



Worcester Cathedral

Sunday News

13 JUNE 2021: SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Today's Services

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

10.30 am Sung Eucharist (also livestreamed)

Readings: Ezekiel 17.22-end; 2 Corinthians 5.6-10,14-17; Mark 4.26-34

4 pm Evensong (also livestreamed)

Readings: Jeremiah 7.1-16; Romans 9.14-26

6.30 pm Evensong

Readings: as for 4 pm

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

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.**

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

'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)
 4 pm Evensong (also livestreamed)
 6.30 pm Evensong

Monday 5.30 pm Evensong

Wednesday 1 pm Holy Communion
 5.30 pm Evensong (boys' voices)

Thursday 5.30 pm Evensong (lower voices)

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

Saturday 5.30 pm Evensong

In addition to the livestreamed Sunday services above, a service of holy communion will also be livestreamed on the cathedral Facebook page each day at 8 am from Monday to Saturday.

Undercroft Opening Film

We would love to invite the members of the cathedral community to a special event to celebrate the opening of the Undercroft Learning Centre: join us for a premiere of a short film documenting the fascinating journey through the re-development over the past two years, meet some of those involved in the project and have a tour of the space – Tuesday 6th July at 11 am. Spaces are limited so please email harriethathaway@worcestercathedral.org.uk by 18 June and state clearly the time and date you are replying to, as we are hosting a number of these events.

Staff farewells

Over the past year, the cathedral staff has been re-organised, with some new members joining and others leaving. It has been our custom to give members of the cathedral community the opportunity to express their gratitude through a farewell gift. As a result of retirements, re-structuring, and moving on to fresh employment, the following have left the staff in the past twelve months:

Susie Arnold (chapter secretary) (23 years)
Catherine Steele (liturgy assistant) (18 years)
James Pertwee (shop manager) (9 years)
Sarah Hayward (assistant education officer) (8 years)
Adam Price (maintenance officer) (7 years)
Nigel Wall (electrician) (4 years)
Sarah Henman (cleaner) (2 years)

In addition, later in the summer, we shall also lose Ed Jones, who has been our sub-assistant organist for the past three years, and who has been appointed director of music at Wakefield Cathedral.

If you wish to contribute to a leaving gift, please send a cheque made out to 'Worcester Cathedral' with a clear note of the name of the staff member you have in mind. If you wish to make a donation to be shared equally among all of them, please earmark your cheque for 'Staff Gifts'. We do ask for cheques, rather than online donations, as this will make it easier to distinguish from other forms of donation.

Home for Good

The charity Home for Good have made a special local video for Father's Day featuring three Worcestershire foster dads. They hope it will inspire more men to consider if they can foster or support others who do, especially at a time when the need for foster homes is increasing locally (there are well over 800 children in local authority care in the county, a 25% increase over 3 years) and the numbers of people completing the journey from enquiry to signing up as approved carers has fallen: <https://we.tl/t-09PLhXKs2g>

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

Enrich the Visitor Experience at Worcester Cathedral

We are looking for more volunteers to be part of a large and dynamic team supporting the work of Worcester Cathedral and enriching visitors' experiences. We have a number of opportunities at the moment, including garden guides, gardeners, learning and education guides, tower guides, event stewards, shop and café assistants, and assistant vergers. If you would like more information or to register interest, go to worcestercathedral.co.uk/support-us/volunteering

Morogoro Sewing Academy: Microfinancing Partnership

The diocesan visit to Morogoro in March 2019 returned with a clear sense that setting up a microfinancing project with the Sewing Academy could be a wonderful way of empowering graduates to set up small businesses. £6000 is needed to fund the 44 students from all over the region who can graduate in any one year, enabling them to buy a sewing machine locally and invest in start-up materials. Donations to the Morogoro Sewing Academy Microfinancing Project can be made by cheque to the Worcester Diocesan Board of Finance with a covering note saying that it is for the Morogoro Sewing Academy Microfinancing Project or by BACs with a reference to Morogoro Sew Acad: Account Name: Worcester Diocesan Board of Finance Limited. Bank: Lloyds Bank – The Cross. Sort Code: 30 – 99 – 90. Account number: 02974040.

Cathedral Eco News & Activities

The cathedral eco group is exploring the 'Eco Church' resources and planning for the future. Would you like to be part of this process? If you are interested in being part of small groups exploring practical action, learning, community engagement, lifestyle, spirituality and eco justice issues, please join us at our next meeting which is on Thursday 1st July at 10.30 am in the Undercroft. It would be really helpful if you can register your interest first: please contact Canon Stephen Edwards on stephenedwards@worcestercathedral.org.uk

Forthcoming activities:

Count on Nature: we are putting together a number of insect and nature trails to help survey our biodiversity. Watch out for dates and information soon.

Cathedral Community Picnic: save the date, Sunday 8th August, for a lunchtime picnic in the cathedral grounds. Details to follow!

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

Maggs Summer Appeal

Maggs Day Centre have made an appeal for help with items for their hot weather packs. Throughout the summer, they will give them out to people they work with and would be very grateful for any baby wipes, deodorants, caps, sun cream and bottles of water. Any donations can be taken to the Day Centre on Deansway, thank you.

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

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 Pru Jeffrey, Russell Edmonds and Robert Clubb.