



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

Harvest Lunch on Sunday 5 October

Everyone is welcome to join us at our community lunch in the Chapter House after the Harvest Eucharist on Sunday 5 October. There will be bread, cheese, pork pie and salad, followed by homemade desserts. We ask for a suggested donation of £5.00 to cover costs. Please sign up on the notice board at the west end of the Nave by Sunday 28 September.

During the meal we will auction harvest gifts of fresh produce in aid of the Maggs Day Centre, one of our cathedral charities this year.

If you are able to help set up on the day from 9 am please see Diana Gant.

Iona-inspired Art Exhibition

There is an exhibition of paintings and prints by Sara Hayward, inspired by the recent Worcester Cathedral pilgrimages to Iona, at The Cabin Studio and Gallery, Unit 1, Netherton Court, Worcester, WR1 3AU, opening times Tuesday to Friday 11–4pm.

Good News – University Fellowship

The Dean was awarded a Fellowship on Thursday during one of the University of Worcester's Graduation Ceremonies. The University's College of Fellows was established in 2005; fellowships are conferred upon persons of significance or who have rendered meaningful service to the University.

Do please email SundayNews@worcestercathedral.org.uk whenever you have any good news of your own (significant birthdays, achievements, awards, etc) you would like to share with the congregation.

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 Michael Thomas, Brian Fullard, Keith Plummer, and Patricia Brown. 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 Friends of Worcester Cathedral, whose AGM takes place on Saturday.

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 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 (or scan the QR code with your phone camera). *Tickets are not compulsory* but will ensure that you have a place if full.



World Week for Peace in Palestine and Israel

This is an annual World Council of Churches event held 22–26 September, to encourage people of faith to pray for, and work towards, allowing both Palestinians and Israelis to live in peace. Daily prayers will be held 12–1 pm at St Andrew's Methodist Church, Pump Street, with a public gathering for prayer in the street on Wednesday 24 September.

Worcester Cathedral Annual Eco Fair

Sunday 18 October, 10 am–4 pm. All welcome for a celebration of green living and local life with Worcester's wildlife and community groups, information on sustainability and local history, craft and produce stalls, lots of local wares to buy, vegan snacks and smoothies, children's activities, performance arts, poetry, music, dancing, the apple press (bring apples and containers for juice—last pressing at 2.30 pm), bike repairs with Bike Worcester. For further details please see Clare Harker, Susie Arnold or Paul Robert.

An Afternoon with Patrick Watt, Chief Executive Officer for Christian Aid

Saturday 22 November, 2–4 pm, The Old Palace. For 80 years, Christian Aid has stood in solidarity with our most marginalised global neighbours, working to eradicate poverty and promote dignity, equality and justice. To mark its 80th anniversary, the Cathedral has invited Christian Aid's Chief Executive Officer, Patrick Watt, to give an address and participate in a Q&A session. Entry is free but tickets will be bookable on Eventbrite.

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

FAITH & SPIRITUALITY

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

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.

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 will be at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 1 October; subsequent meetings will be on 5 November and 3 December.

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
- 4.00 pm Evensong with the Re-dedication of the Great West Window
(*followed by talk, see below*)
- 6.30 pm Evening Worship (*sung by the Voluntary Choir*)

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A Talk on the Great West Window

To celebrate the 150th anniversary of the West Window, the Revd Dr Robin Parry will be giving an illustrated talk on the story and meaning of the window. He will guide us around the various images, unlocking their secrets. There will be time for questions. The talk is free and follows after Evensong today (Sunday 14 September), 5.15 pm to 6 pm by the window. All are welcome.

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

Gala Organ Recital

Celebrating the 17th anniversary of the Cathedral's Quire Organ, international concert organist Peter Holder returns to Worcester Cathedral, where he was a chorister. Peter has since held posts at St Paul's Cathedral and Westminster Abbey, and is presently Organist of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford. He was organist for the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II and for the coronation of King Charles III. His recital programme on Saturday 11 October at 7.30 pm will

include music by Sir Edward Elgar. Tickets cost £15, with free admission for students and under 18s, and can be purchased on the door, or in advance from: WCGalaOrgan2025.eventbrite.co.uk

Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the recital.

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 Nicholas Freestone (organ)

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)

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 all Evensongs.

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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