

**SUNDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2025**

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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.

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## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Confirmation of Bishop's Election

Bishop Hugh Nelson's election as our new bishop was confirmed at a legal ceremony at the church of St Mary le Bow on Friday. He is therefore now Bishop of Worcester, but Bishop Martin will continue to serve as Acting Bishop until Bishop Hugh's official start in the diocese with a service of welcome here in the Cathedral at 2 pm on Saturday 17 January.

### Christmas Card Exchange

The Congregational Christmas Cards postal service will be operating as usual this year. Starting on 7 December enveloped cards may be dropped off at the Coffee following the 10.30 am service. On 14 December cards may be dropped off and collected, while on 21 December cards may only be collected; cards dropped off that day are unlikely to be delivered! Please ensure each envelope has a legible full name.

### 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.

### 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](mailto:kimberlybohan@worcestercathedral.org.uk)

Details of how to apply can also be found at [www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/community/st-oswalds-hospital](http://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](mailto: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 Cathedral's worshipping community.

## 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](http://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 10 January 2026, 1.40 pm. **Acting for a Changed-World: community, government, and business** (in the Undercroft)

The events are free. You can get more details and book a place to attend at [www.worcestercathedral.co.uk/living-gently](http://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.



### 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](mailto:prayer@worcestercathedral.org.uk) and request the link. The next meeting will be at 7.30 pm on 3 December.

### 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.

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## 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
4.00 pm	Evening Prayer ( <i>said</i> )
6.30 pm	The Advent Procession by Candlelight

### Next Sunday’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
4.00 pm	Evensong
6.30 pm	Evening Worship ( <i>sung by the Voluntary Choir</i> )

### Worship in the Garden and Sacred Garden

You can find out more about these services and events by visiting [www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/eco](http://www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/eco) or by contacting the Revd Dr Robin Parry on [RobinParry@worcestercathedral.org.uk](mailto: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, this evening 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.)

## Scrooge Live

Step into the Christmas spirit with the classic 1951 film Scrooge, accompanied by a newly orchestrated live score, performed in College Hall at 7.30 pm on Monday 15 December and 1 pm, 4 pm & 7.30 pm on Tuesday 16 December. Tickets from <https://www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/whats-on/scrooge-live>

## Tidings of Joy

The Cathedral Choir's ever-popular Christmas concert takes place at 7.30 pm on Saturday 13 December. Tickets available from the Cathedral website.

## 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)

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## GENERAL NOTICES

### Parking

Those attending regular services may obtain the bollard code for College Green (email [parking@worcestercathedral.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/safeguarding)

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