



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

Friends Trustees

The Friends of Worcester Cathedral is seeking to elect new Trustees and Officers at its Annual General Meeting in October 2026. Many of our present Trustees have already served the charity for the maximum term of office permitted by our constitution and must now stand down, giving rise to several vacancies for new Trustees. There is no specific profile for a person to be a Trustee other than a commitment to and enthusiasm for the work that the Friends do: the greater the range of skills and enthusiasms that people bring to the task, the better for the future development of the Friends.

Briefly, the Friends is an independent registered charity with the sole charitable purpose of raising funds to distribute to the cathedral by way of grants to assist in all aspects of its work. Many in the congregation, and far beyond, will be aware of this work and will have enjoyed the many social and cultural events organized by the Friends as part of its fundraising efforts. Founded in 1931 it has so far contributed £1,956,743 to cathedral funds, and is financially well-placed for this work to continue. Trustees collectively oversee the work of the charity, ensuring it operates within charity regulations and our own constitution, but many also make valuable individual contributions to administration, organization of events, communications and publicity activity, and so on.

If you are interested in considering this opportunity to serve as a Trustee, or would just like more information at this stage, please contact the current Chairman, Mrs Sue Thomas, for an informal chat, either in person or by email: FriendsChairman@worcestercathedral.org.uk

Library Booksale

The library team are hoping to hold another second-hand book sale in the Chapter House on Saturday 5 September from 10 am to 3 pm. If you have any second-hand books or jigsaws that you would be able to donate, please can you leave them by the library door or at the welcome desk near the North Porch entrance. There will also be some plants being sold at the same time by a member of the congregation.

Elections to Deanery Synod

Immediately after the Sung Eucharist today, there will be a meeting in the Chapter House for members of the Cathedral's Worshipping Community Roll. At this meeting up to 3 lay people can be elected to the Worcester Deanery Synod (they will also, subject to appointment by the Chapter, serve *ex officio* on our Congregational Committee).

Birthday Greetings

On Sunday 23 August we celebrated Christine Jagger's 87th birthday, and David Manship turns 99 on 27 August. Congratulations and best wishes to them both.

Prayer and Intercessions

Please pray for the sick and those in need; and for all the departed, among them Elizabeth Wellings, Jim Hicks, Eve Wilkinson, Helen Howell, Harry Brama, and Jo 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 Cathedral Gardener and gardening volunteers. (Today is the feast of St Fiacre, patron saint of gardeners.)

Vacancies

The Cathedral is currently trying to recruit for the following roles:

- House-for-Duty Chaplain, St Oswald's Hospital
- Christmas Tree Festival Team Member
- Principal Tenor Lay Clerk
- Assistant Tenor Lay Clerk
- Member of the Finance Committee

If you know anyone who might be interested, further details can be found at www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/jobs

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 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

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.

ENVIRONMENT & SOCIAL JUSTICE

Great North Run—sponsorship

Regular worshipper Helen Taylor will be running the Great North Run 2026 on 13 September to mark her 70th birthday and raise funds for Freedom from Torture, the only UK-based human rights organisation dedicated to the treatment and rehabilitation of torture survivors. You can sponsor her at <https://freedomfromtorture.enthuse.com/pf/helen-taylor>

Living Gently on the Earth

Worcester Cathedral's award-winning training programme Living Gently on the Earth continues on Saturday 19 September, 2 pm, with **"Eco-Justice"**. 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 (or scan the QR code with your phone camera). *Tickets are not compulsory* but will ensure a place if full.



Green Investment Roadshow

On Thursday 24 September, 9.30 am to 2 pm, we have the 'Green Investment Roadshow' in the Undercroft. You can find out more at this link <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/operationnoah/2186578> or with this QR code:



Coffee Morning–Macmillan Cancer Support

Joy and Phil Hancock will be running a coffee morning on Friday 25 September in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. The event will be at their home 2 Walnut Tree Mews WR5 1BU from 10 am until 12 noon. All are warmly welcome. Please phone Joy on 0745 0768 727 or email her on london83@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

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 September; subsequent meetings will be on 14 October, 4 November, and 2 December.

Worcester Theological Society

Thursday 17 September – 'Does Faith require Reason?' Roger Spiller.
St Andrew's Methodist, Pump Street. 1.45 pm for a 2 pm start.

SERVICES & EVENTS

Today's Services

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| 7.30 am | Morning Prayer |
| 8.00 am | Holy Communion (<i>Book of Common Prayer, with livestream</i>) |
| 10.30 am | Sung Eucharist (<i>sung by the choir of St Mary's, Horsham</i>) |
| 4.00 pm | Evensong (<i>sung by the choir of St Mary's, Horsham</i>) |

Next Sunday's Services

7.30 am	Morning Prayer
8.00 am	Holy Communion (<i>Book of Common Prayer, with livestream</i>)
10.30 am	Eucharist with Hymns (<i>no choir</i>)
4.00 pm	Evening Prayer (<i>said</i>)

Forthcoming Services

Tuesday 8 September	5.30 pm	Sung Eucharist for the Feast of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Patronal Festival)
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Worship in the Garden

Worship in the Garden has been cancelled on Sunday 6 September. It will resume in October.

Worcester Deanery Prayer Evening

Worcester Deanery (the 42 Church of England churches in Worcester and its environs) have organised a Prayer Evening for all in the Deanery with the theme 'Praying through Change', 6.30 pm–8 pm Wednesday 16 September at St Martin's Church, Holt.

Gala Organ Recital

Celebrating the 18th anniversary of the Cathedral's Quire Organ, Martin Baker will perform this year's Gala Organ Recital at 7.30 pm on Saturday 26 September. Martin studied at the Royal Northern College of Music, Chetham's School of Music and Downing College, Cambridge, then held positions at Westminster and St Paul's Cathedrals before being appointed to Westminster Abbey at the age of 24. In 2000 he returned to Westminster Cathedral as Master of Music. He is much sought after as an organist, playing frequent solo concerts in the UK and around the world. His programme will include music by Bach, Howells, Messiaen, and Mendelssohn, as well as an improvisation. Tickets cost £15, with free admission for students and under 18s, and can be purchased on the door, or in advance from:

GalaOrganRecital2026.eventbrite.co.uk

Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the recital.

Lunchtime Recitals

Recitals begin at 12.15 pm and last until around 1 pm. Donations welcomed at a retiring collection.

Thursday 17 September	Bas Westerhof (organ)
Thursday 24 September	William Forrest (organ)
Thursday 1 October	Ian Rutt (organ)
Thursday 8 October	Graham Thorpe (organ)
Thursday 15 October	Kapsetaki Twins (piano)
Thursday 5 November	Ophelia Amar (organ)

Thursday 12 November Evan Lawrence (organ)
Thursday 19 November James Lancelot (organ)
Thursday 26 November Thomas Howell (organ)

GENERAL NOTICES

Parking—new bollard code required

Regular worshippers at Evensong or on Sundays may obtain a bollard code for parking access to College Green—the entrance from College Green to the cloisters is open on Sunday mornings and unlocked (though shut) for all Evensongs. **This bollard code will be changing from 6 September.**

All existing (and new) users should obtain this new code via the application form at <https://forms.office.com/e/8pgRfU3NAA>.

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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Sunday News

Notices for inclusion in the next issue of the Sunday News should be emailed by Wednesday 2 September to sundaynews@worcestercathedral.org.uk