

# The Old Palace

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The Old Palace is a Grade I listed building that dates back to the 11th century, giving a fascinating insight to Worcester's history, as well as being the centre of Diocesan administration, a role it has held for over 900 years.

Over the years, The Great Hall provided the setting for various historic events, and several monarchs were received here, including Charles I during the Civil War and, nearly a hundred years earlier, Queen Elizabeth I, who was entertained for a week by Bishop Nicholas, an event that brought about his financial ruin!

Visitors can sit in the Great Hall and take in the magnificent view over the River Severn to the Malvern Hills, and discover the Chapel, with its many changes and intriguing history. Dating back to the 13th century, the large vaulted chamber known as Abbot's Kitchen is one of the oldest parts, although was never actually used as a kitchen!

With a number of public rooms open to visitors, a café for refreshments, and beautiful gardens to explore, the Old Palace is definitely worth a visit and a warm welcome is extended to everyone.



## Open for visitors:

Building: Mon - Fri 10am - 4pm

Café: Mon - Fri 10am - 2.30pm

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