

Choral Evensong
Sunday, 2nd August, 2026
The Ninth Sunday after Trinity



Welcome to this service of Choral Evensong, led by The Reverend Nitano Muller, Canon for Worship and Welcome. The Reverend Canon Kate Massey, Acting Dean, will be preaching.

Today we welcome Thames Philharmonic Choir, directed by Harry Bradford. The organist is Richard Leach.

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.***

If you would like to access the loop system, please speak to one of the vergers.

From Psalm 80

1. Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel,
thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep ♦
shew thyself also, thou that sittest upon the cherubims.
2. Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasses ♦
stir up thy strength, and come, and help us.
3. Turn us again, O God ♦
shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.
4. O Lord God of hosts ♦
how long wilt thou be angry with thy people that prayeth?
5. Thou feedest them with the bread of tears ♦
and givest them plenteousness of tears to drink.
6. Thou hast made us a very strife unto our neighbours ♦
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
7. Turn us again, thou God of hosts ♦
shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.
8. Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt ♦
thou hast cast out the heathen, and planted it.

The First Lesson

¹ When the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon, (fame due to the name of the LORD), she came to test him with hard questions. ²She came to Jerusalem with a very great retinue, with camels bearing spices, and very much gold, and precious stones; and when she came to Solomon, she told him all that was on her mind. ³Solomon answered all her questions; there was nothing hidden from the king that he could not explain to her. ⁴When the queen of Sheba had observed all the wisdom of Solomon, the house that he had built, ⁵the food of his table, the seating of his officials, and the attendance of his servants, their clothing, his valets, and his burnt-offerings that he offered at the house of the LORD, there was no more spirit in her.

⁶ So she said to the king, 'The report was true that I heard in my own land of your accomplishments and of your wisdom, ⁷but I did not believe the reports until I came and my own eyes had seen it. Not even half had been told me; your wisdom and prosperity far surpass the report that I had heard. ⁸Happy are your wives! Happy are these your servants, who continually attend you and hear your wisdom! ⁹Blessed be the LORD your God, who has delighted in you and set you on the throne of Israel! Because the LORD loved Israel for ever, he has made you king to execute justice and righteousness.' ¹⁰Then she gave the king one hundred and twenty talents of gold, a great quantity of spices, and precious stones; never again did spices come in such quantity as that which the queen of Sheba gave to King Solomon.

¹¹ Moreover, the fleet of Hiram, which carried gold from Ophir, brought from Ophir a great quantity of almug wood and precious stones. ¹²From the almug wood the king made supports for the house of the LORD, and for the king's house, lyres also and harps for the singers; no such almug wood has come or been seen to this day.

¹³ Meanwhile, King Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba every desire that she expressed, as well as what he gave her out of Solomon's royal bounty. Then she returned to her own land, with her servants.

1 Kings 10:1-13

The Magnificat

Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis 'Collegium Regale' by Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

The Second Lesson

¹ Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a member of the court of Herod the ruler, and Saul. ²While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, 'Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.' ³Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

⁴ So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia; and from there they sailed to Cyprus. ⁵When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. And they had John also to assist them. ⁶When they had gone through the whole island as far as Paphos, they met a certain magician, a Jewish false prophet, named Bar-Jesus. ⁷He was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, an intelligent man, who summoned Barnabas and Saul and wanted to hear the word of God. ⁸But the magician Elymas (for that is the translation of his name) opposed them and tried to turn the proconsul away from the faith. ⁹But Saul, also known as Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him ¹⁰and said, 'You son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, full of all deceit and villainy, will you not stop making crooked the straight paths of the Lord?' ¹¹And now listen—the hand of the Lord is against you, and you will be blind for a while, unable to see the sun.' Immediately mist and darkness came over him, and he went about groping for someone to lead him by the hand. ¹²When the proconsul saw what had happened, he believed, for he was astonished at the teaching about the Lord.

¹³ Then Paul and his companions set sail from Paphos and came to Perga in Pamphylia. John, however, left them and returned to Jerusalem;

Acts 13:1-13

The Nunc Dimittis

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The Collect of the Day

Grant to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as be rightful; that we, who cannot do any thing that is good without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Anthem

The Lord hath created medicines out of the earth;
and he that is wise will not abhor them.

And he hath given men skill, that he might be honoured in his
marvellous works.

My son, in thy sickness leave off from sin, and order thy hands arights,
and cleanse thy heart from all wickedness.

Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees.

Say to them that are of a fearful heart,

Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come; he will come and save
you.

Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, and the ears of the deaf
shall be unstopped.

Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb
shall sing:

for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert.

The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them:

and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.

It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing:

the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel
and Sharon,

they shall see the glory of the Lord, and the excellency of our God.

O Saviour of the world, who by thy Cross and precious Blood hast
redeemed us,

Save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

*Words from Ecclesiasticus 38: 4, 6, 9, 10, 12; Isaiah 35: 1-6; Book of Common
Prayer*

Music by William Henry Harris (1883-1973)

The Hymn

Saviour, again to thy dear name we raise
with one accord our parting hymn of praise;
we stand to bless thee ere our worship cease;
then, lowly kneeling wait thy word of peace.

Grant us thy peace upon our homeward way;
with thee began, with thee shall end, the day:
guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
that in this house have called upon thy name.

Grant us thy peace, Lord, through the coming night;
turn thou for us its darkness into light;
from harm and danger keep thy children free,
for dark and light are both alike to thee.

Grant us thy peace throughout our earthly life,
our balm in sorrow, and our stay in strife;
then, when thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,
call us, O Lord, to thine eternal peace.

Words by E. J. Hopkins (1818-1901)

Tune CP 20 Ellers John Ellerton (1826-1893)

The Organ Voluntary

Paean by Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

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Thames Philharmonic Choir

Thames Philharmonic Choir is a vibrant and musically ambitious amateur choir based in South West London, distinguished by a repertoire that spans over 800 years from Renaissance polyphony to contemporary commissions. Led by Harry Bradford, an award-winning conductor and finalist in the prestigious Eric Ericson Award and with accompanist Richard Leach, the choir combines high-energy rehearsals with a commitment to expressive performance.

We perform major works such as Monteverdi's Vespers of 1610, Bach's B Minor Mass, Brahms' German Requiem, alongside music by leading contemporary composers including Sir James MacMillan, Cecilia McDowall, and Jonathan Dove, as well as new commissions. We have undertaken cathedral residencies across the UK since the 1990s, with recent visits to Bristol Cathedral and Chester Cathedral, and we provide music for services at Southwark Cathedral annually. Alongside this, our Choral Scholarship Programme reflects a strong commitment to nurturing emerging singers, integrating them fully into our community, artistic life and providing valuable performance opportunities.

Website: <https://www.thamesphilharmonicchoir.co.uk/>

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Rex Satchwell: Celebration of Life

Following a private burial, we gather at **3pm on Monday, 3 August** for a Celebration of Life for Rex Satchwell.

Rex was a longstanding and beloved member of the cathedral community, whose creativity, friendship and generous spirit touched the lives of many. We come together to give thanks for his life, to honour his memory, and to celebrate the many gifts he shared with us.

ANNOUNCING THE NEXT DEAN OF COVENTRY

It's been an exciting week as Coventry Cathedral and The Bishop of Coventry, the Right Reverend Sophie Jelley, were pleased to announce the appointment of the Revd Canon Andrew Dodd as the next Dean of Coventry.

Andrew is currently Canon Treasurer at Canterbury Cathedral, where he oversees major building projects across the Cathedral estate and leads its work on environmental sustainability and achieving Net Zero Carbon. He brings extensive experience of leading change, caring for historic buildings and helping churches respond to the opportunities and challenges of the future.

Andrew was ordained in the Diocese of Southwark in 2000. After serving his curacy in New Addington, he became Rector of St Mary's Newington at Elephant and Castle, where he continued his commitment to serving diverse communities before moving to Grimsby.

We are looking forward to welcoming Andrew, who will take on the position of the next Dean of Coventry from the 28th November 2026. We welcomed Andrew to Coventry on Thursday, 16 July and gave him a tour of the Cathedral, the Blitz Museum and Tower Climb as well as venturing out into Coventry city centre. More information on the installation date coming soon!

In the meantime we invite you to pray for Andrew and his family as he prepares to join us in Coventry.

You can also read the full press release at <https://tinyurl.com/38fa4j3j>



Gracious God, we give you thanks for calling Andrew to be Dean of our Cathedral. Grant him wisdom, courage and joy in his ministry among us, and knit us together in your love, that together we may serve Christ faithfully; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

COMMUNITY OF THE CROSS OF NAILS

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.

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*