

SUNDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2024

THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT



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

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*.

Victorian Christmas Fayre

Throughout the Victorian Christmas Fayre (Thursday 28 November to Sunday 1 December) the Worcester Churches have committed to be available to listen, chat and pray on the street, outside St Andrew's Methodist Church on Pump Street. If you would be able to join us for 2 hours, please sign up here:

<https://doodle.com/meeting/participate/id/e53NO4Bb> before 18 November.

A group of Carollers are similarly being assembled from Worcester churches to sing on the Thursday and Friday evenings of the Fayre. Rehearsals will take

place at St Paul's Church 7–8 pm on Sundays 17 & 24 November (just turn up—no need to register in advance).

Grave Talk resources

Following the Grave Talk sessions last week, a number of links to resources about dealing with death or bereavement have been added to the cathedral website: www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/grave-talk

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

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 Phil Mullington, Mike Grundy, Neil Thackeray, Janet Shuard, and Owen Barraclough. 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 cathedral's many musicians: the Director of Music, Assistant Director of Music, Organ Scholar, Music Administrator, Lay Clerks, Choristers, Choral Scholars, Choir Chaperones, Voluntary Choir, Youth Choir and Chamber Choir. (Friday is the feast of St Cecilia, patron saint of music.)

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

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

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 on Sunday 24 November at 12 noon.

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 last meeting in 2024 will be on Wednesday 4 December.

Worcester Theological Society

Thursday 21 November 'The Papal Synodical Conversations', David McLoughlin. 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
- 4.00 pm Evensong
- 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
- 4.00 pm Evensong
- 6.30 pm Sung Eucharist with Confirmations (*sung by the Youth Choir*)

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

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 continues most weeks until the end of November. Recitals begin at 12.15 pm and last until around 1 pm. Admission is free with donations welcomed at a retiring collection.

Thursday 21 November Joshua Stephens (organ)

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

GENERAL NOTICES

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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