

SUNDAY 21 APRIL 2024

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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. Coffee is served by the Friends of Worcester Cathedral in the Chapter House after the Sung Eucharist, to which everyone is most welcome. New Worshippers are especially welcome and are invited to contact Canon Stephen Edwards who will be in touch with a welcome booklet: stephenedwards@worcestercathedral.org.uk

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Survey from a Chorister!

Members of the congregation are invited to assist one of our girl choristers, Annabelle Kenny, by completing a survey she has designed about the significance of music in the cathedral's worship. The results of the survey, which will take only a few minutes to complete online, will be used in her extended writing project (EPQ), forming part of Annabelle's A-level studies at the King's School. The survey can be accessed at the following link: <https://forms.office.com/e/FqbMFBruvZ> Thank you for your help!

Worcester Cathedral Safeguarding Audit 2024

The Church of England has commissioned the INEQE Safeguarding Group to conduct independent safeguarding audits across various dioceses, including our Cathedral. The goal is to assess the effectiveness of safeguarding practices and identify areas for improvement, ensuring the safety and well-being of everyone within the Cathedral community. INEQE aims to gather insights from a diverse range of individuals associated with the cathedral, including worshippers, visitors, staff, and volunteers.

The online survey allows participants to share their impressions and experiences related to safeguarding. Responses are anonymous (individuals will not be identified) and confidential (not accessible by the Church of England or any other entity). While the audit itself will take place from 1 July, the surveys are already open. Participants can provide feedback openly and honestly until 11.30pm on Wednesday 1 May 2024. We are committed to ensuring a safe and respectful environment for all, and your input will contribute to enhancing safeguarding practices.

Thank you for your dedication to safeguarding within our Cathedral community! To access the surveys please visit <https://ineqe.com/churchofengland/worcester>. And please encourage others to do so too.

Cathedral Community Summer Picnic

Sunday 23rd June 2024. Please save the date for the Cathedral Community Social Event which is a 'Bring your own' picnic lunch. A Pimms and wine cash bar will be available. Everyone is welcome to join us for a fun time and friendship. More details to follow soon.

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

Worcester Deanery

...celebration for Ascension Day, Thursday 9 May: Holy Communion at 7pm at St John's Church, Claines. Preacher: the Revd Canon Dr Georgina Byrne.

Prayer and Intercessions

Please pray for the sick and those in need, and for all the departed, among them Canon Josie Goodwin. 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 those

involved in supporting the cathedral's good governance, including the Governance Assistant and the Nominations Committee.

ENVIRONMENT & SOCIAL JUSTICE

Living Gently on the Earth

Living Gently on the Earth continues into 2024 with an inspiring programme designed to enable green and generous living in all its aspects:

- Thu 25th April 7pm. **Human health, planetary health: Same thing?** Owen Raybould, an experienced local forager, Severn Room.
- Thu 23rd May 2pm. **How can we all switch to a more sustainable “circular economy” and lower our environmental footprint?** Dominic Lavelle, Managing Director of Go Green Experts, Severn Room.
- Thu 6th June 2pm. **Hope in an Age of Crisis and Turmoil.** David McLoughlin, Emeritus Fellow in Christian Theology, Abbots Kitchen.
- Sat 24th August 7.30pm to 9.30. **‘The fascinating and mysterious world of Worcester Cathedral’s bats’.** A talk and a walk about bats with Cody Levine on International Bat Night, Undercroft.
- Sat 5th October. **Green Fair**, Cloister.

The events are free. You can get more details and book a place to attend on www.worcestercathedral.co.uk/eco (or scan the QR code below with your phone camera). Tickets are not compulsory for attendance but will ensure that you will have a place if the event is full and will give us a guide of how many people to expect.



Old Spectacles Please!

... will be re-cycled by the Worcester Lions Club and The Rotary Club of Worcester will send a donation of £1.00 per pair (up to £700) to Vision Aid Overseas. The collection box for old spectacles will be in the Chapter House during coffee time today (Sunday 21 April).

FAITH & SPIRITUALITY

Praying for Peace

There is a prayer station in St George's Chapel in the Cathedral where a candle burns as we pray for peace in Gaza, Israel, Ukraine, and all places of war and conflict.

God Welcomes All: How faith informs safeguarding

An opportunity to explore why and how safeguarding matters for everyone. God Welcomes All is a four-week group using short films with activities and questions for discussion and reflection. It is based on the Methodist Church's report on the Theology of Safeguarding 2021.

Continues on Mondays 22 & 29 April, 7pm-8pm in the Undercroft.

Registration essential at www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/GodWelcomesAll

Worcester Theological Society

Thursday 16 May 'Abba Amma – Improvisations on the Lord's Prayer' – an invited lecture by Professor Nicola Slee (Queen's, Birmingham). 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
- 10.30 am Sung Eucharist
- 2.15 pm Scouts St George's Day Service
- 4.00 pm Evensong
- 6.30 pm Evening Worship (*sung by the Voluntary Choir*)

Next Sunday

- 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 (*sung by the RSCM Millennium Youth Choir*)
- 6.30 pm Evening Worship (*sung by the Voluntary Choir*)

Worship in the Garden and Sacred Garden

'**Worship in the Garden** – meeting with God in creation' will take place not inside the cathedral, but instead, we will be outside, come rain or shine. The vision is to develop a service that focuses on worship of the Creator in creation, with creation, and aware of ourselves as a part of creation. We will meet at 3pm on the first Sunday of each month, with the next meeting on 5 May.

'**Sacred Garden**: engaging with God in creation through creativity' is for people who feel God's presence when they're out in nature. Our goal is to

create and cultivate a time and space in which people can engage with the Creator in creation through using their creativity. There will be opportunities for some art, some gardening, some kinaesthetic activity, and some contemplative prayer.

We will meet from 10am to 12pm on the third Saturday of each month, with the next meeting on 18 May.

The meeting place is in the garden behind 15b College Green (entering through the doorway outside the Edgar Tower Gate).

If you want to know more or are interested in coming along, please email Revd Dr Robin Parry on revdrobin@gmail.com

Lunchtime Recitals

The Summer Series of recitals will resume this week. Admission is free with donations welcomed at a retiring collection.

Thursday 25 April	Charlie Gurnham (organ)
Thursday 9 May	Choral Scholars of Worcester Cathedral
Thursday 16 May	David Brookshaw (organ)
Thursday 23 May	Harrison Cole (organ)
Thursday 6 June	Emma Gibbins (organ)
Thursday 13 June	Jung-A Lee (organ)
Thursday 20 June	Jack Oades (organ)
Thursday 27 June	Jonathan Clinch (organ)

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. 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 01905 732906 and the website (link below) contains further 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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