

SUNDAY 29 JUNE 2025

THE FEAST OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL



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

Help inform diocesan synod discussion

At the next Diocesan Synod meeting on 30 June, there will be a discussion of the 'Living in Love and Faith' process, including the proposed stand-alone services of blessing on same-sex couples and pastoral reassurance for congregations whose theological convictions on such matters might differ from their bishop's. To aid these deliberations, the Diocese wishes to hear also from those with a wide range of views who are not currently members of the Synod, so has prepared a confidential online survey which may be filled out at <https://forms.office.com/e/qipzkzvt8q> Chapter have already agreed their willingness to offer such prayers of blessing in the Cathedral, so far as they are currently permitted.

Library second-hand bookstall

The cathedral library second-hand bookstall will be at the Fair held on 19 July. If anyone has any books which you would like to donate please can you drop them off either at the library on a weekday or at the cathedral reception desk if the library is closed. (We can also take DVDs and jigsaws.) Thank you very much for your support.

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 Barry Grice. 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 King's School, as we approach the end of term and King's Day on Thursday.

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 19 July, 1.40 pm. **Living in Harmony with Life: diet and animal Welfare.**
- Saturday 20 September, 1.40 pm. **Responsible Stewardship of Land and Sea: bio-diversity, fertilisers, pollution, habitat use.**
- Saturday 15 November, 1.40 pm. **Eco-justice: responding to the social implications of ecological harm.**
- Saturday 17 January 2026, 1.40pm. **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/eco (or scan the QR code with your phone camera). *Tickets are not compulsory* but will ensure that you have a place if full.

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 will be at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 6 August; subsequent meetings will be on 3 September, 1 October, 5 November and 3 December.

Malvern Festival of Biblical Literature

The 2nd Malvern Festival of Biblical Literature will take place 3-5 July at Malvern Friends Meeting House. For more information see <https://www.festivalofbiblicalliterature.co.uk>

Worcester Theological Society

Thursday 17 July – ‘Does the church need a creed?’ Canon Roger Spiller, Theological Educator. 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 (*Book of Common Prayer, with livestream*)
10.30 am The Ordination of Deacons
4.00 pm Evensong
6.30 pm Evening Worship (*sung by the Voluntary 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 with Cathedral Choir Farewells
3.00 pm Worship in the Garden
3.30 pm Evening Prayer
4.00 pm End of Year Celebration with Voluntary Choir Farewells
(*sung by the Voluntary Choir*)

Ordination Services

Please pray for those ordained this weekend—

Deacons: Paul Latham, Philippa Lowe, Tobias Thornes, and Jon Turner

Priests: Michael Edwards, Peter Greaves, Gilliam Maxim,
Tim O’Leary, Prajna Pal-Lad, Chris Smith, and Sarah Tranter.

Credo

Worcester Cathedral will be marking the 1700th anniversary of the council of Nicaea over the weekend of 5–6 July. The Worcester Cathedral Youth Choir will be performing a concert based around the Nicene Creed at 7 pm on Saturday 5 July, including music by Vivaldi, Stanford, Gjeilo and Gibbons. Admission is free, with donations welcomed at a retiring collection.

At the 10.30 am Sung Eucharist the following morning, Sunday 6 July, the Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan will be preaching on the Nicene Creed.

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

Cathedral Library Tours

Library tours will be offered this summer on either Thursdays or Fridays at 12.30 pm to 1.30 pm—check via the cathedral website. It is also sometimes possible to arrange a private library tour by appointment at other times—contact 01905 732922 or email davidmorrison@worcestercathedral.org.uk for more details. Specific themed library tours eg. medicine, law, maps or music are also possible on request.

Faith in Crime Fiction

From the Golden Age to current day, crime fiction has drawn upon Christian stories and themes such as justice, redemption, innocence, and the prophetic voice; some of these books even feature a clerical detective. Canon Georgina Byrne, formerly a Residentiary Canon here in Worcester and now teaching Christian doctrine and contextual theology at The Queen's Foundation, Birmingham is also (writing as Georgina Clarke) the acclaimed author of the Lizzie Hardwicke mysteries set in 18th-century London and *The Dazzle of the Light*—which was inspired by the Forty Thieves, a gang of notorious female thieves in East London—and will be giving a talk about her novels, faith in crime fiction and also what religious people—vicars, priests, monks and nuns—*actually* do and why they might make good sleuths. 7 pm, Monday 30 June in the Old Palace. Tickets (£12) available from <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/faith-in-crime-fiction-with-author-georgina-clarke-tickets-1374270472979>

Come and Sing Choral Evensong

St Martin's Church, London Road are holding a Come and Sing Evensong on Sunday 10 August (3.15 pm rehearsal; 6 pm service), featuring music by Frederick Gore Ousley and Herbert Sumsion. Guest Conductor: Paul Trepte. For further details see stmartins10aug25.eventbrite.co.uk

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 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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