

SUNDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2026

ALL SAINTS' 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. New Worshippers are especially welcome, please ask a steward or a vergers for a welcome booklet.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Sandwich Sunday

Today is the first of the Sandwich Sundays taking place after coffee in the Chapter House, to which you are warmly invited to attend. Homemade soup will be available, for which cash donations are welcome. The next Sandwich Sunday will be on Sunday 6 December, after coffee in the Undercroft. Why not come along, have a chat and eat your lunch with friends.

Gardening Thanks

The Cathedral gardeners have continued with their programme of improving College Yard. Last year they planted several hundred daffodils and other Spring bulbs. This year they have planted over 1500 crocus, cyclamen and daffodils. This programme has been funded by private donations, the Friends and the Cathedral.

Sides Stewards

Sides Stewarding is one of the many ways that we can help support Chapter in the daily life of worship. It is also a lovely way to become more involved in the Cathedral Community. Greg Rowe, Head Steward for Worcester Cathedral, is looking for new members to help during the Sunday 10.30 am Eucharist and Special Services throughout the year. All are welcome and training and support provided. For more information please contact Greg at gregrowe@gmx.com

Christmas Puddings for sale in aid of The Friends of Worcester Cathedral

As we did last year The Friends will be selling "Ultimate Plum Pudding" Christmas puddings in the Chapter House during coffee after the Sunday morning 10.30 am Eucharist. They come in three sizes: Small 120g = £5; Medium 454g = £11; Large 908g = £16. They are delicious as anyone who has had them during the last few years will tell you. Payment can be by cash, card or BACS.

Christmas Cards for sale

Christmas cards will also be for sale in the Chapter House during coffee, in support of the cathedral library. Cash only.

Birthday Greetings

Congratulations to Elizabeth Fowler, who has celebrated her 80th birthday.

Prayer and Intercessions

Please pray for the sick and those in need; and for all the departed, among them Sue Sykes and Chris Romain. 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 Chief Operating Officer, Lynsey Breeze.

Vacancies

The Cathedral is currently recruiting for the following roles:

- Verger
- Choral Scholars
- Organ Scholar
- Principal Tenor Lay Clerk
- Assistant Tenor Lay Clerk
- Member of the Finance Committee

If you know anyone who might be interested, further details can be found at www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/jobs

Farewell to Darren Steele

The Cathedral's Master Mason and Works Manager, Darren Steele retired at the end of October after nearly 30 years distinguished service to the cathedral, stonemasonry, conservation, and teaching and mentorship through the Cathedrals' Workshop Fellowship. Those wishing to contribute to a gift in gratitude for his time with us can send a cheque made payable to '**Worcester Cathedral**' or leave a cash donation at **The Old Palace, Deansway, Worcester WRI 2JE**—clearly marking the envelope '**FAO Finance/Steele Presentation**', or by making a BACS transfer using the following details: Account Name: **Worcester Cathedral**, Account Number **50182885**, Sort Code **20-98-61**, and please add the reference **Steele Presentation**.

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 WRI 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

Details of how to apply can also be found at www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/community/st-oswalds-hospital

Adopt a Piece of History

Supporting the conservation and ongoing care of Worcester Cathedral can be done in a thoughtful and creative way, with adoptions starting from £25 for items such as stained-glass windows, misericords, and carvings. Adopters receive a personalised certificate and a high-resolution photograph in a presentation folder, with all funds contributing to the Cathedral's upkeep and running costs—creating a meaningful gift for someone you love, from somewhere you love. Choose your piece from the catalogue here:

www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/adopthistory

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.

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 meetings are at 7.30 pm on Wednesdays 4 November and 2 December.

Tewkesbury Abbey Theology Forum

Tuesday 17 November – ‘The Abbots of Tewkesbury: Altruism, Ambition and Avarice’ The Revd Charles Whitney. Tewkesbury Abbey Parish Hall. 7 pm drinks for a 7.30 pm start.

Worcester Theological Society

Thursday 19 November – ‘Rudolf Steiner’s Christian Theology’ Adrian Lamont. St Andrew’s Methodist, Pump Street. 1.45 pm for a 2 pm start.

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 the Oakville Singers; with incense*)
- 2.30 pm Worship in the Garden
- 4.00 pm Evensong (*sung by the Oakville Singers*)

Monday 2 November

- 5.30 pm Requiem for All Souls' Day (*with incense*)

Wednesday 4 November

- 5.30 pm Evensong with the Installation of Lay Canons and Chief Operating Officer (*sung by the Choral Scholars*)

Next Sunday's Services

- 7.30 am Morning Prayer
- 8.00 am Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer, with livestream*)
- 10.00 am A Service of Remembrance
(*sung by the Cathedral Choir and the Voluntary Choir*)
- 10.55 am An Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial
- 4.00 am Evening Prayer (*said*)
- 6.30 pm Requiem Eucharist

Worship in the Garden

Worship in the Garden will take place at **2.30pm** in the garden formerly known as **Ed Shed**. (The door to the garden is located in the cloisters, near the Cathedral shop. The exact location can be found on this link: <https://what3words.com/shady.rush.share>) For more information please visit the **Worship in the Garden (Worcester)** Facebook group or contact the Revd Dr Robin Parry on RobinParry@worcestercathedral.org.uk

Funeral

The funeral of Sue Sykes will be at 2 pm on Thursday 12 November, at St Barnabas' Church, Worcester. Sue was Lay Pastor for our 9.30 am Sunday congregation in the 1980's.

The UK première of *The Worcester Pilgrim*

A special commemorative evening marking the 40th anniversary of the discovery of the Worcester Pilgrim, featuring a new work by Ian Venables commissioned by the English Music Festival. Thursday 12 November, 6.30 pm in the Chapter House. Tickets £25.

Proceeds support the John Paul Hoskins Choral Scholarship Appeal.

See www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/worcesterpilgrim or scan the QR code.



A Christmas Carol

This Is My Theatre bring Charles Dickens' classic tale *A Christmas Carol* to life in a one-act adaptation. The Old Palace. 3pm & 7pm, Wednesday 18 November. Tickets £22 (U16 £16). www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/ChristmasCarol

An Evening with Allister Malcolm: creator of Your Perpetual Flame

Allister Malcolm, the acclaimed glass artist behind the Perpetual Flame, will share the story of his career and his passion for creating works that connect people with memory, reflection and hope. The Old Palace. 7pm, Thursday 26 November. Tickets £15. www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/AllisterMalcolm

Lunchtime Recitals

Recitals begin at 12.15 pm and last until around 1 pm. Donations welcomed at a retiring collection.

Thursday 5 November	Ophelia Amar (organ)
Thursday 12 November	Evan Lawrence (organ)
Thursday 19 November	James Lancelot (organ)
Thursday 26 November	Thomas Howell (organ)

GENERAL NOTICES

Parking

Regular worshippers at Evensong or on Sundays may obtain a bollard code for College Green (email 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 via www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/parking

Safeguarding at Worcester Cathedral

The Cathedral website provides details of our Safeguarding policy as well as information about Safe Spaces, an independent service supporting survivors of church-related abuse: www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/safeguarding. If you have concerns about a child, young person or adult who may have been harmed or be at risk of harm, please contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Team, by email safeguardingadvice@cofe-worcester.org.uk or phone 01905 732800.

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Notices for inclusion in the next issue of the Sunday News should be emailed by Wednesday 4 November to sundaynews@worcestercathedral.org.uk