



# Worcester Cathedral

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# Sunday News

4 APRIL 2021: EASTER SUNDAY

## Today's Services

8 am Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer*)

10.30 am Sung Eucharist (also livestreamed)

4 pm Evensong (livestreamed only)

Organ music before the service: *Grand dialogue* by Louis Marchand  
(1669–1732)

Readings: (Psalm 66.1-11) Ezekiel 37.1-14; Luke 24.13-35

Organ voluntary: *Incantation pour un jour saint* by Jean Langlais  
(1907–1991)

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. For details, see: [www.chpublishing.co.uk/features/lectionary](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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.**

## 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](http://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/interactive-childrens-resources)

## 'In-Person' Worship

The following weekly services are now 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

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

## Thank You

A huge thank you to the team of flower arrangers who created such a magnificent garden of Gethsemane at the high altar on Maundy Thursday, and who have made the cathedral look so wonderful today. We are extremely grateful.

## **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](http://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](mailto:cathysloan@worcestercathedral.org.uk) for more information or speak to Gerald Harris on 01905 20988 or by email at [geraldaharris@hotmail.com](mailto:geraldaharris@hotmail.com)

## **Modern Slavery Awareness Week, 4<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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](mailto:stephenedwards@worcestercathedral.org.uk)

## Shaping the Church for the Future

These three sessions, on Monday evenings from 17 May, offer a chance to explore 'a theology of church for beginners'. How does our understanding of church relate to the practicalities of mission and ministry in our contexts? All three sessions will take place 7.30 pm – 9 pm on zoom, and will be led by John Fitzmaurice, director of vocations and ordinands, and Doug Chaplin, discipleship and lay training officer. [More details can be found here.](#) [Book here on Eventbrite for all three sessions.](#)

## Between the Testaments

In some Bibles, we find a dozen or more books grouped together between the Old and New Testaments in a section named the 'Apocrypha'. Some (not all) of these books form an ordinary part of Roman Catholic Bibles, but it is only in Protestant Bibles that we find them grouped together. Occasionally, we have readings from them in cathedral services; but they remain unfamiliar, even downright mysterious, to many who otherwise know their Bible well. Where do they come from? What light can they shine on the histories of Israel and the Church, or on the rest of the Bible? What can they teach us today? Robert Beattie is leading an online group (meeting by zoom) to discuss these questions, and familiarise ourselves with these books of the Apocrypha through selected excerpts from each: 7.30 pm – 9 pm on Tuesday evenings. Please reserve your place via the form on the Worcester Cathedral website:

<https://www.worcestercathedral.co.uk/worship/faith-spirituality/online-community-sessions> or contact Robert at [robert@grimpen.org.uk](mailto:robert@grimpen.org.uk) or on 07968 290319.

## **Everyday Faith in Work**

This single online workshop, offered on two different occasions – 19 May 2021 and 10 June 2021, both 7.30 pm – 9 pm – explores how people might relate faith to their work and workplace. There is no fixed agenda, other than an agreement to explore these kinds of questions, in the hope such a conversation will be supportive and stimulating. If enough people are interested, there may be opportunity to plan a continuing conversation. The workshop is convened by Doug Chaplin, discipleship and lay training officer for the diocese, and Dick Johnson, lead chaplain for Faith at Work in Worcestershire and lead chaplain to the police and fire services. [More details can be found here](#). Book via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/everyday-faith-in-work-tickets-144389941201>

## **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.

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

## **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](http://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](mailto:prayer@worcestercathedral.org.uk)

Please pray for the departed, among them Charlie Bellamy, Mark Harper, Rita Sheldon and Sue Mold.