

SUNDAY 13 APRIL 2025

PALM SUNDAY



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

Funeral of Canon John Paul Hoskins

John Paul's funeral will be held here in the cathedral at 11.30 am on Wednesday (16 April). All are invited as we give thanks for his life and commend him to God. You are also invited to join Liz and Suzie for a reception in the Chapter House at 3 pm, after they have returned from the crematorium.

Send Green Easter Greetings with Ease!

Many of us love to send Happy Easter best wishes for Easter Day to celebrate our Lord's resurrection. Rather than buying, writing, and sending cards to your friends at Worcester Cathedral, you can now send greetings to everyone through our virtual and sustainable e-aster Greeting, and at the same time support the Cathedral's work in the community. Here's how it works:

1. **Don't spend money on cards this year** but instead make a donation to Worcester Cathedral for the **Communal e-aster Greeting**.

You can do this via <https://bit.ly/4izMdMC> or by scanning the QR code with your phone camera and click on the link. You will have the opportunity to let us know how you would like your name to appear in the list of senders, or if you would like to remain anonymous. Please make your Communal e-aster Greeting by midnight on 16 April.



2. **On Easter Day, an e-greeting will be sent to all the Cathedral community** who receive our fortnightly e-news.

The names of all who have kindly made a donation to send the e-aster Greeting will be listed in this **e-greeting** as well as in the **Cathedral Sunday News**.

The benefits are:

- **Greener – reduce, re-use, recycle.**
- **Inclusive – no one is missed out.**
- **Easier – avoid writer's cramp!**
- **Wiser – raises money for the Cathedral.**

All funds raised will support the Cathedral's ongoing running costs, wherever those funds can be most effective in furthering our Vision.

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

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.

Prayer and Intercessions

Please pray for the sick and those in need, and for all the departed among them Philip Hains and John Paul Hoskins. 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 Servers.

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.

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.

Bishop's Lent Appeal

This year's Lent Appeal will be supporting the Morogoro Bible College Scholarship Fund, newly set up by members of our diocesan Morogoro Partnership group to support the costs of tuition and board for catechists, evangelists and pastors from the mission parishes across our link Diocese of Morogoro in Tanzania. Details of how you can contribute can be found at www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/lent-appeal

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.

Today's Services

- 7.30 am Morning Prayer
- 8.00 am Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer, with livestream*)
- 10.30 am The Liturgy of Palm Sunday
(*meeting in Cathedral Square for the blessing of palms*)
- 4.00 pm Evensong
- 6.30 pm Music and Readings for Holy Week (*sung by the Voluntary Choir*)

Monday of Holy Week 14 April

- 11.00 am Chrism Eucharist
- 5.30 pm Evensong
- 8.00 pm Compline (*sung by the Chamber Choir*)

Tuesday of Holy Week 15 April

- 8.00 pm Compline (*sung by the Youth Choir*)

Wednesday of Holy Week 16 April

- 11.30 pm Funeral of Canon John Paul Hoskins
- 5.30 pm Evensong
- 8.00 pm Compline (*sung by lower voices*)

Maundy Thursday 17 April

- 12.15 pm Devotional Performance of Stabat Mater *Paul Carr*
(*sung by the Youth Choir*)
- 8.00 pm The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday (*with incense*)

Good Friday 18 April

- 1.30 pm The Liturgy of Good Friday

Easter Eve 19 April

- 8.00 pm The Easter Liturgy (*with incense*)

Easter Day 20 April

- 7.30 am Morning Prayer
- 8.00 pm Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer, with livestream*)
- 10.30 am Sung Eucharist (*with incense*)
- 4.00 pm Evensong
- 6.30 pm Music and Readings for Easter (*sung by the Voluntary Choir*)

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

Youth Choir Recital

Worcester Cathedral Youth Choir, accompanied by the Musical and Amicable Society, will be giving a devotional performance of Paul Carr's *Stabat Mater* on Maundy Thursday 17 April at 12.15 pm. *Stabat Mater* is a 13th-century Christian hymn to the Virgin Mary that portrays her suffering as a mother during the crucifixion of her son Jesus Christ, and Paul Carr's 2017 setting of this text brings a 21st-century radiance to this ancient poem. Accompanied by strings, oboes and harp, the sonorities of this choral performance convey a gentle beauty with moments of ravishing intensity.

All are welcome to attend this free concert, with donations welcomed at a retiring collection. The recital will conclude at around 1 pm.

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 1 May	James Topp (French horn)
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.

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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