



Worcester Cathedral

Sunday News

5 SEPTEMBER 2021: THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
CLIMATE SUNDAY

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)
Isaiah 35.4-7a, Psalm 146, James 2.1-10[11-13] 14-17, Mark 7.24-37
4 pm Evening Prayer

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

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/>

Junior Church

begins next Sunday, 12 September, for children aged 3 upward. Junior Church takes place in the Undercroft meeting there before the service begins and returning to the Cathedral before the Peace.

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.

Community Annual Meeting Sunday 26 September

The Cathedral Community Annual Meeting will be held at the end of the Sung Eucharist in the Nave, on Sunday 26 September. Information will be given next week about the Cathedral's Annual Report and Accounts, the Strategic Vision, and details of elections to be held.

Meditative Prayer Group

A number of us meet every month using Zoom to practise meditative prayer. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 8 September and the meetings are open to everyone who is interested in exploring this type of quiet prayer. If you are interested and would like more information please email prayer@worcestercathedral.org.uk

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 Judith Little, John Ridley, Jake Fraser, David Saunders, Doreen Whiteside, Peter Heaps, Kate Panting, and Hilary Plested.

Worcester Cathedral's Declaration of a Climate and Environmental Emergency.

The Dean and Chapter of Worcester Cathedral publicly recognise that there exists a Climate and Environmental Emergency that affects humanity's ability to sustain civilisation in its present form. This crisis is principally caused by a failure of human beings to fulfil God's call to love our neighbours, live justly and steward God's creation. As a result, we commit to:

1. Examining our lives individually and corporately in relation to this crisis, seeking to live faithfully to God's call.
2. Bringing forward during first quarter of 2022 an action plan to:
 - Minimise our negative corporate impact on the environment, and help restoration where possible
 - Achieve net zero emissions by 2030
 - Care for the natural environment and biodiversity in the grounds of our Cathedral.
3. Encouraging the Cathedral community to make relevant lifestyle changes appropriate to their circumstances.
4. Encouraging action on this emergency in our neighbourhoods, workplaces and other spheres of activity.
5. Using our influence to bring about positive actions by local and national government and businesses and other organisations.

Supporting Afghan Refugees

As part of the Afghan Resettlement Programme a Worcester based Welcome Group is coordinating the local response. We hope to share more information soon about ways in which support can be offered, however an initial request has been made for offers from any private landlords who may be willing to offer housing (rent will be paid) for use by incoming families. Please contact Canon Stephen Edwards for more information.

O God of mercy and of peace, we hold before you the peoples of Afghanistan. Turn our hearts and minds to your ways of just and gentle peace, open our eyes to see you in all acts of compassionate care, strengthen our hearts to step out in solidarity with your suffering people, and hold us all in your unfailing love.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who emptied himself of all but love in order to bring life in all its fullness. Amen

SOCIAL & CATHEDRAL EVENTS

Harvest Lunch: Save the Date

Our Cathedral Harvest Lunch is back! This year it will be in College Hall on Sunday 3 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.

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

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

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

Parking & Entrance from College Green

For a trial period 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 may obtain the bollard code for College Green (email parking@worcestercathedral.org.uk) Please do not park on College Yard where there is a risk of a collision between cars and pedestrians.

GET INVOLVED

Sundays at 6.30

From September 2021, the Cathedral Voluntary Choir will be open to boys and girls in year 3 and above from the local area, representing an opportunity for young singers from across Worcester to be involved in music at the cathedral. In keeping with the long tradition of the Voluntary Choir, they will sing at the 6.30 pm service on Sundays. We shall be serving refreshments from 6 pm in the nave as part of our welcome. Would you like to be involved in providing this hospitality? Please contact Canon Stephen Edwards if you would like to volunteer.

stephenedwards@worcestercathedral.org.uk

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. 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

WORSHIP

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
- 6.30 pm Evening Worship *(during term time)*

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. *(Please note that on Friday 10 September this service will be held in the crypt.)*

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