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THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

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 Revd Dr John Fitzmaurice

At Evensong on Monday 7 December, Bishop Hugh will license the Revd Dr John Fitmaurice as an Associate Priest as part of the Cathedral community. John had been Director of Ordinands and Vocation in the diocese, for the past eleven and a half years, overseeing the training and formation of both ordinands (on both conventional pathways and the diocesan Auxiliary Pathway) and curates. He has recently stepped down from this role to work as a Jungian Analytical Psychotherapist and Reflective Pastoral Supervisor in private practice. John will already be well-known to Cathedral congregations, having presided and preached regularly in recent years.

Curacy Placement

The Revd Gilly Maxim will be continuing her placement with the Cathedral until the end of December. Gilly is in the third year of her curacy, and is already well known to many in the Cathedral community. We are grateful for her presence with us this season.

Retirement of King's School Chaplain

The Revd Dr Mark Dorsett will retire as Chaplain of the King's School at the end of this academic year. He is stepping down as a Minor Canon of the Cathedral at Easter and his final Sunday will be 4 April 2027.

Sides Stewards

Sides Stewarding is one of the many ways that we can help support Chapter in the daily life of worship. It is also a lovely way to become more involved in the Cathedral Community. Greg Rowe, Head Steward for Worcester Cathedral, is looking for new members to help during the Sunday 10.30 am Eucharist and Special Services throughout the year. All are welcome and training and support provided. For more information please contact Greg at gregrowe@gmx.com

Intercessors

If you might like to explore the possibility of leading intercessions at our Sunday morning Eucharists, please speak to John Vickerman john@prodoc.plus.com

Congregational Christmas Cards – Posting Arrangements

We shall be running our annual 'post and pickup' with effect from Sunday 6 December. Cards destined for congregational recipients can be posted during coffee after the 10.30 am service on 6, 13 and 20 December and picked up on 113, 20 and 27 December. Please ensure recipient's name includes both first name and surname. Any problems, speak to Phil Hancock.

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 Sunday morning 10.30 am Eucharist. They come in three sizes: Small 120g = £5; Medium 454g = £11; Large 908g = £16. They are delicious as anyone who has had them during the last few years will tell you. Payment can be by cash, card or BACS.

Library Quiz and Christmas Cards for sale

The Cathedral Library Christmas Quiz is now available from the library for £1 per quiz sheet. They are all clues to book titles.
Christmas cards will also be for sale (in support of the cathedral library) in the Chapter House during coffee. Cash only.

Sandwich Sunday—come and share lunch together

Why not stay a little longer after the service and enjoy fellowship over lunch at our next Sandwich Sunday? This will take place in the Undercroft on **Sunday 6 December**. Everyone is warmly invited to bring along their own sandwiches or packed lunch and join others for a relaxed time of conversation and friendship. For those who would prefer something warm, a selection of homemade soups will also be available. Sandwich Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to get to know fellow members of the congregation, welcome newcomers and enjoy time together beyond our worship. Whether you come with a full picnic, a simple sandwich or just an appetite for good company, you will be very welcome. Simply bring your lunch, share some soup, stay for a chat and enjoy the company of friends old and new. Donations are welcome.
We look forward to seeing you there and sharing fellowship around the table.

Prayer and Intercessions

Please pray for the sick and those in need; and for all the departed, among them Anthony Champion, Clarice Bentley, Ceridwen Bedford, and Ian Monks.
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. Today is St Cecilia's day, so

this week we pray for all our Cathedral musicians: the Organist & Director of Music, the Assistant Director of Music, the Organ Scholar, the Music Administrator, the Lay Clerks, Choristers, Choral Scholars and Choir Chaperones, the Voluntary Choirl, Youth Choir and Chamber Choir.

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

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/adopthistory

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.

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 2 December.

Worcester Theological Society

Thursday 21 January – A Visit from students from the Queen's Foundation. Adrian Lamont. 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 am Evensong
6.30 pm Sung Eucharist with Confirmations *(sung by the Youth Choir)*

Tuesday 24 November

2.00 pm Service to Celebrate 150 years of the Mothers' Union

Saturday 28 November

5.30 pm Advent Reflection *(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 am Evening Prayer *(said)*
6.30 pm Advent Procession by Candlelight

Advent Procession and Advent Reflection

During the season of Advent we will prepare to celebrate anew the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, and look to his final advent the coming of God's kingdom. The candlelit Advent Procession next Sunday evening at 6.30 pm is one of the most atmospheric and popular services of the Cathedral's year. (N.B. only the choir and clergy process—the congregation remain in their seats.)
This year the Voluntary Choir will also sing their own special Advent Reflection service at 5.30 pm on Saturday 28 November.

An Evening with Allister Malcolm: creator of Your Perpetual Flame

Allister Malcolm, the acclaimed glass artist behind the Perpetual Flame, will share the story of his career and his passion for creating works that connect people with memory, reflection and hope. The Old Palace. 7pm, Thursday 26 November. Tickets £15. www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/AllisterMalcolm

Lunchtime Recitals

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

Thursday 26 November Thomas Howell (organ)

Parking

Regular worshippers at Evensong or on Sundays may obtain a 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 via www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/parking

Safeguarding at Worcester Cathedral

The Cathedral website provides details of our Safeguarding policy as well as information about Safe Spaces, an independent service supporting survivors of church-related abuse: www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/safeguarding. If you have concerns about a child, young person or adult who may have been harmed or be at risk of harm, please contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Team, by email safeguardingadvice@cofe-worcester.org.uk or phone 01905 732800.

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Notices for inclusion in the next issue of the Sunday News should be emailed by Wednesday 25 November to sundaynews@worcestercathedral.org.uk