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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 verger for a welcome booklet.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Summer Picnic

All are welcome to this Cathedral Community event to be held on College Green (indoors if wet) from 12.30 pm on Sunday 7 June, after coffee.

Please bring your own picnic and a picnic chair or rug. A cash-only bar will be available for the purchase of a glass of wine and bottled beer. Soft drinks also provided. This will be a relaxing afternoon meeting with friends and an opportunity to enjoy some fun games too!

To help us with the organisation of the event it would be helpful if you add your name to one of the sign-up lists which will be located at the rear of the Nave and in the Chapter House each Sunday until 31 May. Not sure if you can come along as yet?—you can still turn up on the day. We look forward to seeing you.

The John Paul Hoskins Choral Scholar Appeal

As a tribute to our former Precentor John Paul Hoskins and his life-long love and support of cathedral music, we hope to raise £45,000 to support the launch of a new funding programme for choral scholars here at the cathedral.

This fund will guarantee the appointment of one choral scholar per academic year for the next six years, creating life-chances for talented emerging young musicians at a crucial time in their early career. Many of you generously supported us at this time last year, and your contributions have created a strong foundation for launching this new phase of our fundraising efforts. For more information on the Appeal scan the QR code or visit: www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/HoskinsAppeal



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

Fun Run—Congratulations and Thanks

Congratulations to Worcester Cathedral Choristers Jackson, Daniel, Bertie, Goeffrey and Alice who completed the A J Bell Birmingham Fun Run on 2 May and have been successful in raising £860. Thank you all who have donated, but there is still opportunity to donate: visufund.com/worcester-choristers-great-birmingham-run-2-may-2026

Sunday Morning Coffee

A thank you to all who have volunteered to help with Sunday Morning Coffee. We are still keen to hear from those who would like to help; if you are interested, please speak with Di Gant or Claire Penny.

Prayer and Intercessions

Please pray for the sick and those in need; and for all the departed, among them Tim Hayward. 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 our Cathedral Archaeologist, Fiona Keith-Lucas.

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.

Living Gently on the Earth

Worcester Cathedral's award-winning training programme Living Gently on the Earth continues on Saturday 13 June, 2 pm, with "**Living in harmony with life: diet and animal welfare**". The Old Palace.

The events are free. You can get more details and book a place to attend on www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/living-gently (or scan the QR code with your phone camera). *Tickets are not compulsory* but will ensure a place if full.



Friends of the Holy Land

The CEO of Friends of the Holy Land, Brendan Metcalf, will be coming to speak at St Andrew's church in Ombersley on Monday 8 June at 7pm.

Friends of the Holy Land are an ecumenical charity which enables around £1.5m of support to be given directly and mainly to the Christians in the Holy Land each year. We have a Friends of the Holy Land group in the Diocese, supported by some Catholic, Anglican and Methodist churches.

Brendan will talk about the parishes in the Holy Land and how we are able to give hope to vulnerable Christians there. If you have ever been on pilgrimage to the Holy Land or have a heart for the land where Jesus lived and walked, this is an opportunity to hear how the tiny and often beleaguered Christian communities in Palestine and Israel are coping.

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 is at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 3 June; subsequent meetings will be on 5 August, 2 September, 7 October, 4 November, and 2 December.

Worcester Theological Society

Thursday 18 June – 'Existential Guilt – to whom are we accountable?'. Peter Bevan. 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 Sung Eucharist for Pentecost
(sung by the Choir of All Saints' Church, West Ham; with incense)
- 4.00 pm Evensong *(sung by the Choir of All Saints' Church, West Ham)*

Next Sunday's Services

- 7.30 am Morning Prayer
- 8.00 am Holy Communion *(Book of Common Prayer, with livestream)*
- 10.30 am Sung Eucharist for Trinity Sunday
(sung by the Chamber Choir; with incense)
- 4.00 pm Elgar Festival Evensong with Wreath-Laying by the Elgar Society
(sung by the Chamber 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

WCCA Race Night

Following the success of this event three years ago, the WCCA (Worcester Cathedral Choristers Association) is pleased to be presenting another Race Night in The Old Palace at 7.30pm on Saturday 6 June. Tickets (£7.50 for adults, £5 for under 18s) are available from members of the music department at coffee after the Eucharist, or from Eventbrite: racenight2026.eventbrite.co.uk. Drinks will be available for purchase on the night, which will feature 9 races shown on a big screen, with an opportunity to place your bets beforehand! All funds raised at this fun and family-friendly event will go directly to WCCA, whose main objective is to support the cathedral's music.

There are also two other ways to support this event:

- Sponsor a horse: For just £5 you can choose the name of your horse, and you will win a prize if it wins its race! To sponsor a horse, please contact Nicholas Freestone by email (nicholasfreestone@worcestercathedral.org.uk) or sign up on the list at post-Eucharist coffee
- Donate a raffle-style prize: We are looking for 9 prizes such as might be won in a raffle. If you can help, please contact Nicholas Freestone (as above)

Lunchtime Recitals

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

Thursday 4 June	Jonathan Heron (bass)
Thursday 11 June	Benedict Braddock (organ)
Thursday 18 June	Stelios Sycallides (alto) and David Marlow (tenor)
Thursday 25 June	Philip Crozier (organ)
Thursday 2 July	Eric Choate (organ)

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 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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