

SUNDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2025

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 vergers for a welcome booklet.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Remade Christmas cards

Cathedral library volunteers are recycling used Christmas cards which have been donated by the Cathedral Community. These attractive re-made cards will be on sale for 50p each in the Chapter House after the 10.30 Sunday Eucharist today. Cash only (due to poor WiFi signal). All proceeds will go to the Cathedral Library's adopt-a-book scheme.

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 Eucharist 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 or the year before, will tell you. Payment can be via cash, card or BACS.

Charities

Each year the Cathedral donates a portion of its income from congregational giving to external charities. The Congregational Committee have recommended that in 2026 we continue our support for the same three charities that were chosen for 2025:

- **Worcester Welcomes** – a charity dedicated to assisting asylum seekers in their journey towards integration. They provide essential support services, including housing, benefits guidance, training opportunities and social events.
- **Maggs Day Centre** – a Worcester-based charity that supports the homeless and vulnerable. They provide day centres in Worcester and Malvern, help with clothing and accommodation, and a consistent trusted point of contact for help from other agencies.
- **The Bridge Counselling Service** – a team of trained counsellors who have been supporting people from all backgrounds and beliefs in the Worcestershire area for over 20 years. They help clients with a wide range of issues including anxiety and depression, bereavement, relationship problems, abuse, confusion, and despair.

These charities all offer opportunities for volunteering, and we hope to encourage practical involvement as well as financial support.

Coffee next month

Coffee will be provided by The Friends of Worcester Cathedral in the **Undercroft** after the 10.30 am service on Sundays 7, 14 and 21 December. There will be no coffee on Sundays 28 December and 4 January.

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 Don Barton. 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 Clerk of Works, Kate Andrew.

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

Worcester Theological Society

Thursday 15 January – 'A Good Read'. Members share their recommendations. St Andrew's Methodist, Pump Street. 1.45 pm for a 2 pm start.

50% Discount on New book

To celebrate the publication *Christian Eco-Spirituality: An Outline* by Worcester Cathedral's Minor Canon for Eco-Spirituality, the Revd Dr Robin Parry, Wipf and Stock Publishers are offering a limited-time 50% discount on all purchases from their website. The book normally retails at £22, but with the code it can be purchased for £11 during the month of November.

Christian Eco-Spirituality develops the idea that living more gently on the earth begins with learning to reconnect with creation, aware of ourselves as creatures, living alongside other creatures, orientated towards our Divine Source. It offers a detailed sketch of how Christian beliefs, practices, traditions, and ethics can work together to help cultivate creation-attentive and creation-loving individuals and communities. Christian Eco-Spirituality seeks to resource a slow spirituality, integrating body, soul, and spirit and helping modern people connect more deeply with the natural world around them, with themselves, and with their Creator. To receive the discount,

1. Go to www.wipfandstock.com and search for the book under its title.
2. Enter the code: CONFSHIP at checkout.

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 3 December.

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 10 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/living-gently (or scan the QR code with your phone camera). *Tickets are not compulsory* but will ensure a place if full.



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
- 6.30 pm Sung Eucharist with Confirmations (*sung by the Youth Choir*)

Next Sunday'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 Evening Prayer (*said*)
- 6.30 pm The Advent Procession by Candlelight

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

Advent Procession

During the season of Advent we will prepare to celebrate anew the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, and look to his final advent and the coming of God's kingdom. The candlelit Advent Procession, on the First Sunday of Advent (30 November) at 6.30 pm is usually one of the most atmospheric and popular services of the cathedral's year—if you've not been before, why not this year? (NB only the choir and clergy process—the congregation remain in their seats.)

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 8 January	Gus Cox (organ)
Thursday 15 January	Nicholas Freestone (organ)
Thursday 22 January	Students from Bromsgrove School
Thursday 5 February	Samuel Hudson (organ)
Thursday 12 February	Ensembles from King's School, Worcester
Thursday 5 March	Alexis Hutchinson (alto)
Thursday 12 March	Musicians from Royal Birmingham Conservatoire
Thursday 19 March	Peter King (organ)
Thursday 26 March	Fiona Hosford (harp)

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 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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