



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.

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 1, 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 Sue MacPherson, Michael Thomas, and Brian Fullard. 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 University of Worcester, whose Graduation Ceremonies will take place in the Cathedral this week..

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 20 September, 1.40 pm. **Responsible Stewardship of Land and Sea: bio-diversity, fertilisers, pollution, habitat use.**
- 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.



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

The Church Worldwide

At 2.30 pm on Tuesday 16 September, Little Malvern Priory will be hosting a talk 'The Church Worldwide – Past, Present and Future'. The speaker will be the Revd Canon Dr Stephen Spencer, Director of Theology and Implementation at the London office of the Anglican Communion. He will be exploring the challenges and opportunities facing the church, drawing on his extensive experience working of churches around the world. Further details at littlemalvernpriory.co.uk

Worcester Theological Society

Thursday 18 September – 'Theology of Safeguarding: A Decade of Listening and Responding to Voices of Pain in the Methodist Church' Henry Lewis, Methodist Minister. 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 with Presentation of Chorister Awards
3.00 pm	Worship in the Garden
4.00 pm	Evensong with the Admission of Choral and Organ Scholars
6.30 pm	Evening Worship (<i>sung by the Voluntary Choir</i>)

Monday 8 September

5.30 pm	Patronal Festival Eucharist for the Feast of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary (<i>with incense</i>)
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4.00 pm	Evensong with the Re-dedication of the Great West Window (<i>followed by talk, see below</i>)

6.30 pm Evening Worship (*sung by the Voluntary Choir*)

A Talk on the Great West Window

To celebrate the 150th anniversary of the West Window, the Revd Dr Robin Parry will be giving an illustrated talk on the story and meaning of the window. He will guide us around the various images, unlocking their secrets. There will be time for questions. The talk is free and follows after Evensong on Sunday 14 September, 5.15 pm to 6 pm by the window. All are welcome.

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

Memorial Service

Michael Thomas died on 21 August. He was involved with the Cathedral for many years, prominent in its community and serving on the Fabric Advisory Panel. He had also been a significant figure in the Conservation world as director of Avoncroft Museum and much involved with the National Trust and related European organisations. There is to be a private cremation and a memorial service has been arranged at 12 noon on Wednesday 10 September at St Swithun's Church, Worcester, with the preservation of which he was particularly identified.

Worcester Deanery Prayer Event

Worcester Deanery (the 42 Church of England churches in Worcester and its environs) have organised an evening of Worship, Refreshments and Prayer Stations, focusing on Health and Well-being, 7 pm–9 pm Wednesday 10 September at St Helen's Church, Worcester.

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 programme will include music by Sir Edward Elgar. Tickets cost £15, with free admission for students and under 18s. They can be purchased on the door, or in advance from: WCGalaOrgan2025.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 18 September Nicholas Freestone (organ)

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

Road Closures and Access Restrictions on Sunday 14 September

There will be numerous road closures between 5 am and 12.30 pm on Sunday 14 September to accommodate the Worcester City Run and Half-Marathon. These will include College Street, Deansway and Worcester Bridge. Access to College Green via Sidbury or City Walls Road is expected to continue as usual. This year the run will be looping through College Yard itself, so pedestrian access to the North Porch will be only via the raised pavement or (for level-access) through the Old Palace grounds from Deansway.

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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Sunday News

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