

SUNDAY 5 MAY 2024

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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. Coffee is served by the Friends of Worcester Cathedral in the Chapter House after the Sung Eucharist, to which everyone is most welcome. New Worshippers are especially welcome and are invited to contact Canon Stephen Edwards who will be in touch with a welcome booklet: stephenedwards@worcestercathedral.org.uk

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Cathedral Community Summer Picnic

Sunday 23rd June 2024. Please save the date for the Cathedral Community Social Event which is a 'Bring your own' picnic lunch. A Pimms and wine cash bar will be available. Everyone is welcome to join us for a fun time and friendship. More details to follow soon.

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

Thank you...

To those who supported the recent appeal for no-longer-needed spectacles. A total of 62 have been received in aid of Vision Aid Overseas.

The Friends of Worcester Cathedral

The Friends of Worcester Cathedral have now moved their office from 8 College Yard to The Old Palace, Deansway, WR1 2JD. Please do not send or deliver anything for the Friends to 8 College Yard. There is a post box in the side door of the Old Palace.

Stewardship (TRIO)

Income from TRIO, the cathedral's stewardship scheme, amounted to over £90,000 last year (year ending 31 March). Thank you to all members of TRIO, who contributed to this result, which constitutes an important source of income to the cathedral.

If you are a member of TRIO and have not yet returned your response form regarding your contribution for the new financial year, could you please return it as soon as possible.

If you are a regular worshipper but not yet giving through TRIO, please ask a steward for a letter providing information about joining the scheme.

Prayer and Intercessions

Please pray for the sick and those in need, and for all the departed. 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 Clerk of Works, Kate Andrew.

ENVIRONMENT & SOCIAL JUSTICE

Christian Aid Week 12-18 May 2024

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week>

Christian Aid is working to empower families in Burundi to build reliable and diverse incomes. Aline, for example, was determined to push back against the inhumanity of poverty, driven by hope, faith and the love of her children. She transformed her life with a little help from Christian Aid. Aline features on the Christian Aid Week posters in the Cathedral Cloisters. You can read her story on the Christian Aid Website: <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week/alines-story>

Paul Grime will be speaking about this year's Christian Aid Week campaign, including Aline's story, at a service at Holy Trinity Church, Malvern at 4pm on Sunday 12 May 2024. Paul is also taking part in the 70k in May challenge (<https://fundraise.christianaid.org.uk/70k-in-may>), which for him will include the Worcester half marathon on Sunday 19 May 2024. You can support Christian Aid through Paul's fundraising page: <https://fundraise.christianaid.org.uk/challenge-2024/pauls-70k-may> or directly through Christian Aid's website: <https://give.christianaid.org.uk/donate/CAM-006503>



The Bridge Counselling Service – volunteers required

Are you able to spare three or more hours a week on a Tuesday afternoon? Are you confident using a laptop? Are you happy speaking to people on the telephone? If so, then The Bridge Counselling Service needs you! The Bridge has a Christian ethos and requires volunteer administrative assistants at their office in the centre of Worcester. Please contact Rebecca on admin@b-c-w.org.uk or call (01905) 731850 and leave a message. You can find out more about The Bridge from www.b-c-w.org.uk

Living Gently on the Earth

Living Gently on the Earth continues into 2024 with an inspiring programme designed to enable green and generous living in all its aspects:

- Thu 23rd May 2pm. **How can we all switch to a more sustainable “circular economy” and lower our environmental footprint?** Dominic Lavelle, Managing Director of Go Green Experts, Severn Room.
- Thu 6th June 2pm. **Hope in an Age of Crisis and Turmoil.** David McLoughlin, Emeritus Fellow in Christian Theology, Abbots Kitchen.
- Sat 24th August 7.30pm to 9.30. **‘The fascinating and mysterious world of Worcester Cathedral’s bats’.** A talk and a walk about bats with Cody Levine on International Bat Night, Undercroft.
- Sat 5th October. **Green Fair**, Cloister.

The events are free. You can get more details and book a place to attend on www.worcestercathedral.co.uk/eco (or scan the QR code below with your phone camera). Tickets are not compulsory for attendance but will ensure that you will have a place if the event is full and will give us a guide of how many people to expect.



Meditative Prayer Group

The Meditative Prayer Group meets monthly online. There are some short inputs with times for reflection with the opportunity to pray for others. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 8 May at 7.30 pm. If you would like more information or to be sent the Zoom link, please contact prayer@worcestercathedral.org.uk.

Future dates: Wednesday 5 June; Tuesday 2 July; Wednesday 7 August.

Worcester Theological Society

Thursday 16 May 'Abba Amma – Improvisations on the Lord's Prayer' – an invited lecture by Professor Nicola Slee (Queen's, Birmingham). 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 Sung Eucharist
- 3.00 pm Worship in the Garden
- 4.00 pm Evensong
- 6.30 pm Evening Worship (*sung by the Voluntary Choir*)

Thursday 9 May

- 5.30 pm Sung Eucharist for Ascension Day (*with incense*)

Saturday 11 May

- 6.30 pm Devotional Performance of Olivier Messiaen's *L'Ascension* (*Samuel Hudson, organ*) after Evensong – **n.b. change of date**

L'Ascension is a series of four symphonic meditations on the ascension (approximately 30 mins in total), originally composed for orchestra and adapted by the composer for the organ. It was first published and performed in 1935 and has taken its place as a seminal part of the organ repertoire.

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Worship in the Garden and Sacred Garden

You can find out more about these services and events by visiting www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/community/environment-social-action/eco-cathedral or by contacting the Revd Dr Robin Parry on revdrobin@gmail.com

Worcester Deanery

...celebration for Ascension Day, Thursday 9 May: Holy Communion at 7pm at St John's Church, Claines. Preacher: the Revd Canon Dr Georgina Byrne.

Lunchtime Recitals

Recitals take place on Thursdays at 12.15 pm. Admission is free with donations welcomed at a retiring collection.

Thursday 9 May	Choral Scholars of Worcester Cathedral
Thursday 16 May	David Brookshaw (organ)
Thursday 23 May	Harrison Cole (organ)
Thursday 6 June	Emma Gibbins (organ)
Thursday 13 June	Jung-A Lee (organ)
Thursday 20 June	Jack Oades (organ)
Thursday 27 June	Jonathan Clinch (organ)

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. 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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