

**SUNDAY 5 JANUARY 2025**  
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS



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 verger for a welcome booklet.

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## **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

### **Refreshments**

Refreshments after the 10.30 am Sunday service will be served in the **Undercroft Learning Centre** (entrance through the cloisters) during the Christmas Tree Festival. These will, as usual, be provided by the Friends of Worcester Cathedral. All are very welcome.

### **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).

### **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 Mark Richardson, Vanessa Godfrey, Dave Clent, Gordon Paul, 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](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 Dean and Chapter.

## 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

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### Living Gently on the Earth

Living Gently on the Earth continues with an inspiring programme designed to enable 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 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**



You can get more details at [www.worcestercathedral.co.uk/eco](http://www.worcestercathedral.co.uk/eco) (or scan the QR code with your phone camera).

### 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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### **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 8 January; subsequent meetings will be on 5 February, 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.

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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 (*sung by the Priory Singers*)
- 3.00 pm Worship in the Garden
- 4.00 pm Evensong (*sung by the Priory Singers*)
- 6.30 pm Devotional Performance of *La Nativite du Seigneur*  
by Olivier Messiaen (*organist: Nicholas Freestone*)

### **Monday 6 January – The Epiphany**

- 5.30 pm Sung Eucharist (*sung by lower voices; with incense*)

### **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
- 3.30 pm Evening Prayer
- 4.00 pm Epiphany Carol Service
- 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 19 January	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist for the Feast of St Wulfstan ( <i>with incense</i> )
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 Carols by Benjamin Britten ( <i>sung by the Cathedral Choristers and Voluntary Choir</i> )

## 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/ecocathedral](http://www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/community/environment-social-action/ecocathedral) or by contacting the Revd Dr Robin Parry on [revdrobin@gmail.com](mailto: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 9 January	Rebecca Hardwick (soprano)
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	Quatuor 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

## Music in the Undercroft – postponed

The Music in the Undercroft previously scheduled for Friday 24 January has been postponed.

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## GENERAL NOTICES

### 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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