



Worcester Cathedral

Sunday News

12 SEPTEMBER 2021: THE FIFTEENTH 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 with Presentation of Chorister Awards (also
livestreamed)
Isaiah 50.4-9a, Psalm 116.1-8, James 3.1-12, Mark 8.27-38
2.15 pm Service for the Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcester
4 pm Evensong
6.30 pm Evening Worship

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 NOTICES

Farewell to Canon Michael Brierley

Do join us after the 10.30 Sunday Eucharist for a glass of wine in the Chapter House and an opportunity to bid farewell to Canon Brierley as he takes up his new role at Ripon College Cuddesdon.

Sunday Coffee

resumes next week. Why not bring your own reusable cup or mug along with you and help reduce the use of paper cups? Very soon we hope to be selling Worcester Cathedral reusable cups at coffee time. More details next week.

Junior Church

begins next today, 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 Georgina Byrne, please send a cheque made out to 'Worcester Cathedral' with a clear note of your gift being for Georgina. 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 Jake Fraser, David Saunders, Doreen Whiteside, Peter Heaps, Kate Panting, Hilary Plested, and John Ross.

MISSION & OUTREACH

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.

Worcester Passion Play

Auditions for the Worcester Passion Play 2022 take place on 23 September (7.30pm), 25 September (10am), and 1 Nov (7.30pm) at St Paul's Church. For information contact Tim Crow at tcrow7@gmail.com

SOCIAL & CATHEDRAL EVENTS

Harvest Lunch: Sign up now!

Cathedral Harvest Lunch 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 sheets are now available in the cathedral after the service.

TALK: From Worcester to Mars: Exploring the Red Planet

To coincide with our SPACE event, join Catherine Regan - a second-year PhD student at the Mullard Space Science Laboratory, UCL, studying the Martian environment - for her talk 'From Worcester to Mars: Exploring the Red Planet.' Saturday 25 September at 2 pm in the Undercroft. Free event – more details here www.worcestercathedral.co.uk/whats-on/from-worcester-to-mars-exploring-the-red-planet

GENERAL NOTICES

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.

Bishop's Certificate Courses 2021 – 2022

A diocesan study course designed to help you learn more about the Bible and the great themes of Christian faith and life, and to relate these to your own experience and locality. Offered locally in Worcester deanery – find out more here www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/your-faith/study-resources/bishops-certificate

Sundays at 6.30: Worcester Cathedral Voluntary Choir

The choir, which for the first time now includes girls as well as boys, was first formed in October 1874 and is one of the longest running cathedral voluntary choirs in England. The newly formed choir is affiliated to the Choir Church initiative which enables choristers to bring together music, learning, and a care for justice and society through their practice times and the offering of a variety of different worship styles. With children from across the city we celebrate new partnerships with schools and look forward to encouraging a new community of family and friends centred on the Sunday 6.30 service. Through worship, musical excellence, and spiritual formation we hope to build and grow a new congregation, working for social justice, and strengthening community.

GET INVOLVED

Sundays at 6.30

We shall be serving refreshments from 6 pm in the nave as part of our welcome for the Sunday evening worship. 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

WORSHIP

Sunday

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| 7.30 am | Morning Prayer |
| 8.00 am | Holy Communion (BCP) (<i>with livestream</i>) |
| 10.30 am | Sung Eucharist (<i>with livestream</i>) |
| 4.00 pm | Evensong or Evening Prayer |
| 6.30 pm | Evening Worship (<i>during term time</i>) |

Monday-Saturday

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| 7.30 am | Morning Prayer |
| 8.00 am | Holy Communion (<i>with livestream</i>) |
| 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.

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