



# WORCESTER CATHEDRAL

## What to Expect on Sunday

We very much look forward to warmly welcoming those who are able to attend the cathedral for the said eucharist at 10.30 am. Please note that the following measures will be in place:

- 1 Anyone showing symptoms of coronavirus should stay at home. The service will be livestreamed for those at home from both the diocesan website and the cathedral Facebook page. You do not need a Facebook account to access either of these pages.
- 2 Those who are 'extremely clinically vulnerable', as defined by government, are advised not to attend.
- 3 Those who are over 70 and/or clinically vulnerable, should take particular care to minimise contact with others outside of their household/'bubble'.
- 4 The cathedral will open for the service from 10 am. We expect to accommodate the number of people who usually attend the 10.30 am service. In the unlikely event of reaching maximum capacity, please understand that, for safety reasons, we would be obliged to turn people away.
- 5 Due to drainage works on College Green, there is limited parking on College Green.
- 6 Limited parking is available on College Yard. Please note that roadworks and temporary traffic lights in Deansway are causing delays to traffic.
- 7 There is no entry to the cathedral on the south side (ie from College Green via the cloisters). Please enter the cathedral via the north porch in College Yard.
- 8 You are warmly encouraged, in advance of arrival, to download a service-sheet which will be available from the cathedral website by Friday 3 July. Paper service-sheets will be available on a table by the door for those who are unable bring their own or access one via an electronic device. It is very important that **those who have a service-sheet take it away with them at the end of the service.**
- 9 Members of the congregation are welcome to wear face-coverings if they wish; this is not mandatory.
- 10 Members of the congregation are warmly encouraged to sanitise their hands at the station in the north porch on their way in to the cathedral. You will not be asked to provide your name or contact details.

- 11 Under the latest Church of England guidance, the cathedral is operating a policy of 2 metres' social distance. Please observe this on the way in to the cathedral, when taking a seat for the service, and on exit.
- 12 On reaching the main aisle, please let a steward know how many are attending in your household/'bubble' and sit on the seat(s) to which the steward directs you.
- 13 Children are warmly invited to attend the service supervised by their parents; we are regrettably unable under current guidance to offer separate Junior Church provision.
- 14 The service will include organ music, but no singing by a choir or the congregation.
- 15 All baptised, communicant members of churches in which God the Holy Trinity is worshipped are welcome to receive communion if they wish. Those who are not receiving communion are warmly invited to come forward, if they wish, to receive instead a simple prayer of blessing. Please hold something in your hands as a sign that you wish to receive a blessing, and the president will bless you without touching you.
- 16 Please speak to a steward or verger before the service if you wish to receive a gluten-free communion wafer, or to have communion brought to you in your seat.
- 17 Communion in one kind (bread only) will be received standing, from a central station. Those coming forward for communion or a blessing are asked to form a single line in the main aisle, socially distanced from one another, and return to their seats via the side-aisles.
- 18 The service is expected to last 40-45 minutes, and regrettably toilet facilities at the cathedral are not available.
- 19 At the end of service, you may be asked to stay in your seat until directed to leave, in order that exit from the cathedral can proceed in a socially distanced manner. Please follow the direction of the stewards and/or vergers.
- 20 As you leave the cathedral, an offertory plate will be available for cash and contactless donations. Gift-aid envelopes will be available (for completion with your own pen) at the separate contactless giving points.
- 21 Outside the building, after the service, will be the moment to greet other members of the congregation in a socially distanced manner. Refreshments will not be served.
- 22 Following the service, the vergers will conduct a thorough cleaning of the nave, and the cathedral will re-open for visitors at 1 pm.

Please note that these measures are in place for your and others' safety. We warmly thank you for your support and co-operation.

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