



## **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**

### **Notice from the Dean – Collections and Giving**

From the first Sunday in September we will resume the practice of 'taking a collection'. During the pandemic, under restrictions, this was paused and the general move from cash to contactless payments made the passing of a plate or bag something which has not until now returned. However there is much important symbolism in restoring this act to this part of the service. The offertory presents to God the gifts of bread and wine and our money—all signs of our response to God's generosity. Of course many people will not have cash and still more will be giving by other means (the Regular Giving Scheme), however the passing of the plate or bag reminds us of the importance of giving, as our offering to God and also as the offering of ourselves as we come to receive Holy Communion. However I would warmly encourage you sign up to the Regular Giving scheme, rather than simply making your offering via the plate—this way we can keep in touch and understand our generous supporters. It is very straightforward and Cathy Sloan, Director of Fundraising, would be very to support you in this process. Please read the information on Regular Giving—either in the leaflets around the Cathedral or on our website. Thank you for the financial support which ensures the ministry, mission and witness of the Cathedral Church can flourish.

### **Harvest Lunch – save the date**

This year's Harvest Lunch will be in the Chapter House on Sunday 5 October 2025 after the 10.30 am Eucharist with a suggested donation of £5.00. Sign-up sheets for attendance and help will be available in September.

### **Congregational Committee**

Next meets on Monday 1 September. Members of the committee are the Dean (Chair), Judith Aldridge, Leo Atkinson, Diana Gant, Elayne Guest, Phil Hancock, Alison Marlow, Davina Rowe, Linda Watson, Robert Beattie (Deanery Rep), Caroline Gilderdale (Deanery Rep), Morag Sutcliffe (Deanery Rep). If you have any issues or ideas that you would like us to discuss, please feel free to talk to

one of the committee members, or email Alison Marlow at [alison.marlow@syntentic.com](mailto:alison.marlow@syntentic.com)

### **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](mailto:kimberlybohan@worcestercathedral.org.uk) or Matthew Hall (Steward) on 01905 732907 or at [MatthewHall@WorcesterCathedral.org.uk](mailto:MatthewHall@WorcesterCathedral.org.uk) Details of how to apply can also be found at [www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/community/st-oswalds-hospital](http://www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/community/st-oswalds-hospital)

### **Resignation of Chief Operating Officer**

Matthew Hall, the Cathedral's Chief Operating Officer or Steward, will be moving to a new role as Director Finance and Operations at another charitable organisation. We are grateful for his huge contribution, commitment, and the many ways he has fulfilled a demanding and hugely complex role here and wish him every blessing for the future. Please hold Matthew and all the Cathedral staff in your prayers in these coming weeks of change and transition.

### **Prayer and Intercessions**

Please pray for the sick and those in need, and for all the departed among them Sue MacPherson (ex-WFCS) and Michael Thomas. 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](mailto: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 Sara Ward, the Cathedral's Governance Assistant, and Jodie Bookes-Kavanagh, the People Administrator.

### **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](http://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 for green and generous living continues as shown below:



- 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, 1.40 pm. **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](http://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.



### Poets and Peaks Walk – in support of Christian Aid

A 12 mile route across the hills from Ledbury to Malvern on Saturday 11 October 2025, visiting three churches on the way. To express an interest, please email Steve Chance [stevechance66@outlook.com](mailto:stevechance66@outlook.com)

## FAITH & SPIRITUALITY

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### 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](mailto:prayer@worcestercathedral.org.uk) and request the link. The next meeting will be at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 3 September; subsequent meetings will be on 1 October, 5 November and 3 December.

### The Church Worldwide

At 2.30 pm on Tuesday 16 September, Little Malvern Priory will be hosting a talk 'The Church Worldwide – Past, Present and Future'. The speaker will be the Revd Canon Dr Stephen Spencer, Director of Theology and Implementation at the London office of the Anglican Communion. He will be exploring the challenges and opportunities facing the church, drawing on his extensive experience working of churches around the world. Further details at [littlemalvernpriory.co.uk](http://littlemalvernpriory.co.uk)

## **Worcester Theological Society**

Thursday 18 September – ‘Theology of Safeguarding: A Decade of Listening and Responding to Voices of Pain in the Methodist Church’ Henry Lewis, Methodist Minister. St Andrew’s Methodist, Pump Street. 1.45 pm for a 2 pm start.

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## **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 (*sung by the Mattheus Consort*)  
4.00 pm Evensong (*sung by the Mattheus Consort*)

### **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 with Presentation of Chorister Awards  
3.00 pm Worship in the Garden  
4.00 pm Evensong with the Admission of Choral and Organ Scholars  
6.30 pm Evening Worship (*sung by the Voluntary Choir*)

### **Forthcoming Services**

Monday 8 September 5.30 pm Sung Eucharist for the Feast of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Patronal Festival)

### **Worship in the Garden and Sacred Garden**

You can find out more about these services and events by visiting [www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/eco](http://www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/eco) or by contacting the Revd Dr Robin Parry on [RobinParry@worcestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:RobinParry@worcestercathedral.org.uk)

### **Memorial Service**

Michael Thomas died on 21 August. He was involved with the Cathedral for many years, prominent in its community and serving on the Fabric Advisory Panel. He had also been a significant figure in the Conservation world as director of Avoncroft Museum and much involved with the National Trust and related European organisations. There is to be a private cremation and a memorial service has been arranged at 12 noon on Wednesday 10 September at St Swithun’s Church, Worcester, with the preservation of which he was particularly identified.

### **Worcester Deanery Prayer Event**

Worcester Deanery (the 42 Church of England churches in Worcester and its environs) have organised an evening of Worship, Refreshments and Prayer

Stations, focusing on Health and Well-being, 7 pm–9 pm Wednesday  
10 September at St Helen's Church, Worcester.

## **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 18 September Jen Townsend (flute)

Thursday 25 September Kris Thomsett (organ)

Thursday 2 October Angelina Kopyrina (piano)

Thursday 9 October Richard Walker (organ)

Thursday 16 October Michael Jones (piano)

Thursday 6 November Jonathan Soman (clarinet)

Thursday 13 November James D Hicks (organ)

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## **GENERAL NOTICES**

### **Road Closures and Access Restrictions on Sunday 14 September**

There will be numerous road closures between 5 am and 12.30 pm on Sunday 14 September to accommodate the Worcester City Run and Half-Marathon. These will include College Street, Deansway and Worcester Bridge. Access to College Green via Sidbury or City Walls Road is expected to continue as usual. This year the run will be looping through College Yard itself, so pedestrian access to the North Porch will be only via the raised pavement or (for level-access) through the Old Palace grounds from Deansway.

### **Parking**

Those attending regular services may obtain the bollard code for College Green (email [parking@worcestercathedral.org.uk](mailto: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.

### **Safeguarding at Worcester Cathedral**

The Cathedral's Safeguarding Officer is Juliet Faulkner, whose contact email is [julietfaulkner@worcestercathedral.org.uk](mailto: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](http://www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/safeguarding)

### **Cathedral Newsletter**

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## **Sunday News**

Notices for inclusion in this Sunday News should be emailed (usually by the previous Wednesday) to [sundaynews@worcestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:sundaynews@worcestercathedral.org.uk)