

SUNDAY 12 MAY 2024

THE SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY



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. Coffee is served by the Friends of Worcester Cathedral in the Chapter House after the Sung Eucharist, to which everyone is most welcome. New Worshippers are especially welcome and are invited to contact Canon Stephen Edwards who will be in touch with a welcome booklet: stephenedwards@worcestercathedral.org.uk

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Bishop John to retire

Bishop John has announced that he will retire on 9 October. He will withdraw from ministry in mid-September with a farewell service in the Cathedral at 4pm on Sunday 29 September, to which all are welcome. Please pray for Bishop John and H-J as they prepare for retirement, and for Bishop Martin who will become Acting Diocesan Bishop during the vacancy. For more details see <https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/news/bishop-john-to-retire.php>

Cathedral Community Summer Picnic

This Cathedral Community event is to be held on Sunday 23 June at The Old Palace, Top Lawn, (Great Hall if wet). Please bring your own picnic, and a blanket or chair if you wish. Parking is on College Green only. There will be a cash bar for you to purchase a glass of Pimms or wine; soft drinks also available. Outside games suitable for adults and children will be provided. To assist with arrangement for the day, please sign-up on the noticeboard at the back of the Cathedral, by Sunday 16 June. Everyone is most welcome.

Stewardship (TRIO)

Income from TRIO, the cathedral's stewardship scheme, amounted to over £90,000 last year (year ending 31 March). Thank you to all members of TRIO, who contributed to this result, which constitutes an important source of income to the cathedral.

If you are a member of TRIO and have not yet returned your response form regarding your contribution for the new financial year, could you please return it as soon as possible.

If you are a regular worshipper but not yet giving through TRIO, please ask a steward for a letter providing information about joining the scheme.

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

Thank you...

To those who supported the recent appeal for no-longer-needed spectacles. A total of 62 have been received in aid of Vision Aid Overseas.

The Friends of Worcester Cathedral

The Friends of Worcester Cathedral have now moved their office from 8 College Yard to The Old Palace, Deansway, WR1 2JD. Please do not send or deliver anything for the Friends to 8 College Yard. There is a post box in the side door of the Old Palace.

Prayer and Intercessions

Please pray for the sick and those in need, and for all the departed. 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 Archaeologist, Fiona Keith-Lucas, and all those engaged in the preparatory archaeological work for the landscaping of College Yard.

Christian Aid Week 12-18 May 2024

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week>

Christian Aid is working to empower families in Burundi to build reliable and diverse incomes. Aline, for example, was determined to push back against the inhumanity of poverty, driven by hope, faith and the love of her children. She transformed her life with a little help from Christian Aid. Aline features on the Christian Aid Week posters in the Cathedral Cloisters. You can read her story on the Christian Aid Website: <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week/alines-story>

Paul Grime will be speaking about this year's Christian Aid Week campaign, including Aline's story, at a service at Holy Trinity Church, Malvern at 4pm on Sunday 12 May 2024. Paul is also taking part in the 70k in May challenge (<https://fundraise.christianaid.org.uk/70k-in-may>), which for him will include the Worcester half marathon on Sunday 19 May 2024. You can support Christian Aid through Paul's fundraising page:

<https://fundraise.christianaid.org.uk/challenge-2024/pauls-70k-may> or directly through Christian Aid's website:

<https://give.christianaid.org.uk/donate/CAM-006503>



The Bridge Counselling Service – volunteers required

Are you able to spare three or more hours a week on a Tuesday afternoon? Are you confident using a laptop? Are you happy speaking to people on the telephone? If so, then The Bridge Counselling Service needs you! The Bridge has a Christian ethos and requires volunteer administrative assistants at their office in the centre of Worcester. Please contact Rebecca on admin@b-c-w.org.uk or call (01905) 731850 and leave a message. You can find out more about The Bridge from www.b-c-w.org.uk

Living Gently on the Earth

Living Gently on the Earth continues into 2024 with an inspiring programme designed to enable green and generous living in all its aspects:

- Thu 23rd May 2pm. **How can we all switch to a more sustainable “circular economy” and lower our environmental footprint?** Dominic Lavelle, Managing Director of Go Green Experts, Severn Room.
- Thu 6th June 2pm. **Hope in an Age of Crisis and Turmoil.** David McLoughlin, Emeritus Fellow in Christian Theology, Abbots Kitchen.

- Sat 24th August 7.30pm to 9.30. **'The fascinating and mysterious world of Worcester Cathedral's bats'**. A talk and a walk about bats with Cody Levine on International Bat Night, Undercroft.
- Sat 5th October. **Green Fair**, Cloister.

The events are free. You can get more details and book a place to attend on www.worcestercathedral.co.uk/eco (or scan the QR code below with your phone camera). Tickets are not compulsory for attendance but will ensure that you will have a place if the event is full and will give us a guide of how many people to expect.



FAITH & SPIRITUALITY

Celebrating the ministry of women

2024 marks 30 years since women were first ordained priest. A special service to celebrate the anniversary and all that has been achieved since then will be held at Pershore Abbey on Thursday 20 June at 7pm. Find out more here www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/news/celebrating-the-ministry-of-women

Meditative Prayer Group

The Meditative Prayer Group meets monthly online. There are some short inputs with times for reflection with the opportunity to pray for others. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 5 June at 7.30 pm. If you would like more information or to be sent the Zoom link, please contact prayer@worcestercathedral.org.uk.

Future dates: Tuesday 2 July; Wednesday 7 August.

Worcester Theological Society

Thursday 16 May 'Abba Amma – Improvisations on the Lord's Prayer' – an invited lecture by Professor Nicola Slee (Queen's, Birmingham). St Andrew's Methodist, Pump Street. 1.45 pm for a 2 pm start.

The Newman Association

Thursday 23 May 'It is beautiful to be old: a Catholic perspective on ageing and the Church' – Prof Peter Kevern. 7.30 pm at St George's Catholic Church. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/it-is-beautiful-to-be-old-a-catholic-perspective-on-ageing-and-the-church-tickets-896536644237>

Today'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 Evening Worship (*sung by the Voluntary Choir*)

Next Sunday

- 7.30 am Morning Prayer
- 8.00 pm Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer, with livestream*)
- 10.30 am Sung Eucharist for Pentecost
- 4.00 pm Evensong
- 6.30 pm Organ Devotion (*with Nicholas Freestone and the Youth Choir*)
n.b. Confirmation Service has moved to St Stephen's, Barbourne.

Worcester Saints

St Dunstan (feast day 19 May – translated this year to Monday 20 May). The extract below is from [Exciting Holiness](#):

Dunstan was born near Glastonbury around 910 into a noble family. He received a good education and spent time at the court of the King of Wessex. A saintly uncle urged him to enter the monastic life; he delayed, but followed the advice in time, on recovering from an illness. Returning to Glastonbury, Dunstan lived as a monk, devoting his work time to creative pursuits: illuminating, music, and metalwork. In 943 the new king made him abbot, and this launched a great revival of monastic life in England. Starting with Glastonbury, Dunstan restored discipline to several monasteries and promoted study and teaching – he was Bishop of Worcester from 957 to 959. Under two later kings, he rose to political and ecclesiastical eminence, being chief minister and Archbishop of Canterbury under King Edgar. This enabled him and his followers to extend his reforms to the whole English Church. In 970 he fell from political favour but continued as archbishop, preaching and teaching. He died in 988.

Worship in the Garden and Sacred Garden

You can find out more about these services and events by visiting www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/community/environment-social-action/eco-cathedral or by contacting the Revd Dr Robin Parry on revdrobin@gmail.com

Pentecost Organ Devotion

A devotional organ recital will be given by Nicholas Freestone at 6.30 pm on Sunday 19 May. This service will feature music for the season of Pentecost by J. S. Bach and Jehan Titelouze, with plainsong verses sung by Worcester Cathedral Youth Choir. All are welcome to this free devotional recital, which will last for approximately 40 minutes.

Lunchtime Recitals

Recitals take place on Thursdays at 12.15 pm. Admission is free with donations welcomed at a retiring collection.

Thursday 16 May	David Brookshaw (organ)
Thursday 23 May	Harrison Cole (organ)
Thursday 6 June	Emma Gibbins (organ)
Thursday 13 June	Jung-A Lee (organ)
Thursday 20 June	Jack Oades (organ)
Thursday 27 June	Jonathan Clinch (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. 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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