



Worcester Cathedral

Sunday News

4 OCTOBER 2020

17TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
HARVEST THANKSGIVING

TODAY'S SERVICES

10.30 am **Sung Eucharist**

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** (Chamber Choir)

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Monday	5.30 pm	Evensong
Wednesday	1 pm	Holy Communion
Thursday	5.30 pm	Evensong
Friday	11.30 am	Holy Communion (<i>Book of Common Prayer</i>)
Saturday	5.30 pm	Evensong
Sunday	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist
	4 pm	Evensong

MUSIC SCHEME

The monthly music scheme for October is now available on the cathedral website. To download a copy please visit

www.worcestercathedral.co.uk/worship/monthly-music-and-services

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 tomorrow, 5 October.

DAYS OF MUSIC

Amongst our many benefactors we particularly thank God for Charmian Manship, and the Voluntary Choir men, in whose name days of music have generously been endowed this week.

HARVEST

As part of our harvest thanksgiving 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 or evensong. 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.

LUNCHTIME RECITALS

We are delighted that Lunchtime Recitals have restarted at Worcester Cathedral, 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. Please do come to support this recital if you are able as we welcome live concerts back to Worcester Cathedral.

Organ recitals will 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 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

We pray for those being ordained in Magdeburg cathedral on 11th October: Christoph Backhaus, Dr. Mareike Verena Blischke, Nicole Breithaupt, Jakob Haferland, Philine Marianne Hommel, Maria Theresia Knabe, Judith Kölling, Dr. Saskia Lieske, Hagen Mewes, Andreas Paulsen, Christoph Rätz, Theresa Hauser, Aaron Rogge, Andreas Tschurn, Dr. Florian Zobel.

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

Readings for Sunday 4th October

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 8.7–18

7 The LORD your God is bringing you into a good land,
a land with flowing streams,
with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills,
8 a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates,
a land of olive trees and honey,
9 a land where you may eat bread without scarcity,
where you will lack nothing,
a land whose stones are iron
and from whose hills you may mine copper.
10 You shall eat your fill
and bless the LORD your God for the good land
that he has given you.
11 Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God,
by failing to keep his commandments,
his ordinances, and his statutes,
which I am commanding you today.
12 When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them,
13 and when your herds and flocks have multiplied,
and your silver and gold is multiplied,
and all that you have is multiplied,
14 then do not exalt yourself,
forgetting the LORD your God,
who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery,
15 who led you through the great and terrible wilderness,
an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions.
He made water flow for you from flint rock,
16 and fed you in the wilderness with manna
that your ancestors did not know,
to humble you and to test you,
and in the end to do you good.
17 Do not say to yourself,
'My power and the might of my own hand
have gained me this wealth.'
18 But remember the LORD your God,
for it is he who gives you power to get wealth,
so that he may confirm his covenant
that he swore to your ancestors,
as he is doing today.

PSALM 65, from verses 9 and 12

Thou visitest the earth, and blessest it:
Thou crownest the year with thy goodness.

Music: Maurice Greene (1696–1755)

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 9.6–15

6 The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly,

and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.
7 Each of you must give as you have made up your mind,
not reluctantly or under compulsion,
for God loves a cheerful giver.
8 And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance,
so that by always having enough of everything,
you may share abundantly in every good work.
9 As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;
his righteousness endures for ever.'
10 He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food
will supply and multiply your seed for sowing
and increase the harvest of your righteousness.
11 You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity,
which will produce thanksgiving to God through us;
12 for the rendering of this ministry
not only supplies the needs of the saints
but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.
13 Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God
by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ
and by the generosity of your sharing with them
and with all others,
14 while they long for you
and pray for you
because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you.
15 Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

GOSPEL Luke 12.16–30

16 Jesus told the people a parable:
'The land of a rich man produced abundantly.
17 And he thought to himself,
"What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?"
18 Then he said, "I will do this:
I will pull down my barns and build larger ones,
and there I will store all my grain and my goods.
19 And I will say to my soul,
'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years;
relax, eat, drink, be merry.'"
20 But God said to him,
"You fool!
This very night your life is being demanded of you.
And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?"
21 So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves
but are not rich towards God.'
22 He said to his disciples,
'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life,
what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear.
23 For life is more than food,
and the body more than clothing.
24 Consider the ravens:
they neither sow nor reap,
they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them.
Of how much more value are you than the birds!
25 And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?
26 If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that,

why do you worry about the rest?

27 Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin;
yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.

28 But if God so clothes the grass of the field,
which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven,
how much more will he clothe you – you of little faith!

29 And do not keep striving
for what you are to eat and what you are to drink,
and do not keep worrying.

30 For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things,
and your Father knows that you need them.'