

SUNDAY 1 JUNE 2025

THE SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY



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

You are all invited to come along to our 'Bring your own picnic' on Sunday 22 June, starting from 12.15 pm on the Top Lawn at the Old Palace (or inside in the Great Hall if wet weather). Please bring a picnic chair/blanket, picnic and alcoholic refreshment if you wish. A **free** glass of non-alcoholic punch will be available. There will be fun games for adults and children! If you are able to attend would you kindly add your name to the list on the noticeboard which will be in the Chapter House after the 10.30 am Eucharist until 15 June. Parking will be on College Green, using the usual Sunday barrier code. For those who require parking at the Old Palace for mobility reasons, please see Davina Rowe or Phil Hancock for access details. We look forward to seeing you.

Appeal for new Stewards for services

Sides Stewarding is one of the many ways that we can help support Chapter in the daily life of worship. It is also a lovely way to become more involved in the Cathedral Community. Greg Rowe, Head Steward for Worcester Cathedral, is looking for new members to help during the Sunday 10.30 am Eucharist and Special Services throughout the year. All are welcome with training and support provided. For more information, please contact Greg at gregrowe@gmx.com.

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 David Bowen, John Gaston and Lucy Orchard. 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 Worcester City Council and Worcester County Council.

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.

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 4 June; subsequent meetings will be on 6 August, 3 September, 1 October, 5 November and 3 December.

Worcester Theological Society

Thursday 19 June – ‘The biggest challenge facing my church is...’ A symposium. St Andrew’s Methodist, Pump Street. 1.45 pm for a 2 pm start.

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>

SERVICES & EVENTS

Today’s Services

- 7.30 am Morning Prayer
- 8.00 pm Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer, with livestream*)
- 10.30 am Sung Eucharist (*sung by the Chamber Choir*)
- 3.00 pm Worship in the Garden
- 4.00 pm Elgar Festival Evensong with Wreath-Laying by the Elgar Society (*sung by the Chamber Choir*)

Saturday 7 June

- 5.30 pm Sung Eucharist for the Translation of St Wulfstan (*with incense*), the anniversary of this cathedral’s dedication in 1218.

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 for Pentecost (*with incense*)
—*you are invited to wear reds and oranges*
- 4.00 pm Evensong (*sung by the Voluntary Choir*)
- 6.30 pm Pentecost Celebration (*sung by the Youth Choir*)

Other Forthcoming Services

- Wednesday 4 June 2.30 pm Memorial Service for the late John Gaston

Sunday 15 June	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist for Trinity Sunday (with incense)
	4.00 pm	City Civic Service
Thursday 19 June	5.30 pm	Sung Eucharist for Corpus Christi (with incense)

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

Ordination Services

This year's Ordination Services will take place at 2 pm on Saturday 28 June and 10.30 am on Sunday 29 June. Please pray for those to be ordained—

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

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

Organ Spectacular

Discover the power and beauty of Worcester Cathedral's organs, as our popular Organ Spectacular returns. From the quietest shimmer to the loudest roar, the colours and contrasts of the organ will be demonstrated through much-loved organ repertoire, alongside music that you would not hear at Evensong!

This year's concert will be celebrating *Play the Organ Year* and will be raising funds for the Worcester Cathedral Choristers Association. Saturday 14 June at 7.30 pm. Tickets: £16/£6 (U18's), available from www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/organ-spectacular-tickets-1302922118129 or on the door.

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 5 June	Ciara Millington (mezzo soprano) and David Turner (bass)
Thursday 12 June	Dewi Rees (organ)
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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