

SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2024

THE BIRTH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



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

Patronal Festival and Lady Chapel 800th Anniversary

Today is the Feast of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which we celebrate as our Patronal Festival as the cathedral has been dedicated to St Mary since the time of St Oswald. Evensong will conclude with a procession to the Lady Chapel to mark the 800th Anniversary of its construction, which began in 1224.

Installation of our new Dean

All are very warmly invited to attend the service next Sunday (15 September) at 3 pm at which Stephen Edwards will be installed as our new Dean; this will be followed by refreshments supplied by the Friends of Worcester Cathedral.

Marking Bishop John's Retirement

As we prepare to say farewell to Bishop John there is an opportunity to make a gift in gratitude for his time at Worcester. You can send a cheque made payable to *'Worcester Cathedral'* or leave a cash donation at The Old Palace, Deansway, Worcester, WR1 2JE - clearly marking the envelope *'FAO Monika Nicholson/The Bishop's Retirement'*, or by making a BACS transfer using the following details: Account Name: **Worcester Cathedral**, Bank Account **50182885**, Sort Code **20-98-61**, and please add the reference: *Bishop John Retirement*.

There will be an opportunity for us all to gather in the Cathedral and give thanks to God and to Bishop John for all he has given at 4.00 pm on Sunday 29 September.

Harvest Lunch

A simple bread and cheese community lunch in the Chapter House will follow the 10.30 am Sung Eucharist on Sunday 6 October, for a suggested donation of £5. Please sign up on the lists in the nave by Sunday 29 September.

Deanery Prayer Event

The Worcester Deanery (the 40 local Church of England churches) are holding a prayer event in St Helen's Church, Worcester 7-9 pm this Wednesday (11 September), at which we will hold one another's churches and their hopes/concerns/issues in prayer. All are welcome.

Voluntary Choir 150th Anniversary

Worcester Cathedral Voluntary Choir sang its first service on 11 October 1874; we will be marking its 150th anniversary at the 10.30 am Sung Eucharist on Sunday 13 October. Following the service, celebratory refreshments will be served in the Cathedral for all present.

The service will be sung by the Voluntary Choir and the Cathedral Choir, and former members of the Voluntary Choir are invited to join in the singing and attend a Gala Lunch (alongside their partners) that will follow the service.

Sign-up to sing in the service, and/or attend the Gala Lunch (places for lunch are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis) by filling in this form: <https://forms.office.com/e/u4MwJbc4BL>

If you have any questions, please contact Nicholas Freestone:

nicholasfreestone@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 David Howells, Ida Butler, Roy Tunstall, Chris Harris, and Andrew Judd.

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 University of Worcester, as they hold their graduation ceremonies here.

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

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:

- Saturday 5 October. **Green Fair**, Cloister.

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



FAITH & SPIRITUALITY

Worcester Theological Society

Thursday 19 September 'The History of violence – is humanity an inherently violent animal?', The Revd Dr Stephen May. St Andrew's Methodist, Pump Street. 1.45 pm for a 2 pm start.

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 | Patronal Festival Eucharist with Presentation of Chorister Awards (<i>with incense</i>) |
| 4.00 pm | Evensong marking the 800 th Anniversary of the Lady Chapel |
| 6.30 pm | Evening Worship (<i>sung by the Voluntary Choir</i>) |

Next Sunday's Services

- 7.30 am Morning Prayer
8.00 pm Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer, with livestream*)
10.30 am Sung Eucharist
3.00 pm The Institution and Installation of the Revd Canon Dr Stephen Edwards as Dean of Worcester

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

Lunchtime Recitals

The Lunchtime Recital autumn series commences on Thursday 19 September and 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 19 September Edward Byrne (organ)
Thursday 26 September David Hardie (organ)
Thursday 3 October Simona Fuschella (organ)
Thursday 10 October Simon Williams (organ)
Thursday 17 October Paul Carr (organ)
Thursday 31 October Stefan Donner (organ)

Gala Organ Recital

This year's Gala Organ Recital, celebrating the 16th anniversary of the Quire Organ, will be given by Daniel Moulton, international concert organist. Daniel will be performing music by Bach, Schumann, Stanford, Karg-Elert and Reubke.

Saturday 5th October at 7.30pm. Refreshments will be served after the recital. Tickets are £15 for adults and free for students and U18s. Tickets can be purchased in advance from the Cathedral website, or on the door.

GENERAL NOTICES

Road Closures on Sunday 15 September

There will be numerous road closures between 5 am and 12.30 pm on Sunday 15 September to accommodate the Worcester City Run and Half-Marathon. These will include College Street, Deansway and Worcester Bridge. Access to College Green via Sidbury or City Walls Road is expected to continue as usual.

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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