

**SUNDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2024**

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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 vergers for a welcome booklet.

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## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Charity Nominations

Each year the Cathedral donates a portion of its income from congregational giving to external charities. The Congregational Committee would welcome suggestions for charities we might support this way in 2025. We are especially seeking charities (or causes) that (1) might have the potential for further practical involvement beyond financial giving; (2) advance the cathedral's vision to catalyse campaigning and awareness on the environment and social justice; (3) already have a personal connection to one or more members of the cathedral community; (4) address a particularly timely or topical concern; and/or (5) where our support might be able to make a significant difference. Please send nominations, together with links to the charity's website (if applicable) and a brief indication how it might meet some of the above criteria, to [robertbeattie@worcestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:robertbeattie@worcestercathedral.org.uk) by Epiphany (6 January).

### Accommodation Needed

A pastor from our link diocese of Magdeburg is on sabbatical here next year and is looking for accommodation to rent at a reasonable price. He will be in Worcester from 3 February to 16 March and will be joined by his partner and their dog for the last fortnight. If you can help in any way please contact the Dean.

### Children's Ministry Fund

Many will remember fondly Jocelyn and Denis Howells, whose welcome to the Cathedral, and support for Junior Church over so many years was instrumental in engaging many families with worship. A fund is being established in their memory, with the support of their family and the Dean, to 'support the Cathedral's ministry to children in its congregation'. If you would like to contribute you can send a cheque made payable to 'Worcester Cathedral' to

(or leave a cash donation at) The Old Palace, clearly marking the envelope 'FAO Monika Nicholson/Children's Ministry' or make a BACS transfer using the following details: Account Name **Worcester Cathedral**, Bank Account **50182885**, Sort Code **20-98-61**, and add the reference *Children's Ministry*.

### **Christmas Puddings for sale in aid of The Friends of Worcester Cathedral**

As we did last year, The Friends will be selling 'Ultimate Plum Pudding' Christmas puddings in the Chapter House during coffee after the morning service. They come in three sizes: Small 120g = £5; Medium 454g = £10; Large 908g = £15. They are delicious as anyone who had them last year will tell you.

### **Library Stall donations**

The library will have a stall in the Chapter House at the Victorian Christmas Fayre at the end of November. If you have any second-hand books, CDs, DVDs, jigsaws or puzzles that are complete and undamaged and no longer required, they would be gratefully received if you can drop them off at the reception desk or (during Mondays to Fridays) at the library door near the font. All sales support the cathedral. Unfortunately we cannot collect old books from homes. If you need to telephone the library in advance the number is 01905 732922 or email [LibraryAssistant@worcestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:LibraryAssistant@worcestercathedral.org.uk)

### **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 Phil Mullington, Mike Grundy, Neil Thackeray, Janet Shuard, Owen Barraclough,

and Frank Bentley. 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 Worcester Cathedral Choristers Association.

### **Prayers at the Candlestand**

When they are in the Cathedral, some people like to light a candle and place it on the candlestand as a form of prayer. This may be to remember someone who has died, either recently on an anniversary of their death or birthday, but it can also be to offer thanks for something good or to pray for someone who is sick or another request. After lighting the candle, some people also write their prayer request in a book that is next to the candlestand. They may just write the person's first name or give more detail. Once a week a member of the Pastoral Care Group takes a photo of the pages of prayers that have been written that week and distributes these around other members of the Pastoral Care Group who have promised to pray the prayers that have been requested. Whether you are accustomed to lighting a candle and writing a prayer request, or you would like to do so for the first time, it may be encouraging to know that your prayers will also be prayed by a member of the Pastoral Care Group.

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.*      Philippians 4.6.

### **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**

### **DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal**

The Disasters Emergency Committee, which brings together 15 UK charities, including Christian Aid, have launched an emergency appeal to raise funds for the humanitarian response to the escalating crisis in the Middle East. As the conflict in Gaza continues, a new disaster is unfolding in Lebanon. This conflict

is taking a devastating toll on the lives of innocent people, more than a million of whom have fled their homes in search of safety. To donate visit [www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergencies/dec-middle-east-humanitarian-appeal](http://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergencies/dec-middle-east-humanitarian-appeal)

### **Foodbank & Maggs Collection Point**

Before the pandemic there was a collection point for food and other essentials which was distributed to the Food Bank and to support Maggs day centre. To see how we might reinstate this it would be good to know what support there is for delivering, overseeing and looking after the donations. If you are interested please come to a short conversation in the Chapter House today (Sunday 24 November) at 12 noon.

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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 last meeting of 2024 will be on Wednesday 4 December.

### **Worcester Theological Society**

Thursday 16 January 'A Good Read'. 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 am Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer, with livestream*)  
10.30 am Sung Eucharist  
4.00 pm Evensong  
6.30 pm Sung Eucharist with Confirmations (*sung by the Youth 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  
3.00 pm Worship in the Garden

4.00 pm Evening Prayer (*said*)

6.30 pm The Advent Procession by Candlelight

### **Advent Procession**

During Advent we prepare to celebrate anew the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, and look to his final advent and the coming of God's kingdom. Next weekend's candlelit Advent Procession is one of the most atmospheric services of the cathedral's year—if you've not been before, why not this year? (NB only the choir and clergy process—the congregation will remain in their seats.)

### **Community Carol Service for the start of the Victorian Christmas Fayre**

By tradition the Victorian Christmas Fayre is opened by a short carol service here at the cathedral at 4.45 pm this Thursday (28 April), following which the Voluntary Choir lead a procession to the Cornmarket for 5.30 pm carols, speeches and carousel rides.

### **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](http://www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/community/environment-social-action/eco-cathedral) or by contacting the Revd Dr Robin Parry on [revdrobin@gmail.com](mailto:revdrobin@gmail.com)

### **Funeral**

Tuesday 26 November 2.00 pm Funeral of Michael Grundy.

Mike was a long-term worshipper and volunteer welcomer at the Cathedral, with a distinguished career as a journalist and editor ('the most accomplished journalist this newspaper has ever produced'—*Worcester News*). He edited The Friends of Worcester Cathedral's annual publication *The Shield*, and published numerous books of local history, including a biography of our local saint and WW1 hero Geoffrey Studdert-Kennedy ('Woodbine Willie').

### **Lunchtime Recitals**

The Lunchtime Recital autumn series concludes this week; the spring series will commence on 9 January). Recitals begin at 12.15 pm and last until around 1 pm. Admission is free with donations welcomed at a retiring collection.

Thursday 28 November Luke Mitchell (organ)

### **Christmas at the Palace**

A 3 course traditional Christmas Dinner will be served at the Old Palace on several evenings between 29 November and 13 December. For further information, or to book: [www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/whats-on/christmas-at-the-palace](http://www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/whats-on/christmas-at-the-palace)

### **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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