

SUNDAY 8 JUNE 2025

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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

Summer Picnic

You are all invited to come along to our 'Bring your own picnic' on Sunday 22 June, starting from 12.15 pm on the Top Lawn at the Old Palace (or inside in the Great Hall if wet weather). Please bring a picnic chair/blanket, picnic and alcoholic refreshment if you wish. A **free** glass of non-alcoholic punch will be available. There will be fun games for adults and children! If you are able to attend would you kindly add your name to the list on the noticeboard which will be in the Chapter House after the 10.30 am Eucharist until 15 June. Parking will be on College Green, using the usual Sunday barrier code. For those who require parking at the Old Palace for mobility reasons, please see Davina Rowe or Phil Hancock for access details. We look forward to seeing you.

Appeal for new Stewards for services

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 with training and support provided. For more information, please contact Greg at gregrowe@gmx.com.

Library second-hand bookstall

The cathedral library second-hand bookstall will be at the Fair held on 19 July. If anyone has any books which you would like to donate please can you drop them off either at the library on a weekday or at the cathedral reception desk if the library is closed. (We can also take DVDs and jigsaws.) Thank you very much for your support.

Help inform diocesan synod discussion

At the next Diocesan Synod meeting on 30 June, there will be a discussion of the 'Living in Love and Faith' process, including the proposed stand-alone services of blessing on same-sex couples and pastoral reassurance for congregations whose theological convictions on such matters might differ from their bishop's. To aid these deliberations, the Diocese wishes to hear also from

those with a wide range of views who are not currently members of the Synod, so has prepared a confidential online survey which may be filled out at <https://forms.office.com/e/qipzkzvt8q> Chapter have already agreed their willingness to offer such prayers of blessing in the Cathedral, so far as they are currently permitted.

Administrator for The Bridge

The Bridge Counselling Service is seeking a new Administrator. The post is part-time, 8hrs per week @£15/hr, usually worked in two four-hour shifts on Monday and Wednesday but there can be some variation. Due to the Christian foundation of the Bridge, there is a Genuine Occupational Requirement for the Administrator to be a practising Christian and to supply a reference from a church leader. Further particulars and JD are available by emailing the Chair of Trustees (chair@b-c-w.org.uk). To apply, please email a CV and application letter to Linda Watson, Chair of Trustees chair@b-c-w.org.uk to arrive by 5pm on 17 June. Interviews will be held on 24 June at the Angel Centre, WRI 3QN.

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 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 David Bowen, John Gaston, Lucy Orchard and James Armstrong. 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 Crown Nominations Commission, which will be meeting on Thursday and Friday to discern their nomination for the next Bishop of Worcester.

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 19 July, 1.40 pm. **Living in Harmony with Life: diet and animal Welfare.**
- 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, 1.40pm. **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.

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@worcester cathedral.org.uk and request the link. The next meeting will be at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 6 August; subsequent meetings will be on 3 September, 1 October, 5 November and 3 December.

Worcester Theological Society

Thursday 19 June – ‘The biggest challenge facing my church is...’ A symposium. St Andrew’s Methodist, Pump Street. 1.45 pm for a 2 pm start.

Malvern Festival of Biblical Literature

The 2nd Malvern Festival of Biblical Literature will take place 3-5 July at Malvern Friends Meeting House. For more information see <https://www.festivalofbiblicalliterature.co.uk>

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 for Pentecost (*with incense*)
—*you are invited to wear reds and oranges*
- 4.00 pm Evensong (*sung by the Voluntary Choir*)
- 6.30 pm Pentecost Celebration (*sung by the Youth 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 for Trinity Sunday (*with incense*)
- 4.00 pm City Civic Service
- 6.30 pm Evening Worship (*sung by the Voluntary Choir*)

Other Forthcoming Services

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| Thursday 19 June | 5.30 pm | Sung Eucharist for Corpus Christi
(<i>with incense</i>) |
| Saturday 28 June | 2.00 pm | The Ordination of Priests |
| Sunday 29 June | 10.30 am | The Ordination of Deacons |

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

Ordination Services

This year's Ordination Services will take place at 2 pm on Saturday 28 June and 10.30 am on Sunday 29 June. Please pray for those to be ordained—
Deacons: Paul Latham, Philippa Lowe, Tobias Thornes, and Jon Turner
Priests: Michael Edwards, Peter Greaves, Dean Hall, Gilliam Maxim, Tim O'Leary, Prajna Pal-Lad, Chris Smith, and Sarah Tranter.

Worcester Saints – Richard Baxter

On Saturday (14 June) we mark the feast day of Richard Baxter (1615–1691). After serving as a schoolmaster in Dudley, and a curate in Bridgnorth, in 1641 he took up the position of 'lecturer' at St Mary's Church, Kidderminster, where

he pursued a vigorous and successful pastoral ministry for twenty years: 'when I came thither there was about one family in a street that worshipped God and called on his name, and when I came away there were some streets where there was not passed one family in the side of a street that did not so.' During the Civil War he served as a chaplain in the parliamentary army, and at the Restoration of Charles II was made a Royal Chaplain and attended the Savoy Conference which unsuccessfully sought a reconciliation between the puritan and episcopal wings of the English church. Baxter's proposed revisions to the Book of Common Prayer were rejected by the 1662 Act of Uniformity; he was offered the bishopric of Hereford, but chose instead to follow many other ministers into dissenting 'Nonconformity' to this Act, being imprisoned several times for his continued preaching. Baxter was a prolific author, publishing nearly two hundred works, of which the best known are *The Reformed Pastor*, *The Saints' Everlasting Rest*, his *Autobiography*, and the hymn *Ye holy angels bright*. Although near the centre of every conflict of his age, Baxter is remembered for his generous and peaceable approach and willingness to draw together Presbyterians and Episcopalians, Conformists and Nonconformists. C. S. Lewis memorably drew on Baxter's declaration that he was 'a Christian, a Mere Christian, of no other Religion...I am against all Sects and dividing Parties.' 14 June is in fact the anniversary of the death of Baxter's beloved wife, Margaret Charlton, of whom he published a vivid memoir; he himself died on 8 December.

Organ Spectacular

Discover the power and beauty of Worcester Cathedral's organs, as our popular Organ Spectacular returns. From the quietest shimmer to the loudest roar, the colours and contrasts of the organ will be demonstrated through much-loved organ repertoire, alongside music that you would not hear at Evensong! This year's concert will be celebrating *Play the Organ Year* and will be raising funds for the Worcester Cathedral Choristers Association. Saturday 14 June at 7.30 pm. Tickets: £16/£6 (U18's), available from www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/organ-spectacular-tickets-1302922118129 or on the door.

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 12 June

Dewi Rees (organ)

Thursday 26 June

Kenneth Wilson (cello)

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. 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 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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