

Services & Giving

Information & Your Visit

WORCESTER CATHEDRAL

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Worcester Cathedral welcomes all who seek
a quiet place for reflection or prayer.

*Father in heaven,
you have given us a mind to know you,
a will to serve you and a heart to love you.*

*Be with us today in all we do,
so that your light may shine out in our lives,
through Christ our Lord.
Amen*

Sunday Services

7.30am	Matins	8.00am	Holy Communion
10.30am	The Cathedral Eucharist	4.00pm	Evensong or Evening Prayer

On Sundays in school term there will normally also be a
Service at 6.30pm

Monday to Saturday Services

7.30am	Matins	8.00am	Holy Communion
5.30pm	Evensong or Evening Prayer		

For other services, and changes to the above, please see the
notice boards or website at www.worcestercathedral.co.uk

Giving

We are custodians of a very precious heritage.
It costs £3500 every day to keep the Cathedral open
to worshippers, visitors and pilgrims alike.

We are committed to opening our doors free-of-charge,
as our Benedictine forbears once did. We receive no
support from the state, so we ask for a £5 voluntary
donation from all visitors.

For more information on how you can help,
contact Jeremy Attree:

telephone: **01905 732912**

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Access

Most parts of the Cathedral are
accessible and parking can be
made available for disabled
visitors. A tactile guide can be
used by the visually impaired.
A loop is available at all services
for the hard of hearing.

Interactive Exploring

Explore the Cathedral through
interactive touchscreens on
the Cathedral floor and in the
Crypt. Download our free App
for phones and tablets and
follow self-guided trails
exploring this ancient building
and the faith which inspired it.

Photography

You are welcome to take
personal photos after
purchasing a permit from the
Cathedral Shop. Photography
is NOT permitted during
services and concerts.

The Cathedral Library

Open by appointment, it has
one of the world's most
important collections of
medieval books and music.

Guided Tours

Adults or children, and school
workshops can be booked.
Special needs groups are
welcome. See the notice boards
for times of daily tours.
For further information contact:
visits@worcestercathedral.org.uk

The Tower

Open Saturdays, Sundays,
Bank Holidays and during school
holidays from Easter to the
end of October (weather
permitting). Charges apply.

Meeting and Function Rooms

Available to hire at the Cathedral,
with supporting catering.

Cathedral Shop

Situated in the cloisters.
Music gifts a speciality,
publications, guidebooks and
quality souvenirs and gifts
for all ages.

Cloister Café

Refresh yourself with a range
of hot and cold food. Groups
welcome - please book in
advance.



Open every day from 7.30am - 6.00pm. Free admission.
(Some areas may be closed due to services & events.)

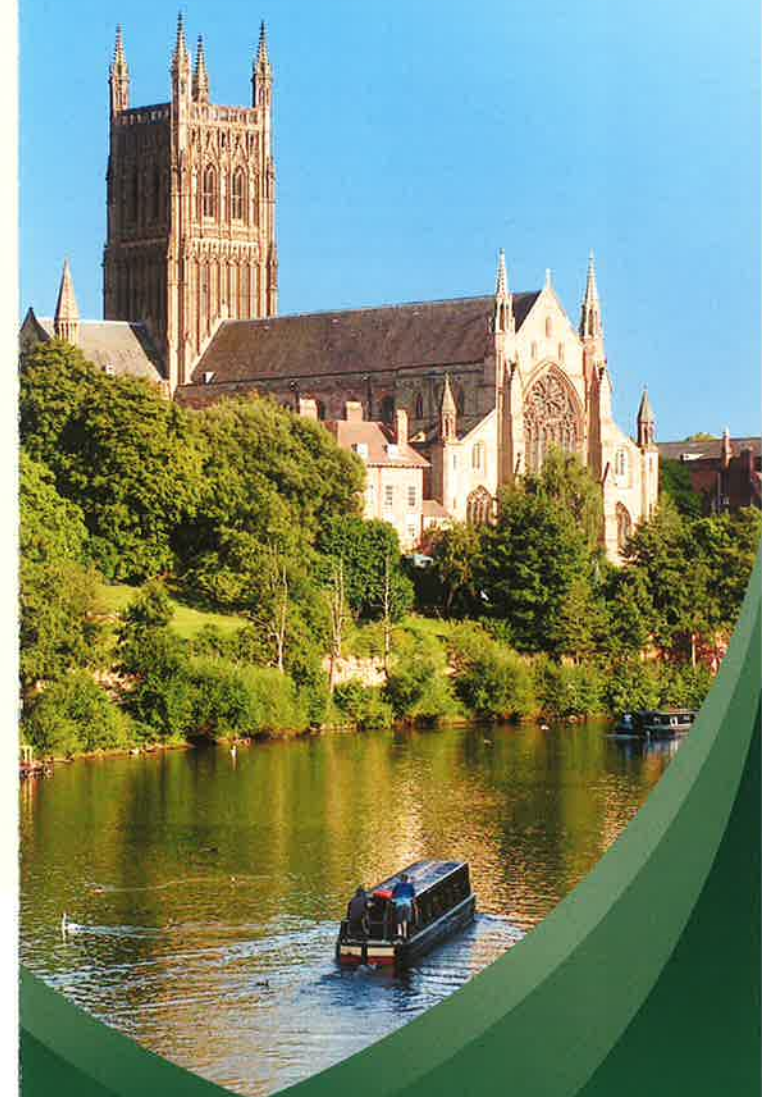
There is normally a member of the clergy available.

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Welcome

About the Cathedral



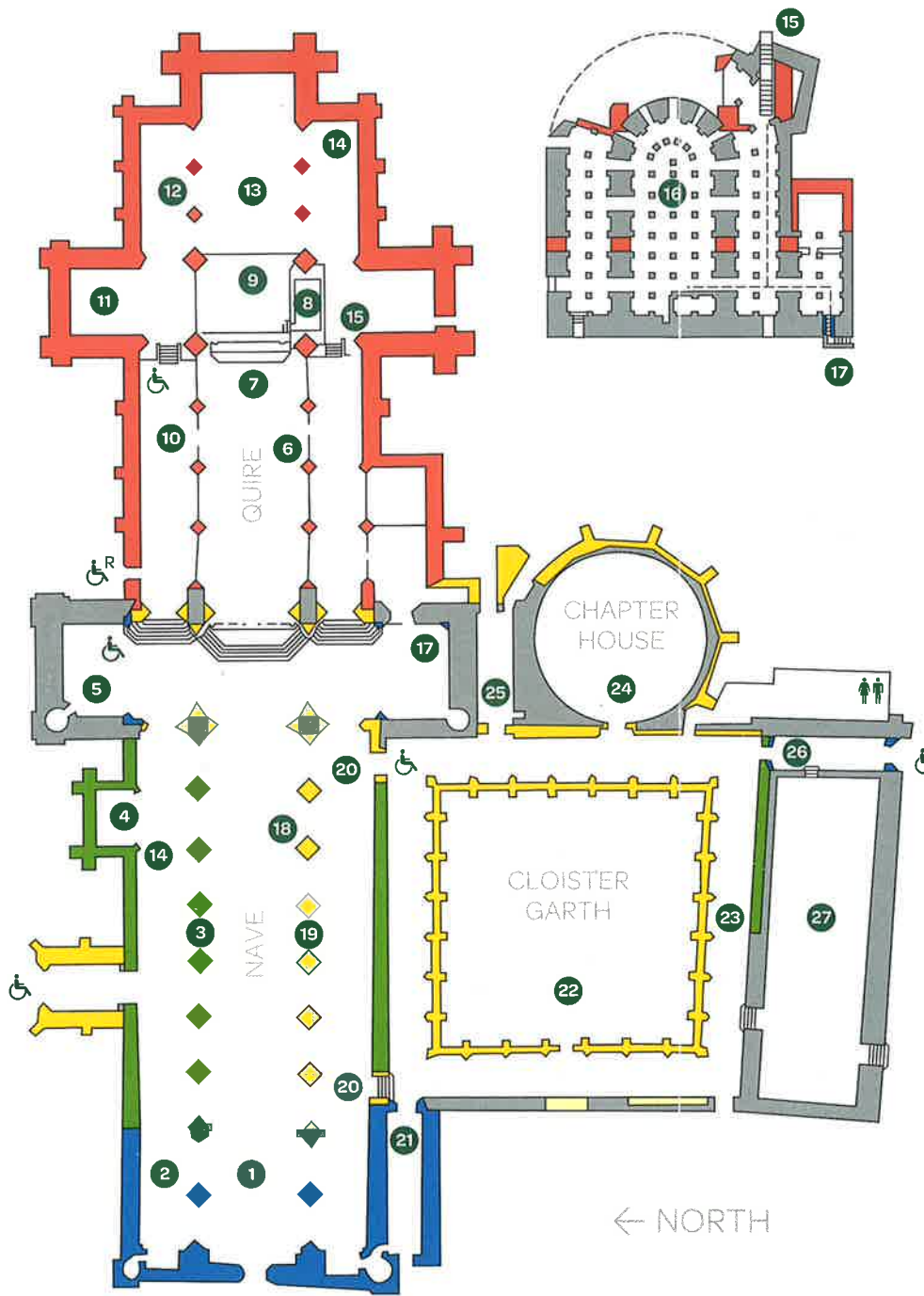
Worcester Cathedral has been a place of prayer and worship for fourteen centuries and is dedicated to Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary.

It has been described as possibly the most interesting of all England's cathedrals, especially architecturally. The first Cathedral was founded in 680. Saint Oswald then built another cathedral in 983, and established a monastery attached to it. Saint Wulfstan began the present building in 1084 replacing the earlier cathedrals.

During Anglo-Saxon times, Worcester was one of the most important monastic cathedrals in the country. It was a centre of great learning, which continued into the later middle ages, when Worcester's Benedictine monks went to university to study a variety of subjects, such as theology, medicine, law, history, mathematics, physics and astronomy. Some of these medieval university textbooks still survive in the cathedral library today.

The monastery continued until 1540 when Henry VIII dissolved it, and some of the last monks became the first Dean and Chapter. The cathedral was badly damaged in the Civil Wars, and as a consequence a major programme of rebuilding was required after the Restoration of Charles II. From the late seventeenth until the nineteenth centuries there were several campaigns to restore parts of the cathedral, but the Victorians from 1854-75 carried out the largest of these. Worcester also has a famous musical tradition. Sir Edward Elgar performed in the cathedral at many Three Choirs Festival concerts.

The Cathedral's attractions include **King John's Tomb**, **Prince Arthur's Chantry**, the early **12th Century Chapter House**, **St Wulfstan's Crypt**, **medieval cloisters** and magnificent **Victorian stained glass**. The **Tower** is open during the summer months.



Your guide to Worcester Cathedral

1. West end and West window and Baldwin Memorial (d.1947)
 2. Elgar plaque and window
 3. Beauchamp tomb (d.1388)
 4. Jesus Chapel
 5. Entrance to Tower
 6. Bishop's throne (19th Century) Misericords (14th Century)
 7. King John's Tomb (d.1216)
 8. Prince Arthur's chantry (d.1502)
 9. High Altar
 10. Duke of Hamilton plaque (d.1651)
 11. St George's Chapel; Studdart Kennedy (Woodbine Willie) memorial
 12. Spandrel carvings
 13. Lady Chapel & East window
 14. Prayer candlestands
 15. Dean's Chapel and entrance to the crypt
 16. Norman crypt (including an exhibition in south aisle)
 17. Exit from crypt
 18. Pulpit (19th Century)
 19. Wilde monument (d.1608)
 20. Entrance to Cloister
 21. Gift Shop
 22. Herb garden
 23. Millennium Window
 24. Chapter House
 25. Cloister Café (refreshments)
 26. Exit to College Green
 27. College Hall
- Toilets
 Wheelchair access
 Wheelchair access by request
- Norman (11th/early 12th Century)
 - Transitional Norman (late 12th Century)
 - Early English (13th Century)
 - Decorated (early 14th Century)
 - Perpendicular (late 14th Century)

