

SUNDAY 16 MARCH 2025
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



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

Mothing Sunday flower posies

We would like to invite anyone willing to help make posies to give out at the Mothing Sunday services, to gather by the summer house on the Old Palace upper lawn on Saturday 29 March from 2–4 pm. There will be refreshments provided. For further information please speak to Dianna Gant or Liz Hoskins.

Morogoro Partnership Group

We are looking for someone to represent the cathedral on the diocesan Morogoro Partnership Group. The group meets five times a year and has the simple task of building relationships between our two Dioceses where we both support and learn from each other. There are a number of projects and initiatives currently active and if you would be interested in this role or would like to find out more please contact the Dean stephenedwards@worcestercathedral.org.uk

Honorary Treasurer - Friends of Worcester Cathedral

The Friends of Worcester Cathedral (Registered Charity 517009) is currently searching for a new Honorary Treasurer to replace the current Treasurer. The Treasurer works with the other officers and is primarily responsible for all aspects of financial record keeping and reporting, and the financial management of the society. A detailed Role Description for this post is available on request (which may be varied, if necessary, by agreement with other officers).

If you are interested in this opportunity to serve the Friends as Treasurer and want to know a little more about the post, or if you know of someone who may be interested, do please make contact with Mrs Susan Thomas, the Friends Chairman, who will be pleased to set up an informal meeting with herself and the present Treasurer to explore things further.

FriendsChairman@worcestercathedral.org.uk

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 Allan Laidlaw, Graham Lyall, and Anne Meads. 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's Visitor Welcome Assistants.

St Margaret's, Hasbury and St Peter's, Cradley

The Dean is away preaching at the above parishes today. Please remember them in your prayers.

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 continues:

- Saturday 22 March, 7.30 pm. **Earth Hour with Worcestershire LitFest**, a low impact evening of poetry, spoken word, fun, food and drink. The Old Palace.
- Saturday 17 May, 1.30pm. **Living a low-carbon lifestyle.**
- Saturday 19 July, 1.30 pm. **Living in Harmony with Life: diet and animal Welfare.**



- Saturday 20 September, 1.30 pm. **Responsible Stewardship of Land and Sea: bio-diversity, fertilisers, pollution, habitat use.**
- Saturday 15 November, 1.30 pm. **Eco-justice: responding to the social implications of ecological harm**

The events are free. 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* for attendance but will ensure that you have a place if the event is full.

Charities

Each year the Cathedral donates a portion of its income from congregational giving to external charities. Thank you to everyone who made nominations; this year we have chosen to support:

- **Worcester Welcomes** – a charity dedicated to assisting asylum seekers in their journey towards integration. They provide essential support services, including housing, benefits guidance, training opportunities and social events.
- **Maggs Day Centre** – a Worcester-based charity that supports the homeless and vulnerable. They provide day centres in Worcester and Malvern, help with clothing and accommodation, and a consistent trusted point of contact for help from other agencies.
- **The Bridge Counselling Service** – a team of trained counsellors who have been supporting people from all backgrounds and beliefs in the Worcestershire area for over 20 years. They help clients with a wide range of issues including anxiety and depression, bereavement, relationship problems, abuse, confusion, and despair.

These charities all offer opportunities for volunteering, and we hope to encourage practical involvement as well as financial support. Details to follow...

Bishop's Lent Appeal

This year's Lent Appeal will be supporting the Morogoro Bible College Scholarship Fund, newly set up by members of our diocesan Morogoro Partnership group to support the costs of tuition and board for catechists, evangelists and pastors from the mission parishes across our link Diocese of Morogoro in Tanzania. Details of how you can contribute can be found at www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/lent-appeal

Old Spectacles Please!

Worcester Rotary Club are again collecting old spectacles. These are sent through the local Lions club to Vision Action and are used to help those in countries where is great need. In addition the Rotary Club will make a donation of £1 for each pair collected to Vision Action up to £700. Please give your glasses (cases are not required) to either John or Liz Wright.

Lent Course – ‘What is Truth? Faith in a fragile world’

This year’s Lent course is born out of the sense that the world is in the midst of tumultuous change. The question, ‘what is truth?’ is at the heart of our current world situation, and at the heart of Christian Faith. Sessions will take place in the Undercroft (enter via College Green) on Tuesday evenings in Lent from 7.30 pm to 9 pm. This week (18 March): *What gets repeated*. ‘If you make it trend you make it true’—the power of repetition in algorithms and the Psalms.

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@worstercathedral.org.uk and request the link. The next meeting will be at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 9 April; subsequent meetings will be on 7 May and 4 June.

Worcester Theological Society

Thursday 20 March – Prof. Peter Kevern, Research into Spirituality in Dementia. St Andrew’s Methodist, Pump Street. 1.45 pm for a 2 pm start.

The Newman Association

‘What are some of the challenges in Catholic Education right now?’ Talk by Eamonn and Melanie Elliot at St George’s Catholic Parish Hall, Sansome Place. Wednesday 19 March 7 pm to 8.30 pm. Refreshments provided.

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 (*sung by lower voices*)
- 4.00 pm Evensong (*sung by the Youth Choir*)
- 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

Bach Passions

This Lent we are treated to performances of two of J. S. Bach's devotional musical settings of the Gospel accounts of Jesus' final days. The Worcester Festival Choral Society and Meridian Sinfonia will be performing the St Matthew Passion on Saturday 22 March (tickets £27/£22/£15 ticketsource.co.uk/wfcs), and the Cathedral Choir will be performing the St John Passion on Saturday 5 April (tickets £22/£18/£12 WCCStJohnPassion2025.eventbrite.co.uk).

Faith in Crime Fiction

From the Golden Age to current day, crime fiction has drawn upon Christian stories and themes such as justice, redemption, innocence, and the prophetic voice; some of these books even feature a clerical detective. Canon Georgina Byrne, formerly a Residentiary Canon here in Worcester and now teaching Christian doctrine and contextual theology at The Queen's Foundation, Birmingham is also (writing as Georgina Clarke) the acclaimed author of the Lizzie Hardwicke mysteries set in 18th-century London and *The Dazzle of the Light*—which was inspired by the Forty Thieves, a gang of notorious female thieves in East London—and will be giving a talk about her novels, faith in crime fiction and also what religious people—vicars, priests, monks and nuns—*actually* do and why they might make good sleuths. 7pm, Wednesday 2 April in the Old Palace. Tickets (£12) available from WCFaithInCrimeFiction.eventbrite.co.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 20 March Angelina Kopyrina (piano)

Thursday 27 March Vocal students from RGS Worcester

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 Sunday 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 Lead is Canon Kimberly Bohan, whose contact email is: kimberlybohan@worcestercathedral.org.uk The phone number is 01905 732906 and 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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