

The Cathedral Eucharist



The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Sunday 1st February 2026 at 10:30am

Welcome to Coventry Cathedral

The Feast of the Presentation commemorates the Holy Family's journey to Jerusalem to offer sacrifices at the Temple in accordance with Hebrew custom. In the tradition of the Church it was customary to bless candles for the year ahead on this feast day, and so it is also known as Candlemas.

The Reverend Su McClellan, Cathedral Associate Minister, is presiding. The Deacon is the Reverend Kate Massey, Canon for Arts and Reconciliation. The Reverend Nitano Muller, Canon for Worship and Welcome. is the Sub-Deacon. Our preacher today is the Very Reverend John Witcombe, Dean of Coventry.

The Cathedral Choir is directed by Joe Watson, Acting Director of Music.

The organists are Liam Condon, Assistant Director of Music and Adam Heron, Organ Scholar. The Setting today is the Missa Brevis Op. 83 by Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)

*In this service, we say the words in **bold** together, and invite you to stand and sit as indicated. However, please 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.

Do stay after the service for refreshments!

We hope you will join us for worship again; our regular Sunday services are at 10:30am and 4pm. All are most welcome to attend.

If you would like to talk to us about the work we do here, or about the Christian faith, you are welcome to speak to a minister after the service or contact Canon Nitano Muller via Nitano.Muller@Coventry.Anglican.org

*We encourage our visitors to take photographs of our beautiful cathedral, **but please no photography during the service.** Thank you.*

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The Gathering

Before the service begins, the congregation is welcomed. A short time of silence is held before the Peace Bell is sounded.

Opening Hymn

We **STAND** to sing:

**From heav'n you came, helpless babe,
entered our world, your glory veiled,
not to be served but to serve,
and give your life that we might live.**

***This is our God, the Servant King;
he calls us now to follow him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.***

**There in the garden of tears
my heavy load he chose to bear;
his heart with sorrow was torn,
“Yet not my will but yours,” he said.**

**Come see his hands and his feet,
the scars that speak of sacrifice;
hands that flung stars into space
to cruel nails surrendered.**

**So let us learn how to serve
and in our lives enthrone him.
Each other's needs to prefer,
for it is Christ we're serving.**

*Words by Graham Kendrick (b. 1950)
Tune CP 432 Servant King Graham Kendrick,
arranged by Lionel Dakers (1924-2003)*

The Greeting

The Reverend Su McClellan, Cathedral Associate Minister, presiding, says,

The Lord of glory be with you.

The Lord bless you.

Introduction

Dear friends, forty days ago we celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now we recall the day on which he was presented to the Temple, when he was offered to the Father and shown to his people. As a sign of his coming among us, his mother was purified, as we now come to him for cleansing. In their old age, Simeon and Anna recognised him as their Lord, as we sing today of his glory. In this Eucharist, we celebrate both the joy of his coming and his searching judgement, looking back to the day of his birth and forward to the coming days of his passion.

Prayers of Penitence

The Reverend Kate Massey, Canon for Arts and Reconciliation, Deacon, says,

Hear the words of our Saviour Jesus Christ:

‘I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me shall never walk in darkness
but shall have the light of life.’

Let us therefore bring our sins into his light
and confess them in penitence and faith.

Silence is kept.

Lord Jesus, illuminate the darkness in our hearts:

Lord, have mercy,

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, open our eyes to your saving love:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, unstop our ears to your living word:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The President says,

Almighty God who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

We remain STANDING. The choir sings the Gloria.

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 cœlestis 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 in earth
peace, goodwill 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, 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 introduces a time of silent prayer and then prays:

Almighty and ever-living God,
clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple,
in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts,
by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading

We SIT for the First Reading, read by Edward MacFetridge, representing the cathedral community.

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Malachi.

¹ See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ² But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³ he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years. ⁵ Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

Malachi 3:1-5

After the Reading, the following is said:

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation

We STAND. The choir sings the Alleluias, and then we repeat them.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



The choir sings:

Alleluia, alleluia.

A light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to your people Israel.

Luke 2:32

We all sing:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Gospel Reading

We turn to face the Deacon, who introduces the Gospel Reading.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

²² When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), ²⁴ and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen

the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷ Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

²⁹ 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;

³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles

and for glory to your people Israel.'

³³ And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸ At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Luke 2:22 – 40

The Deacon says,

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

A short organ improvisation follows.

The Sermon

The Very Reverend John Witcombe, Dean of Coventry, preaching, prays and then we SIT for the sermon. After the sermon, silence is kept for reflection.

The Nicene Creed

We STAND and the President introduces the Creed.

Let us affirm our faith in God, who dwells in our midst:

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of Intercession

*The Reverend Nitano Muller, Canon for Worship and Welcome, Sub-deacon,
says,*

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

By the mystery of the Word made flesh
Good Lord, deliver us.

By the birth in time of the timeless Son of God
Good Lord, deliver us.

By the baptism of the Son of God in the river Jordan
Good Lord, deliver us.

For the kingdoms of this world,
that they may become the Kingdom of our Lord and Christ
We pray to you, O Lord.

For your holy, catholic and apostolic Church,
that it may be one
We pray to you, O Lord.

For the witness of your faithful people,
that they may be lights in the world
We pray to you, O Lord.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick and all who suffer; that they may
be relieved and protected
We pray to you, O Lord.

For the aged, for refugees and all in danger,
that they may be strengthened and defended
We pray to you, O Lord.

For those who walk in darkness and in the shadow of death,
that they may come to your eternal light
We pray to you, O Lord.

At the end of the Prayers of Intercession, the President says,

Lord God, you kept faith with Simeon and Anna,
and showed them the infant King.
Give us grace to put all our trust in your promises,
and the patience to wait for their fulfilment.

Merciful father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

Community Notices

We SIT for the notices.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

We STAND. The President introduces the Peace, saying:

In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high has broken upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness
and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
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.

Everyone shares the Peace.

The Offertory Hymn

As we sing, we return to our seats, and the ministers proceed to the altar.

**Sing we of the blessèd Mother
who received the angel's word,
and obedient to his summons
bore in love the infant Lord;
sing we of the joys of Mary
at whose breast that child was fed
who is Son of God eternal
and the everlasting Bread.**

**Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows,
of the sword that pierced her through,
when beneath the cross of Jesus
she his weight of suffering knew,
looked upon her Son and Saviour
reigning high on Calvary's tree,
saw the price of man's redemption
paid to set the sinner free.**

**Sing again the joys of Mary
when she saw the risen Lord,
and in prayer with Christ's apostles,
waited on his promised word:
from on high the blazing glory
of the Spirit's presence came,
heavenly breath of God's own being,
manifest through wind and flame.**

**Sing the chiefest joy of Mary
when on earth her work was done,
and the Lord of all creation
brought her to his heavenly home:
Virgin Mother, Mary blessèd,
raised on high and crowned with grace,
may your Son, the world's redeemer,
grant us all to see his face.**

Words by G.B. Timms (1910-1997)

Tune CP 241 Deerhurst by James Langran (1835-1909)

Prayers at the Preparation of the Table

The President prays:

Father, in Christ there has sprung up a light for the righteous;
accept the gifts we bring before you
and grant that Christ may shine in us
to the praise and glory of your name.

Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The President introduces:

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.

The President continues,

It is indeed right and good,
always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise
through Jesus Christ, who is one with you from all eternity.
For on this day he appeared in the Temple
in substance of our flesh
to come near to us in judgement.
He searches the hearts of all your people
and brings to light the image of your splendour.
Your servant Simeon acclaimed him
as the light to lighten the nations,
while Anna spoke of him
to all who looked for your redemption.
Destined for the falling and rising of many,
he was lifted high upon the cross
and a sword of sorrow pierced his mother's heart
when by his sacrifice he made our peace with you.

And now we rejoice and glorify your name
that we, too, have seen your salvation
and join with angels and archangels
in their unending hymn of praise:

The choir sings the Sanctus and Benedictus.

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt cœli 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,
Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

The President continues,
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 Simeon, Anna and 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.

Amen.

Silence is kept.

The Lord's Prayer

We SIT. Please feel free to say the Lord's Prayer in any language or version which is closest to your heart. The President introduces:

Believing the promises of God,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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 the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.
**God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

The Invitation to Communion

The President says,

Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

Agnus Dei

The choir sings the Agnus Dei as the ministers receive Communion.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata
mundi,
miserere nobis.

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,
have mercy on us.*

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

The Giving of Communion

Please follow the directions of the stewards as you come to receive Communion. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please bring this booklet with you as an indication of your preference to the ministers. As you return from receiving Communion, please take a candle from the tables at the side of the pulpit and lectern, and light your candle from the candle stand.

The Nunc Dimittis: the Song of Simeon

This is Simeon's song after he had blessed the Christ-child in the Temple. As we receive Communion the choir sings:

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word:

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,

Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,

and to be the glory of thy people Israel

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:

world without end. Amen.

Words from Luke 2:29-32

*Music from Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in G Major by Charles Villiers Stanford
(1852-1924)*

Communion Hymn

We all STAND to sing:

**And now, O Father, mindful of the love
that bought us, once for all, on Calvary's Tree,
and having with us him that pleads above,
we here present, we here spread forth to thee
that only offering perfect in thine eyes,
the one, true, pure, immortal sacrifice.**

**Look, Father, look on his anointed face,
and only look on us as found in him;
look not on our misusings of thy grace,
our prayer so languid, and our faith so dim:
for lo, between our sins and their reward
we set the Passion of thy Son our Lord.**

**And so we come: O draw us to thy feet,
most patient Saviour, who canst love us still;
and by this food, so awful and so sweet,
deliver us from every touch of ill:
in thine own service make us glad and free,
and grant us never more to part with thee.**

Words by William Bright (1824-1901)

Tune CP 279 Song I Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

Prayers after Communion

The President prays:

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna,
who lived to welcome the Messiah:
may we who have received these gifts beyond words,
prepare to meet Christ Jesus
when he comes to bring us to eternal life;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen.

We say together:

**We thank you, Lord,
that you have fed us in this sacrament,
united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet
prepared for all peoples.
Amen.**

Prayer over the Candles

The president says

Lord God, the springing source of everlasting light, pour into the hearts of your faithful people the brilliance of your eternal splendour, that we, who by these kindling flames light up this temple to your glory, may have the darkness of our souls dispelled, and so be counted worthy to stand before you in that eternal city where you live and reign, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Final Responsory

The president introduces

Father, here we bring to an end our celebration of the Saviour's birth.

**Help us, in whom he has been born,
to live his life that has no end.**

Here we have offered the Church's sacrifice of praise.

**Help us, who have received the bread of life,
to be thankful for your gift.**

Here we have rejoiced with faithful Simeon and Anna.

**Help us, who have found the Lord in his temple,
to trust in your eternal promises.**

Here we have greeted the light of the world.

**Help us, who bear these candles,
never to forsake the light of Christ.**

Here we stand near the place of baptism.

**Help us, who are marked with the cross,
to share the Lord's death and resurrection.**

Here we turn from Christ's birth to his passion.

**Help us, for whom Lent is near,
to enter deeply into the Easter mystery.**

Here we bless one another in your name.

**Help us, who now go in peace,
to shine with your light in the world.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

The Blessing

The president gives the blessing using these words:

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Closing Hymn

We remain STANDING to sing:

**All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,
come ye before him, and rejoice.**

**The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.**

**O enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.**

**For why? the Lord our God is good;
his mercy is for ever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.**

**To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
the God whom heaven and earth adore,
from mortals and from angel-host
be praise and glory evermore.**

*Words by William Kethe (d. 1594), based on Psalm 100
Tune CP 369 Old Hundredth Genevan Psalter (1551)*

The Dismissal

The Deacon says,

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

The Voluntary

Fiat Lux by Théodore Dubois (1837-1924)

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<https://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/worship-music/services/sermons>*

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feel free to stay for a chat over a cup of tea or coffee!*

Daily Services at the Cathedral:

Regular services at the Cathedral follow this pattern. For special services and up-to-date information about one-off cancellations of the services below, please check the calendar on the Cathedral website:

<https://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/full-calendar>

Monday - Friday

8:30 – 9:00am: *Morning Prayer & Holy Communion*

12 – 12:10pm: *The Litany of Reconciliation*

(followed on Thursdays by BCP Holy Communion)

4 – 4:30pm: *Evening Prayer*

(or Wednesday and Thursday during school terms: Choral Evensong, 5:15 - 6pm)

Saturday

12 – 12:10pm: *The Litany of Reconciliation*

Sunday

10:30 – 11:45am: *The Cathedral Eucharist*

4 – 5pm: *Choral Evensong*

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

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Alternatively, you can contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Team led by Sarah Price: 024 7652 1345 or safeguarding@coventry.anglican.org

COMMUNITY NEWS

Lenten Course: Testament

This Lent, join us for a thought-provoking course built around *Testament*, the contemporary Christian series that brings the opening chapters of the Book of Acts vividly to life. Together we will explore the first ten chapters of Acts and reflect on what the birth of the Church might mean for faith and discipleship today.

The course will meet every Tuesday evening in Lent at 7pm in St Michael's House, beginning on Shrove Tuesday, 17 February.

To sign up, or for further details, please speak to Rob or Canon Nitano.

2026 Dates for Wonder

This last Wednesday, the Wonder community met for the first time for 2026 and would warmly welcome those curious and imaginative, looking to explore what we believe through art, dance, and poetry. Wonder takes place every second Wednesday of the month, led by Canon Kate Massey.

11th February- *Dust*
18th March- *Passion*
15th April- *Encounter*
20th May- *Breathe*
17th June- *Community*
No gathering in July
12th August- *Simplicity*
16th September- *Abundance*
21st October- *Memory*
18th November- *Peace*

February's Family & Community Events

Let's Toddle! Toddler Hangout!

Wednesday, 4th February, 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.

Book your FREE space online.

Let's Chill: Baby Hangout!

Wednesday, 11th February, 10-11.30am

Let your little ones be mesmerized by the shapes and colours of the Cathedral. Book your FREE space online

Coffee Morning

Wednesday, 18th February, 10-11.30am

Come and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of the Cathedral, with FREE refreshments.

Any questions, please email events@coventrycathedral.org.uk

Reading Corner with Children's Books!

Available all Half Term during opening hours. 10am - 4pm

Let's Play: Quiet Hour

Thursday, 19th February, 9am-10am

This FREE session is specifically for those families and children who need less bustle and noise, and the space to explore in their own unique ways

Book your FREE places online

Let's Play: Games & Crafts

Thursday, 19th February, 10:30am - 12 noon

Let's play together this Half Term Holiday in the Cathedral! Make the most out of Half Term and enjoy some games and crafts at Coventry Cathedral. FREE and suitable for families of all shapes and sizes.

Let's Watch and Make: Alice in Wonderland (1951)

Saturday, 21st February, 10am - 12 noon

Come and join us this half term for crafts and a classic kids film!

We will gather in St Michael's Gallery to do some crafts and then move to our Chapterhouse Cinema to watch Alice in Wonderland (the 1951 version)

(Book your FREE places online)

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