



Worcester Cathedral

Sunday News

16 AUGUST 2020

10TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

TODAY'S SERVICE

10.30 am **Said Eucharist**

The readings for this service can be found at the end of this notice sheet.

Please note that this service is live-streamed through our Facebook page and the camera angle includes images of those receiving communion.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Wednesday 1 pm Holy Communion

Friday 11.30 am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

ONLINE SERVICES

A daily celebration of the Eucharist is live-streamed through the cathedral Facebook page on Sundays at 10.30 am and Monday to Saturday at 8.30 am. It is also available on the diocesan website.

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

FACE COVERINGS

Please note that from this Sunday it is mandatory for worshippers and visitors to wear face coverings in the cathedral.

TRACK AND TRACE SYSTEM

In accordance with government and Church of England advice, there is a voluntary 'track and trace' arrangement for our eucharists on Sundays at 10.30

am, Wednesdays at 1 pm and Fridays at 11.30 am. You are invited, if you wish, to register your attendance at services by emailing attendance@worcestercathedral.org.uk making clear for which service you are registering attendance. You are able to register attendance either before or after the service, and you need to register for each service that you attend. On Sundays it is also possible to register your attendance by speaking to the designated steward on the inside of the door to the cathedral. We will supply the attendance information to relevant authorities if it is requested, and you will not otherwise be contacted. We will not use the attendance information for any other purpose, and the emails and attendance lists will be deleted after three weeks.

PARKING

Those attending the 10.30am service on Sundays are invited to park on College Green. The bollard will be raised and requires a code to get in and out - there won't be a member of staff in attendance. If you want to park there, please email parking@worcestercathedral.org.uk to obtain the code (it won't change from week to week). The code will be active between 9.00am and 12.30pm to enable people to socialise after the service. Please try and avoid parking on College Yard.

WORSHIP RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES

For ideas and resources to help you share your faith with your family at home, take a look at the Children's Work section on the diocesan website.

WORCESTER FESTIVAL

This year's festival takes place Saturday 15th – Monday 31st August. There are some socially-distanced events taking place, however the majority of events are an exciting mix of virtual events, both streamed live and pre-recorded. The cathedral events, including manuscript writing, prayers stones, chantry chapel history hunt, and much more, can be found on the festival website:

www.worcesterfestival.co.uk/events

FARM WORK WELFARE APP

Every year, hundreds of migrant workers get placed in UK fields against their will and exploited by ruthless criminal gangs. The Clewer Initiative has developed the Farm Work Welfare App, designed to support both farmers and pickers and tackle labour abuse and modern slavery in the farming, horticulture and food production sector. The app is available from Google Play or from www.theclowerinitiative.org

YOUR GIFT TO THE CATHEDRAL

will support the cathedral's ministry and mission and help to keep the building in good repair and open to all without charge. UK tax-payers are kindly asked to use gift-aid envelopes, completing the front, which increases donations by 25%. Donations may also be made via the contactless points in the cathedral. If you wish to give regularly, please use the form in the welcome booklet available from the stewards or vergers, or speak with Gerald Harris of the stewardship committee.

PRAYERS & INTERCESSIONS

The Prayer Diary can be found on the diocesan website:

www.cofe-worcester.org.uk

Please pray for the departed, among them Ben Hagon, Irene Kemp, Richard Porter, and George Henderson.

DAY OF MUSIC

Amongst our many benefactors we particularly give thanks for Derrick and Connie Bollen who generously endowed a day of music to mark the anniversary of their wedding on 18th August in 1941.

We also give thanks for the late Maude Wilderspin, a faithful member of the Cathedral congregation, in whose memory 19th August was endowed as a day of music.

CATHEDRAL WEBSITE

Visit the cathedral website to sign up for our newsletter, to make a donation, or to find out more about Worcester Cathedral: www.worcestercathedral.co.uk



Readings for Sunday 16th August

FIRST READING Isaiah 56.1, 6–8

1 Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

6 And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,

all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
and hold fast my covenant –

7 these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;

for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

8 Thus says the Lord GOD,

who gathers the outcasts of Israel,

I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

PSALM Psalm 67

**R Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.**

1 May God be merciful to us and bless us,
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

2 Let your ways be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations. R

[3 Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.]

4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth. R

[5 Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.]

6 The earth has brought forth her increase;
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

7 May God give us his blessing,

and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him. R

SECOND READING Romans 11.1–2a, 29–32

1 I ask, then, has God rejected his people?
By no means!

I myself am an Israelite,
a descendant of Abraham,
a member of the tribe of Benjamin.
2 God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.
29 For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.
30 Just as you were once disobedient to God
but have now received mercy because of their disobedience,
31 so they have now been disobedient
in order that, by the mercy shown to you,
they too may now receive mercy.
32 For God has imprisoned all in disobedience
so that he may be merciful to all.

GOSPEL Matthew 15.10–20, 21–28

10 Then Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them,
'Listen and understand:
11 it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person,
but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.'
12 Then the disciples approached and said to him,
'Do you know
that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?'
13 He answered,
'Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted.
14 Let them alone;
they are blind guides of the blind.
And if one blind person guides another,
both will fall into a pit.'
15 But Peter said to him,
'Explain this parable to us.'
16 Then he said,
'Are you also still without understanding?
17 Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach,
and goes out into the sewer?
18 But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart,
and this is what defiles.
19 For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery,
fornication, theft, false witness, slander.
20 These are what defile a person,
but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.'
21 Jesus went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon.
22 A Canaanite woman from that region came out
and started shouting,
'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David;
my daughter is tormented by a demon.'
23 But he did not answer her at all.
And his disciples came and urged him, saying,

'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.'

24 He answered,

'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.'

25 But she came and knelt before him,

saying, 'Lord, help me.'

26 He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.'

27 She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.'

28 Then Jesus answered her,

'Woman, great is your faith!

Let it be done for you as you wish.'

And her daughter was healed instantly.