



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 sung 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. Those who are over 70 and/or clinically vulnerable, should take particular care to minimise contact with others outside of their household/'bubble'.
- 3 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.
- 4 Those attending may 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 am and 12.30 pm. **Please try and avoid parking on College Yard.**
- 5 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.
- 6 You are warmly encouraged, in advance of arrival, to download the service-sheet available on the cathedral website. 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.** The readings for the service can be found on the 'Sunday News' sheet available each week on the cathedral website.
- 7 Please note that it is mandatory for worshippers and visitors to wear face coverings in the cathedral, unless you have an exemption as defined by government.
- 8 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.

- 9 In accordance with government and Church of England advice, all worshippers and visitors are encouraged to use the voluntary 'track and trace' system in operation at the cathedral. This takes two forms. You can either register your attendance at the cathedral by emailing attendance@worcestercathedral.org.uk, either before or after your visit, making clear on which date you attended. Or you can complete a piece of paper with your contact details, for which you need to use your own pen (please note that pens are not provided), and place it in the 'Track and Trace' box by the north door. Please note that you need to register attendance for **each separate visit 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 paper slips will be deleted/destroyed after three weeks.
- 10 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.
- 11 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.
- 12 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.
- 13 The service will include organ music and singing by a choir, but no singing by the congregation.
- 14 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.
- 15 Please speak to a steward or vergers before the service if you wish to receive gluten-free consecrated bread, or have communion brought to you in your seat.
- 16 Communion will be distributed in one kind (consecrated bread only) and received standing. Those coming forward for communion or a blessing are asked to form a single line, socially distanced from one another, and return to their seats via the side-aisles.
- 17 The service is expected to last 55-60 minutes; toilet facilities are available.
- 18 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.

- 19 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. Giving facilities are also available online.
- 20 Social gathering outside the building after the service is not permitted: greetings should be exchanged with others without lingering. Refreshments will not be served.
- 21 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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