



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

Coffee

There will be no coffee after the Eucharist today.

Cathedral Library – Thanks and Christmas Cards

Thank you very much to all the congregation, staff and clergy who donated books, jigsaws and old cards over the past 12 months for the library stall at the Christmas Fayre. We made £885 from their sale.

If you have any Christmas cards that are no longer needed, please consider donating them to the library this January for a couple of the library volunteers to try to recycle them into new cards for sale next year. Particularly popular with the public are Christmas cards with religious art.

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

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 Brian Ferris, James Garrard, Colin Johnson, Mary Handy and Pat Roberts.

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 Chapter, the Cathedral's governing body: The Dean, Kimberly Bohan, Lynn Nichol, Anne Penn, Henry Briggs, Staffan Engström.

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 10 January 2026, 1.40 pm. **Acting for a changed world amid an environmental crisis** (in the Undercroft)

The events are free. You can get more details and book a place to attend at www.worcestercathedral.co.uk/living-gently (or scan the QR code with your phone camera). *Tickets are not compulsory* but will ensure 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@worcestercathedral.org.uk and request the link. The next meeting will be at 7.30 pm on 7 January; subsequent meetings will be on 4 February, 4 March, 8 April, 6 May, and 3 June.

Worcester Theological Society

Thursday 15 January – 'A Good Read'. Members share their recommendations. St Andrew's Methodist, Pump Street. 1.45 pm for a 2 pm start.

Today's Services

- 7.30 am Morning Prayer
- 8.00 pm Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer, with livestream*)
- 10.30 am Eucharist with Hymns (*no choir*)
- 3.00 pm Worship in the Garden
- 3.30 pm Evening Prayer (*said*)
- 4.00 pm Organ Meditation (*played by Nicholas Freestone*)
La Nativité du Seigneur Olivier Messiaen

Tuesday 6 January

- 5.30 pm Sung Eucharist for the Epiphany (*sung by lower voices; with incense*)

Thursday 8 January

- 5.30 pm Evensong with the Installation of Prof. Lynn Nicholas a Lay Canon
(*sung by lower voices*)

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
- 4.00 pm Epiphany Carol Service
- 6.30 pm Evening Worship (*sung by the Voluntary Choir*)

Forthcoming Services

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| Saturday 17 January | 2.00 pm | A Service of Welcome and Installation for the Rt Revd Hugh Nelson as Bishop of Worcester |
| Monday 19 January | 5.30 pm | Sung Eucharist for the Feast of St Wulfstan (<i>with incense</i>) |
| Sunday 1 February | 6.30 pm | Devotional Performance (<i>sung by the Cathedral Choristers and the Voluntary Choir</i>)
A Ceremony of Carols <i>Benjamin Britten</i> |
| Monday 2 February | 5.30 pm | Sung Eucharist for Candlemas (<i>with incense</i>) |

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

Welcome and Installation of Bishop Hugh Nelson

Please join us on Saturday 17 January at 2 pm to welcome the new Bishop of Worcester to our Diocese and install him in his Cathedra. All are welcome.

Funeral of Brian Ferris

Brian passed away peacefully on 3 December, aged 92 years. His funeral will be held at St Stephen's, Barbourne at 12 noon on Tuesday 6 January.

He attended several schools during the war years before attending Worcester College for the Blind, due to his extremely poor sight. He became a building surveyor/estimator, joining the family business. When he sold the business in 1987, he relocated to Worcester, where he played an active part in the life of the cathedral, becoming a guide and a keen supporter of the choral tradition. Choral Evensong was his favourite service; whilst he was physically able, he attended on a daily basis. He was a very active member of the Worcester Archaeological Society, for whom he arranged many outings and talks. Despite his sight he was a keen photographer, amassing a large collection of architectural slides, primarily focussed on the ecclesiastical buildings of Great Britain and Europe. He was always ready to share his vast knowledge. He is survived by his children, Michael and Nicola, and grandchildren Samuel, Benjamin, Edward and Amy, all of whom live in and around the Worcester area, as well as his ex-wife Margaret, with whom he remained great friends.

Installation of Prof. Lynn Nichol as Lay Canon

All are warmly welcome to join us for Evensong at 5.30 pm on Thursday 8 January when we will formally install Professor Lynn Nichol as Senior Non-Executive Member of Chapter.

Lynn has worked in higher education for over 30 years. She currently works at the University of Worcester where she is Professor of Human Resource Development and Director of Researcher Development and Doctoral Education. She has been an elected member of the Church of England's General Synod since 2021 and is a member of Bishop's Council.

Lynn has lived within the Diocese of Worcester since 1998, living in Powick and Malvern as well as the Black Country. She is married to David, a recently retired Anglican priest, and they have two adult children. They have returned to living in Malvern again and worship at Great Malvern Priory.

If Lynn isn't doing any of the above she will more than likely be walking some long distance path (current project the South-West Coastal Path), gardening, singing with a community choir or playing the piano very badly.

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 8 January	Gus Cox (organ)
Thursday 15 January	Nicholas Freestone (organ)
Thursday 22 January	Students from Bromsgrove School
Thursday 5 February	Samuel Hudson (organ)

Thursday 12 February	Ensembles from King's School, Worcester
Thursday 5 March	Alexis Hutchinson (alto)
Thursday 12 March	Musicians from Royal Birmingham Conservatoire
Thursday 19 March	Peter King (organ)
Thursday 26 March	Fiona Hosford (harp)

GENERAL NOTICES

Parking

Regular worshippers at Evensong or on Sundays 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 unlocked (though shut) for all Evensongs. Accessible parking spaces on College Yard can now be booked for blue badge holders www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/parking

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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