

SUNDAY 3 MAY 2026
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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

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 Marietta Lougee and 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 Minor Canons, Mark Dorsett and Robin Parry, and Reader, John Vickerman.

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/adophistory

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 continues on Saturday 16 May, 2 pm, with "**Climate: Living a Low Carbon Lifestyle**". The Old Palace.

We are also excited to be showing at 2 pm on Thursday 21 May, the film from the **National Emergency Briefing**, given last November to MPs and leaders at Westminster. The film is 50 minutes long and will involve discussion and feedback. It will be shown at 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.



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 6 May; subsequent meetings will be on 3 June, 5 August, 2 September, 7 October, 4 November, and 2 December.

Worcester Theological Society

Thursday 21 May – ‘Abelard and Heloise Revisited’. The Revd Canon Glynn Richerby. 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
- 3.00 pm Worship in the Garden
- 4.00 pm Evensong
- 6.30 pm Evening Worship (*sung by the Voluntary Choir*)

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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

Ascension Day

There will be a Sung Eucharist (with incense) at 5.30 pm on Ascension Day, Thursday 14 May. A joint service of Holy Communion for Ascension Day will also be held that day on behalf of Worcester Deanery (the 42 CofE churches in Worcester and its environs) at 7 pm at All Saints Church, Worcester.

An Evening with the Choral Scholars

Spend a memorable evening with Worcester Cathedral’s choral scholars as they perform a selection of choral and solo pieces in the beautiful Old Palace setting. Along the way, discover the journeys behind the voices and hear from musicians who represent the future of choral music. Complimentary drinks will be available on arrival, with an opportunity to pledge your support to the John Paul Hoskins Choral Scholar Appeal. Thursday 21 May, at 7 pm. Tickets £15. wcscholars.eventbrite.co.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](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/racenight2026). 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. Admission is free with donations welcomed at a retiring collection.

Thursday 7 May	Allan Walker (organ)
Thursday 14 May	Brandon Roku Ali (piano)
Thursday 21 May	Jake Scicinski (organ)
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)

Library Booksale

There will be a sale of second-hand books in the Chapter House on Saturday 23 May from 10 am to 3 pm. All proceeds in aid of the Cathedral Library.

GENERAL NOTICES

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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