

SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER 2024

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



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 vergers for a welcome booklet.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Thank you from Bishop John

Bishop John writes: I am immensely grateful to the Cathedral community for the hugely generous cheque with which I was presented on my final Sunday: thank you so much. I was very touched to receive it. The money will be put to good use in its new home.

I have valued my association with the Cathedral greatly during my nearly seventeen years in Worcester. Being the first bishop to live in Worcester (closer to the Cathedral than anyone else!) for a very long time meant that I was able to join the Chapter for Morning Prayer as well as enjoy all the big occasions. The Cathedral and its community will always remain close to my heart and in my prayers. God bless you all.

Grave Talk

Do you ever think about death, dying or funerals? Grave Talk is an opportunity to chat about them in a friendly, non-threatening way. The Pastoral Care Group are offering two sessions for us to share thoughts and questions around these topics. There will be an evening session on Tuesday 12 November from 7.30 pm to 9 pm and an afternoon session on Wednesday 13 November from 2 pm to 3.30 pm, and you are invited to sign up to attend one of these sessions, both of which will be held in the Great Hall of the Old Palace. Refreshments will be served on arrival, then the Dean will introduce the meeting. We will sit in small groups around tables and each group will have a set of questions to use as discussion starters, eg. What was the first death that you can remember? or How easy is it to talk to your family about your funeral wishes? Nobody will be forced to join in, although we hope that you will. At the end there will be a chance to ask for a further one-to-one talk if you have more questions.

Please sign up using www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/grave-talk

Christmas Puddings for sale in aid of The Friends of Worcester Cathedral

As we did last year, The Friends will be selling 'Ultimate Plum Pudding' Christmas puddings in the Chapter House during coffee after the morning service. They come in three sizes: Small 120g = £5; Medium 454g = £10; Large 908g = £15. They are delicious as anyone who had them last year will tell you.

Congregational Committee

Meets at 12 noon today (27 October). 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).

Library Stall donations

The library will have a stall in the Chapter House at the Victorian Christmas Fayre at the end of November. If you have any second-hand books, CDs, DVDs, jigsaws or puzzles that are complete and undamaged and no longer required, they would be gratefully received if you can drop them off at the reception desk or (during Mondays to Fridays) at the library door near the font. All sales support the cathedral. Unfortunately we cannot collect old books from homes. If you need to telephone the library in advance the number is 01905 732922 or email LibraryAssistant@worcestercathedral.org.uk

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

Prayer and Intercessions

Please pray for the sick and those in need, and for all the departed among them Jackie Green, Jocelyn Howells, and Mark Fossey. 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 Intercessors and Readers.

All Souls' List

If you would like a name to be included on the list of the departed to be remembered at the requiem, please email prayer@worcestercathedral.org.uk mentioning the All Souls' requiem service in your subject line.

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

DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal

The Disasters Emergency Committee, which brings together 15 UK charities, including Christian Aid, have launched an emergency appeal to raise funds for the humanitarian response to the escalating crisis in the Middle East. As the conflict in Gaza continues, a new disaster is unfolding in Lebanon. This conflict is taking a devastating toll on the lives of innocent people, more than a million of whom have fled their homes in search of safety. To donate visit <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergencies/dec-middle-east-humanitarian-appeal>

Foodbank & Maggs Collection Point

Before the pandemic there was a collection point for food and other essentials which was distributed to the Food Bank and to support Maggs day centre. To see how we might reinstate this it would be good to know what support there is for delivering, overseeing and looking after the donations. If you are

interested please come to a short conversation in the Chapter House on Sunday 24 November at 12 noon.

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](mailto:email_prayer@worcestercathedral.org.uk) and request the link. Dates for the remainder of 2024 are: Wednesday 6 November and Wednesday 4 December.

Worcester Theological Society

Thursday 21 November 'The Papal Synodical Conversations', David McLoughlin. 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 pm Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer, with livestream*)
- 10.30 am Sung Eucharist (*sung by the Damian Singers*)
- 4.00 pm Evensong attended by the High Sheriff and His Majesty's Judges (*sung by the Damian Singers*)

Friday 1 November

- 7.30 pm Sung Eucharist for All Saints' Day (*sung by the Chamber Choir; with incense*)

Saturday 2 November

- 5.30 pm Requiem Eucharist for All Souls' Day (*sung by Amici Coro; with incense*)

Next Sunday's Services

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- 4.00 pm Evensong attended by the High Sheriff and His Majesty's Judges (*sung by the Damian Singers*)

Worship in the Garden and Sacred Garden

You can find out more about these services and events by visiting www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/community/environment-social-action/eco-cathedral or by contacting the Revd Dr Robin Parry on revdrobin@gmail.com

Memorial Service

A service of Holy Communion with thanksgiving for the life of Jocelyn Howells will be held in the Lady Chapel at 10 am on Saturday 16 November.

Lunchtime Recitals

The Lunchtime Recital autumn series continues most weeks until the end of November. Recitals begin at 12.15 pm and last until around 1 pm. Admission is free with donations welcomed at a retiring collection.

Thursday 31 October Stefan Donner (organ)

Thursday 7 November Simone Tavoni (piano)

Thursday 14 November Grace Shepherd (violin)

Thursday 21 November Joshua Stephens (organ)

Thursday 28 November Luke Mitchell (organ)

Lecture – Cathedrals at the Reformation

The Friends of Worcester Cathedral invite you to join them at the Old Palace on Wednesday 6 November at 11 am when Dr Richard Fisher will give a talk on Worcester, Hereford and Gloucester Cathedrals at the Reformation. £15 to include coffee at 11 am and a Ploughman's Lunch after the talk. Please contact FriendsSecretary@worcestercathedral.org.uk or telephone 732920 to reserve a place.

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 Sunday 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 to

sundaynews@worcestercathedral.org.uk preferably by the Wednesday before.