

**SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2024**

THE FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT



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 vergers for a welcome booklet.

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## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Grave Talk

Do you ever think about death, dying or funerals? Grave Talk is an opportunity to chat about them in a friendly, non-threatening way. The Pastoral Care Group are offering two sessions for us to share thoughts and questions around these topics. There will be an evening session on Tuesday 12 November from 7.30 pm to 9 pm and an afternoon session on Wednesday 13 November from 2 pm to 3.30 pm, and you are invited to sign up to attend one of these sessions, both of which will be held in the Great Hall of the Old Palace. Refreshments will be served on arrival, then the Dean will introduce the meeting. We will sit in small groups around tables and each group will have a set of questions to use as discussion starters, eg. What was the first death that you can remember? or How easy is it to talk to your family about your funeral wishes? Nobody will be forced to join in, although we hope that you will. At the end there will be a chance to ask for a further one-to-one talk if you have more questions.

Please sign up using [www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/grave-talk](http://www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/grave-talk)

### Children's Ministry Fund

Many will remember fondly Jocelyn and Den 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 Fayre Carol Singing**

A group of Carollers are being assembled from Worcester churches to sing on the Thursday and Friday evenings (28 & 29 November) of the Victorian Christmas 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).



## **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](mailto: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](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 Jocelyn Howells, Mark Fossey, Phil Mullington, Paul Simpson, and Mike Grundy. 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 Cathedral's Welcomers and Guides.

### **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**

### **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](http://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.

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## **FAITH & SPIRITUALITY**

### **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.

Dates for the remainder of 2024 are: Wednesday 6 November and 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.

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## **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 (*sung by Amici Coro*)
- 3.00 pm Worship in the Garden
- 4.00 pm Evensong (*sung by Amici Coro*)

### **Next Sunday's Services**

- 7.30 am Morning Prayer
- 8.00 am Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer, with livestream*)
- 10.00 am A Service of Remembrance (*sung by the Cathedral Choir and the Voluntary Choir*)
- 11.00 am An Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial

4.00 pm Evening Prayer (*said*)

6.30 pm Requiem Eucharist

### **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](http://www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/community/environment-social-action/eco-cathedral) or by contacting the Revd Dr Robin Parry on [revdrobin@gmail.com](mailto:revdrobin@gmail.com)

### **Memorial Service**

A service of Holy Communion with thanksgiving for the life of Jocelyn Howells will be held in the Lady Chapel at 10 am on Saturday 16 November.

### **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 7 November Simone Tavoni (piano)

Thursday 14 November Grace Shepherd (violin)

Thursday 21 November Joshua Stephens (organ)

Thursday 28 November Luke Mitchell (organ)

### **Lecture – Cathedrals at the Reformation**

The Friends of Worcester Cathedral invite you to join them at the Old Palace on Wednesday 6 November at 11 am when Dr Richard Fisher will give a talk on Worcester, Hereford and Gloucester Cathedrals at the Reformation. £15 to include coffee at 11 am and a Ploughman's Lunch after the talk. Please contact [FriendsSecretary@worcestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:FriendsSecretary@worcestercathedral.org.uk) or telephone 732920 to reserve a place.

### **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](http://www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/whats-on/christmas-at-the-palace)

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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.

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