021) to enable repair work. Chris shared his discoveries widely—through reports, journal articles, public talks, and the much-loved annual Archaeological Symposium. His impact extended far beyond archaeology: as the Cathedral's semi-official in-house photographer, he documented countless moments of life at Worcester Cathedral, including at least two royal visits. Chris was a remarkable man—immensely knowledgeable, intellectually curious, and gifted in his craft. Yet it was his warmth, generosity, and humility that endeared him to colleagues. Chris's contribution to the story of Worcester Cathedral is immeasurable. His work—both seen and unseen—will continue to guide future generations.

May he rest in peace. Funeral details (at St John-in-Bedwardine Church) to follow.

### **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 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)

### **Archaeology Symposium**

Our annual Archaeology Symposium will take place on Saturday 28 March in the Undercroft Learning Centre. There will be two sessions *repeating the same content* at 9.30 am and 1.30 pm with an overlapping lunch in the Chapter House for all to share. [ArchaeologySymposium2026.eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/archaeology-symposium-2026)

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## **GENERAL NOTICES**

### **Parking**

Regular worshippers at Evensong or on Sundays may obtain the bollard code for College Green (email [parking@worcestercathedral.org.uk](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/safeguarding)

### **Cathedral Newsletter**

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### **Sunday News**

Notices for inclusion in the next Sunday News should be emailed by Wednesday 4 March to [sundaynews@worcestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:sundaynews@worcestercathedral.org.uk)