

**SUNDAY 5 OCTOBER 2025**

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY  
(HARVEST THANKSGIVING)



Worcester Cathedral

# Sunday News

## Welcome

Welcome to the Cathedral today. If you are here with young children or babies, please ask a steward for a children's activity bag. New Worshippers are especially welcome, please ask a steward or a vergers for a welcome booklet.

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## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Harvest Lunch

Everyone is welcome to join us at our community lunch in the Chapter House after the Harvest Eucharist today. There will be bread, cheese, pork pie and salad, followed by homemade desserts. We ask for a suggested donation of £5.00 to cover costs. During the meal we will auction harvest gifts of fresh produce in aid of the Maggs Day Centre, one of our cathedral charities this year.

### Sunday Coffee Rota

The Friends of Worcester Cathedral have organised the coffee after the 10.30 am Sunday Service each week for the last four years. They do need help from the congregation to make and serve the coffee. There are three people needed each Sunday. Can you help? If so, please see Liz Wright (Hon. Sec. of FOWC) during coffee for more information.

### Christmas Puddings for sale in aid of The Friends of Worcester Cathedral

As we did last year, The Friends will be selling 'Ultimate Plum Pudding' Christmas puddings in the Chapter House during coffee after the Sunday morning Eucharist service. They come in three sizes: Small 120g = £5; Medium 454g = £10; Large 908g = £15. They are delicious as anyone who had them last year or the year before, will tell you. Payment can be via cash, card or BACS.

### Iona-inspired Art Exhibition

There is an exhibition of paintings and prints by Sara Hayward, inspired by the recent Worcester Cathedral pilgrimages to Iona, at The Cabin Studio and Gallery, Unit 1, Netherton Court, Worcester, WR1 3AU, opening times Tuesday to Friday 11–4pm.

### St Oswald's Hospital, Worcester – Almshouses available

St Oswald's Hospital is an ancient foundation of almshouses, located in central Worcester at The Tything, Worcester, Worcestershire WR1 1HR. It is comprised of 21 Grade II listed almshouses, a chapel and gardens and the aim of St Oswald's Hospital is to provide high quality homes in a safe, secure and

friendly environment, with a strong sense of community. Each of the almshouses is self-contained and consists of a living room, a bedroom, a kitchen and a bathroom and there are currently spaces available for new residents.

For more information, please contact Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan (Chaplain) on 01905 732906 or [kimberlybohan@worcestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:kimberlybohan@worcestercathedral.org.uk) or Matthew Hall (Steward) on 01905 732907 or at [MatthewHall@WorcesterCathedral.org.uk](mailto:MatthewHall@WorcesterCathedral.org.uk) Details of how to apply can also be found at [www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/community/st-oswalds-hospital](http://www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/community/st-oswalds-hospital)

## Prayer and Intercessions

Please pray for the sick and those in need, and for all the departed among them Brian Fullard and Keith Plummer. 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, for whatever reason, please send an email to [prayer@worcestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:prayer@worcestercathedral.org.uk)

## Praying for the Cathedral Community

Over the course of the year a weekly prayer focus for the Cathedral Community will be printed in the Sunday News. This week we pray for the Worcester Cathedral Choristers Association.

## Something unique...

Celebrate and remember your loved one with a beautiful hand-crafted Perpetual Flame. Created exclusively for Worcester Cathedral—find out more here [www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/support-us/perpetual-flame](http://www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/support-us/perpetual-flame) or view the display near the Jesus Chapel.

## ENVIRONMENT & SOCIAL JUSTICE

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### Living Gently on the Earth

Worcester Cathedral's award-winning training programme Living Gently on the Earth for green and generous living continues as shown below:

- Saturday 15 November, 1.40 pm. **Eco-justice: responding to the social implications of ecological harm.** Including a Q&A panel discussion with the Dean.
- Saturday 17 January 2026, 1.40 pm. **Acting for a Changed-World: community, government, and business.**

The events are free, and take place in the Undercroft. You can get more details and book a place to attend at [www.worcestercathedral.co.uk/living-gently](http://www.worcestercathedral.co.uk/living-gently) (or scan the QR code



with your phone camera). *Tickets are not compulsory* but will ensure a place if full.

### **Worcester Cathedral Annual Eco Fair**

Sunday 18 October, 10 am–4 pm. All welcome for a celebration of green living and local life with Worcester's wildlife and community groups, information on sustainability and local history, craft and produce stalls, lots of local wares to buy, vegan snacks and smoothies, children's activities, performance arts, poetry, music, dancing, the apple press (bring apples and containers for juice—last pressing at 2.30 pm), bike repairs with Bike Worcester. For further details please see Clare Harker, Susie Arnold or Paul Robert.

### **Poets and Peaks Walk**

A pilgrimage walk from Ledbury to Great Malvern for Christian Aid's Emergency Appeal. Saturday 11 October 2025, 9.15 am. Featuring poetry by local poets William Langland, Elizabeth Barrett Browning and John Masefield.

Please register on Eventbrite (no charge) with this link:

[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/poets-peaks-walk-tickets-1697900910329](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/poets-peaks-walk-tickets-1697900910329)

### **Christian Aid @ 80: CEO Patrick Watt in Conversation**

Saturday 22 November, 2 pm, The Old Palace. For 80 years, Christian Aid has stood in solidarity with our most marginalised global neighbours, working to eradicate poverty and promote dignity, equality and justice. Christian Aid's Chief Executive Officer will give an address and participate in a Q&A session. There will also be live music and retrospective of volunteering for Christian Aid in Worcester. The event is free to attend, but please book a place as the venue's capacity is limited: [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/christian-aid-80-ceo-patrick-watt-in-conversation-at-worcester-cathedral-tickets-1677001028219](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/christian-aid-80-ceo-patrick-watt-in-conversation-at-worcester-cathedral-tickets-1677001028219)

### **Old Spectacles Please!**

Worcester Rotary Club are again collecting old spectacles. These are sent through the local Lions club to Vision Action and are used to help those in countries where there is great need. In addition the Rotary Club will make a donation of £1 for each pair donated up to £700. Please give your glasses (cases are not required) to either John or Liz Wright.

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## **FAITH & SPIRITUALITY**

### **Nicaea 1700: The Council of Nicaea and its Legacy**

In AD 325 a large number of bishops met at Nicaea, summoned by the first Christian Emperor of Rome to debate various issues troubling the unity of the Church. This gathering produced a new creed, a set of canons (rules) on the governance of the Church, an agreed calculation for the date of Easter, and would to be appealed back to again and again as both example and authority in

the centuries that followed. A reading and discussion group over five Tuesday evenings 14 October to 18 November will explore some aspects of this legacy through primary texts. For more information, or to reserve your place, see <https://www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/nicaea1700> or contact Robert Beattie.

### **Worcester Theological Society**

Thursday 16 October – ‘What is Spiritual Direction?’ St Andrew’s Methodist, Pump Street. 1.45 pm for a 2 pm start.

### **Meditative Prayer Group**

The Meditative Prayer Group meets monthly by Zoom. The meeting includes both short reflections and periods of quiet for meditation and the opportunity for prayer. If you would like to join the meeting and do not have the Zoom link, please email [prayer@worcestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:prayer@worcestercathedral.org.uk) and request the link. The next meeting will be at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 5 November; then 3 December.

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## **SERVICES & EVENTS**

### **Today’s Services**

7.30 am	Morning Prayer
8.00 pm	Holy Communion ( <i>Book of Common Prayer, with livestream</i> )
10.30 am	Harvest Eucharist
3.00 pm	Worship in the Garden
4.00 pm	Evensong
6.30 pm	Worcestershire Farmers’ Harvest Thanksgiving ( <i>sung by the Voluntary Choir</i> )

### **Next Sunday’s Services**

7.30 am	Morning Prayer
8.00 pm	Holy Communion ( <i>Book of Common Prayer, with livestream</i> )
10.30 am	Sung Eucharist
4.00 pm	Evensong attended by the High Sheriff and His Majesty’s Judges
6.30 pm	Evening Worship ( <i>sung by the Voluntary Choir</i> )

### **Memorial Service**

Tuesday 4 November 11.00 am Memorial Service for the late Brian Fullard

### **Worship in the Garden and Sacred Garden**

You can find out more about these services and events by visiting [www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/eco](http://www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/eco) or by contacting the Revd Dr Robin Parry on [RobinParry@worcestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:RobinParry@worcestercathedral.org.uk)

### **The Women of Worcester Cathedral**

One of our Cathedral Guides, Janet Pearson, will be giving an illustrated talk on ‘The Women of Worcester Cathedral’ at Whittington Church (where she is a

Church Warden) on Saturday 18 October at 10.30 am, followed by refreshments. All are welcome – free entry, with donations to church funds.

### **Gala Organ Recital**

Celebrating the 17th anniversary of the Cathedral's Quire Organ, international concert organist Peter Holder returns to Worcester Cathedral, where he was a chorister. Peter has since held posts at St Paul's Cathedral and Westminster Abbey, and is presently Organist of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford. He was organist for the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II and for the coronation of King Charles III. His recital programme on Saturday 11 October at 7.30 pm will include music by Sir Edward Elgar. Tickets cost £15, with free admission for students and under 18s, and can be purchased on the door, or in advance from: [WCGalaOrgan2025.eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.WCGalaOrgan2025.eventbrite.co.uk)

Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the recital.

### **Lunchtime Recitals**

Recitals begin at 12.15 pm and last until around 1 pm. Admission is free with donations welcomed at a retiring collection.

Thursday 9 October      Richard Walker (organ)

Thursday 16 October    Michael Jones (piano)

Thursday 6 November   Jonathan Soman (clarinet)

Thursday 13 November James D Hicks (organ)

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## **GENERAL NOTICES**

### **Parking**

Those attending regular services may obtain the bollard code for College Green (email [parking@worcestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:parking@worcestercathedral.org.uk))—the entrance from College Green to the cloisters is open on Sunday mornings and now unlocked (though shut) for all Evensongs.

### **Safeguarding at Worcester Cathedral**

The Cathedral's Safeguarding Officer is Juliet Faulkner, whose contact email is [julietfaulkner@worcestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:julietfaulkner@worcestercathedral.org.uk) and phone numbers 07385662791 or 01905 732948. The website (link below) contains all contact details. The Cathedral website provides details of our Safeguarding policy and procedures as well as information about Safe Spaces, an independent service supporting survivors of church-related abuse. [www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/safeguarding](http://www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/safeguarding)

### **Cathedral Newsletter**

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