

**SUNDAY 19 JANUARY 2025**  
THE FEAST OF ST WULFSTAN



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 vergier for a welcome booklet.

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## **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

### **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](http://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](mailto:kimberlybohan@worcestercathedral.org.uk) or Matthew Hall (Steward) on 01905 732907 or at [MatthewHall@WorcesterCathedral.org.uk](mailto:MatthewHall@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)

### **Prayer and Intercessions**

Please pray for the sick and those in need, and for all the departed among them David Wilmer, Geoffrey Armstrong, and John Stanbury. 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 Martin Gorick, Bishop of Dudley and Acting Bishop of Worcester, and his chaplain, Stuart Currie.

## 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 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](http://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](mailto:clarke.alison@gmail.com), 07917 890183.

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## FAITH & SPIRITUALITY

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### **The SOPHIA Course: A Christian Eco-Spirituality Journey**

The Sophia Course is a one-year journey of spiritual formation with a focus on creation-attuned spirituality. It is for anyone seeking to explore and grow in Christian discipleship in a world facing unprecedented environmental challenges. The course will be delivered over six day-long sessions at Worcester Cathedral, which is an award-winning centre for Green training and education, covering spirituality, lifestyle, and campaigning ([2024 Church Times Green Church Awards](#)). The training days aim to engage body, soul, and spirit, blending more theoretical and more practical teaching with hands-on activities, social time, and contemplative prayer. (The six Saturdays are: 15 March, 17 May, 19 July, 20 September, 15 November, 17 January.)

In addition to the formal training days, those on the journey will live by a 'rule of life' aimed at instilling patterns of daily prayer and learning to walk gently on the earth. For more information, please contact the Revd Dr Robin Parry at [RobinParry@worcestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:RobinParry@worcestercathedral.org.uk)

### **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 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 13 February – a visit from Queen's College students. St Andrew's Methodist, Pump Street. 1.45 pm for a 2 pm start.

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## SERVICES & EVENTS

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### **Today'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*)

## 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	Sung Eucharist
4.00 pm	City Civic Service
6.30 pm	Evening Worship ( <i>sung by the Voluntary Choir</i> )

## Forthcoming Services

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 Carols by Benjamin Britten ( <i>sung by the Cathedral Choristers and Voluntary Choir</i> )

## Worcester Saints

Today we celebrate one of this cathedral's own saints: **St Wulfstan**. 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. (Extract 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/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)

## 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 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 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/safeguarding)

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