

SUNDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2024

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



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

From the Dean

Last Sunday the service of installation was one which I shall remember all my life; the music and ceremony, the flowers, bells and refreshments, and most of all the love, support, and kindness as we gathered to worship God at Evensong were joyful and glorious. I am so very thankful to everyone across the breadth of the Cathedral Community for the preparations and hard work, the welcome, and the ongoing support as I begin this new ministry.

With grateful thanks, Stephen.

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.

Retirement of Anita Mansell

We shall be bidding farewell to Anita Mansell at the 10.30 am Sung Eucharist on Sunday 6 October. Anita has been a vergers at the Cathedral since 2013 and will be greatly missed by all of us who have had the good fortune to work with her. Those wishing to contribute to a retirement gift may entrust their contributions to James Prior (Head Vergers) or another vergers.

Dean's Reception

Thank you from the Officers and Trustees of the Friends of Worcester Cathedral to all who made and donated cakes and savouries. It was an amazing array of food at the reception after the Dean's Installation.

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 Chapter House by Sunday 29 September.

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

Cathedral Community Social Event

Please join us for a fun social evening on Friday 18 October, in the Undercroft from 7 pm. Enjoy a Beetle Drive, light supper and cash bar (wine/beer/soft drinks). A suggested donation of £2 per person would be appreciated on the evening. Sign up sheets will be available in the Chapter House during coffee.

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 starting next Sunday 29 September. 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.

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 Ida Butler, Roy Tunstall, Chris Harris, Andrew Judd and Martin Ashton.

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 Sarah Bowyer, the Cathedral's PR & Digital Communications Manager.

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

Harvest Gifts

On Sunday 6 October we hope everyone will be able to bring either gifts of non-perishable food which will be donated to Worcester Foodbank or fresh produce which will be auctioned during the Harvest Lunch with the proceeds being given to the Maggs Day Centre. A list of items required by the Foodbank is available here: <https://worcester.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food>

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

Boethius 1500

Robert Beattie is organising a five-week reading group of *The Consolation of Philosophy* by Boethius (c. 480–524), one of the most widely read books of the Christian middle ages, to mark its 1500th anniversary. The group will meet in the Undercroft on Monday evenings from 14 October to 18 November; please see www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/boethius or email robertbeattie@worcestercathedral.org.uk for further information.

Worcester Theological Society

Thursday 17 October 'Living in Eden', Paul Brohan. 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 pm 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 pm Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer, with livestream*)
- 10.30 am Sung Eucharist
- 4.00 pm Farewell Service for the Lord Bishop of Worcester, the Right Revd Dr John Inge (*with incense*)
- 6.30 pm Evening Worship (*sung by the Voluntary 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

The funeral of Martin Ashton, former Clerk of Works at Worcester Cathedral, will take place at St Wulfstan's Church, Little Malvern at 11 am on Wednesday 2 October.

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 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 5 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

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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Notices for inclusion in the Sunday News should be emailed to

sundaynews@worcestercathedral.org.uk preferably by the Wednesday before.