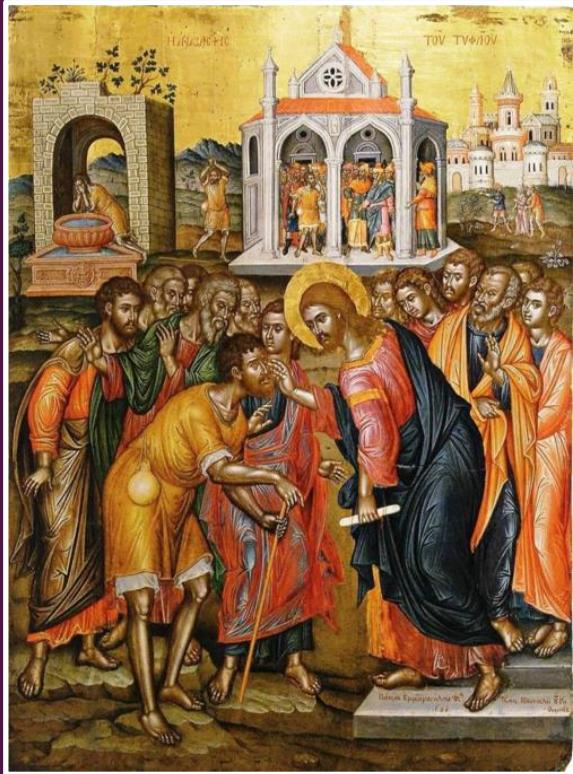




The Cathedral Eucharist



The Fourth Sunday of Lent
Corrymeela Sunday
Sunday 15th March 2025, 10.30 am

Welcome to Coventry Cathedral

We are delighted that you have been able to join us today, which we are celebrating as Corrymeela Sunday. Our preacher this morning is the Revd Dr Alexander Wimberly, Leader of the Corrymeela Community. Originally from the United States, Alex has called Ireland home for more than twenty years. As leader of the community, Alex works with Corrymeela members, staff and volunteers to engage with difference, heal division and support peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland and beyond.

The Corrymeela Community was established in 1965. As a dispersed Christian community of over 180 members, Corrymeela has a residential centre and offices from which the work of Transforming Division through Human Encounter takes place. Corrymeela collaborates with faith groups, community groups, educational groups (formal and informal education), political and community groups to contribute to the healing of pain and the creation of a society where we live and work and learn well together. Corrymeela has been supported, for decades, by the dedication of an international group of Friends, who support the work of reconciliation that would otherwise be impossible. To learn more, visit www.corrymeela.org

The President today is the Very Reverend John Witcombe, Dean of Coventry. The Reverend Canon Kate Massey, Canon for Arts and Reconciliation, is the deacon. The sub-deacon is the Reverend Nitano Muller, Canon for Worship and Welcome. The Reverend Doctor Alex Wimberly, Leader of the Corrymeela Community, is preaching. The Cathedral Chamber Choir is directed by Liam Condon, Assistant Director of Music. The organist is Adam Heron, Organ Scholar.

The service setting is *Missa Brevis 'Capella Regalis'* by Anthony Caesar (1924–2018)

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The Gathering

Before the service begins, the Dean welcomes the congregation. The choir and ministers move to the chancel as the choir sings the Litany.

The Litany

Let us pray.

God the Father, have mercy.

God the Son, have mercy.

God the Holy Spirit, have mercy.

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity,
have mercy.

From all evil and mischief;
from pride, vanity and hypocrisy;
from envy, hatred and malice;
and from all evil intent,
Deliver us, good Lord.

From sloth, worldliness and love of money;
from hardness of heart
and contempt for your word and your laws,
Deliver us, good Lord.

From sins of body and mind;
from the deceits of the world, the flesh and the devil,
Deliver us, good Lord.

From famine and disaster;
from violence, murder and dying unprepared,
Deliver us, good Lord.

In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy;
in the hour of death, and at the day of judgement,
Deliver us, good Lord.

By the mystery of your holy incarnation;
by your birth, childhood and obedience;
by your baptism, fasting and temptation,
Deliver us, good Lord.

By your ministry in word and work;
by your mighty acts of power;
and by your preaching of the kingdom,
Deliver us, good Lord.

By your agony and trial; by your cross and passion;
and by your precious death and burial,
Deliver us, good Lord.

By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension;
and by your sending of the Holy Spirit,
Deliver us, good Lord.

Give us true repentance;
forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance
and our deliberate sins;
and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit
to amend our lives according to your holy word.

Holy God, holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy.

The Greeting

The Very Reverend John Witcombe, Dean of Coventry, presiding, says

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

Amen.

Let us mark how our different paths have brought us together
today.

**We have come from different places and with different
stories, to worship our God together.**

Let us celebrate the ways in which our stories now overlap
to tell of God's mercy and love.

May we be one in the family of God.

Come, let us worship.

The Liturgy of Penitence

Prayers of Penitence

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

Whoever we are, we can find forgiveness in God. Whatever we have done, we find grace in Christ. Wherever our desires have led us, we can find a new life in the Holy Spirit.

Let us confess our sin so that we might be able to accept the forgiveness offered, extend grace to others as we receive it, and begin to live a new life together.

Silence is kept and then the deacon introduces:

Holy and loving God,

**We are prone to carve the world into us and them,
good and bad, in and out.**

**We confess that in fear of the unknown and the
unfamiliar,**

we turn to those with whom we already agree.

We fail to believe that to follow you

is to become something new,

and look instead to ourselves

to find something that we can call god.

**Give us faith to trust that you will be where you call us
to go.**

Give us the courage to seek you in the unknown,

in the face of the stranger,

and in what we have yet to become together.

Lead us into better relationship

with those from whom we have separated ourselves,

seeking forgiveness whenever necessary,

and extending forgiveness wherever possible.

Bring us back as one family, held in your embrace,

and allow us to find what is holy and loving in you.

Amen.

The choir sings Kyrie Eleison, while the congregation are sprinkled with holy water, a reminder of our new beginning at baptism.

Kyrie, eleison.
Christe, eleison.
Kyrie, eleison.

| Lord, have mercy upon us.
| Christ, have mercy upon us.
| Lord, have mercy upon us.

The president says

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

Amen.

The Collect

The president introduces a time of silent prayer, after which he says:

Merciful Lord,
absolve your people from their offences,
that through your bountiful goodness
we may all be delivered from the chains of those sins
which by our frailty we have committed;
grant this, heavenly Father,
for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour,
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 Georgina Vye, a representative of the Corrymeela Community.

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians.

⁸For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— ⁹for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; ¹³but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

‘Sleeper, awake!

Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.’

Ephesians 5:8-14

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation

The Choir sing;



Praise to you, O Christ, king of e - ter - nal glo - ry.

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.

John 8:12

We all sing:



Praise to you, O Christ, king of e - ter - nal glo - ry.

The deacon introduces:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' ³Jesus answered, 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.' ⁶When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, ⁷saying to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, 'Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?' ⁹Some were saying, 'It is he.' Others were saying, 'No, but it is someone like him.' He kept saying, 'I am the man.' ¹⁰But they kept asking him, 'Then how were your eyes opened?' ¹¹He answered, 'The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, "Go to Siloam and wash." Then I went and washed and received my sight.' ¹²They said to him, 'Where is he?' He said, 'I do not know.' ¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, 'He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.' ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.' But others said, 'How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?' And they were divided. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, 'What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.' He said, 'He is a prophet.' ¹⁸The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹and asked them, 'Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?' ²⁰His parents answered, 'We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; ²¹but we do not know how it is that now he sees,

nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.’²² His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue.

²³ Therefore his parents said, ‘He is of age; ask him.’²⁴ So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, ‘Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.’²⁵ He answered, ‘I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.’²⁶ They said to him, ‘What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?’²⁷ He answered them, ‘I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?’²⁸ Then they reviled him, saying, ‘You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses.’²⁹ We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.’³⁰ The man answered, ‘Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes.’³¹ We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will.’³² Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind.’³³ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.’³⁴ They answered him, ‘You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?’ And they drove him out.³⁵ Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, ‘Do you believe in the Son of Man?’³⁶ He answered, ‘And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.’³⁷ Jesus said to him, ‘You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.’³⁸ He said, ‘Lord, I believe.’ And he worshipped him.³⁹ Jesus said, ‘I came into this world for judgement so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.’⁴⁰ Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, ‘Surely we are not blind, are we?’⁴¹ Jesus said to them, ‘If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, “We see”, your sin remains.

John 9

At the end the deacon says:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Preached by the Reverend Doctor Alex Wimberly, Leader of the Corrymeela Community.

After the sermon, time is kept for reflection.

Affirmation of Faith

We STAND and the president introduces the affirmation of faith.

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

Philippians 2.6-11

Prayers of Intercession

The president introduces the intercessions:

With confidence and trust let us pray to the Father.

We SIT as the deacon leads the intercessions. The following response is used:

Lord of compassion;
In Your mercy, hear us.

At the end, the following, or other suitable words, may be used:

Loving Saviour, seeking the lost and the unlovely,
we worship you.

Caring Spirit, enabling the weak and the meek,
we worship you.

Holy God, generous beyond all calculation,
we worship you.

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

We STAND. The president introduces the peace:

Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has given us access to his grace.

Romans 5:1, 2

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.

Offertory Hymn

We remain *STANDING* to sing the hymn, during which the gifts of the people are presented.

**I bind unto myself today
the strong name of the Trinity,
by invocation of the same,
the Three in One, and One in Three.**

**I bind unto myself today
the virtues of the star-lit heaven,
the glorious sun's life-giving ray,
the whiteness of the moon at even,
the flashing of the lightning free,
the whirling winds' tempestuous shocks,
the stable earth, the deep salt sea
around the old eternal rocks.**

**I bind unto myself today
the power of God to hold and lead,
his eye to watch, his might to stay,
his ear to hearken to my need;
the wisdom of my God to teach,
his hand to guide, his shield to ward,
the word of God to give me speech,
his heavenly host to be my guard.**

**I bind unto myself the name,
the strong name of the Trinity,
by invocation of the same,
the Three in One, and One in Three,
of whom all nature hath creation,
eternal Father, Spirit, Word.
Praise to the Lord of my salvation:
salvation is of Christ the Lord. Amen.**

*Words Saint Patrick, tr. C. F. Alexander (1818-1895)
Tune CP 203 St Patrick Petrie Collection of Irish Music 1903*

Prayer of Preparation at the Table

The president says:

God of our journey,
as we walk with you on your path of obedience,
sustain us on our way and lead us to your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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 and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son. For in these forty days you lead us into the desert of repentance that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline we may grow in grace and learn to be your people once again. Through fasting, prayer and acts of service you bring us back to your generous heart. Through study of your holy word you open our eyes to your presence in the world and free our hands to welcome others into the radiant splendour of your love. As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast with joyful hearts and minds we bless you for your mercy and join with saints and angels for ever praising you and singing:

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 leads the acclamation of faith:

Jesus Christ is Lord.
**Lord, by your cross and resurrection,
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

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 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.

The Lord's Prayer

We SIT, as the President introduces the Lord's Prayer.

**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,

Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

**If we have died with him,
we shall live with him;
if we hold firm,
we shall reign with him.**

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.

**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, 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 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

It is our custom for this part of the service to be a time of quiet reflection. Please wait in your seat to be directed by a churchwarden or steward. If you wish to receive gluten-free bread, please ask and we will be happy to accommodate. Those who do not intend to receive Communion, but who would prefer to receive a blessing, are asked to carry this booklet as an indication of your preference to the ministers.

During the distribution, the choir sings the following anthem:

O vos omnes qui transitis per
viam, attendite et videte:

Si est dolor sicut dolor meus.

O ye people, that are passing by
and see me, behold and see and
consider:

If there can be any sorrow like unto
my sorrow?

Words from Antiphon at 3rd Nocturn for Holy Saturday (Lamentations 1:12)

English version by Kenneth Sterne

Music by Tomàs Luis de Victoria (1548-1611)

Communion Hymn

**Be thou my guardian and my guide,
and hear me when I call;
let not my slippery footsteps slide,
and hold me lest I fall.**

**The world, the flesh, and Satan dwell
around the path I tread;
O save me from the snares of hell,
thou quickener of the dead.**

**And if I tempted am to sin,
and outward things are strong,
do thou, O Lord, keep watch within,
and save my soul from wrong.**

**Still let me ever watch and pray,
and feel that I am frail;
that if the tempter cross my way,
yet he may not prevail.**

Words I. Williams (1802-1865)

Tune CP 385 Abridge I. Smith (1734-1805)

Prayers after Communion

The president says

Lord God,
whose blessed Son our Saviour
gave his back to the smiters
and did not hide his face from shame:
give us grace to endure the sufferings of this present time
with sure confidence in the glory that shall be revealed;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The president introduces the Corrymeela Prayer of Courage

**Courage comes from the heart
and we are always welcomed by God,
the Croí (pronounced 'Kree') of all being.**

**We bear witness to our faith,
knowing that we are called
to live lives of courage, love and reconciliation
in the ordinary and extraordinary moments
of each day.**

**We bear witness, too, to our failures
and our complicity in the fractures of our world.**

May we be courageous today.

May we learn today.

May we love today.

Amen.

The Blessing

The president says

Deep peace of the quiet earth to you
Deep peace of the flowing air to you
Deep peace of the oceans depths to you
Deep peace of the shining stars to you
Deep peace of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
To you and to all you love, today and always.
Amen.

Closing Hymn

Take up thy cross, the Saviour said,
if thou wouldst my disciple be;
deny thyself, the world forsake,
and humbly follow after me.

Take up thy cross: let not its weight
fill thy weak spirit with alarm;
his strength shall bear thy spirit up,
and brace thy heart, and nerve thine arm.

Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame,
nor let thy foolish pride rebel:
thy Lord for thee the cross endured,
to save thy soul from death and hell.

Take up thy cross then in his strength,
and calmly every danger brave;
'twill guide thee to a better home,
and lead to victory o'er the grave.

Take up thy cross, and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only they who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.

To thee, great Lord, the One in Three,
all praise for evermore ascend:
O grant us in our home to see
the heavenly life that knows no end.

Words by C.W. Everest (1814 – 1877)

*Tune CP 582 Breslau trad. German,
harmony attrib. to W.H. Monk (1823-1889)*

The Dismissal

The deacon says,

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Voluntary

Fugue in B minor BWV 579 by Johann Sebastian 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.

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

Cathedral Chamber Choir

The 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.

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Safeguarding
Lead for Policy
and Process

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Alternatively, you can contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Team led by Sarah Price by phoning 024 7652 1345 or emailing 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.

To sign up, or for further details, please speak to Rob Halligan, Canon Nitano or Revd. Gillian Roberts.

Cathedral AGM

Sunday 19th April, immediately following the Eucharist in JLC

In advance of this anyone that considers the Cathedral to be their place of worship is encouraged to join the Electoral Roll so that they might take part in proceedings, as well as be nominated for any of the roles that require the meeting's approval. At the meeting we will be approving the roles of Churchwarden, members of the Deanery Synod, and members of St. Michael's Committee. Have a chat with Canon Kate or Canon Nitano if you want to know more about what the roles entail.

Dean John's Farewell Celebration

As we prepare to give thanks for Dean John's ministry among us, all members of the congregation are warmly invited to his Farewell Do on Saturday, 9 May. This will be a joyful moment to gather, share stories, and offer our appreciation for his leadership and friendship.



Dean John's final Eucharist service will be on Sunday, 17 May at 10.30am and his final Choral Evensong at 4pm, where he will preach and preside. If you wish to attend either or both of these, please scan this QR code to register your attendance. There are lists at the back of the nave, should you prefer to register that way. We hope many of you will join us for this special occasion.



COMING SOON

Choral Evening Prayer for Lent

With sacred music for meditation and devotion from Handel's
'Messiah'

TODAY, 15th March 2026, 4pm

Though often associated with Christmas, much of Handel's Messiah was written for Lent and Easter. These excerpts focus on Christ's Passion, sacrifice, and the promise of redemption. Through reflective arias and choruses drawn from Scripture, the music invites quiet contemplation and prepares us for the journey toward Easter.

Passion Service

Wednesday, 18th March, 7.30pm

Step into Passiontide through our Passion Service, part of our monthly *Wonder* gathering. Curated and led by Dean John, this reflective and engaging service invites us to explore the passion of Christ with open hearts and questioning minds. Through scripture, silence, music and prayer, we will journey towards the cross together, creating space for wonder, honesty and transformation as we prepare for Holy Week.

HOLY WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

Holy Week invites us to walk with Christ through the final days of his earthly ministry, from the joy of Palm Sunday to the light of Easter morning. Through worship, music and prayer, we enter the heart of the Christian story together.

A list of our services and events for Holy Week can be found here
<https://tinyurl.com/53259d36>

Paper copies are also available by the West Screen.

All are warmly invited to share in this sacred journey from the Cross to the empty tomb, and into the hope and joy of Easter.