

PRESS RELEASE

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Worcester Cathedral is re-opening on Monday 22nd June 2020 for prayer.

Preparations are well under way and measures are being put in place by the Worcester Cathedral team, so that we can re-open the Cathedral doors and welcome people back into the building safely for individual prayer and reflection. At present we plan to open the Cathedral every day from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., beginning on Monday 22nd June.

The Government recently announced that all places of worship could open for individual prayer from 13th June in line with the latest Government and Public Health social distancing guidelines to ensure people's safety.

New measures to keep people safe will include *limiting the area that people can enter (just the Nave at present), limiting the number of people allowed inside at any one time, much reduced seating in the Nave, hand sanitisers at appropriate points, cleaning throughout the day and systematic cleaning at the end of each day, and new signage to remind people of the health and safety around social distancing.*

The Cathedral Cloister Café, shop and the toilets will not be open at this time and will be part of a later phase.

The Very Reverend Peter Atkinson, Dean of Worcester said, 'This is a significant step along the journey to the day when the Cathedral will be fully open for prayer and worship. The opportunity to come quietly into the Cathedral to pray and reflect will be important for many people. At the same time, we will continue to offer our livestreamed worship at 8.30 every morning for those physically distant from the Cathedral'.

For more information and updates about the Cathedral opening, visit our website at www.worcestercathedral.co.uk/newsroom

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