

SUNDAY 6 APRIL 2025
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
(PASSION SUNDAY)



Worcester Cathedral

Sunday News

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Canon John Paul Hoskins – RIP

It is with enormous sadness that we announce Canon John Paul Hoskins, Precentor at Worcester Cathedral, died suddenly at his home on Tuesday afternoon.

Dean of Worcester, Stephen Edwards, said: 'JP was a much-loved friend and colleague and will be greatly missed among the cathedral community. Our prayers and thoughts are with his family at this time.'

The Bishop of Dudley and Acting Bishop of Worcester, Martin Gorick said: 'It was such a shock to hear about John Paul's sudden and unexpected death. My prayers and the prayers of all the diocese will be for him, his family, and everyone at the cathedral at this time. John Paul was a gifted priest and will be well remembered by all those who have been blessed by his careful and kind ministry as Precentor. May he rest in peace and rise in Glory.'

John Paul, 50, was installed as Cathedral Precentor in January 2022 and had particular responsibility for the Cathedral's music and liturgy. He joined the Cathedral Chapter from the Diocese of Gloucester, where he was Priest-in-Charge of Winchcombe and previously a Minor Canon of Gloucester Cathedral and Chaplain to two Bishops of Gloucester. He was ordained in the Diocese of Derby in 2007 and served his curacy in the Bakewell benefice. Before ordination he was a Lay Clerk at Guildford and Durham Cathedrals. He was married to Liz and they have one daughter.

Stephen continued: 'We ask that the privacy of John Paul's family is respected while they are grieving. We will circulate funeral details as soon as they are available.'

Merciful Father,
hear our prayers and comfort us;
renew our trust in your Son,
whom you raised from the dead;
strengthen our faith
that John Paul and all who have died in the love of Christ
will share in his resurrection.
In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.

Send Green Easter Greetings with Ease!

Many of us love to send Happy Easter best wishes for Easter Day to celebrate our Lord's resurrection. Rather than buying, writing, and sending cards to your friends at Worcester Cathedral, you can now send greetings to everyone through our virtual and sustainable e-aster Greeting, and at the same time support the Cathedral's work in the community. Here's how it works:

1. **Don't spend money on cards this year** but instead make a donation to Worcester Cathedral for the **Communal e-aster Greeting**.

You can do this via <https://bit.ly/4izMdMC> or by scanning the QR code with your phone camera and click on the link. You will have the opportunity to let us know how you would like your name to appear in the list of senders, or if you would like to remain anonymous. Please make your Communal e-aster Greeting by midnight on 16 April.



2. **On Easter Day, an e-greeting will be sent to all the Cathedral community** who receive our fortnightly e-news.

The names of all who have kindly made a donation to send the e-aster Greeting will be listed in this **e-greeting** as well as in the **Cathedral Sunday News**.

The benefits are:

- **Greener – reduce, re-use, recycle.**
- **Inclusive – no one is missed out.**
- **Easier – avoid writer's cramp!**
- **Wiser – raises money for the Cathedral.**

All funds raised will support the Cathedral's ongoing running costs, wherever those funds can be most effective in furthering our Vision.

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

Chamber Choir

The Worcester Cathedral Chamber Choir will be singing the Choral Eucharist and Evensong today at Westminster Abbey, in celebration of their Silver Jubilee.

Prayer and Intercessions

Please pray for the sick and those in need, and for all the departed among them Graham Lyall, Philip Hains and John Paul Hoskins. 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's Day Chaplains.

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 17 May, 1.30pm. **Living a low-carbon lifestyle.** The Undercroft.
- Saturday 19 July, 1.30 pm. **Living in Harmony with Life: diet and animal Welfare.**
- Saturday 20 September, 1.30 pm. **Responsible Stewardship of Land and Sea: bio-diversity, fertilisers, pollution, habitat use.**
- Saturday 15 November, 1.30 pm. **Eco-justice: responding to the social implications of ecological harm.**



The events are free. 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.

Bishop's Lent Appeal

This year's Lent Appeal will be supporting the Morogoro Bible College Scholarship Fund, newly set up by members of our diocesan Morogoro

Partnership group to support the costs of tuition and board for catechists, evangelists and pastors from the mission parishes across our link Diocese of Morogoro in Tanzania. Details of how you can contribute can be found at www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/lent-appeal

FAITH & SPIRITUALITY

Lent Course – ‘What is Truth? Faith in a fragile world’

This year’s Lent course is born out of the sense that the world is in the midst of tumultuous change. The question, ‘what is truth?’ is at the heart of our current world situation, and at the heart of Christian Faith. Sessions will take place in the Undercroft (enter via College Green) on Tuesday evenings in Lent from 7.30 pm to 9 pm. This week (8 April): *Truth’s Tool Box*. Sharing resources to help us discern what is true and have faith in this fragile world.

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 9 April; subsequent meetings will be on 7 May and 4 June.

The Newman Association

‘Hope in the Cross’ Talk by David McLoughlin at St George’s Catholic Parish Hall, Sansome Place. Wednesday 9 April 7 pm to 8.30 pm. Refreshments provided.

Worcester Theological Society

Thursday 15 May – Prof. Ann Conway-Jones, “Sibling Rivalry: early Jewish-Christian relations and their legacy”. St Andrew’s Methodist, Pump Street. 1.45 pm for a 2 pm start.

SERVICES & EVENTS

Today’s Services

7.30 am Morning Prayer
8.00 am Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer, with livestream*)
10.30 am Eucharist with Hymns (*no choir*)
4.00 pm Evening Prayer (*no choir*)

Note – Worship in the Garden has been cancelled this weekend

Palm Sunday 13 April

7.30 am Morning Prayer

- 8.00 am Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer, with livestream*)
- 10.30 am The Liturgy of Palm Sunday
(*meeting in Cathedral Square for the blessing of palms*)
- 4.00 pm Evensong
- 6.30 pm Music and Readings for Holy Week (*sung by the Voluntary Choir*)

Monday of Holy Week 14 April

- 11.00 am Chrism Eucharist
- 5.30 pm Evensong
- 8.00 pm Compline (*sung by the Chamber Choir*)

Tuesday of Holy Week 15 April

- 8.00 pm Compline (*sung by the Youth Choir*)

Wednesday of Holy Week 16 April

- 5.30 pm Evensong
- 8.00 pm Compline (*sung by lower voices*)

Maundy Thursday 17 April

- 12.15 pm Devotional Performance of Stabat Mater Paul Carr
(*sung by the Youth Choir*)
- 8.00 pm The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday (*with incense*)

Good Friday 18 April

- 1.30 pm The Liturgy of Good Friday

Easter Eve 19 April

- 8.00 pm The Easter Liturgy (*with incense*)

Easter Day 20 April

- 7.30 am Morning Prayer
- 8.00 pm Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer, with livestream*)
- 10.30 am Sung Eucharist (*with incense*)
- 4.00 pm Evensong
- 6.30 pm Music and Readings for Easter (*sung by the Voluntary Choir*)

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

Youth Choir Recital

Worcester Cathedral Youth Choir, accompanied by the Musical and Amicable Society, will be giving a devotional performance of Paul Carr's *Stabat Mater* on Maundy Thursday 17 April at 12.15 pm. *Stabat Mater* is a 13th-century Christian hymn to the Virgin Mary that portrays her suffering as a mother during the

crucifixion of her son Jesus Christ, and Paul Carr's 2017 setting of this text brings a 21st-century radiance to this ancient poem. Accompanied by strings, oboes and harp, the sonorities of this choral performance convey a gentle beauty with moments of ravishing intensity.

All are welcome to attend this free concert, with donations welcomed at a retiring collection. The recital will conclude at around 1 pm.

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 1 May	James Topp (French horn)
Thursday 15 May	Simon Taranczuk (organ)
Thursday 22 May	Jack McCabe (organ)
Thursday 5 June	Ciara Millington (mezzo soprano) and David Turner (bass)
Thursday 12 June	Dewi Rees (organ)
Thursday 19 June	Michael Jones (piano)
Thursday 26 June	Kenneth Wilson (cello)

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 and now unlocked (though shut) for 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 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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Notices for inclusion in the Sunday News should be emailed (usually by the previous Wednesday) to sundaynews@worcestercathedral.org.uk