



**Cathedral Eucharist
with Baptisms
on the Fifth Sunday of Easter
18th May 2025, 10:30am**

Welcome to Coventry Cathedral

We are delighted that you have been able to join us at the Cathedral in this season of Easter! The Great Fifty Days of Eastertide form a single festival period in which the joy experienced at the Easter Vigil is sustained through the following seven weeks, and the Church celebrates the risen Christ.

It is into this inheritance of faith that we will baptise and welcome

Molly, Kosisochi, Bonnie, Alex, Oliver and Ellie

Together with their families and loved ones who have come to celebrate with them.

*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.*

If you are visiting, or new to us, please introduce yourself to one of the ministers. If you are interested in any aspect of what Christians believe, what we do at Coventry Cathedral, or think we might be able to help you in any way, please ask a minister. You are welcome to take photographs, but not until after the service, please.

The cover image is the Baptism of Christ, a detail from an Ethiopian biblical manuscript. University of Oregon Museum of Natural and Cultural History, Shelf Mark 10-844

The president today is the Very Reverend John Witcombe, Dean of Coventry. The Reverend Sacha Slavic, Honorary Cathedral Canon, is deacon. The Reverend Su McClellan, Cathedral Associate Minister, is sub-deacon, and will also be preaching and administering of the Sacrament of Baptism. The Cathedral Choir is directed by Rachel Mahon, Director of Music. The Organists are David Rice and Amelia Parkin. The setting today is Missa Brevis by Grayston Ives (1948-).

The Gathering

Just before the service, the congregation is welcomed. The Peace Bell is rung and we STAND.

Hymn

We remain STANDING to sing the opening hymn as the procession moves to the Chancel.

**Rejoice! The Lord is King,
your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.**

**Jesus the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.**

**His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.**

**He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command,
and fall beneath his feet:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.**

**Rejoice in glorious hope;
Jesus the judge shall come,
and take his servants up
to their eternal home:
We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound: rejoice!**

*Words by Charles Wesley (1707-1788)
Tune CP 563 Gopsal melody and bass by G.F. Handel (1685-1759)*

The Greeting

The president greets the people.

Alleluia! Christ is risen:
he is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
**God has given us new life and hope.
God has raised Jesus from the dead.**

God has claimed us as his own.
**God has brought us out of darkness.
God has made us light to the world.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen:
he is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Prayers of Penitence

The deacon says,

Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

1 Corinthians 5:7, 8

Silence is kept. Then the deacon leads these prayers of penitence:

Jesus Christ, risen master and triumphant Lord,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength,
and not by the power of your resurrection.
In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,
as faithless and not believing.
In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived for this world alone,
and doubted our home in heaven.
In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

The president says,

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

Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

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

The Collect

The president leads us in praying the Collect of the day.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading

We SIT to hear the first reading, read by Mandy Wooltorton, representing the Cathedral Stewards.

A reading from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles.

¹ Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³ saying, ‘Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?’ ⁴ Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵ ‘I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶ As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷ I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ ⁸ But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ ⁹ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ ¹⁰ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹ At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹² The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. ¹³ He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴ he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ ¹⁵ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶ And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?’ ¹⁸ When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, ‘Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.’

Acts 11:1-18

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

We *STAND*, turning to face the Gospel procession as it passes us. As we prepare to hear the Gospel Reading. The choir sing the Alleluias, and then we repeat them.



The choir sings the acclamation,

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

To which we respond:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Gospel

The deacon says,

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹ When he was gone, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. ³² If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once. ³³ “My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come. ³⁴ “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

John 13:31-35

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

There follows a short organ improvisation as the procession returns and the preacher moves to the Pulpit.

Sermon

Once the preacher has prayed, we SIT. After the sermon, the preacher returns to their seat and time is kept for reflection.

The Liturgy of Baptism

The Presentation

The candidates for baptism are presented to the congregation. The Reverend Su McClellan, baptising, addresses the congregation:

Faith is the gift of God to his people.
In baptism the Lord is adding to our number
those whom he is calling.
People of God, will you welcome
Molly, Kosisochi, Bonnie, Alex, Oliver and Ellie
and uphold them in their new lives in Christ?
With the help of God, we will.

Reverend Su then says to the parents and godparents of the children to be baptised:

Parents and godparents,
the Church receives Kosisochi, Bonnie, Alex, Oliver and Ellie with joy.
Today we are trusting God for their growth in faith.
Will you pray for them,
draw them by your example into the community of faith,
and walk with them in the way of Christ?
With the help of God, we will.

In baptism, Kosisochi, Bonnie, Alex, Oliver and Ellie begin their
journeys in faith. You speak for them today.
Will you care for them,
and help them to take their place
within the life and worship of Christ's Church?
With the help of God, we will.

The Decision

Reverend Su addresses Molly, and the children to be baptised through their parents and godparents. Everyone who would like to renew their own promises to follow Jesus Christ are invited to join in with these responses:

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.

To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

I come to Christ.

The Signing with the Cross

Reverend Su makes the sign of the cross on the foreheads of those to be baptised saying,

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross. Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

**Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ
against sin, the world and the devil,
and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

Amen.

The Prayer over the Water

We FOLLOW the cross to gather at the font. Reverend Su says:

Praise God who made heaven and earth;
who keeps his promise for ever.

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

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ was baptized in the river Jordan,
we thank you for the gift of water to cleanse us and revive us. We
thank you that through the waters of the Red Sea
you led your people out of slavery
to freedom in the Promised Land.
We thank you that through the deep waters of death
you brought your Son, and raised him to life in triumph.
Bless this water, that your children who are washed in it
may be made one with Christ
in his death and in his resurrection,
to be cleansed and delivered from all sin.
Send your Holy Spirit upon them,
bring them to new birth in the household of faith
and raise them with Christ to full and eternal life;
for all might, majesty, authority and power are yours,
now and for ever.

Amen.

The Profession of Faith

Reverend Su says,

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together with these candidates the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

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

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

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

The Baptism

Reverend Su pours water over the forehead each candidate, saying:

NN,

I baptize you
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church, pour upon you the riches of his grace, that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit, and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.

Amen.

The Welcome

Reverend Su says,

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same heavenly Father;
we welcome you!**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

We remain STANDING and the president says,

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia!

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

The deacon says,

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We share a sign of peace with those around us.

Offertory Hymn

We remain STANDING to sing. During this hymn, the gifts of the people are be presented.

**Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.**

**Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy grace receive,
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above;
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish then thy new creation:
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

Words by Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Tune CP 516ii Blaenwern W.P. Rowlands (1860-1937)

Prayers at the Preparation of the Table

The president says,

Be present, be present,
Lord Jesus Christ, our risen high priest;
make yourself known in the breaking of the bread.

Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The president sings:



The Lord be with you **R.** and al-so with you.



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



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



R. It is right to give thanks and praise.

The president says,

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal Father,
and in these days of Easter
to celebrate with joyful hearts
the memory of your wonderful works.
For by the mystery of his passion
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,
has conquered the powers of death and hell
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.

He has placed them once more in paradise
and opened to them the gate of life eternal
And so, in the joy of this Passover,
earth and heaven resound with gladness,
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation
sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

The choir sings:

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. Glory be to thee, O Lord most
high. Blessed is he that cometh in
the name of the Lord. Hosanna in
the highest.*

The president continues,

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,

Praise to you, Lord Jesus.

**Dying, you destroyed our death;
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

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 Mary, Michael and all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.



Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,



in the unity of the Ho-ly Spi-rit,



all honour and glory are yours, O lov-ing Fa-ther,



for ev-er and ev-er. **A-men.**

The Lord's Prayer

We SIT. The president introduces:

Rejoicing in God's new creation, 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.

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.

Now we share in your resurrection.

Live in us,
that we may live in you.

The Invitation to Communion

The president says,

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Agnus Dei

The choir sings as the ministers and servers receive Communion.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata
mundi, miserere nobis.

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

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata
mundi, miserere nobis.

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

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

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

The Giving of Communion

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

The 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 pie, O dulcis Jesu,
Fili Mariae.

*Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin
Mary, having truly suffered,
sacrificed on the cross for mankind,
from whose pierced side water and
blood flowed: be for us a foretaste
of the Heavenly banquet in the trial
of death! O sweet Jesus, O holy
Jesus, O Jesus, son of Mary.*

*Ave Verum Corpus
Music by Sir Edward Elgar (1857-1934)*

Communion Hymn

**Let all mortal flesh keep silence
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded,
for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.**

**King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture -
in the body and the blood -
he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heavenly food.**

**Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.**

**At his feet the six-winged seraph;
cherubim with sleepless eye
veil their faces to the Presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Lord most high.**

*Words from the Liturgy of St James, translated by G. Moultrie (1829-1885)
Tune CP 309 Picardy harmonised by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

The Prayers after Communion

The president says the post-Communion prayer for the day,

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

The Blessing

We STAND as the president says,

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Hymn

We remain STANDING to sing as the procession of ministers, together with the families of the newly baptised moves towards the West Screen.

**Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.**

**Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs and praises, songs and praises,
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.**

*Words by W. Williams (1717-1791) translated by P. and W. Williams
Tune CP 455 Cwm Rhondda John Hughes (1873-1932)*

The Giving of a Lighted Candle

Each of the newly baptised receive a lighted candle. When all have received a candle, Reverend Su says,
God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and has given us a place with the saints in light.
You have received the light of Christ;
walk in this light all the days of your life.
Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

The Dismissal

The deacon dismisses the congregation, saying,
With the power that raised Jesus from the dead at work within you, go
in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Voluntary

Please do stay to enjoy the organ voluntary, played today by David Rice.

Offertory on 'O Filii' by Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

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<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*

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rachel.mahon@coventrycathedral.org.uk

COMING SOON

Summer Organ Recital Series

19th May, 12:30pm

Our 2025 summer organ recital series continues on the 19th May with a recital from Oliver King.

A. V. Fedak - *Improvisation on Veni Creator Spiritus*

F. Mendelssohn - *Prelude and Fugue in D minor, op. 37 no. 4*

J. Weir - *The Tree of Peace*

M. Dupré *Placare - Christe servulis, from Le Tombeau de Titelouze*

M. Dupré - *Ave Maris Stella, from Le Tombeau de Titelouze*

L. Vierne - *Final from Symphony no. 3 in F sharp minor, op. 28*

Details of the rest of the series can be found here:

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

Action Rayz - Black Girl

Thursday 22nd May, 7pm - Chapter House

The first Sub-Saharan African film by an African filmmaker to receive international attention. A Senegalese woman is eager to find a better life abroad. She takes a job as a governess for a French family, but finds her duties become those of a maid after the family moves from Dakar to the south of France.

Taste of Heaven: Intercultural Worship Festival

Saturday 24th May, 11am - 9pm

The Taste of Heaven Intercultural Worship Festival will be an exciting opportunity to celebrate the rich cultural diversity and creativity of the UK church through live performances, workshops, food and worship.

Tickets are available online:

<https://tinyurl.com/2dwneyas>

FAMILY FUN - MAY HALF TERM!

Quiet Openings - Let's Play & Chill

Tuesday 27th May

9am - 10am

This FREE 9am - 10am session is specifically for those families and children who need less bustle and noise, and the space to explore in their own unique ways. We'll have gentle games, calm crafts, and cosy spaces to unwind – perfect for families of all ages and sizes who just want to take it easy. Drop in for a little while or stay for the whole time – whatever suits your pace.

Book your FREE place on our What's On Page.

Family Yoga Drop In Sessions

Wednesday 28th May

11am, 11.40am & 12.20pm

Take a break together as a family and enjoy a calming session of yoga and mindfulness in the beautiful setting of the New Cathedral.

Led by the warm and welcoming Rossana, this gentle session is designed for children of Primary school age, but feel free to bring all your family if they want to join in – with simple movements, breathing exercises, and time to relax as a family.

No experience needed – just come as you are and enjoy a peaceful moment together.

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Let's Play!

Thursday 29th May

10.30am - 12noon

Let's play together this half term in the New Cathedral!

We'll have lots of indoor games and crafts suitable for Families of all ages and sizes.

Come and stay for the morning, or just drop by during your half term plans!

FREE for all. If you have any questions get in contact with events@coventrycathedral.org.uk

Let's Watch & Make: Cars

Saturday 31st May

10am - 12noon

Join us for a fun-filled family morning as we celebrate the world of *Cars* with creative crafts and a cosy film screening. With themed activities this is the perfect pit stop for families of all ages.

10:00am – *Cars* Crafts

10:30am – Film Screening

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COMMUNITY NEWS

‘Emmaus’: The Way of Faith

Every Tuesday, St Michael’s House at 7pm

Are you new to the Cathedral community? Do you have questions about faith, the church or what we believe? You are invited to join us for an evening of discussion and reflection with other Christians who are exploring faith.

Speak to Rob Halligan or Canon Nitano for more information.

Parking on Sunday Mornings

Parking by the Chapel of Unity is reserved for those with accessibility requirements. It has become very crowded of late, and those who need the space cannot always use it. And please never park on the grass.

Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll is a register of everyone that considers a particular church their chosen place of worship. The Roll is updated every year in advance of the Annual General Meeting taking place on Sunday 8 June 2025, but every 6 years it has to be completely refreshed, and this year is the 6th year. If you consider the Cathedral to be your place of worship and you have been attending for more than 6 months then you are able to join the Electoral Roll. Please ask the stewards or churchwardens for the form and return to them upon completion.

Ascension Day Liturgy

Thursday, 29th May 2025 at 12pm

Please join us as we celebrate the day of Our Lord's Ascension into Heaven with a Eucharist including the Litany of Reconciliation, hymns, a sermon and organ music.

All are welcome!

Service of Welcome and Installation for Bishop Sophie Jelley

Saturday, 7 June 2025 at 2pm

Please join us to welcome Bishop Sophie and her family as the Tenth Bishop of Coventry by booking your seat at this historic service via the following Eventbrite link:

<https://tinyurl.com/39r2wj2u>

Alternatively, visit the Cathedral website or add your name to the sign-up list on the community table.

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