



Worcester Cathedral

Sunday News

21 MARCH 2021: THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (PASSION SUNDAY)

Today's Readings

10.30 am Sung Eucharist

Jeremiah 31.31-34
Psalm 119.9-16
Hebrews 5.5-10
John 12.20-33

4 pm Evensong

Psalm 34
Exodus 7.8-24
Romans 5.12-end

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

www.chpublishing.co.uk/features/lectionary

New Worshippers

are especially welcome and 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 avoid parking on College Yard.**

'In-Person' Worship

We're delighted to announce the return to 'in-person' worship from today, when these services will be open to attendance in person:

Sunday 8 am Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer*)
 10.30 am Sung Eucharist (also livestreamed)

Wednesday 1 pm Holy Communion

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

The following services will continue to be livestreamed on the cathedral Facebook page:

Mondays to Saturdays

8 am: Holy Communion

Sundays

10.30 am: Sung Eucharist

4 pm: Evensong

The cathedral is also open for individual prayer and reflection, Monday to Saturday 11 am – 1 pm.

In addition, there will be an 'in person' (also livestreamed) eucharist for the feast of the annunciation at 5.30 pm on Thursday 25 March.

Final Lent Talk this Saturday at 10 am

Join us live on the Worcester Cathedral Facebook page on 27 March for the last in our series of talks exploring place and places – 'Hills' – given by the precentor, Canon Dr Michael Brierley. This will be followed for those who wish by a conversation about the talk, at 11 am on Zoom. Previous talks can be viewed at any time on our Facebook page. To join the Zoom session, please register online:

www.worcestercathedral.co.uk/worship/faith-spirituality/online-community-sessions

Holy Week Services

Sunday 28 March (Palm Sunday)

- 8 am Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer*)
- 10.30 am Sung Eucharist (with livestream)
- 4 pm Evensong (livestreamed only)

Monday 29 March

- 5.30 pm Evensong (livestreamed only)
- 8 pm Compline with address (with livestream)

Tuesday 30 March

- 5.30 pm Evensong (livestreamed only)
- 8 pm Compline with address (with livestream)

Wednesday 31 March

- 1 pm Holy Communion
- 5.30 pm Evensong (livestreamed only)
- 8 pm Compline with address (with livestream)

Thursday 1 April (Maundy Thursday)

- 8 pm Sung Eucharist (with livestream) (followed by a silent Watch until midnight: come and go as you are able)

Friday 2 April (Good Friday)

- 12 noon Readings and addresses by the Reverend Canon Dr Mark Pryce (with livestream)
- 1.45 pm The Liturgy of Good Friday (with livestream)

Saturday 3 April

- 8 pm The Easter Liturgy (with livestream)

Sunday 4 April (Easter Day)

- 8 am Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer*)
- 10.30 am Sung Eucharist (with livestream)
- 4 pm Evensong (livestreamed only)

National Day of Reflection

Twelve months on from the first national lockdown, we invite you to come together for a short online service of prayer, remembrance and thanksgiving live from Worcester Cathedral. Join the bishop of Worcester and others in this time of prayerful reflection livestreamed via the cathedral Facebook page on Tuesday 23rd March at 12 noon.

Rapid Lateral Flow Testing

Rapid lateral flow testing, in partnership with the Department of Health and Social Care, is available for a final week this week to residents who don't have any symptoms, at Worcester Cathedral between 10 am and 5.45 pm. Friday will be the last testing day. Appointments must be pre-booked at the Worcestershire County Council website: [worcestershire.gov.uk/LateralFlowTesting](https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/LateralFlowTesting)

Earth Hour

Join us in an online vigil for 'Earth Hour', when the cathedral's floodlighting will be switched off – an international event with which we encourage you to join in by turning off your own lights. The online vigil will be introduced by a pupil from the King's School and the bishop of Dudley and members of the diocesan climate crisis group will lead reflections and prayers for the hour: live on the cathedral Facebook page from 8.30 pm on Saturday 27th March.

Modern Slavery Awareness Week, 4th – 11th May

Modern slavery is an umbrella term for all forms of slavery, trafficking and exploitation. It is estimated that this could be the reality for 136,000 men, women and children in the UK. Join us for a week of events in May (online and in-person) to learn about the issue and how you can make a difference through awareness, through your shopping activities, and in helping spot the signs of exploitation. Our guests include Bishop Alastair Redfern, and speakers from the Anti-Slavery International, the Clewer Initiative, and the Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority. We will be sharing resources and videos alongside talks and opportunities for prayer and action.

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

Safety and Guidelines

Full details of our current safety measures, track-and-trace, as well as guidelines for those visiting the cathedral for private prayer and reflection can be found on our website: www.worcestercathedral.co.uk/worship

Scriptural Reasoning

The Worcestershire Interfaith Forum are considering setting up a scriptural reasoning group. 'Scriptural reasoning' is a tool for interfaith dialogue whereby people of different faiths come together to read and reflect on their scriptures. It was started initially by Jews, then Christians joined, and a few years later Muslims joined in as well. More recently other faiths have participated. If you would be interested in joining such a group, please contact Canon Stephen Edwards for more information: stephenedwards@worcestercathedral.org.uk

Cathedral Eco Group

Caring for creation and fighting eco-injustice are essential parts of the Church's mission. As we journey towards the UN Climate Change Conference (COP26) to be held in Glasgow this November, a small group has been established at the cathedral to ensure that environmental matters, issues around the climate crisis, and the journey towards net-zero carbon emissions are co-ordinated across the cathedral community. Canon Stephen Edwards is chairing this group which brings together members of the cathedral congregation, volunteers and staff. Information on how to get involved through prayer, learning, campaigning and personal commitment will be shared in the months ahead and as activities are planned, we want to involve others in supporting this work. Please pray for those involved in COP26 and our responsibility to care for the environment.

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. Full details of how to give online can be found on the Cathedral website at www.worcestercathedral.co.uk/support-us/make-a-donation

Cathedral Stewardship Scheme (TRIO)

If you are a member of the Cathedral's stewardship scheme (known as TRIO), you will be pleased to hear that your continuing support during the pandemic has kept TRIO on course to reach a total contribution of about £105,000 by the end of this financial year. This compares with £103,000 last year and reflects the strong and loyal support from regular worshippers, despite the disruptive effect of the pandemic on normal worship. If you have become a regular worshipper during the course of the last year, either in person or online, you may wish to consider joining the TRIO scheme, which provides a vital and consistent contribution to the cost of providing worship at the cathedral. Please contact the TRIO recorder at the Chapter office by phone on 01905 732912 or by email at cathysloan@worcestercathedral.org.uk for more information or speak to Gerald Harris on 01905 20988 or by email at geraldaharris@hotmail.com

Prayer and Intercessions

The Diocesan Prayer Diary, which incorporates the Anglican Communion 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

Please pray for the departed, among them Doreen Taylor, Humphrey Taylor, Stephen Lindner, Douglas Garrad, Charlie Bellamy and Mark Harper.

Holy Week at Worcester Cathedral



'Jerusalem' by Edward Lear

'Places of the Passion'

Palm Sunday, 28 March, 10.30 am

'Jerusalem'

The Reverend Canon Dr Georgina Byrne

Monday 29 March, 8 pm

'Gethsemane'

The Reverend Canon Dr Michael Brierley

Tuesday 30 March, 8 pm

'The High Priest's House'

The Reverend Canon Dr Stephen Edwards

Wednesday 31 March, 8 pm

'The Praetorium'

The Very Reverend Dr Peter Atkinson

Maundy Thursday, 1 April, 8 pm

'The Upper Room'

The Venerable Nikki Groarke,
archdeacon of Dudley

Good Friday, 2 April, 12 noon

'Golgotha'

The Reverend Canon Dr Mark Pryce,
director of ministry, Diocese of Birmingham

Easter Day, 4 April, 10.30 am

'The Empty Tomb'

The Right Reverend Dr John Inge

All are warmly welcome