



Worcester Cathedral

Sunday News

27 DECEMBER 2020
ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

SERVICES

Full details of this week's services can be found in the December service and music list which can be viewed here:

www.worcestercathedral.co.uk/media/1612/december-scheme-2020.pdf

TODAY'S READINGS

Exodus 33.7-11a

Psalm 117

1 John 1

John 21.19b-25

To access quickly the Sunday readings on your phone or tablet, the Church of England publishes a lectionary app. Free to download but requires a small annual subscription. Details can be found here:

www.chpublishing.co.uk/features/lectionary

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

ADVENT TALKS

The Advent talks on the Kingdom Values are available to view on the Cathedral Facebook page. Please visit the videos section for the four talks on Love, Justice, Compassion, and Freedom.

SAFEGUARDING AUDIT

The Church of England has commissioned an independent audit of cathedral arrangements for keeping people safe from harm and abuse. Every cathedral in England will engage in this audit process to proactively enable learning and improvement in how cathedrals individually and collectively keep people safe. The Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE), a leading independent improvement agency, is conducting these safeguarding audits. The SCIE audit of Worcester Cathedral takes place 19-21 January 2021 and the audit will take place remotely through video conferencing and online surveys. As well as looking at safeguarding files, policies and training, they will meet with safeguarding professionals and key members of Chapter, including the Dean. In addition, they are keen to hear from members of the cathedral community to hear about their understanding of keeping people safe in the cathedral, and to get their unique perspective on how this operates. This presents a valuable opportunity to reflect on how we currently work and to identify where we can improve further. Further information will be published on the cathedral website in the first week of January with details of how to respond to the online surveys.

INTERACTIVE CHILDREN'S RESOURCES

The Diocese of Worcester produces a weekly web page of interactive resources for children which can be used during worship or at home. The activities are all based on the readings for the day and can be found at www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/interactive-childrens-resources

SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

The Worcester School of Theology, now in its second year, is open to all and is a great opportunity for anyone wanting to get a better understanding of God, the Bible and theology. The course aims to empower and inspire people to think theologically and study and apply scripture in a life transforming way. A partnership between local churches, including Worcester Cathedral, different

speakers lead each session. The course is made up of one Saturday morning per month, from 9 am to 12.30 pm and starts in January, with ten sessions during the year. This year it will cover the Old Testament and some major topics of theology. For further details visit: www.hope-church.org.uk

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 via the Chapter Office (01905 732900). Full details of how to give online can be found on the Cathedral website at www.worcestercathedral.co.uk/support-us/make-a-donation

PRAYERS & INTERCESSIONS

The Prayer Diary can be found on the diocesan website:

www.cofe-worcester.org.uk

The clergy maintain an intercessions list which is placed on the altar at the daily eucharist. If you would like a name to be added to this list please send an email to prayer@worcestercathedral.org.uk

SAFETY & GUIDELINES

Full details of our current safety measures, track-and-trace, as well as guidelines for those attending public worship can be found on our website:

www.worcestercathedral.co.uk/worship

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