



# **The Cathedral Eucharist on Community of the Cross of Nails Sunday**



**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2023, 10:30am**

# Welcome to Coventry Cathedral

We are delighted that you have been able to join us today for our service of celebration for the Community of the Cross of Nails.

Presiding today is the Reverend Mary Gregory, Canon for Arts and Reconciliation. The Reverend Su McClellan, Cathedral Curate, is the Deacon.

The Very Reverend John Witcombe, Dean of Coventry, is preaching.

The Cathedral choir is directed by Luke Fitzgerald, Assistant Director of Music. The organist is Rachel Mahon, Director of Music. The Setting is the *Missa Brevis* by Jonathan Dove (b. 1959).

Today we welcome Lea Rischmüller and Blanka Słońska to our Cathedral community at the beginning of their year as our volunteer reconciliation interns. We also welcome visitors from five churches in the city of Hamburg who have been on CCN pilgrimage with us this week: the Mahmal St Nikolai and Hauptkirche St Katherinen, - both of them CCN partners - together with the Hauptkirche St Petri, St Michaelis and St Jacobi.

Thomas Dahl, Kantor and Organist for the Hauptkirche St Petri will be performing the voluntary at the end of the service.

In this service we say the words in **bold** together, and invite you to stand and sit as indicated – but please do stay seated if you prefer. If you have brought small children, thank you! Feel free to explore the space with them and to use the toys and books provided. Everyone is welcome to enjoy the refreshments provided after this service.

We hope you will join us for worship again. Our regular Sunday services are at 10:30 am and 4:00 pm, with Morning Prayer and Communion Monday to Friday at 8:30 am. Please see our website for regular updates

[www.coventrycathedral.org.uk](http://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk)

If you would like to talk to us about our work here, or about the Christian faith, do get in touch with the Reverend Mary Gregory, Canon for Arts and Reconciliation, at [mary.gregory@coventry.anglican.org](mailto:mary.gregory@coventry.anglican.org) or on 024 7652 1318.

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# The Community of the Cross of Nails

The Community of the Cross of Nails (CCN) is a Christian network of over 250 churches, schools, chaplaincies and retreat centres who, drawn together by the story of Coventry Cathedral, share a common commitment to work and pray for peace, justice and reconciliation through:

- Healing the wounds of history
- Learning to live with difference and celebrate diversity
- Building a culture of justice and peace

*Many contemporary conflicts have deep roots in past wrongs. Our CCN Partners nurture real hope amongst hurting and wounded people and communities.*

*Our present requires new patterns of community, wherein we learn how to live together with deep differences and celebrate the rich diversity that God has created in humanity.*

*The most fundamental threat to the future of us all is the collective failure of our moral imagination to find ways to resolve our differences and disputes without recourse to violence. CCN Partners engage with the challenges faced by many communities where a just and inclusive society is crucial for stability and peace.*

*As a network of ordinary people, we work to seek peace and pursue it in our relationships.*

*For more information about the Community of the Cross of Nails, please visit: <https://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/reconciliation/community-of-the-cross-of-nails>*



COMMUNITY OF THE  
CROSS OF NAILS

# The Gathering

*The Very Reverend John Witcombe, Dean of Coventry, welcomes everyone.  
A time of silence is kept and the Peace Bell is rung. We then STAND to sing.*

## Hymn

**There's a wideness in God's mercy  
like the wideness of the sea;  
there's a kindness in his justice  
which is more than liberty.  
There is no place where earth's sorrows  
are more felt than up in heaven;  
there is no place where earth's failings  
have such kindly judgement given.**

**For the love of God is broader  
than the measures of man's mind;  
and the heart of the Eternal  
is most wonderfully kind.  
But we make his love too narrow  
by false limits of our own;  
and we magnify his strictness  
with a zeal he will not own.**

**There is plentiful redemption  
in the blood that has been shed;  
there is joy for all the members  
in the sorrows of the Head.  
There is grace enough for thousands  
of new worlds as great as this;  
there is room for fresh creations  
in that upper home of bliss.**

**If our love were but more simple,  
we should take him at his word;  
and our lives would be all gladness  
in the joy of Christ our Lord.**

*Words by F.W. Faber (1814-1863)  
Tune CP 598i Corvedale Maurice Bevan (1921-2006)*

## The Greeting

*The Reverend Mary Gregory, Canon for Arts and Reconciliation, presiding,  
says,*

*All* The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

*All* God has reconciled us to himself through Christ:  
**he has entrusted us  
with the ministry of reconciliation.**

*All* When anyone is united to Christ, there is a new creation:  
**everything old has passed away;  
see everything has become new!**

*All* We are ambassadors for Christ:  
**we entreat you on behalf of Christ,  
be reconciled to God.**

*Cf 2 Corinthians 5:17 – 20*

## The Litany of Reconciliation

*The Reverend Su McClellan, Deacon, says,*

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

The hatred which divides nation from nation,  
race from race, class from class,

*All*     **Father, forgive.**

The covetous desires of people and nations  
to possess what is not their own,

*All*     **Father, forgive.**

The greed which exploits the work of human hands  
and lays waste the earth,

*All*     **Father, forgive.**

Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others,

*All*     **Father, forgive.**

Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned,  
the homeless, the refugee,

*All*     **Father, forgive.**

The lust which dishonours the bodies of men, women and  
children,

*All*     **Father, forgive.**

The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves  
and not in God,

*All*     **Father, forgive.**

*The President says,*

May the God of love  
bring us back to himself,  
forgive us our sins,  
and assure us of his eternal love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All*     **Amen.**

**Be kind to one another, tender-hearted,  
forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.**

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

*We remain STANDING as the choir sings.*

Gloria in excelsis Deo et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te, gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam. Domine Deus rex caelestis Deus Pater omnipotens. Domine Fili unigenite Jesu Christe. Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris, qui tollis peccata mundi miserere nobis. Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis. Quoniam tu solus sanctus, tu solus Dominus, tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe cum Sancto Spiritu in gloria Dei Patris.

Amen.

*Glory be to God on high, and on 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, Jesus 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

Let us pray for the reconciling love and power of God.

*Silence is kept before the president says,*

Almighty God,  
from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed;  
kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all the true love of peace,  
and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom  
those who take counsel for the nations of the earth;  
that your kingdom may go forward in justice and peace,  
till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## *The Liturgy of the Word*

### The First Reading

*The First Reading is read by Katrin Grunwaldt from the Hauptkirche  
St Katharinen church, Hamburg.*

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing.



For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well — since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

*Philippians 1:21 - 30*

Denn Christus ist mein Leben, und Sterben ist mein Gewinn. Sintemal aber im Fleisch leben dient, mehr Frucht zu schaffen, so weiß ich nicht, welches ich erwählen soll. Denn es liegt mir beides hart an: ich habe Lust, abzuschneiden und bei Christo zu sein, was auch viel besser wäre; aber es ist nötiger, im Fleisch bleiben um euretwillen. Und in guter Zuversicht weiß ich, daß ich bleiben und bei euch allen sein werde, euch zur Förderung und Freude des Glaubens, auf daß ihr euch sehr rühmen möget in Christo Jesu an mir, wenn ich wieder zu euch komme. Wandelt nur würdig dem Evangelium Christi, auf daß, ob ich komme und sehe euch oder abwesend von euch höre, ihr steht in einem Geist und einer Seele und samt uns kämpfet für den Glauben des Evangeliums und euch in keinem Weg erschrecken lasset von den Widersachern, welches ist ein Anzeichen, ihnen der Verdammnis, euch aber der Seligkeit, und das von Gott. Denn euch ist gegeben, um Christi willen zu tun, daß ihr nicht allein an ihn glaubet sondern auch um seinetwillen leidet; und habet denselben Kampf, welchen ihr an mir gesehen habt und nun von mir höret.

*Philippianer 1:21 - 30*

*At the end the reader says,*

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*     **Thanks be to God.**

## The Gospel Reading

We *STAND* and the choir and congregation sing.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**



Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.  
You have the words of eternal life.

*John 6:68*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

*The Deacon says,*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
Matthew.

*All* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said, ‘For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, “You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.” So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, “Why are you standing here idle all day?” They said to him, “Because no one has hired us.” He said to them, “You also go into the vineyard.” When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, “Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.” When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, “These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.”

But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

*Matthew 20:1 - 16*

Das Himmelreich ist gleich einem Hausvater, der am Morgen ausging, Arbeiter zu mieten in seinen Weinberg. Und da er mit den Arbeitern eins ward um einen Groschen zum Tagelohn, sandte er sie in seinen Weinberg. Und ging aus um die dritte Stunde und sah andere an dem Markte müßig stehen und sprach zu ihnen: Gehet ihr auch hin in den Weinberg; ich will euch geben, was recht ist. Und sie gingen hin. Abermals ging er aus um die sechste und die neunte Stunde und tat gleichalso. Um die elfte Stunde aber ging er aus und fand andere müßig stehen und sprach zu ihnen: Was steht ihr hier den ganzen Tag müßig? Sie sprachen zu ihm: Es hat uns niemand gedingt. Er sprach zu ihnen: Gehet ihr auch hin in den Weinberg, und was recht sein wird, soll euch werden. Da es nun Abend ward, sprach der Herr des Weinberges zu seinem Schaffner: Rufe die Arbeiter und gib ihnen den Lohn und heb an an den Letzten bis zu den Ersten. Da kamen, die um die elfte Stunde gedingt waren, und empfing ein jeglicher seinen Groschen. Da aber die ersten kamen, meinten sie, sie würden mehr empfangen; und sie empfangen auch ein jeglicher seinen Groschen. Und da sie den empfangen, murrten sie wider den Hausvater und sprachen: Diese haben nur eine Stunde gearbeitet, und du hast sie uns gleich gemacht, die wir des Tages Last und die Hitze getragen haben. Er antwortete aber und sagte zu einem unter ihnen: Mein Freund, ich tue dir nicht Unrecht. Bist du nicht mit mir eins geworden für einen Groschen? Nimm, was dein ist, und gehe hin! Ich will aber diesem letzten geben gleich wie dir. Oder habe ich nicht Macht, zu tun, was ich will, mit dem Meinen? Siehst du darum so scheel, daß ich so gütig bin? Also werden die Letzten die Ersten und die Ersten die Letzten sein. Denn viele sind berufen, aber wenige auserwählt.

*Matthäus 20:1 - 16*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## The Sermon

*The Very Reverend John Witcombe, Dean of Coventry, prays, and then we SIT. The sermon is followed by a time of silent prayer and reflection.*

## The Creed

*We STAND to proclaim this special Creed, written by Canon Mary Gregory.*

Let us affirm our faith in the reconciling love of God.

*All*     **We believe in God the Father  
who creates humanity in the image of God,  
leads us with bands of love,  
calls us home,  
and runs to meet us, even when we are still far off.**

**We believe in God the Son  
in whom humanity and divinity  
are perfectly reconciled;  
in whom all things hold together;  
who lived on the edges to gather the outcasts in  
and throws open the doors of the wedding feast  
to people from every tribe and language  
and people and nation.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
the life of God within us,  
who shows us the world's brokenness,  
articulates our longing for its peace,  
equips us for its transformation,  
and grows in us the peace  
that makes this service possible.**

**We believe in the coming of the kingdom of God,  
where every tear will be wiped away,  
every wound healed;  
where diversity will be recognised as beautiful,  
and difference an expression of the Infinite;  
where every wrong will be met  
with justice and with grace;**

**where everyone will be at home with one another,  
and face-to-face with God.  
Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*The congregation SITS or KNEELS.*

*Anne Short, member of the Coventry and Warwickshire Mothers' Union,  
leads the prayers of intercession using this response:*

Lord, in your mercy  
All **hear our prayer.**

*At the end of the prayers of intercession, the president leads us in the prayer  
of the Community of the Cross of Nails:*

Almighty God,  
**you have committed to us  
the ministry of reconciliation  
of your Son, Jesus Christ;  
give us the confidence in your power to forgive,  
as your Son forgave us from the Cross.  
Enable us to be witnesses of your forgiveness  
at work and where we live.  
Unite us in a sacred fellowship  
to heal the hostilities we see,  
and give us the grace to love one another,  
rejoicing in this life together.  
Amen.**

## **Notices**

*The Dean shares community news.*

### **Welcome to Coventry Cathedral's Interns**

*The Dean welcomes Coventry Cathedral's new volunteer reconciliation  
interns, Lea Rischmüller and Blanka Słońska.*

# *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

## **The Peace**

*Everyone STANDS and the president introduces the Peace.*

Blessed be Christ, the Prince of Peace.

*All*     **He breaks down the walls that divide us:  
praise to Christ who is our peace.**

*All*     The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

*The Deacon says,*

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All exchange a sign of peace and then remain STANDING to sing the hymn.*

## Hymn

**Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace  
to let you be my servant too.**

**We are pilgrims on a journey,  
and companions on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christ-light for you  
in the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping;  
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
till we've seen this journey through.**

**When we sing to God in heaven  
we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.**

**Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace  
to let you be my servant too.**

*Words by Richard Gillard (b. 1953)  
Tune CP 393 Servant Song Richard Gillard*

## The Preparation of the Table

As the grain once scattered in the fields  
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside  
are now united on this table in bread and wine,  
so, Lord, may your whole Church  
soon be gathered together  
from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.

*All* **Amen.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

*All* **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

*All* **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All* **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Living God, Father of light,  
hope of nations, friend of sinners,  
your love is made visible in Jesus Christ.  
You bring home the lost, restore the sinner  
and give dignity to the despised.  
In the face of Jesus Christ your light shines out,  
flooding lives with goodness and truth,  
gathering into one a divided and broken humanity.  
With people from every race and nation,  
with the Church of all the ages,  
with apostles, evangelists and martyrs  
we join the angels of heaven in their unending song:



*The choir sings the Sanctus and Benedictus*

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.  
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Hosts. Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

*The President continues,*

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:  
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.

*The Deacon says,*

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection  
you have set us free.**

**You are the Saviour of the world.**

Lord of all life,

help us to work together for that day

when your kingdom comes

and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,

gather us in your loving arms

and bring us with all the saints

to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,

for ever and ever.

*All*

**Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*The congregation SITS or KNEELS. We pray, if we are able, in German.*

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.**

*Or*

*All* **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.*

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

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

## The Invitation to Communion

*The president says,*

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

*All*     **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

## Agnus Dei

*The Choir sings the Agnus Dei.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.  
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

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

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

## The Giving of Communion

*The president and people receive Holy Communion. Communicant members  
of all churches are invited to receive Communion if they wish to do so. Those  
who do not intend to receive Communion but wish to receive a blessing are  
asked to carry this booklet as you come forward, as an indication of your  
preference.*

The body of Christ, broken for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*All*     **Amen.**

## **Anthem**

Ave verum corpus,  
natum de Maria Virgine,  
vere passum, immolatum  
in cruce pro homine,  
cuius latus perforatum  
vero fluxit sanguine,  
esto nobis praegustatum,  
in mortis examine.  
O clemens, O pia,  
O dulcis Jesu, Fili Mariae.  
miserere mei. Amen.

*Hail true body,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
which suffered and was offered truly  
on the cross for all humankind,  
whose side, pierced,  
flowed with true blood;  
for us our food, now  
and in the testing time of death.  
O compassionate, O holy,  
O sweet Jesus, Son of Mary,  
have mercy on me. Amen.*

*Music by E.F. Richter (1808-1879)*

## **The Prayers after Communion**

*The congregation SITS or KNEELS. Silence is kept and then the president says,*

Almighty God, Father of us all,  
you call us to make peace  
and to love and serve our neighbour.  
May our Cathedral, ruined and rebuilt,  
be a sign to all peoples of the healing of old wounds.  
Help us to build a kinder, more just world  
where those of many races may live together in peace,  
and all the human family be one;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All*     **Amen.**

*Then everyone says*

*All*     **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 Dismissal*

## **The Blessing**

*The president may use this or another suitable blessing.*

Go forth into the world in peace;  
be of good courage;  
hold fast that which is good;  
render to no one evil for evil;  
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;  
help the afflicted; honour everyone;  
love and serve the Lord,  
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;  
and the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be with you and remain with you always.

*All*     **Amen.**

*1 Thessalonians 5:13 – 22*

## Hymn

**Be in our midst, and gather us together,  
and let your loving-kindness be our guide,  
Help us discern your image in each other,  
and walk with humble footsteps by your side.  
Send us to work, O Lord, Almighty Giver,  
'till all who thirst and hunger now are filled,  
Let justice thunder like a mighty river,  
And let the storms of strife and conflict now be stilled.**

**When all the world's great sorrows overtake us,  
and we are crushed by centuries of pain,  
lend us your strength, and lovingly remake us  
that by your grace we may be whole again.  
And when the sins of passing generations  
make all the wounds of hist'ry still feel raw,  
send out your healing power among the nations,  
and fill this broken earth with heaven's peace once more.**

**And if the cross, the site of such destruction,  
a sign of violence, suffering and sin,  
can be redeemed to witness resurrection,  
and be a place where life can still begin,  
then iron and wood and stone can sing their stories:  
'Father, forgive' these very walls have prayed,  
that what was lost could birth still brighter glories,  
and what was hurt can be transfigured and remade.**

**Grant us that peace beyond the mind's discerning,  
Help us to live the truth that sets us free.  
And may the Spirit's fire within us burning  
help us become who we are called to be.  
In eager longing for your new creation,  
a world reshaped by love and hope and grace,  
with Christ the Prince of Peace as our foundation,  
we'll build your kingdom now, in this and every place.**

*Original hymn by © Ally Barrett (www.reverendally.org)  
Tune: Londonderry Air*

## The Dismissal

Go in peace to share the reconciling love of God.

All **In the name of Christ.**

**Amen.**

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### **Voluntary**

*Please do stay for our organ voluntary, performed today by Thomas Dahl,  
Kantor and Organist for Hauptkirche St Petri, Hamburg.*

*Fugue in G Minor, BWV 542 by J. S. Bach (1685-1750)*

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Thank you for your support.



## **COMING SOON**

### **Lunchtime Organ Recital**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September, 12:30 - 1pm

Join us for the final organ recital of the series. The repertoire can be found on the Organ Recitals page on the Cathedral website:

<https://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/worship-music/the-organ/organ-recitals>

### **Weaving for Hope: A project in partnership with Coventry's Ukrainian community**

9<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> September

*In Ukraine, weaving camouflage nets is an activity which brings women and children together. As they weave, they pray and sing. 'Weaving for Hope' saw us weave a camouflage net as a way of praying for the protection of the people of Ukraine during this time of war, and praying for the restoration of peace within her borders.*

*The net was initially woven in camouflage colours, but as the process of weaving went on, brighter tones were added as a symbol of hope. The net will not be used in war, but rather will be on display throughout the city in the coming months as a symbol of prayer for peace and reconciliation.*

*The net is now completed and will be on display in the Cathedral for the rest of the month. Please do come along and view the breath-taking work.*

### **Psalm**

Every fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:30–9pm, beginning 27<sup>th</sup> September

*Join singer-songwriter Rob Halligan every fourth Wednesday of the month for 'Psalm': a place to explore worship through music, quiet, spoken word and song, using the honesty of the Psalms.*

## **Friends of Coventry Cathedral Annual General Meeting**

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September, 12:30 – 4pm in the John Laing Centre

*This meeting includes a presentation by the Reverend Canon Adrian Daffern on his role in shaping the liturgy for the coronation of King Charles III.*

*For more information please contact the Chair of the Friends, Martin Williams  
[mrwlegal@aol.com](mailto:mrwlegal@aol.com)*

## **Congregation Michaelmas Feast**

Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup>, after the Sunday Eucharist

*We are planning to celebrate our Patronal Festival of St. Michael by organising a “bring-and-share” lunch after the Sunday Eucharist.*

*The principle is to keep this simple, allowing everyone to contribute whatever they comfortably can, and then to all share together a very modest meal.*

*We hope that this will enable us to get to know each other better via conversation around a table, and build up a stronger sense of belonging to the Cathedral family.*

*To keep it simple, we’re essentially looking for cold, finger-food, such as bread, butter, cheese, cooked meats, paté, cracker biscuits, samosas, pork pie, cake, soft drinks, etc. Contributions from different world traditions will be very welcome.*

*If you would like to attend, please record your name and the kind of food that you are able to provide on the forms available at the coffee table.*

*For further information, or if you would like to help out, please speak to Graham Warren or email him at [graham.warren@btinternet.com](mailto:graham.warren@btinternet.com)*

## **Ceilidh in the Cathedral**

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October, 7 – 10pm

*Join us for an evening of dancing, new friends, and lots of laughter. There will be a live band, refreshments, and plenty of seating if you need a rest from all the movement. For more information and to book tickets, please visit:*

*<https://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/events/ceilidh-in-the-cathedral-2>*

## **Craft and Flea**

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October, 10am – 4pm

*Shop small and shop local at our craft market , with a huge selection of hand-picked stalls selling high-quality products.*

*For more information, visit: <https://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/events/craft-and-flea-2>*

## **Community Lunch and Conversation**

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, after the Eucharist Service

*The Dean and his leadership team warmly invite everyone who worships in the Cathedral to a community afternoon on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. After the morning service we will share lunch together in the John Laing Centre, and then have a community conversation about the life of our Cathedral, focusing especially on the draft strategic plan which sets out our work for the next five years, and which will go to The Chapter later that week, and to St Michael's Committee, with its new role and opportunities to serve on it. We would love as many people as possible to come along, and to share with us their thoughts.*

## Coventry Half Marathon – Road Closures

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October

On Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October, there will be a marathon taking place, with the route running throughout Coventry. As a result, many roads will be closed, so we advise that you plan your journey to the Cathedral in advance.

The start of the marathon is located on Gosford Street, with the finish line located on Priory Street outside Coventry Cathedral and the University Square.

The event will head out from the city centre via New Union Street (passing The Wave Waterpark) > B4554 Warwick Road > Greyfriars Road > Queen Victoria Road > Corporation Street and under the A4053 bridge. Runners will then head along the B4098 Radford Road onto the B4107 Moseley Avenue and Holyhead Road. Runners will then use Birmingham Road > Butcher's Lane > Butt Lane > Washbrook Lane > Bridle Brook Lane > Wall Hill Road > Hollyfast Lane > B4098 Tamworth Road > Waste Lane > Brownhill Green Road > Coundon Green > Hollyfast Road > Westhill Road > Barker's Butts Lane before retracing their steps along the B4098 Radford Road and back under the A4053. Runners will then head along Hales Street and Fairfax Street before finishing on Priory Street just before Coventry Cathedral.

Please note that Tamworth Road, Radford Road and Holyhead Road will only be closed **one way**, whilst the rest of the roads listed above will be fully closed both ways.

Closures at the start on Gosford Street, B4554 Jordan WI and Cox Street will be in place from 04:00 to 11:00 while the closure on Priory Street for the finish will be in place from 04:00 to 15:00 to accommodate the event build.

There will be **no parking** on Priory Street until 2pm, as this is where the finish line is located. Little Park Street will be re-open for 09:45 therefore vehicles can access Bayley Lane, Pepper Lane and adjoining roads from that time so those with accessibility issues would be able to get as close as possible.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.runforall.com/road-closure-information/> and <https://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/visit/visit-coventry-cathedral/road-closures>

For an interactive map of the marathon route, please visit:  
<https://tinyurl.com/b92357sn>