



# Worcester Cathedral

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# Sunday News

27 SEPTEMBER 2020

16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

## TODAY'S SERVICES

10.30 am **Sung Eucharist**

*Jackson in G*

Hosanna to the son of David - *Weelkes*

The readings for this service can be found at the end of this notice sheet. Please note that this service is livestreamed through our Facebook page and the camera angle includes images of those receiving communion.

4 pm **Evensong**

Responses - *Rose*

*Howells* in B minor

Geistliches Lied - *Brahms*

## THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Wednesday 1 pm Holy Communion

Thursday 5.30 pm Evensong

Responses - *Smith*

*Watson* in E

Call to remembrance - *Farrant*

Friday 11.30 am Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer*)

Saturday 5.30 pm Evensong

Responses - *Clucas*

Jesus College Service - *Mathias*

For the beauty of the earth - *Rutter*

Sunday 10.30 am Sung Eucharist

Missa brevis - *Palestrina*

Thou visitest the earth - *Greene*

For the beauty of the earth - *King*

4 pm

Evensong

Responses - *Radcliffe*  
*Stanford in C*  
Fear Not, O Land - *Elgar*

## **FACE COVERINGS**

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

## **ONLINE SERVICES**

A daily celebration of the eucharist is livestreamed through the cathedral Facebook page. On Sundays this is at 10.30 am and on Monday to Saturday at 8 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*

## **PARKING**

Those attending the 10.30 am service on Sundays 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 to avoid parking on College Yard.**

## **TEST AND TRACE SYSTEM**

In accordance with government and Church of England advice, all worshippers and visitors are encouraged to use the voluntary 'test and trace' system in operation at the cathedral. This takes three 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 'Test and Trace' box by the north door. Or you can scan the new NHS 'Test & Trace' QR code which will be

clearly visible at the cathedral entrance (a separate QR code is available for the Cloister Café). 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.

## **EVENSONG**

We are delighted to announce that evensong at 5.30 pm on Mondays will resume from 5 October.

## **DAYS OF MUSIC**

Amongst our many benefactors we particularly thank God for the Ouseley Trust, in whose name a day of music has generously been endowed this week.

## **HARVEST**

We will celebrate harvest next Sunday, 4 October. We are collecting items for the Worcester Food Bank; please bring your gifts (from the list below) to the cathedral and place them under the tables inside the north door as you arrive for the Sunday Eucharist. Thank you.

*Supermarket gift cards, Gravy Granules, Sponge Puddings, Sugar, Cooking Oil, Mixed Herbs, Tomato Puree, Salt, Black Pepper, Oxo Cubes, Shampoo – unisex, Deodorants – unisex, Washing Powder – small, Washing up liquid, Anti Bac Spray, Anti Bac Wipes, Kitchen Roll, Adult Toothbrushes, Disposable Razors, Shaving Foam.*

## **QUIET MORNING: Listening to Creation with St Francis**

Join us for a quiet morning this coming Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, led by Brother Ethan Gabriel and Brother Martin from Glasshampton Monastery. Short talks interspersed with silence and prayer. This event takes place in the new Undercroft and is limited to 20 people. Booking is essential. The event is free but a donation towards costs would be appreciated. Visit [www.worcestercathedral.co.uk/worship/faith-spirituality](http://www.worcestercathedral.co.uk/worship/faith-spirituality) for booking details.

## **LUNCHTIME RECITALS**

We are delighted that Lunchtime Recitals will be restarting at Worcester Cathedral during the months of October and November, and this autumn season will feature past and present members of the Cathedral's Music Department. The recitals will still be taking place every week on a Thursday but at a new time: 1.15 pm until 1.55 pm. Samuel Hudson will be opening the new season on Thursday 1st October - please do come to support this recital if you are able as we welcome live concerts back to Worcester Cathedral. Organ recitals will also be held on 8th, 15th and 22nd October, before we take a break for half-term and the series then resumes on 5th November. We look forward to seeing you there!

## **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.

## **CHARITY GIVING**

It is the time of year when the Chapter considers its outward giving. If any members of the community would like to suggest a charity whose work the cathedral should support, could they please let Canon Stephen Edwards have details, either by email [stephenedwards@worcestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:stephenedwards@worcestercathedral.org.uk) or deliver to the Chapter Office.

## **METAL RECYCLING**

The cathedral is pleased to support a scheme for recycling metal, run by Worcester Rotary Club. Proceeds in September and October go to a Beirut Fund assisting the people of that city after the terrible explosion there. Please contact John or Liz Wright on 01905 339661, who would be able to collect any contributions.

## **COMMUNITY ANNUAL MEETING**

Given the current restrictions on meetings, the Community Annual Meeting, advertised for Sunday 11 October, will not now take place. The annual report and accounts will be published on the cathedral website.

## **PRAYERS & INTERCESSIONS**

The Prayer Diary can be found on the diocesan website:

[www.cofe-worcester.org.uk](http://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk)

Please pray for the departed, among them Shirley Collins, Agnes Rogerson, Zilphia Watkins, and John Renney.

## **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](http://www.worcestercathedral.co.uk)

# Readings for Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September

## FIRST READING Ezekiel 18.1–4, 25–32

1 The word of the LORD came to me:  
2 What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel,  
'The parents have eaten sour grapes,  
and the children's teeth are set on edge?'  
3 As I live, says the Lord GOD,  
this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel.  
4 Know that all lives are mine;  
the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine:  
it is only the person who sins that shall die.  
25 Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.'  
Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair?  
Is it not your ways that are unfair?  
26 When the righteous turn away from their righteousness  
and commit iniquity, they shall die for it;  
for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die.  
27 Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness  
they have committed and do what is lawful and right,  
they shall save their life.  
28 Because they considered  
and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed,  
they shall surely live; they shall not die.  
29 Yet the house of Israel says,  
'The way of the Lord is unfair.'  
O house of Israel, are my ways unfair?  
Is it not your ways that are unfair?  
30 Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel,  
all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD.  
Repent and turn from all your transgressions;  
otherwise iniquity will be your ruin.  
31 Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me,  
and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit!  
Why will you die, O house of Israel?  
32 For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone,  
says the Lord GOD.  
Turn, then, and live.

## PSALM Psalm 25.1–8

Unto thee, O Lord, will I lift up my soul; my God, I have put my trust in thee : O let me not be  
confounded, neither let mine enemies triumph over me.  
For all they that hope in thee shall not be ashamed : but such as transgress without a cause shall be put to  
confusion.  
Shew me thy ways, O Lord : and teach me thy paths.  
Lead me forth in thy truth, and learn me : for thou art the God of my salvation; in thee hath been my hope  
all the day long.  
Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies : and thy loving-kindnesses, which have been ever of old.  
O remember not the sins and offences of my youth : but according to thy mercy think thou upon me, O  
Lord, for thy goodness.  
Gracious and righteous is the Lord : therefore will he teach sinners in the way.  
Them that are meek shall he guide in judgement : and such as are gentle, them shall he learn his way.

## **SECOND READING Philippians 2.1–13**

1 If then there is any encouragement in Christ,  
any consolation from love,  
any sharing in the Spirit,  
any compassion and sympathy,  
2 make my joy complete:  
be of the same mind,  
having the same love,  
being in full accord and of one mind.  
3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit,  
but in humility regard others as better than yourselves.  
4 Let each of you look not to your own interests,  
but to the interests of others.  
5 Let the same mind be in you  
that was in Christ Jesus,  
6 who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
7 but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
8 he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death –  
even death on a cross.  
9 Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
10 so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
11 and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
12 Therefore, my beloved,  
just as you have always obeyed me,  
not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence,  
work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;  
13 for it is God who is at work in you,  
enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

## **GOSPEL Matthew 21.23–32**

23 When Jesus entered the temple,  
the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching,  
and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things,  
and who gave you this authority?'  
24 Jesus said to them,  
'I will also ask you one question;  
if you tell me the answer,  
then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things.  
25 Did the baptism of John come from heaven,  
or was it of human origin?'  
And they argued with one another,  
'If we say,

“From heaven,”  
he will say to us,  
“Why then did you not believe him?”  
26 But if we say,  
“Of human origin,”  
we are afraid of the crowd;  
for all regard John as a prophet.’  
27 So they answered Jesus,  
‘We do not know.’  
And he said to them,  
‘Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.  
28 What do you think?  
A man had two sons;  
he went to the first and said,  
“Son, go and work in the vineyard today.”  
29 He answered, “I will not”;  
but later he changed his mind and went.  
30 The father went to the second and said the same;  
and he answered, “I go, sir”;  
but he did not go.  
31 Which of the two did the will of his father?’  
They said, ‘The first.’  
Jesus said to them,  
‘Truly I tell you,  
the tax-collectors and the prostitutes  
are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you.  
32 For John came to you in the way of righteousness  
and you did not believe him,  
but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him;  
and even after you saw it,  
you did not change your minds and believe him.’