

SUNDAY 4 MAY 2025

THE THIRD 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 vergers for a welcome booklet.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Summer Picnic

Please save the date for our Cathedral Community event on Sunday 22 June 2025, after the 10.30 am Sung Eucharist. Everyone is most welcome to attend this 'bring your own' Summer Picnic. More details to follow in the coming weeks.

Congregational Committee

Next meets this Tuesday (6 May). Members of the committee are the Dean (Chair), Judith Aldridge, Leo Atkinson, Diana Gant, Elayne Guest, Phil Hancock, Alison Marlow, Davina Rowe, Linda Watson, Robert Beattie (Deanery Rep), Caroline Gilderdale (Deanery Rep), Morag Sutcliffe (Deanery Rep). If you have any issues or ideas that you would like us to discuss, please feel free to talk to one of the committee members, or email Alison Marlow at alison.marlow@synthentic.com

Creative Arts & Faith Community Producer

St Andrew's Methodist Church, Pump Street, are seeking to employ a part-time Producer to develop their city centre premises as a place to explore faith and spirituality through hospitality and the creative arts (visual and performance). For more information see https://media.methodist.org.uk/media/documents/Creative_Arts_Faith_Community_Producer_Advert.pdf Closing date 9 May.

VE Day 80

There will be a series of civic events on Thursday 8 May to mark the 80th anniversary of VE Day: Flag raising in Cathedral Square at 9 am; a street party performance at The Guildhall at 11 am; and in Fort Royal Park, a Street party from 6.30 pm, a drumhead ceremony and wreath-laying at 9 pm, and a beacon will be lit at 9.30 pm.

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 Philip Hains. 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 Congregational Committee.

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 17 May, 1.30pm. **Living a low-carbon lifestyle.** The Undercroft.
- Saturday 19 July, 1.30 pm. **Living in Harmony with Life: diet and animal Welfare.**
- Saturday 20 September, 1.30 pm. **Responsible Stewardship of Land and Sea: bio-diversity, fertilisers, pollution, habitat use.**
- Saturday 15 November, 1.30 pm. **Eco-justice: responding to the social implications of ecological harm.**



The events are free. 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.

Old Spectacles Please!

Worcester Rotary Club are again collecting old spectacles. These are sent through the local Lions club to Vision Action and are used to help those in countries where there is great need. In addition the Rotary Club will make a donation of £1 for each pair collected to Vision Action up to £700. Please give your glasses (cases are not required) to either John or Liz Wright.

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 meetings will be at 7.30 pm on Wednesdays 7 May and 4 June.

Worcester Theological Society

Thursday 15 May – Prof. Ann Conway-Jones, “Sibling Rivalry: early Jewish-Christian relations and their legacy”. 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 (<i>Book of Common Prayer, with livestream</i>)
10.30 am	Sung Eucharist
3.00 pm	Worship in the Garden
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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

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 15 May	Simon Taranczuk (organ)
Thursday 22 May	Jack McCabe (organ)
Thursday 5 June	Ciara Millington (mezzo soprano) and David Turner (bass)
Thursday 12 June	Dewi Rees (organ)
Thursday 19 June	Michael Jones (piano)
Thursday 26 June	Kenneth Wilson (cello)

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. Please note that parking on College Yard on the north side of the cathedral is no longer possible.

Bath Road Planned Closures

Please be aware that Bath Road is scheduled to be closed for resurfacing on Sundays 11, 18 and 25 May.

Safeguarding at Worcester Cathedral

The Cathedral's Safeguarding Lead is Canon Kimberly Bohan, whose contact email is: kimberlybohan@worcestercathedral.org.uk The phone number is 01905 732906 and 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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