

SUNDAY 12 OCTOBER 2025
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
(PRISONS SUNDAY)



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 vergers for a welcome booklet.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Harvest Thanks

Thank you to everyone who generously brought harvest gifts, made desserts or helped with preparing and clearing at lunchtime last Sunday. You made our Harvest Thanksgiving a very sociable as well as charitable occasion. With additional donations the auction of fresh produce raised nearly £100 for Maggs and when expenses were paid we were able to add to the Social Committee funds for future events. The Foodbank were delighted to receive the groceries on Monday.

Sunday Coffee Rota

The Friends of Worcester Cathedral have organised the coffee after the 10.30 am Sunday Service each week for the last four years. They do need help from the congregation to make and serve the coffee. There are three people needed each Sunday. Can you help? If so, please see Liz Wright (Hon. Sec. of FOWC) during coffee for more information.

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 Sunday morning Eucharist 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 or the year before, will tell you. Payment can be via cash, card or BACS.

Iona-inspired Art Exhibition

There is an exhibition of paintings and prints by Sara Hayward, inspired by the recent Worcester Cathedral pilgrimages to Iona, at The Cabin Studio and Gallery, Unit 1, Netherton Court, Worcester, WR1 3AU, opening times Tuesday to Friday 11–4pm.

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 Terry Hall. 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's Eco & Social Justice Group, and the Eco Fair they have organised next 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

Worcester Cathedral Annual Eco Fair

This Saturday (18 October) 10 am–4 pm. All welcome for a celebration of green living and local life with Worcester's wildlife and community groups, information on sustainability and local history, craft and produce stalls, lots of local wares to buy, vegan snacks and smoothies, children's activities, performance arts, poetry, music, dancing, the apple press (bring apples and containers for juice—last pressing at 2.30 pm), bike repairs with Bike Worcester. For further details please see Clare Harker, Susie Arnold or Paul Robert.

Living Gently on the Earth

Worcester Cathedral's award-winning training programme Living Gently on the Earth for green and generous living continues as shown below:



- Saturday 15 November, 1.40 pm. **Eco-justice: responding to the social implications of ecological harm.** Including a Q&A panel discussion with the Dean.
- Saturday 17 January 2026, 1.40 pm. **Acting for a Changed-World: community, government, and business.**

The events are free, and take place in the Undercroft. You can get more details and book a place to attend at www.worcestercathedral.co.uk/living-gently (or scan the QR code with your phone camera). *Tickets are not compulsory* but will ensure a place if full.



Christian Aid @ 80: CEO Patrick Watt in Conversation

Saturday 22 November, 2 pm, The Old Palace. For 80 years, Christian Aid has stood in solidarity with our most marginalised global neighbours, working to eradicate poverty and promote dignity, equality and justice. Christian Aid's Chief Executive Officer will give an address and participate in a Q&A session. There will also be live music and retrospective of volunteering for Christian Aid in Worcester. The event is free to attend, but please book a place as the venue's capacity is limited: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/christian-aid-80-ceo-patrick-watt-in-conversation-at-worcester-cathedral-tickets-1677001028219

Old Spectacles Please!

Worcester Rotary Club are again collecting old spectacles. These are sent through the local Lions club to Vision Action and are used to help those in countries where there is great need. In addition the Rotary Club will make a donation of £1 for each pair donated up to £700. Please give your glasses (cases are not required) to either John or Liz Wright.

FAITH & SPIRITUALITY

Nicaea 1700: The Council of Nicaea and its Legacy

In AD 325 a large number of bishops met at Nicaea, summoned by the first Christian Emperor of Rome to debate various issues troubling the unity of the Church. This gathering produced a new creed, a set of canons (rules) on the governance of the Church, an agreed calculation for the date of Easter, and would be appealed back to again and again as both example and authority in the centuries that followed. A reading and discussion group over five Tuesday evenings 14 October to 18 November will explore some aspects of this legacy

through primary texts. For more information, or to reserve your place, see <https://www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/nicaea1700> or contact Robert Beattie.

Worcester Theological Society

Thursday 16 October – ‘What is Spiritual Direction?’. An open discussion about the place where theology and faith meet, led by Sue Oliver. St Andrew’s Methodist, Pump Street. 1.45 pm for a 2 pm start.

Tewkesbury Abbey Theology Forum

“Thomas Denny’s Ecclesiastical Glass: Windows of the Temple and Jewels of the New Jerusalem”. Dr Chloë Reddaway. 7.30 pm, Thursday 13 November, at Tewkesbury Abbey Parish Hall. Drinks and nibbles from 7 pm.

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 November; then 3 December.

SERVICES & EVENTS

Today’s Services

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| 7.30 am | Morning Prayer |
| 8.00 pm | Holy Communion (<i>Book of Common Prayer, with livestream</i>) |
| 10.30 am | Sung Eucharist |
| 4.00 pm | Evensong attended by the High Sheriff and His Majesty’s Judges |
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Memorial Service

Tuesday 4 November 11.00 am Memorial Service for the late Brian Fullard

All Saints’ and All Souls’

There will be a sung eucharist for All Saints’ Day at 5.30 pm on Saturday 1 November, and a requiem eucharist for All Souls’ Day at 4 pm on Sunday 2 November. Incense will be used at both services. If you would like a name to be included on the list of the departed to be remembered at the requiem,

please email prayer@worcestercathedral.org.uk mentioning the All Souls' requiem service in your subject line.

Worship in the Garden and Sacred Garden

You can find out more about these services and events by visiting www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/eco or by contacting the Revd Dr Robin Parry on RobinParry@worcestercathedral.org.uk

Friends Talk and Lunch

The High Sheriff of Worcestershire, Mr Ian Smith, is giving a talk to the Friends of Worcester Cathedral on Wednesday 22 October at 11 am. Coffee will be served before the talk and a ploughman's lunch afterwards. Non-members are welcome. £15 per person. To book a place, or for further details, email FriendsSecretary@worcestercathedral.org.uk or telephone 01905 732920.

The Women of Worcester Cathedral

One of our Cathedral Guides, Janet Pearson, will be giving an illustrated talk on 'The Women of Worcester Cathedral' at Whittington Church (where she is a Church Warden) on Saturday 18 October at 10.30 am, followed by refreshments. All are welcome – free entry, with donations to church funds.

Gala Organ Recital

Celebrating the 17th anniversary of the Cathedral's Quire Organ, international concert organist Peter Holder returns to Worcester Cathedral, where he was a chorister. Peter has since held posts at St Paul's Cathedral and Westminster Abbey, and is presently Organist of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford. He was organist for the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II and for the coronation of King Charles III. His recital programme on Saturday 11 October at 7.30 pm will include music by Sir Edward Elgar. Tickets cost £15, with free admission for students and under 18s, and can be purchased on the door, or in advance from: WCGalaOrgan2025.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. Admission is free with donations welcomed at a retiring collection.

Thursday 16 October Michael Jones (piano)

Thursday 6 November Jonathan Soman (clarinet)

Thursday 13 November James D Hicks (organ)

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 unlocked (though shut) for all Evensongs.

Safeguarding at Worcester Cathedral

The Cathedral's Safeguarding Officer is Juliet Faulkner, whose contact email is julietfaulkner@worcestercathedral.org.uk and phone numbers 07385662791 or 01905 732948. 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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