

SUNDAY 31 MAY 2026

TRINITY SUNDAY



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

Sunday Morning Refreshments

Cake and prosecco will be served in the Chapter House after the 10.30 am service today, alongside our usual tea and coffee, as we bid our farewells to Mary Kenchington.

Assistant Director of Music

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Alexander Robson as Assistant Director of Music from September 2026. Alex has held organ scholarships at St George's Chapel, Windsor and Westminster Cathedral, and was organ scholar at St John's College in Cambridge during his time as an undergraduate.

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 today. 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

Prayer and Intercessions

Please pray for the sick and those in need; and for all the departed, among them Tim Hayward, Peter Siddall, John Yelland, and Edward Montague-Youens.

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 Worcester City Council and Worcestershire County Council.

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.

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.

Bugs and Bards wildlife survey

Friday 12 June 11 am–3 pm, Old Palace Gardens.

11 am–1 pm: The Eco Group's annual wildlife survey facilitated by Worcestershire Wildlife Trust. Field guides and spyglasses will be provided. Participate in the survey and/or spend time in the beautiful gardens gathering inspiration for poetry.

1 pm–2 pm: Bring your own lunch to eat in the garden.

2 pm–3 pm: Eco poetry readings in the Old Palace Gardens (possibly including some lines newly inspired by the event!).

Part of Worcestershire Literary Festival 2026.

A Refugee Week exhibition and poetry reading event

Saturday 13 June 11 am–3 pm, Worcester Cathedral Chapter House.

An exhibition of quilts made by Quilts4You and Evesham Welcomes Refugees Women's Sewing Group, organised with Worcester City Welcomes Refugees for Refugee Week (13–21 June). This will be a day of celebration and textile-based workshops on the themes of *Journeys of Courage—Seeking Sanctuary*.

Contributors include Worcester Craftivists, Worcester Arts Collective and Christopher Whitehead Language College Design & Technology Department.

There will be poetry readings on the hour 12 pm–3 pm.

Part of the Worcestershire Literary Festival 2026.

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.



Old Spectacles Please!

Worcester Rotary Club are again collecting old spectacles. These are sent through the local Lions club to Vision Action for dispatch to the developing world. In addition the Rotary Club will make a donation of £1 for each pair donated up to £700. There will be a box for donated spectacles in the Chapter House after each Sunday Eucharist in June.

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 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*)

Thursday 4 June

- 5.30 pm Sung Eucharist for Corpus Christi (*with incense*)

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 the Translation of St Wulfstan
- 3.00 pm Worship in the Garden

4.00 pm Evensong
6.30 pm Evening Worship (*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

‘Wonder’ Exhibition of Poetry and Art

See how local artists and poets have responded to the theme of ‘Wonder’. An exhibition in the Dean’s Chapel, 6–19 June. Part of Worcestershire Literary Festival 2026 (further information is available at the cathedral Welcome Desk or on Facebook. All events free.)

Also, on Monday 8 June 2–4 pm, the Chapter House: A celebration of the ‘Wonder’ exhibition, with poetry readings and music from cello duo, 2 more cellos, and an opportunity to meet contributing poets and artists.

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.

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| 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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