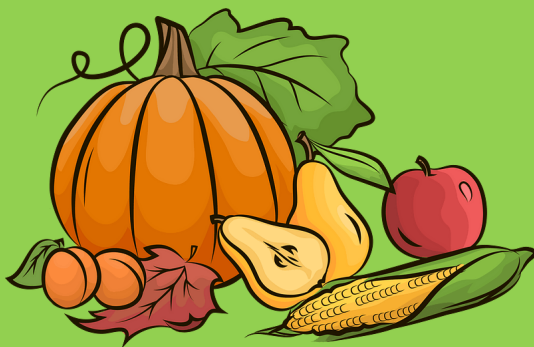


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OCTOBER 2025

ST BARNABAS WITH CHRIST CHURCH

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Wednesday	10am	Said Eucharist

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VOICES OLD & NEW



Gregory of Nyssa once wrote: *“The soul that looks toward God is always climbing, and the ascent has no end.”* His words remind us that prayer is not a task to complete but a journey without limit. The ancient writers captured that sense of steady ascent in the image of a ladder, lifting our life together rung by rung toward God. And so, this October and November our churches will be entering a Season of Prayer called *Voices Old and New*, ascending a ladder from Harvest towards Christ the King. Along the way we will discover prayer as gratitude, persistence, honesty, remembrance, solidarity, resistance, and finally as home. Each Sunday’s Gospel reading invites us to enlarge the place of courageous and intelligent prayer in our shared life together.

Across these seven Sundays, beginning on 12 October and ending on 23 November, our worship will include prayers drawn from across the Christian tradition. As part of our worship, the spotlight will shine on four prayers each week. In giving space to these prayers, we will be listening for which ones seem to speak most deeply to us as a community. Two prayers will be carried forward with us as the weeks unfold, so that step by step our shared attention is drawn upward. Origen once said of Jacob’s dream: *“Jacob’s ladder is our life in this world, which we raise up through prayer.”* His words help us see what is happening in this practice: the prayers we discern together become rungs that lift our common life toward God. By the end of the season, we will have chosen one prayer to carry

with us into Advent. Alongside it, we will hold the memory of travelling together through many voices of prayer, each one helping us listen more deeply for what God is saying to his people now.

And this is the right season for such listening. Between Harvest and Advent the church leads us through All Saints, All Souls, and Remembrance. We give thanks for the great company of the faithful departed, we honour their memory with love and grief, and we recall the costly gift of peace. Their witness reminds us that our praying is never solitary, but part of a larger story in which past, present, and future are held together in Christ. *Voices Old and New* is therefore both ancient and new: ancient because it draws on the deep wisdom of



the church, new because we are discovering afresh which prayers and themes God is pressing upon our hearts today. It will be a season of listening, reflecting, and most of all praying — step by step, rung by rung, up the ladder into God's presence.

Voices old and new, lives young and old. This is who we are. This is who we are becoming.
 Revd Sarah Northall



WELL DONE KATY!!

Katy has now raised about £100 towards the new piano in church thanks to selling her sudoku and wordsearch puzzles. She's pictured above with her latest sudoku puzzle.

STEPPING STONES: ABIDE

Abide groups are a chance to pause, connect and explore life's big questions.

Join us at the Vicarage on Cranham Drive on Wednesdays at 7pm and Fridays at 10.30.

Everyone welcome to join the conversation, share ideas, and discover fresh perspectives in a relaxed setting.





St Barnabas Church

October 2025

WED 1ST OCTOBER — 10AM MIDWEEK COMMUNION

SUNDAY 5TH OCTOBER

10am All Age Harvest Festival

with café and live breadmaking — Rev Sarah

4pm iSingSUNDAYS — informal fun for everyone

WED 8TH OCTOBER — 10AM MIDWEEK COMMUNION

SUNDAY 12TH OCTOBER

10am Communion — Rev Andy

as Rev Sarah launches our new Season of Prayer series

7pm Sunday Crossroads @ Christ Church

our monthly informal evening service

WED 15TH OCTOBER — 10AM MIDWEEK PRAYER

SUNDAY 19TH OCTOBER

10am Something Else Sunday — Chris & the Team

WED 22ND OCTOBER — 10AM MIDWEEK COMMUNION

SUNDAY 26TH OCTOBER



10.30 Cluster Service
at St Nicholas Church

WED 29TH OCTOBER — 10AM MIDWEEK COMMUNION

MAGGS' APPEAL

As the new season begins, our shelves are at their thinnest after summer — just as need starts to rise. We've now launched the *Maggs Harvest Appeal 2025* to help people experiencing homelessness across Worcestershire through the colder months.

How you can help (easy wins):

Donations:

- food (UHT milk, ring-pull tins, pasta/rice, pot noodles, tea/coffee),
- new socks & underwear, small men's joggers, warm layers, men's footwear (size 7+),
- toiletries (razors, deodorant, shampoo, sanitary products),
- sleeping bags & roll mats.

Start a mini-collection at work, school, church or with neighbours (we can supply posters).

Share our appeal on your socials or WhatsApp groups.

Where to drop donations:

Maggs Clothing Project,
59/60 The Tything, Worcester,
WR1 1JT open on Mon, Wed &
Fri, 9:00–12:00

Out of hours: secure donations bin at the back via *Britannia Road*.

Full details, posters and wish lists on Maggs' website.



CHURCH OPEN DAY

St Barnabas opened all day on Wednesday 3 September to pray for all those returning to school. Vicar Sarah Northall writes:

"With eight schools in the parish, and many more across the city, prayers were offered by name for heads, their schools, their staff and students, and also for our own Diocesan Education team, and for those responsible for education policy at a national level.

Prayer activities included lighting candles, walking the labyrinth, an interactive prayer tree, and services throughout the day. The rhythm of prayer was marked with Morning Prayer at 8am, Midweek Communion at 10am, Midday Prayer at 1.15pm, and Evening Prayer at 4pm.

As the day unfolded, a rainbow appeared over Rainbow Hill (see above) — a fitting sign of God's promise and blessing as we prayed for the new school year."

FIVE THEMES:

*Worship & teaching,
Buildings, Land, Community &
Global engagement, Lifestyle*



Part of a Christian calling is to look at how we use the environment, including what paths you make and take:

Have your say on two Worcestershire County Council engagement surveys. Both of these surveys encourages engagement which is vital to ensure the reflection of the needs and aspirations of local communities and aims to connect communities, support health and wellbeing, and looks at access to the Worcestershire countryside.

Local Cycling Walking and Cycling Infra structure Plans (LCWIP).

On emerging walking and cycling routes in Worcester. This engagement phase is vital to ensure the LCWIPs reflect the needs and aspirations of local communities. Insights gathered during this phase will inform the final LCWIPs which will set out a prioritised list of schemes for delivery over the next 10 to 15 years.

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[highways/walking-wheeling-and-cycling/south-worcestershire-local-cycling-and-walking-infrastructure-plans-lcwips](#)

Survey closes 31st October 2025

Public Rights of Way (ROWIP)

Your feedback will play a key role in setting the priorities and actions in the new ROWIP. Whether you walk your dog on a local footpath, cycle along a bridleway, or use a route to get to work or school, your voice matters.

[rights-way-improvement-plan-rowip-engagement-exercise](#)

Survey closes at midnight on 26 October 2025.

Sue Martyr, Eco Rep





Top 4 pictures: Archdeacon of Dudley Ven Nikki Groake led the Cluster Service at Christ Church which included songs from ISINGPOP

Bottom left: Practicing balancing skills

Bottom right: Church Open Day in September (see page 4)

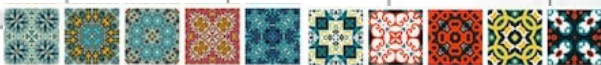


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HIDDEN CHURCHES OF EAST WORCESTERSHIRE

Coach trip on 8th October

The Worcestershire and Dudley Historic Churches Trust warmly invites you to join this year's coach tour, which will explore some of the beautiful and lesser-known churches around the Pershore area.

The tour will once again be led by the ever-knowledgeable and engaging Tim Bridges, whose insights into the architecture and history of these churches always bring the day to life. Whether you're a long-time supporter or new to the Trust, you'll be made very welcome. It's a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a day of discovery, good company, and support for our local heritage.

To book or find out more, please contact Claire Strachan at claire.strachan@yahoo.com

HARVEST SUNDAY

During the Harvest service on Sunday 5th October. Gifts of non-perishable foods (UHT milk, tinned sausages/beans, pasta/ rice, pot noodles, cereal bars, crisps, squash, tea/coffee) for Maggs will be welcomed.

All welcome to come along to our Harvest Brunch taking place mid-way through service.



Worcester Repair Café sessions take place on the second Saturday of each month at Unity House, Stanley Road, WR5 1BE between 11am and 2pm. We fix anything from shirts to shears, toys to toasters and clocks to cushions. If you can carry it from the carpark, we'll take a look at it.

Bring your broken household items and our team of volunteers will endeavour to fix them.

And don't forget we serve tea and coffee, and delicious cakes too! We always welcome new volunteer repairers: please do get in touch if you're willing and able to help out.

Donations towards running costs much appreciated.

For more information from repaircafeworcester@gmail.com

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HARVEST FESTIVAL

with

**Harvest
Brunch**

**SUNDAY 5th OCT
10am**



All welcome

EVENTS AT THE CATHEDRAL



Autumn Lunchtime Recital Series **September - November**

The line-up for the Autumn Series of Lunchtime Recitals 2025 is as follows:

October:

- 2 Angelina Kopyrina (piano)
- 9 Richard Walker (organ)
- 16 Michael Jones (piano)

November:

- 6 Jonathan Soman (clarinet)
- 13 James D Hicks (organ)

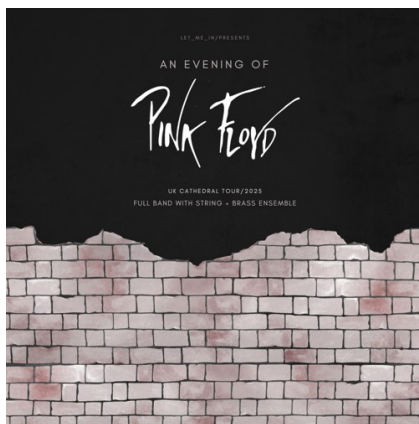
Recitals take place on Thursdays at 12.15pm and admission is free with donations welcomed at a retiring collection.

An Evening of Pink Floyd **Friday 17/Saturday 18 October** ***"Hello... is there anybody in there?"***

Following their sell-out, acclaimed tour of *An Evening of Radiohead*. It promises to be a spectacular live show featuring a full live band, vocalists and a string & brass ensemble,

performed in the breathtaking Worcester Cathedral.

Witness the iconic sound of Pink Floyd's vast and ethereal catalogue of music, performed live by the acclaimed **Let Me In House Band**, alongside the **Mike Nowland String and Brass Ensemble** - featuring a total of 18 musicians, embodying the timeless songs of one of the most popular artists of all time.



Expect to hear hits and hidden gems from across their discography, with a particular focus on the inimitable run of records from the 1970s, including *Dark Side of The Moon*, *Wish You Were Here* and *The Wall*.

We are welcoming the return of the acclaimed band from *An Evening of Radiohead*, featuring additional musicians. The band will be fronted by **Christopher**

Buckle and Musical Director Ewan Steady, and will include musicians and Floyd lovers -**Alfie Woods, Bruce Higgs, Daniel Anketell, Josh Semans, Eleanor Kinsey, Lydia Karaviotis and more.** The band will be accompanied by very special guests and nationally renowned string and brass players - **Mike Nowland, Mathias Svensson, Caroline Bodimead, Kate Scrivens, Laurie Dempsey, Hannah Paterson, Julian Turner, Andy Clennell & Chris Beagles.**

TICKETS FROM: Adults: £11.53



Saturday 25 October 2

80s Anthems By Candlelight comes to Worcester Cathedral!

Calling 80s music fans “Everywhere”... this is your show! 80s Anthems By Candlelight is here, serving up the biggest and best rock anthems, power ballads and pop classics of the

decade, LIVE!

Featuring an incredible cast of world-class singers and epic live band, get ready to ‘Turn Back Time’ and experience ‘The Best’ of the 80s, at this euphoric celebration of live music!

Expect to hear the biggest hits by your favourite artists, including Bon Jovi, Prince, George Michael, Journey, Fleetwood Mac, Erasure, Queen, Madonna, a-ha and many more, all performed live by candlelight!

It’s time to show the 80s “A Little Respect”, so get ready to “Dance With Somebody”, and sing the night away, at the ultimate throwback concert!

TICKETS FROM: Adults: £13.50

Rebecca Ferguson 15 Years: Stripped Back Concert

Wednesday 29 October 2025 | 7.30pm

Rebecca Ferguson MBE will perform an intimate show set in the breathtaking Worcester Cathedral, celebrating 15 years of her incredible career in music. The critically acclaimed singer-songwriter, who came to prominence in 2010 on The X Factor, will perform a brand new show featuring just piano and her sublime vocals, coupled with a Q&A session.



Rebecca will perform songs from across her five solo albums, with audiences being treated to stripped back performances of her biggest hits, including 'Glitter & Gold', 'Nothing's Real but Love', and 'Shoulder to Shoulder' – plus a few interpretations of some of her favourite songs.

Experience Rebecca's voice like never before, hearing it up close and personal, supported solely by piano.

Regarded as one of the UK's finest live vocalists, Rebecca's stunning soulful voice has seen her praised by critics, with The Telegraph declaring her in 'The same league as Aretha Franklin', and The Guardian stating that 'Her talent is undeniable'; whilst Rebecca has also been nominated for MOBO and MTV Europe Music Awards.

Rebecca has co-written five solo

albums and has shared the stage worldwide with incredible names such as Lionel Richie, Andrea Bocelli, Nile Rodgers and the late Burt Bacharach. In 2023, she delivered a powerful performance of Duran Duran's 'Ordinary World' alongside Ukrainian singer Alyosha during the 2023 Eurovision semi-finals in her hometown of Liverpool.

In 2024, Ferguson was awarded an MBE for her services to the music industry in the King's Birthday Honours. She continues to campaign for an improved environment within the music industry, and successfully initiated a cross-creative industry committee that meets regularly with the government and members of the Department for Culture, Media and Sport.

Rebecca will be joined by Tom Seals, whose masterful piano playing complements Rebecca's vocals perfectly. He has performed with the likes of Tom Grennan, Russell Watson, and KT Tunstall.

TICKETS FROM: Adults: £36.00

For more details of all these concerts see the Cathedral website.



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