SUNDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2026
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 verger for a welcome booklet.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

The Revd Dr John Fitzmaurice

At Evensong on Monday 7 December, Bishop Hugh will license the Revd Dr John Fitzmaurice as an Associate Priest as part of the Cathedral community. John had been Director of Ordinands and Vocation in the diocese, for the past eleven and a half years, overseeing the training and formation of both ordinands (on both conventional pathways and the diocesan Auxiliary Pathway) and curates. He has recently stepped down from this role to work as a Jungian Analytical Psychotherapist and Reflective Pastoral Supervisor in private practice. John will already be well-known to Cathedral congregations, having presided and preached regularly in recent years.

Intercessors

If you might like to explore the possibility of leading intercessions at our Sunday morning Eucharists, please speak to John Vickerman john@prodoc.plus.com

Congregational Christmas Cards – Posting Arrangements

We shall be running our annual 'post and pickup' with effect from Sunday 6 December. Cards destined for congregational recipients can be posted during coffee after the 10.30 am service on 6, 13 and 20 December and picked up on 13, 20 and 27 December. Please ensure recipient's name includes both first name and surname. Any problems, speak to Phil Hancock.

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 10.30 am Eucharist. They come in three sizes: Small 120g = £5; Medium 454g = £11; Large 908g = £16. They are delicious as anyone who has had them during the last few years will tell you. Payment can be by cash, card or BACS. The Friends will also be having a stall at the West End of the Cathedral whilst the Victorian Christmas Fayre is taking place: Thursday 3 December to Saturday 5 December 10 am–5 pm and Sunday 6 December 12 noon–3.30 pm. Please do come and support us.

Library Quiz

The Cathedral Library Christmas Quiz is now available from the library for £1 per quiz sheet. They are all clues to book titles.

Sandwich Sunday

6 December is the date for the next Sandwich Sunday. It will be taking place in the Undercroft after coffee. All are warmly invited to attend. Lovely homemade soup will be available, for which cash donations are welcome. Why not come along, bring your lunch, eat with friends, stay as long as you wish and leave when you want to.

Prayer and Intercessions

Please pray for the sick and those in need; and for all the departed, among them Anthony Champion, Clarice Bentley, Ceridwen Bedford, Ian Monks, Fred McPhee, and Hugo Pike. 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. T week we pray for all our Clerk of Works, Kate Andrew.

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
Details of how to apply can also be found at www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/community/st-oswalds-hospital

Adopt a Piece of History

Supporting the conservation and ongoing care of Worcester Cathedral can be done in a thoughtful and creative way, with adoptions starting from £25 for items such as stained-glass windows, misericords, and carvings. Adopters receive a personalised certificate and a high-resolution photograph in a presentation folder, with all funds contributing to the Cathedral's upkeep and running costs—creating a meaningful gift for someone you love, from

somewhere you love. Choose your piece from the catalogue here: www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/adopthistory

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.

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 is at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 2 December.

Worcester Theological Society

Thursday 21 January – 'In Conversation': A visit from students from the Queen's Foundation. Adrian Lamont. 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 am	Holy Communion *(Book of Common Prayer, with livestream)*
10.30 am	Sung Eucharist
4.00 am	Evening Prayer *(said)*
6.30 pm	Advent Procession by Candlelight

Thursday 3 December

4.45 pm	Carol Service to mark the Opening of the Victorian Christmas Fayre *(sung by the Voluntary Choir*

Next Sunday's Services

7.30 am	Morning Prayer
8.00 am	Holy Communion *(Book of Common Prayer, with livestream)*
10.30 am	Sung Eucharist
2.30 pm	Worship in the Garden
4.00 am	Evensong
6.30 pm	Evening Worship *(sung by the Voluntary Choir)*

Advent Procession and Advent Reflection

During the season of Advent we will prepare to celebrate anew the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, and look to his final advent the coming of God's kingdom. The candlelit Advent Procession this evening at 6.30 pm is one of the most atmospheric and popular services of the Cathedral's year. (N.B. only the choir and clergy process—the congregation remain in their seats.)

Christmas Services

Sunday 13 December	4.00 pm	Voluntary Choir Carol Service *(Voluntary Choir)*
Thursday 17 December	6.30 pm	Worcester News Carol Service *(Cathedral Choir)*
Tuesday 22 December & Wednesday 23 December	6.30 pm	A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols *(Cathedral Choir)*
Thursday 24 December	1 & 3 pm	Crib Services
	5.30 pm	Carols and Readings for Christmas Eve *(Youth Choir and former choristers)*
	11.00 pm	The Midnight Eucharist with Carols
Friday 25 December	8.00 am	Holy Communion *(BCP, with livestream)*
	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist with Carols
	4.00 pm	Evening Prayer *(said)*

Cathedral Choir Christmas Concert

Worcester Cathedral Choir's ever-popular Christmas concert *Tidings of Joy* has become a traditional part of Christmas for many families. 7.30 pm, Saturday 19 December. Tickets (£13) from TidingsOfJoy2026.eventbrite.co.uk

GENERAL NOTICES

Parking

Regular worshippers at Evensong or on Sundays may obtain a bollard code for College Green (email parking@worcestercathedral.org.uk)—the entrance from College Green to the cloisters is open on Sunday mornings and unlocked (though shut) for all Evensongs. Accessible parking spaces on College Yard can be booked for blue badge holders via www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/parking

Safeguarding at Worcester Cathedral

The Cathedral website provides details of our Safeguarding policy as well as information about Safe Spaces, an independent service supporting survivors of church-related abuse: www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/safeguarding. If you have concerns about a child, young person or adult who may have been harmed or be at risk of harm, please contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Team, by email safeguardingadvice@cofe-worcester.org.uk or phone 01905 732800.

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