



Worcester Cathedral

Sunday News

22 AUGUST 2021: THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Today's Services

- 7.30 am Morning Prayer
8 am Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer*) (also livestreamed)
10.30 am Sung Eucharist (also livestreamed)
Joshua 24.1-2a, 14-18, Psalm 34.15-22, Ephesians 6.10-20, John 6.56-69
2 pm Service of Blessing for Animals
4 pm Evensong

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

Lifting of Restrictions

The Government's lifting of restrictions means some changes to the way we are able to celebrate public worship. There will be a gradual easing of some Covid measures over the next few months, but this will be done with caution and care. Many people still feel vulnerable and anxious, and it is important that the Cathedral remains a safe place for as many people as possible.

What will change?

- Hymns will be introduced for congregational singing.
- Social distancing will be reduced from 2m to 1m, but with plenty of room in the nave for people who wish to sit further apart.

What will not change (at least in August)?

- Those attending services will be invited to register NHS Track and Trace on arrival.

- The use of face coverings while in the Cathedral will be encouraged (it cannot be enforced) at least while entering and leaving the building and when coming for communion. People may choose to wear or remove face-coverings while singing hymns.
- Physical greetings at the peace should not be offered to people outside a bubble.
- Communion will be given standing, and in one kind (consecrated bread only).
- No collections will be taken during services.
- There will be no Chapter House refreshments after services.
- A thorough cleaning programme will be carried out after every service.
- 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

Public Worship

All services are now open to the public as follows:

Sunday

- 7.30 am Morning Prayer
- 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) *(with livestream)*
- 10.30 am Sung Eucharist *(with livestream)*
- 4.00 pm Evensong or Evening Prayer

Monday-Saturday

- 7.30 am Morning Prayer
- 8.00 am Holy Communion *(with livestream)*
- 5.30 pm Evensong or Evening Prayer

There are also celebrations of Holy Communion on Wednesdays at 1 pm and Fridays (BCP) at 11.30 am.

Livestreamed Services

The Sung Eucharist during the month of August will be livestreamed. The 8.00 am Holy Communion service will continue to be livestreamed every Sunday. Not only will this add a Book of Common Prayer service to our livestreamed

worship, but also provide consistency with a livestreamed celebration of Communion every morning at 8 am. We pray for our online community, giving thanks for their continuing faithfulness and presence. All these arrangements for August will be reviewed in time for September.

Sunday Coffee

We're delighted that from Sunday 5 September we shall once again have the opportunity to gather for coffee or tea in the Chapter House following the 10.30 Sung Eucharist.

Meet the Conservators: A talk on Christ in Majesty

On Tuesday 24 August at 2 pm, there is an opportunity to meet the conservators of Christ in Majesty, ask questions about their work, and see the sculpture up close. Tickets for this event are priced at £5. Full details and how to book can be found here:

www.worcestercathedral.co.uk/whats-on/discover-christ-in-majesty

Road Closures: Sunday 5 September

To accommodate the Worcester City 10K Run and Half Marathon on Sunday 5 September there are a number of road closures in place. College Street and Deansway and Worcester Bridge are scheduled to be closed 8am-12.30pm. For more details please visit <http://worcestercityrun.com/>

Farewells and Leaving Gifts

If you wish to contribute to a leaving gift for Canon Michael Brierley and Canon Georgina Byrne, please send a cheque made out to 'Worcester Cathedral' with a clear note of your gift being for *Georgina* or *Michael*, or *Georgina & Michael* if making a single gift to be divided between them. We do ask for cheques, rather than online donations, as this will make it easier to distinguish from other forms of donation. Please send to Val Floy at the Chapter Office. Thank you.

Michael's farewell takes place on Sunday 12 September and Georgina's on Sunday 3 October, both at the 10.30am Sung Eucharist.

Parking & Entrance from College Green

For a trial period for the remainder of August the entrance from College Green to the cloisters will be open on Sunday mornings from 10.00 to 10.45, and again

for 30 minutes after the end of the Sung Eucharist. This is to enable those attending the Sung Eucharist to come and go that way. Anyone who needs to leave in the course of the service will be enabled to do so by the vergers. Those attending the Sung Eucharist and wishing to park are asked to obtain the bollard code for College Green (email parking@worcestercathedral.org.uk) and not to park on College Yard where there is a risk of a collision between cars and pedestrians.

Ride and Stride: An invitation from the Worcester City West Team

Saturday 11th September: After all the ups-and-downs of the past year, would you like an opportunity to spend some time with others in prayerful reflection? Or perhaps a chance to get out into the countryside? Or a chance to ‘do something’? Every year in September the National Churches Trust promotes the Ride+Stride. The Worcester City West Team of Churches is combining the Ride+Stride with a “Day Retreat”. The route will visit several churches during the day and will include timetabled stops for Morning Prayer, Prayer During the Day, Café Church and Evening Prayer. The plan is for a group of people to walk the route with some people joining for all or part of the walk and other people joining in for some or all the prayer activities. The Worcester City West Team extends an invitation to the Cathedral congregation to join them for all or part of the day. If you would like to find out more, please contact Philip Evans at philip.evans@wcw.church

SPACE: Spectacular sound and light show

An immersive journey through light and sound that transforms the interior of Worcester Cathedral. The event takes place on the evenings of Wed 22, Thurs 23, Fri 24 and Sat 25 September 2021. For booking details please visit: www.worcestercathedral.co.uk/whats-on/space-spectacular-sound-and-light-show

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

Save the Date

Our Cathedral Harvest Lunch is back! This year it will be in College Hall on Sunday 3rd October, following the farewell reception for Canon Georgina. We'll be serving a simple plated Ploughman's, followed by delicious desserts, provided by community members. We will also auction the harvest produce in aid of the Maggs Day Centre. Sign up notices will be posted in September.

Interactive Children's Resources

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

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 www.worcestercathedral.co.uk/support-us/volunteering

Calling New Stewards

Stewarding, or welcoming at the door at services, is a deeply appreciated aspect of our worship. It is one of the least onerous of duties - a friendly smile, a warm greeting, and handing people orders of service - and the duties can be entirely moulded to suit availability. Following the sad death of Russell Jones, our head verger James Prior is looking to increase the number of those who offer this vital ministry at evensongs. **Please will you seriously consider** whether this is something that you could offer once in a while. Please be in touch with James on 01905 732930 or JamesPrior@worcestercathedral.org.uk
Thank you very much indeed.

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

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 Dorothy Foster, Gerd Ludwig, David Hassell, Jenny Grogan, Martin Schellenberg, Judith Little, John Ridley, Jake Fraser, and David Saunders.