

Choral Evensong Sunday, 24th May, 2026 Whitsunday



Welcome to this service of Choral Evensong, led by The Reverend Su McClellan, Cathedral Associate Minister. The Reverend Nitano Muller, Canon for Worship and Welcome, will be preaching.

The Wheatsheaf Consort are directed by Chris Fletcher-Campbell and James Kennard. The responses are those by Thomas Tomkins (1572-1656).

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

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Introit

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
His mercies never come to an end;
They are new every morning.
Great is your faithfulness.

*Words from Lamentations 3:22-23
Music by Alastair White (1988-)*

Psalm 67

1. God be merciful unto us, and bless us ♦
and shew us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us:
2. That thy way may be known upon earth ♦
thy saving health among all nations.
3. Let the people praise thee, O God ♦
yea, let all the people praise thee.
4. O let the nations rejoice and be glad ♦
for thou shalt judge the folk righteously,
and govern the nations upon earth.
5. Let the people praise thee, O God ♦
let all the people praise thee.
6. Then shall the earth bring forth her increase ♦
and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.
7. God shall bless us ♦
and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

The First Lesson

²¹ Do not fear, O soil;
be glad and rejoice,

for the LORD has done great things!

²² Do not fear, you animals of the field,
for the pastures of the wilderness are green;
the tree bears its fruit,

the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

²³ O children of Zion, be glad
and rejoice in the LORD your God;
for he has given the early rain[□] for your vindication,
he has poured down for you abundant rain,
the early and the later rain, as before.

²⁴ The threshing-floors shall be full of grain,
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

²⁵ I will repay you for the years
that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army, which I sent against you.

²⁶ You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
and praise the name of the LORD your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again
be put to shame.

²⁷ You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other.
And my people shall never again
be put to shame.

²⁸ Then afterwards
I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.

²⁹ Even on the male and female slaves,
in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

³⁰ I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire
and columns of smoke. ³¹ The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the
moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes.

³² Then everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.

Joel 2:21-End

The Magnificat

Evening Service in C Major by Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924).

The Second Lesson

¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ “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.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Acts 2:14-21

The Nunc Dimittis

Evening Service in C Major by Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924).

The Collect of the Day

God, who as at this time didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by the sending to them the light of thy 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 liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

The Anthem

Dum complerentur dies
Pentecostes,
erant omnes pariter dicentes,
alleluia,

Et subito factus est sonus de
coelo, alleluia, tamquam
spiritus vehementis,
et replevit totam domum,
alleluia.

Dum ergo essent in unum
discipuli congregati, propter
metum iudæorum,
sonus repente de coelo venit
super eos,
tamquam spiritus vehementis,
et replevit totam domum,
alleluia.

*When the Day of Pentecost had fully
come,
they were all with one accord in one
place, saying: alleluia.*

*And suddenly there came a sound
from heaven, alleluia, as of a rushing
mighty wind,
and it filled the whole house where
they were sitting, alleluia.*

*When therefore the disciples were
gathered together in one for fear of
the Jews,
a sound from heaven came upon
them,
as of a rushing mighty wind,
and it filled the whole house where
they were sitting, alleluia.*

*Words from Acts 2:1-2, John 20:19
Music by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)*

The Hymn

O thou who camest from above
the fire celestial to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart.

There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return
in humble prayer and fervent praise.

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work and speak and think for thee;
still let me guard the holy fire
and still stir up thy gift in me.

Still let me prove thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat;
till death thine endless mercies seal,
and make the sacrifice complete.

*Words by Charles Wesley (1707-1788)
Tune CP 191 Hereford S.S. Wesley (1810-1876)*

Voluntary

Postlude in D Minor by Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924).

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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.xperiencelive.co.uk/events/xperiencelive/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 -

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