

SUNDAY 12 JANUARY 2025

THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST



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

Refreshments

Refreshments after the 10.30 am Sunday service return this weekend to their usual location in the **Chapter House** (entrance through the cloisters). All are very welcome.

Just a Minute

Worcester Cathedral Choristers Association invites you to a light-hearted entertainment on Saturday 1 February at 7.30 pm in the Old Palace. Based on the popular Radio 4 panel game, the evening will see contestants including the Dean, the Precentor, Canon Kimberly and members of the Music Department pit their wits against each other in 'Just a Minute'. Tickets (£10 adults; £5 under 16s) can be purchased online via WCCAJustAMinute.eventbrite.co.uk. Drinks will be available for purchase on the night. Proceeds will go to support the choristers and the work of the Music Department.

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 Mark Richardson, Vanessa Godfrey, Dave Clent, David Wilmer, and Geoffrey Armstrong. 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 Vergers; especially Hugh Setterfield, who will be formally admitted to office as a verger at Evensong this Saturday.

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 continues with its focus on enabling green and generous living in all its aspects:

- Friday 31 January, 7 pm. **Addressing the Climate Crisis** with Tom Collins, MP for Worcester. The Old Palace
- Saturday 15 March, 1.30 pm. **Foundations for a Wise Economy (Doughnut Economics)**.
- Saturday 17 May, 1.30pm. **Living a low-carbon lifestyle**.
- Saturday 19 July, 1.30 pm. **Living in Harmony with Life: diet and animal Welfare**.
- Saturday 20 September, 1.30 pm. **Responsible Stewardship of Land and Sea: bio-diversity, fertilisers, pollution, habitat use**.
- Saturday 15 November, 1.30 pm. **Eco-justice: responding to the social implications of ecological harm**



The events are free. 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* for attendance but will ensure that you have a place if the event is full and will give us a guide of how many people to expect.

Christian Aid – Fish and Chip Supper

Worcester Christian Aid Group invites you to its annual Fish and Chip Supper on Saturday 1 February 2025 at 5.45 pm for 6 pm. Food will be provided by the Golden Gourmet, in the Magdalene Room at St George's Church, St George's Square WRI IHX. Batanai Padya, Christian Aid's Church Engagement Officer for the West Midlands, will share what's in store for Christian Aid Week 2025.

And, of course, there will be a (not-too-testing) quiz to keep you busy. There are vegetarian and gluten-free options. Please contact Alison Clarke to book: clarke.alison@gmail.com, 07917 890183.

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 will be at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 5 February; subsequent meetings will be on 12 March, 9 April, 7 May and 4 June.

Worcester Theological Society

Thursday 16 January 'A Good Read'. 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
3.30 pm Evening Prayer
4.00 pm Epiphany Carol Service
6.30 pm Evening Worship (*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 for the Feast of St Wulfstan (*with incense*)
4.00 pm Evensong (*sung by lower voices*)
6.30 pm Evening Worship (*sung by the Voluntary Choir*)

Forthcoming Services

Saturday 18 January	5.30 pm	Evensong with the admission of Hugh Setterfield as a Verger
Sunday 26 January	4.00 pm	City Civic Service
Sunday 2 February	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist for Candlemas (<i>sung by the Youth Choir; with incense</i>)
	6.30 pm	Devotional Performance of A Ceremony of

Worcester Saints

The coming week sees the celebration of two Worcester saints:

Charles Gore (Friday 17 January): Born in 1835, Gore became one of the most influential of Anglican theologians. He helped reconcile the Church to some aspects of biblical criticism and scientific discovery, yet was Catholic in his interpretation of the faith and sacraments. He was also concerned to bring Catholic principles to bear on social problems. As an Oxford don and then as a Canon of Westminster, he was renowned for his preaching. In the 1890s, he was the founder, and first leader, of the Community of the Resurrection, which in later years settled at Mirfield in Yorkshire. From 1902, he was successively bishop of Worcester, Birmingham and Oxford. He was much mourned at his death on this day in 1932.

St Wulfstan (Sunday 19 January): Born in about the year 1009, Wulfstan's first twenty-five years after his ordination was spent in the monastery at Worcester. Against his will, he was elected Bishop of Worcester in 1062 but went on to prove an able administrator and pastor. He carefully and gently nurtured both church and state through the transition from Saxon to Norman rule. He died at Worcester on this day in the year 1095. (Both extracts from Exciting Holiness)

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

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 16 January	Francois Cloete (organ)
Thursday 23 January	Roger Judd (organ)
Thursday 30 January	Anna Holmes (violin)
Thursday 6 February	Benjamin Nicholas (organ)
Thursday 13 February	Ensembles from King's School, Worcester
Thursday 20 February	Quattuor Artium (piano quartet)
Thursday 27 February	Jonathan Hope (organ)
Thursday 6 March	Ahmed Dickinson (guitar)
Thursday 13 March	Keith Hearnshaw (organ)
Thursday 20 March	Angelina Kopyrina (piano)
Thursday 27 March	Vocal students from RGS Worcester

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 Sunday 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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