



The Cathedral Eucharist for Pentecost Sunday

Sunday 24th May 2026, at 10:30am

Welcome to Coventry Cathedral

We are delighted that you have been able to join us today as we celebrate the Eucharist on this day of Pentecost.

Pentecost occurs on the fiftieth day, or seventh Sunday, after Easter Sunday. It is a celebration of when the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles and Jesus Christ's followers while they were observing the Feast of Weeks (the Jewish festival, which takes place on the fiftieth day after Passover) in Jerusalem.

This event is described in *The Book of the Acts of the Apostles*, 2:1 – 31.

The president today is the Reverend Su McClellan, Cathedral Associate Minister. The deacon is the Reverend Nitano Muller, Canon for Worship and Welcome. The sub-deacon is the Reverend Kate Massey, Canon for Arts and Reconciliation, who is also preaching.

The Wheatsheaf Consort is directed by Chris Fletcher-Campbell and James Kennard. The service setting is *Communion Service in B Flat* by Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924).

In this service, we say the words in **bold** together, and invite you to stand and sit as indicated. However, you are welcome to remain seated if you prefer. If you have brought small children, thank you! Feel free to explore the space with them and use the toys and books provided.

The artwork on the cover is *The Pentecost* (1597) by El Greco (1541-1614), Museo Nacional del Prado, Madrid, Spain.

*Before the service begins a member of the clergy welcomes the congregation.
After a time of silence, the Peace Bell is rung.*

Hymn

We *STAND* to sing:

**Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.**

**O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.**

**Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.**

**And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till they become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.**

*Words by Bianco da Siena (d. 1434);
translated by R.F. Littledale (1833-1890);
Tune CP 175i Down Ampney Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958);
Descant by David Briggs (b. 1962)*

The Greeting

The Reverend Su McClellan, Cathedral Associate Minister, president, greets the people.

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

Alleluia, Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The president introduces the service:

Jesus Christ, whom we worship,
is our crucified, risen and ascended Lord
and we have walked with him through his journey of love.
We have faced the agony
of his suffering and death on a cross.
We have rejoiced at his bursting free
from the bonds of death.
We have enjoyed his risen presence with us
and his revelation of himself through the breaking of bread.
We have seen his return to the throne
before which every knee shall bow
and every tongue confess that this Jesus is Lord.
And now, with the followers of his own time,
we await the coming of the promised Holy Spirit,
his gift to his people,
through whom we make Christ known to the world.

Prayers of Penitence

The Reverend Nitano Muller, Canon for Worship and Welcome, deacon, leads us in the prayers of penitence:

What God has prepared for those who love him, he has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything. Therefore, let us in penitence open our hearts to the Lord, who has prepared good things for those who love him.

Silence is kept.

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart:
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The president says:

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

The choir sings:

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect

The president says,

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Norman Barnes, representing the Cathedral community, reads:

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

¹ Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. ² And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. ³ And they said to one another, 'Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.' And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. ⁴ Then they said, 'Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.' ⁵ The Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. ⁶ And the Lord said, 'Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. ⁷ Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another's speech.' ⁸ So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. ⁹ Therefore it was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

Genesis 11:1-9

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Pentecost Reading

The Reverend Kate Massey, Canon for Arts and Reconciliation, sub-deacon, reads:

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

“In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.
And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,

The Sermon

The Reverend Kate Massey, Canon for Arts and Reconciliation, prays, and then we SIT. After the sermon time is kept for reflection.

The Affirmation of Faith

We STAND and the president says,

Like the Apostles on the day of Pentecost, let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

We SIT and the president introduces the prayers of intercession.

The president says:

On this day of Pentecost when the Church is filled with the power of God's Holy Spirit, united in Jesus we make our prayers to the Father:

The deacon leads us in prayer:

For the Church, that all who follow Christ will allow the Holy Spirit to penetrate their lives more deeply.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

For our world, that the Holy Spirit, Lord and Giver of Life, may renew the face of the earth and make it a place where the poor are fed, and strangers are welcomed.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

For peace among nations, that the Holy Spirit will transform our world into a community of justice and peace.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

For Sophie, our Bishop, and for all our cathedral community on the occasion of the sixty-fourth anniversary of the consecration of our cathedral church, that we may always be open to the gifts of the Spirit and gladly accept the challenges which lie ahead.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

For all who are sick or suffering, that the Holy Spirit will bring them strength, comfort and healing.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

For all who have died, that they may be welcomed, with joy, into the fullness of God's presence.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

At the end, the president says,

Merciful Father

accept these prayers

**for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

The Peace

We STAND and the president says,

God has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

2 Corinthians 1:22

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you. Alleluia!

The deacon says,

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We share a greeting of peace with those around us.

Hymn

We remain STANDING to sing:

**We have a gospel to proclaim,
good news for all throughout the earth;
the gospel of a Saviour's name:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.**

**Tell of his birth at Bethlehem
not in a royal house or hall
but in a stable dark and dim,
the Word made flesh, a light for all.**

**Tell of his death at Calvary,
hated by those he came to save,
in lonely suffering on the Cross;
for all he loved his life he gave.**

**Tell of that glorious Easter morn:
empty the tomb, for he was free.
He broke the power of death and hell
that we might share his victory.**

**Tell of his reign at God's right hand,
by all creation glorified.
He sends his Spirit on his church
to live for him, the Lamb who died.**

**Now we rejoice to name him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
This gospel-message we proclaim:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.**

*Words by Edward J. Burns (b. 1938)
Tune CP 612 Fulda William Gardiner (1770-1853)*

Prayer of Preparation

The president says,
Blessed be God,
by whose grace creation is renewed,
by whose love heaven is opened,
by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.
Blessed be God for ever.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The president says, and everyone responds:
The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and everlasting God,
through Jesus Christ, your only Son our Lord.
This day we give you thanks
because in fulfilment of your promise
you pour out your Spirit upon us,
filling us with your gifts, leading us into all truth,
and uniting peoples of many tongues
in the confession of one faith.

Your Spirit gives us grace to call you Father,
to proclaim your gospel to all nations
and to serve you as a royal priesthood.
Therefore, we join our voices with angels and archangels,
and with all those in whom the Spirit dwells,
to proclaim the glory of your name,
for ever praising you and singing:

The choir sings:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of thy
glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Blessed is he that cometh
in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The president continues,

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

The deacon says,
Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

The president continues,

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once
for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company
of Mary, Michael and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

Silence is kept.

The Lord's Prayer

We SIT. Please feel free to say the Lord's Prayer in any language or version you prefer. On this day of Pentecost, as we recall the disciples speaking in different languages, we encourage you, if you are able, to pray in German; a way of acknowledging our close partnerships across Germany.

Being made one by the power of the Spirit, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Vater unser im Himmel,
Geheiligt werde dein Name.
Dein Reich komme.
Dein Wille geschehe,
wie im Himmel, so auf Erden.
Unser tägliches Brot gib uns
heute,
und vergib uns unsere Schuld,
wie auch wir vergeben unseren
Schuldigern.
Und führe uns nicht in
Versuchung,
sondern erlöse uns von dem
Bösen.
Denn dein ist das Reich
und die Kraft und die Herrlichkeit,
in Ewigkeit.
Amen.**

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily
bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who
sin against us.
Lead us not into
temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the
power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread, saying,

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share
in one bread.**

The Invitation to Communion

The president says,

God's holy gifts

for God's holy people.

Jesus Christ is holy,

Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

Agnus Dei

The ministers receive communion as the choir sings:

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

The Giving of Communion

The ministers and the people receive Communion. All are welcome to receive the sacrament. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please bring this booklet with you as an indication of your preference. Please follow the directions of the stewards. If you would like a gluten free wafer, please ask and we will be happy to accommodate.

The Anthem

The choir sings:

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you for ever, even the Spirit of truth.

*from John 14
Music by Bob Chilcott (1955-)*

Hymn

We sing:

**Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
and lighten with celestial fire;
thou the anointing Spirit art,
who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart:**

**Thy blessèd unction from above
is comfort, life and fire of love;
enable with perpetual light
the dullness of our blinded sight:**

**Anoint and cheer our soilèd face
with the abundance of thy grace;
keep far our foes, give peace at home;
where thou art guide no ill can come.**

**Teach us to know the Father, Son,
and thee, of both, to be but one;
that through the ages all along
this may be our endless song:**

**Praise to thy eternal merit,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Words from Latin paraphrased by Bishop John Cosin (1594-1672)

Tune CP 178 Veni Creator Mode viii

The Prayers after Communion

The president says,

Faithful God,
who fulfilled the promises of Easter
by sending us your Holy Spirit
and opening to every race and nation
the way of life eternal:
open our lips by your Spirit,
that every tongue may tell of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your
Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

The Blessing

The president says,
The Lord be with you.
and also with you

Go out into God's world filled with the spark of the Holy Spirit. Let love guide your actions. Listen for the Spirit of Truth. Spread the peace of Christ and remind everyone you meet that each one is a beloved child of God. And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Hymn

Everyone remains STANDING to sing. Please TURN to face the procession as it passes.

**The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation,
by water and the word:
from heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy Bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.**

Elect from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation,
one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder
men see her sore oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distrest;
yet saints their watch are keeping,
their cry goes up, "How long?"
and soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war
she waits the consummation
of peace for evermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union
with God, the Three in one,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.

*Words by S. J. Stone (1839-1900)
Tune CP 585 Aurelia S. S. Wesley (1810-1876)*

The Blessing of a Cross of Nails

A Cross of Nails is given to new partners and friends of the Community of the Cross of Nails as a symbol of their sharing together with us in the ministry of reconciliation, and to new ICONS schools.

The president blesses the Cross of Nails with these words

Eternal God, you have come among us in Christ to reconcile the world to yourself, and have entrusted us with the ministry of reconciliation. Strengthen all who work for the healing of conflict and pain amongst your human family. Bless all those in *Diocese of Swansea and Brecon Mothers' Union at Brecon Cathedral* who, inspired by the Cross of Nails, bear witness to the grace and truth of your crucified and risen Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

In the name of God,
who has created all people for friendship with himself;
in the name of Jesus Christ,
who commanded us to love our enemies;
in the name of our Lord the Spirit,
who rescues and restores us in peace;
we send this Cross of Nails to
Diocese of Swansea and Brecon Mothers' Union at Brecon Cathedral as a
symbol of our partnership in the work of reconciliation;
for the glory of God
and the coming of his kingdom of justice and peace.
Amen.

The Dismissal

The deacon says,

Filled with the Spirit's power,
go in the light and peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Voluntary

Komm, heiliger Geist BWV 651 by J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

We invite those joining us for worship to contribute to the costs of mission at the Cathedral. Please use the cash or contactless donation points, or the QR code here. This will take you to the Cathedral's page for the Parish giving Scheme which will enable you to make a one-off donation, or set up a regular gift should you wish. Thank you so much for your support and generosity.



If you would like to revisit this morning's sermon, please visit this page:
<https://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/worship-music/services/sermons>

We serve refreshments at the back of the Nave after this service, please do join us and if you are visiting, please introduce yourself to one of the ministers.

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JOINING OUR CHOIRS

Boys and girls between the ages of 7 and 11 are welcome to audition for our Cathedral Choir. Do you know a child who loves to sing?

There are many benefits to joining the choir – new friends, a free, world-class music education, choir pay, singing services and at special events in amazing places, choir tours, broadcasts, recordings and social events too. If you or someone you know might be interested in joining the choir, please be in touch with the Acting Director of Music to arrange a meeting. Email:

Music.Administrator@CoventryCathedral.org.uk

Our Cathedral Chamber Choir

Our Cathedral Chamber Choir sing voluntarily at various services throughout the year and are currently open for auditions on all voice parts. Rehearsals usually take place on occasional Thursday evenings in the lead up to a service. If you would be interested in joining our Chamber Choir, please get in touch with Liam Condon, Assistant Director of Music, for an audition.

Email: Liam.Condon@coventry.anglican.org

Coventry Cathedral Chorus

The Chorus is one of the Midlands' leading amateur choirs, bringing together around 60 singers to perform a wide range of choral music in and beyond Coventry. Founded shortly after the consecration of Coventry Cathedral in 1963, the Chorus continues a rich tradition of singing in notable venues across the UK and Europe.

Rehearsals take place at the Cathedral on Tuesday evenings, 7.15–9.30pm. New singers are always welcome. To find out more or arrange to attend a rehearsal, visit coventrycathedralchorus.com or contact the Membership Secretary at membership@coventrycathedralchorus.com. Follow Coventry Cathedral Chorus on Facebook and [@CovCathChorus](#) on X.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Embrace the Middle East

Communities supported by **Embrace the Middle East** in Lebanon are continuing their vital work in the midst of appalling levels of bombardment and the displacement of over 1.2 million people. As crisis builds on crisis, many of their long-standing funding streams, particularly from the United States, are drying up. These trusted local partners are asking simply not to be forgotten. If you are able you are invited to give to **Embrace's Middle East Emergency Appeal, Keeping Hope Alive** helping to provide emergency medical care, food aid, trauma care and mental health support, for those, particularly the children, caught up in the war. In moments like this, headlines can move quickly - but fear, disruption, and trauma settle deeply and last. Thank you for standing with the Middle East at a time like this. When you give, you are not watching from a distance - you are equipping trusted people on the ground to act with compassion, skill, and urgency. To give visit <https://embraceme.org/emergency-appeal> or use the QR code here. Thank you.



Cathedral Small Groups

The St Michael's Committee which represents the congregations of the Cathedral and takes responsibility for developing our shared life met this week. One of the things we discussed was small groups. Small groups have many different names in the Church: fellowship groups, bible study groups, cell groups life groups and (particularly in Coventry Cathedral) foyers! But the thing they have in common is that they are opportunities for members of the congregation to come together in smaller groups! Lots of people find meeting together outside of the main Sunday service is a helpful thing. But different sorts of small groups work for different people. So the St Michael's Committee would like to hear from YOU. Would you be interested in joining a small group of some sort - and what would your IDEAL small group look like?

To help us find out, why not complete this 2-minute anonymous quiz:
<https://forms.gle/piZQL2cM7hSxa3Cd6>

If you might be interested in starting a small group, please let us know!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Can you help? We are looking for people who might be able to support our dedicated team of choir chaperones. You would be responsible for the safety and pastoral care of our wonderful choristers during rehearsals and services on a rota basis. Could you offer some time in the early evenings on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays, or on a Saturday morning, or before and during our Sunday services? Are you kind and able to work well with children? Are you reliable and willing to work with our policies to keep children safe?

This is an important role and so volunteers will go through our safer recruitment process, have a DBS check and complete training as part of our firm commitment to promoting a safe environment and culture for children, young people and vulnerable adults.

For more information, please speak to Jane Williams or email the Music Department Administrator at April.Griffiths@Coventry.Anglican.org

Farewell to Dean John

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our services and celebrations last weekend as we bid an emotional farewell to Dean John and Ricarda. It was a beautiful day and John really enjoyed it. Many fantastic photos were taken - here are a couple of our favourites!

Wonder Prayers

At Wonder this month, we thought about the gift of breath and life. We breathe 26,000 times a day. Together we tried some breath prayers - simple phrases you can pause and pray a few times in the midst of your day. Most are lines from scripture, but other are words of saints past and present. We thought we might share them in case others wanted to give them a try.

Breath Prayers breathe in praying the first line, breath out praying the second...

- Lord, You are my shepherd
- I have all that I need.
- Nothing can separate us
- From the love of God
- I breathe in peace
- I breathe out love
- Lord Jesus, Son of God
- Have mercy on me, a sinner
- In freedom I lie down
- Exhaustion is not my calling
- All shall be well and all shall be well
- And all manner of things shall be well

COMMUNITY OF THE CROSS OF NAILS

Peace in Challenging Times

Wednesday 27th May 2026

7pm in the John Laing Centre

A talk followed by Q&A and discussion with Carolyn Merry, Leader of the Ammerdown Centre, near Bath:

This is an evening session of the Community of the Cross of Nails pilgrimage, and an opportunity to hear more from one of our key partners active in both Christian and interfaith work; and not least from Carolyn herself, formerly Director of 'Place for Hope', CEO of 'The Feast' and Director of 'Sense International', and immensely skilled in mediation, nonviolence and creating spaces to transform lives.

All welcome! - please email alice.farnhill@coventry.anglican.org if you'd like to attend.

CCN Young Reconcilers Gathering

4-7th August 2026

Coventry's story is as relevant today as it's ever been. This summer, we are inviting young people aged 18-25 to come and be excited by its significance in a world in conflict. Together we will reflect on how it can reach into situations large and small, and learn with us some key reconciliation skills and practice, alongside different nationalities of young peacebuilders. Our Cathedral and Diocese team will lead them through a full programme of talks and workshops, all within the regular rhythm of the cathedral's prayer and worship.

Earlybird cost (non-residential*) is £120 per person, to include all meals and refreshments from the Tuesday evening until the Friday afternoon.

Those attending the full gathering until its close on Friday lunchtime will receive a Foundation Certificate in Reconciliation & Peacebuilding from Coventry Cathedral. Please consider this for yourself or share this information with young people you know. If you might be willing to sponsor a place for a young person, please speak to Kate.

COMING SOON

Teddy Bear Zip Line

Tuesday 26th May, 10 - 12am & 1 - 3pm

Our teddy bear zipline returns for some Half Term Family fun!

Craft & Flea

Saturday 30th May, 10 - 4pm

Support small businesses this year by exploring the Craft & Flea Makers Market—a vibrant gathering of talented local artisans and crafters.

£3 entry

Let's Toddle

Wednesday 3rd June, 10 - 11.30am

Suitable for 18months to 3years. Let them explore the sights of the Cathedral, and enjoy a selection of toys, books and a simple craft activity.

FREE - Book your place online

<https://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/events/lets-toddle-toddler-hangout-june-2>

Music of James Bond

Friday 5th June, 7.30pm

From the moment the first chord strikes, audiences are transported into the mysterious and thrilling world of James Bond. This incredible Chamber Orchestra brings the legendary music of James Bond to life in a way that is bold, elegant and utterly unforgettable.

Tickets -

<https://boxoffice.xperienancelive.co.uk/events/xperienancelive/2051936?trackingConsent=0>

Mother's Union Family Fun Day!

Saturday 6th June, 10am - 2.30pm

Come & join Mother's Union as they celebrate their 150th anniversary with a FREE Family Fun Day!

What you can expect: Craft Workshops, Family Picnic, Praise Party and the Thrive Puppets will be in the house!

Please BYO lunch for our family picnic.

Book your FREE place -

<https://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/events/mothers-union-family-fun-day/booking>

Coventry Cathedral Chorus



Spring into Summer

An hour of joyful choral music



Handel Stanford Fauré Parry Britten

St Nicholas Church Kenilworth
Saturday 30th May 2026 5pm
Conductor: Liam Condon
Organist: Adam Heron
Tickets £15 / 18-25 £5 / U18 FREE
For tickets: tinyurl.com/joyfulchoral
Email: tickets@choventrycathedralchorus.com



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**Free Monday
Lunchtime
Organ
Recitals
2026**



Mondays, 12:30pm - 1pm, May - September

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