

**SUNDAY 19 APRIL 2026**  
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



Worcester Cathedral  

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**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.

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## **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

### **The John Paul Hoskins Choral Scholar Appeal**

As a tribute to our former Precentor John Paul Hoskins and his life-long love and support of cathedral music, we hope to raise £45,000 to support the launch of a new funding programme for choral scholars here at the cathedral.

This fund will guarantee the appointment of one choral scholar per academic year for the next six years, creating life-chances for talented emerging young musicians at a crucial time in their early career. Many of you generously supported us at this time last year, and your contributions have created a strong foundation for launching this new phase of our fundraising efforts. For more information on the Appeal scan the QR code or visit: [www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/HoskinsAppeal](http://www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/HoskinsAppeal)



### **Summer Picnic**

We are hoping to repeat the 'bring your own', Cathedral Community Summer Picnic event on Sunday 7 June, on the top lawn at The Old Palace following the 10.30am Eucharist. We have had a fun social time for the past couple of years and would like to be able to do this again. In order to make arrangements we need some additional members to join the planning team. If you are interested in helping and available on that date and willing to attend a couple of meetings prior to this, please contact Davina Rowe [davinarowe@gmx.com](mailto:davinarowe@gmx.com) to register your interest by Monday 20 April.

### **Spandrel Spying**

At one of the Lent group evenings the Dean gave a reflection on a carving in the Dean's Chapel. Join him on Saturday 25 April at 10 am as together we will look at the series of spandrel carvings on an informal walk round the Cathedral's East End—reading out its description and sharing our thoughts. Meet in the Dean's Chapel.

### **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)

### **Sponsored Marathon**

Next Saturday, Leo Atkinson is running his third London Marathon, raising funds for the NSPCC, and his class have set him some milestones. If he raises: £1000 he will dye his hair a colour of their choice for a week; £1500 he will sing a solo in front of the whole school; £2000 he will wear a costume of their choice for his longest training run. Let's help them make fun of their teacher!

<https://2026tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/leo-atkinson>

### **Prayer and Intercessions**

Please pray for the sick and those in need; and for all the departed, among them Ian Clargo, Lesley Sudwell, Ernestine Everett, Peter Handley, Marietta Lougee, Rex Delicate, Ian Michael, and Shirley Ann Revill. 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 volunteer Guides and Welcomers.

### **English Sacred Choral Music – Living Heritage**

Cathedral Music Trust is leading a national initiative to recognise English sacred choral music as part of the UK's submission to UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage list. Members of the congregation who wish to support this recognition are warmly invited to find out more and sign the petition by scanning the QR code.



### **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/adophistory](http://www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/adophistory)

### 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.

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## ENVIRONMENT & SOCIAL JUSTICE

### Living Gently on the Earth

Worcester Cathedral's award-winning training programme Living Gently on the Earth continues on Saturday 16 May, 2 pm, with "**Climate: Living a Low Carbon Lifestyle**". The Old Palace.

We are also excited to be showing at 2 pm on Thursday 21 May, the film from the **National Emergency Briefing**, given last November to MPs and leaders at Westminster. The film is 50 minutes long and will involve discussion and feedback. It will be shown at The Old Palace.

The events are free. You can get more details and book a place to attend on [www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/living-gently](http://www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/living-gently) (or scan the QR code with your phone camera). *Tickets are not compulsory* but will ensure a place if full.



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## 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](mailto:prayer@worcestercathedral.org.uk) and request the link. The next meeting is at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 6 May; subsequent meetings will be on 3 June, 5 August, 2 September, 7 October, 4 November, and 2 December.

### Worcester Theological Society

Thursday 21 May – 'Abelard and Heloise Revisited'. The Revd Canon Glynn Richerby. 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 (*Book of Common Prayer, with livestream*)
- 10.30 am Eucharist with Hymns with the Baptism of Shauriana Imani Daudid
- 4.00 pm Evening Prayer

### 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
- 1.00 pm Scouts' St George's Day Service
- 4.00 pm Evensong
- 6.30 pm Evening Worship (*sung by the Voluntary Choir*)

### Funerals and Memorial Services

- Tuesday 21 April 11.00 am Funeral of Rex Delicate
- Thursday 30 April 2.00 pm Memorial Service for Marietta Lougee

### 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)

### 'Five Beacons of Light' Concert

The Cathedral Youth Choir will be taking part in the World Premiere performance of award-winning composer Cheryl Frances-Hoad's new "cantata for the sea", alongside other young singers in the county, professional London-based chamber choir SONORO, conductor Neil Ferris (Dir. BBC Symphony Chorus), and players of the English Symphony Orchestra. With an imaginative libretto by Di Sherlock, the work tells the story of four iconic rock lighthouses (or Beacons of Light) around the UK, while addressing the climate emergency. Young people are at its heart—they are the fifth beacon of light—a symbol of hope for the future. The programme includes Bob Chilcott's 'Five Days that Changed The World', a sweeping journey through time marking significant events that helped shape humanity. Tickets for this inspiring event—**Saturday 25 April at 7.30 pm**—are on sale at: [www.worcestertheatres/whats-on/fivebeacons](http://www.worcestertheatres/whats-on/fivebeacons); by phone 01905 611427; in person at Huntingdon Hall Box Office, Crowngate; and 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 23 April Mark Brafield (organ)
- Thursday 30 April Stephen Power (organ)
- Thursday 7 May Allan Walker (organ)
- Thursday 14 May Brandon Roku Ali (piano)
- Thursday 21 May Jake Scicinski (organ)

Thursday 4 June	Jonathan Heron (bass)
Thursday 11 June	Benedict Braddock (organ)
Thursday 18 June	Stelios Sycallides (alto) and David Marlow (tenor)
Thursday 25 June	Philip Crozier (organ)
Thursday 2 July	Eric Choate (organ)

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## GENERAL NOTICES

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### **Parking**

Regular worshippers at Evensong or on Sundays 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. Accessible parking spaces on College Yard can be booked for blue badge holders [www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/parking](http://www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/parking)

### **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)

### **Cathedral Newsletter**

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