

SUNDAY 14 JUNE 2026

THE SECOND 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 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 **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 our Pastoral Care Group (Robert Beattie, Stephen Edwards, Diana Gant, Elayne Guest, Cynthia Harris, Peter Kendal, Candace Laing, Annette Leech, John Vickerman, Linda Watson).

Thanks from Mary Kenchington

Mary's move went well, and she would like to thank all her wellwishers, and those who provided the fizz and cake on her last Sunday. She has felt the blessing of her friends in Worcester.

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 Order by Monday (15 June) to ensure delivery in time for Father's Day!

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 18 July, 2 pm, with "**Stewardship of Land and Sea**". 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 5 August; subsequent meetings will be on 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
- 4.00 pm Evensong
- 6.30 pm Sung Eucharist (*sung by the Voluntary Choir*)

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
- 4.00 pm City Civic Service
- 6.30 pm Evening Worship (*sung by the Voluntary Choir and children from primary schools around Worcestershire*)

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

Ordination Services

This year’s Ordination Services will take place at 2 pm on Saturday 27 June and 10.30 am on Sunday 28 June. Please pray for those to be ordained—
Deacons: Julie Berrow, Tristan Mitchell, Terry Palmer, Jonathan Pincher, and Tracey Skidmore

Priests: Sue Haywood, Rob Holdsworth, Philippa Lowe, Tobias Thornes, and Jon Turner

Please also pray for Amelia Sutcliffe, who grew up in our congregation and will be ordained deacon at Southwark Cathedral on 27 June, and for Br Michaël Brossard, who will be ordained priest at Mucknell Abbey.

Worcester Saints – Richard Baxter and Richard of Chichester

On Monday (15 June) we mark the feast day of **Richard Baxter** (1615–1691). After serving as a schoolmaster in Dudley, and a curate in Bridgnorth, in 1641 he took up the position of ‘lecturer’ at St Mary’s Church, Kidderminster, where he pursued a vigorous and successful pastoral ministry for twenty years: ‘when I came thither there was about one family in a street that worshipped God and called on his name, and when I came away there were some streets where there was not passed one family in the side of a street that did not so.’ During the Civil War he served as a chaplain in the parliamentary army, and at the Restoration of Charles II was made a Royal Chaplain and attended the Savoy Conference which unsuccessfully sought a reconciliation between the puritan and episcopal wings of the English church. Baxter’s proposed revisions to the Book of Common Prayer were rejected by the 1662 Act of Uniformity; he was offered the bishopric of Hereford, but chose instead to follow many other ministers into dissenting ‘Nonconformity’ to this Act, being imprisoned several times for his continued preaching. Baxter was a prolific author, publishing nearly two hundred works, of which the best known are *The Reformed Pastor*, *The Saints’ Everlasting Rest*, his *Autobiography*, and the hymn *Ye holy angels bright*. Although near the centre of every conflict of his age, Baxter is remembered for his generous and peaceable approach and willingness to draw together Presbyterians and Episcopalians, Conformists and Nonconformists. C. S. Lewis memorably drew on Baxter’s declaration that he was ‘a Christian, a *Mere Christian*, of no other Religion...I am against all Sects and dividing Parties.’ 14 June is in fact the anniversary of the death of Baxter’s beloved wife, Margaret Charlton, of whom he published a vivid memoir; he himself died on 8 December.

On Tuesday (16 June) we mark the feast day of **Richard of Chichester** (or **Wyche**), who was born near Droitwich in 1197. After a distinguished scholarly career, which culminated with his appointment as Chancellor of Oxford University in 1235, he joined his old tutor (Saint) Edmund of Abingdon, now Archbishop of Canterbury, in political exile in France and nursed him through his final illness. King Henry III opposed Richard’s election as Bishop of Chichester in 1244 and sequestered his bishopric’s revenues; Richard therefore walked barefoot through his diocese, staying with a village priest, and continued this austere lifestyle even after Henry was forced to recognise his appointment. Canonised nine years after his death in 1253, his shrine in Chichester Cathedral was destroyed at the Reformation, but re-established in 1930. Only the opening

three lines of the prayer popularly associated with him go back to a Latin prayer Richard is recorded as having uttered on his death-bed; the memorable rhyming triplet ‘may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly’ is of twentieth-century origin.

‘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 until 19 June. Part of Worcestershire Literary Festival 2026 (further information is available at the cathedral Welcome Desk or on Facebook. All events free.)

Lunchtime Recitals

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

Thursday 18 June	Stelios Sycallides (alto) and David Marlow (tenor)
Thursday 25 June	Philip Crozier (organ)
Thursday 2 July	Eric Choate (organ)

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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