COVENTRY CATHEDRAL

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WITH

THE INSTALLATION OF ARCHDEACONS



THE VENERABLE
ALISON EVANS
AS
ARCHDEACON OF
COVENTRY

THE VENERABLE
TIMOTHY COCKELL
AS
ARCHDEACON OF
WARWICK

SATURDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2026, 3.30PM

Welcome to Coventry Cathedral

The Bishop of Coventry, the Acting Dean and Chapter of Coventry Cathedral offer a warm welcome to all who have come to worship with us today, and a particular welcome to the Venerable Tim Cockell and the Venerable Alison Evans, our *new Archdeacons*.

Today marks an important moment in the beginning of their ministries among us. We gather to welcome them officially into their roles within the Diocese of Coventry and to install them as members of the Cathedral College of Canons.

The Cathedral College of Canons is made up of those who share in the wider ministry and life of this Cathedral. To be installed as a Canon is therefore not simply to receive a title or office, but to be welcomed into a fellowship of service, prayer and responsibility for the life and witness of this place and the Diocese.

As we welcome our new Archdeacons today, we give thanks for the particular gifts and experience they bring to the Church and pray for the ministries they now begin among the people and communities of Coventry and Warwickshire.

At the heart of this service is a simple truth: ministry is never exercised alone. We are called to serve Christ among God's people, and to discover together the gifts, hopes and possibilities that God has placed within the communities we serve.

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.

The Cathedral Choir is directed by Liam Condon, Assistant Director of Music. The organist is Colin Druce. The Responses are by William Byrd (c. 1540–1623). The worship songs are led by Rob Halligan and co.

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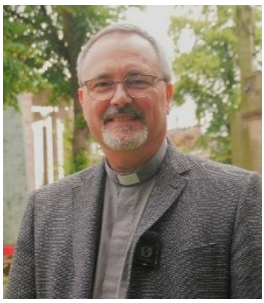
About our new Archdeacons

The Venerable Alison Evans, *Archdeacon of Coventry*



Alison Evans has served in the Diocese of Coventry for 22 years, having been ordained at the Cathedral in 2004. Before her appointment as Archdeacon of Coventry, she was Vicar of Holy Trinity, Attleborough, and Assistant Area Dean of Nuneaton Deanery. Bringing deep experience of parish ministry and a commitment to the life of local communities, Alison is passionate about encouraging the gifts of lay and ordained people, strengthening churches, and bringing hope and encouragement as they share the reconciling love of Christ. We pray for Alison as she responds to God's call to take on this new responsibility amongst us

The Venerable Tim Cockell, *Archdeacon of Warwick*



Tim Cockell has served in the Diocese of Coventry for 28 years, including as Team Vicar of St George's, Rugby, and for 19 years as Rector of St Mark's, Bilton. He has also served as Acting Archdeacon Pastor and as Associate Minister at All Saints, Emscote. Bringing extensive pastoral and leadership experience, Tim is committed to supporting clergy, lay leaders and parishes, helping communities to flourish and working collaboratively to shape the future mission and ministry of the Diocese. We pray for Tim as he steps into this new season in a relatively familiar role, but with many new opportunities for transformation in the life of our Diocese.

Before the Service

Before the service, members of the College of Canons gather with the Right Reverend Sophie Jelley, Bishop of Coventry, in the Chapel of Christ the Servant to witness the Archdeacons making the Declarations required by the Canon Law of the Church of England. The Declaration of Assent is made by deacons, priests and bishops of the Church of England when they are ordained, and on each occasion when they take up a new appointment (Canon C 15). The candidate also makes an Oath of Allegiance to the Sovereign and an Oath of Canonical Obedience to the Bishop of the Diocese.

The Declaration and Oaths

The Archdeacons face the Bishop, who reads the Preface:

> The Church of England is part of the one, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church worshipping the one true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It professes the faith uniquely revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds, which faith the church is called upon to proclaim afresh in each generation. Led by the Holy Spirit, it has borne witness to Christian truth in its historic formularies, the Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion, the Book of Common Prayer and the Ordering of Bishops, Priests and Deacons. Alison and Timothy, in the declaration you are about to make, will you affirm your loyalty to this inheritance of faith as your inspiration and guidance under God in bringing the grace and truth of Christ to this generation and making him known to those in your care?

The candidate, in turn, replies:

> I, *NN*, do so affirm and accordingly declare my belief in the faith which is revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds and to which the historic formularies of the Church of England bear witness; and in public prayer and administration of the sacraments, I will use only the forms of service which are authorised or allowed by Canon.

The Oath of Allegiance to the Sovereign

They each, in turn, holding a Bible in their right hands, say,

> I, *NN*, now to be collated and installed as Honorary Canon of the Cathedral Church of St. Michael, Coventry, do solemnly make and subscribe the following Oath: I do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King Charles the Third, his heirs and successors according to law: so help me God.

The Oath of Canonical Obedience to the Bishop

Still holding the Bible, facing the Bishop, says,

> I, *NN*, now to be collated and installed as Honorary Canon of the Cathedral Church of St. Michael, Coventry, do solemnly make and subscribe the following Oath: I do swear by almighty God that I will pay true and canonical obedience to the Bishop of Coventry and her successors in all things lawful and honest: so help me God.

They subscribe to the declaration and oaths.

At 3.10pm, the band will lead the congregation in worship songs as the people gather. Please remain SEATED.

The Gathering

Beautiful One

Wonderful, so wonderful
Is Your unfailing love
Your cross has spoken mercy over me
No eye has seen, no ear has heard
No hearts could fully know
How glorious, how beautiful You are

Refrain:
Beautiful One, I love You
Beautiful One, I adore
Beautiful One, my soul must sing

Powerful, so powerful
Your glory fills the skies
Your mighty works displayed for all to see
The beauty of Your majesty
Awakes my heart to sing
How marvelous, how wonderful You are

Refrain

And You've opened my eyes to Your wonders anew
You've captured my heart with this love
'Cause nothing on earth is as beautiful as You (rpt)

Beautiful One, I love You
Beautiful One, I adore
Beautiful One, my soul must sing

Oh, my soul, my soul must sing
My soul, my soul must sing
My soul, my soul must sing
Beautiful One

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To The King

To the King who gave everything for me
Who's body crucified, high on Calvary's Tree
Who's redemptive blood makes way for me
I now give everything

To the King who came in the form of a child
All powerful God; and yet, so mild
Whose obedience shows the way for me
I humbly come to Thee

To the King alone I will give my life
To the King I will sing both day and night
To the Lamb of God who has paid the price
To the King alone I will give my life

To the King, the one true royalty
Though King, He has befriended me
But greater still, He lives in me
I give Him everything

To the King alone I will give my life
To the King I will sing both day and night
To the Lamb of God who has paid the price
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Worthy Of It All

All the saints and angels
They bow before Your throne
All the elders cast their crowns
Before the Lamb of God and sing

You are worthy of it all
You are worthy of it all
For from You are all things
And to You are all things
You deserve the glory

Day and night night and day let incense arise
Day and night night and day let incense arise

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I Exalt Thee

For thou O Lord art high
Above all the earth
Thou art exalted far above
All gods. (repeat)

I exalt thee
I exalt thee
I exalt the
O Lord

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At 3.28pm, the Reverend Canon Kate Massey, Acting Dean, welcomes the congregation from the Pulpit.

The Peace Bell is sounded. We STAND as the Bishop's procession enters.

Hymn

Everyone SINGS,

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

Words by W. Chalmers Smith (1824-1908) cf. 1 Timothy 1:17
Tune CP 474 St Denio *adapted from a Welsh song*
in John Roberts Caniadau y Cyssegre (1839)

Once the Bishop and ministers are in place, we remain standing and turn to face the West Screen.

Introit

A procession enters from the Ruins via the Queen Steps. The Archdeacons, accompanied by a Churchwarden, process to their seats. The choir sings,

God be in my head and in my understanding.
God be in mine eyes and in my looking.
God be in my mouth and in my speaking.
God be in mine heart and in my thinking.
God be at my end and in my departing.

Words from the Sarum Primer
Music by John Rutter (b. 1945)

Welcome and Introduction

The Right Reverend Sophie Jelley, Bishop of Coventry, introduces the service saying,

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

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

We gather today with much joy and thanksgiving to welcome our sister and brother who have been called to new ministries among us:
the Venerable Tim Cockell, as *Archdeacon of Warwick*;
and the Venerable Alison Evans, as *Archdeacon of Coventry*.

Today we give thanks for their calling, we pray for the ministries to which they have been entrusted and commit ourselves to walk with them as together we seek to serve the people and communities of this diocese and walk forward together.

Ministry in the Church is never a solitary endeavour.

The ministry of Christ is entrusted to the whole people of God, and those who are called to particular ministries do so within the life, prayer and witness of the whole Church.

So today we recognise the gifts God has given them, receiving the ministries to which they have been called, and renewing our own commitment to the common work of Christ.

The Presentation

A Churchwarden of Holy Trinity, Attleborough, flanking Archdeacon Alison, and All Saint's Emscote, flanking Archdeacon Tim, present them to the Bishop of Coventry.

The Churchwarden of Holy Trinity, Attleborough, says
Bishop Sophie, we present to you the Venerable Alison Evans, called to serve as Archdeacon of Coventry.

The Churchwarden of All Saint's, Emscote, says
Bishop Sophie, we present to you the Venerable Tim Cockell, called to serve as the Archdeacon of Warwick.

Together, they say
We ask you to admit them to the trust and responsibilities of their new ministries.

Bishop Sophie responds by saying,
Thank you for your presentation. Before we admit them to these ministries, I ask you, the people of this diocese, to affirm your welcome and your support of them.

Dear Friends in Christ, we believe that Alison and Tim are called to serve God in this Diocese. Is it, therefore, your will that they should be installed?

It is!

Will you uphold and support them constantly in their ministry?

We will!

The ministry of Christ is entrusted to all the baptised.
Will you, the laity and clergy of this diocese, faithfully exercise your ministry in his name, and work with Alison and Tim for the glory of God and the building up of his people?

We will!

Tim and Alison, you are to serve as Archdeacons of Coventry and Warwick respectively.

Will you commit yourselves to this ministry, serving the people and communities entrusted to your care, working with the Bishops, with one another, and with the whole people of God, and seeking in all things to be faithful servants of Christ?

Tim and Alison respond,
With the help of God, we will.

They kneel, as Bishop Sophie, along with members of the Bishops Senior Staff Team, pray for them saying,
Gracious God,
you call your people to serve you
in many and varied ministries.
We thank you for Alison and Tim
for the gifts you have given them,
for the journeys that have brought them here,
and for the trust now placed in them.

As they kneel before you,
fill them with your Holy Spirit.
Give them wisdom to lead,
courage to speak,
humility to listen,
and compassion to serve.

In the joys and challenges of ministry,
keep them rooted in Christ
and faithful to the people entrusted to their care.

Bind them together with us
and with all your people in this diocese,
that, sharing one faith and one hope,
we may serve your purposes together
and build up your Church in love.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Bishop concludes the time of prayer by anointing them with oil.

Collation and Installation of the Archdeacons of Coventry and Warwick

The Bishop of Coventry presents the Mandate of Installation to the Acting Dean. The Acting Dean shakes hands the hands of each Archdeacon and says,

> *Alison* and *Tim*, in Christ's name we welcome you. And now, so that you may publicly before God and this congregation acknowledge yourself bound to fulfil the duties of your office upon this Foundation, before I induct you into the stalls assigned to the Archdeacons under the Statutes of this Cathedral Church, I require you to make the Declaration of Fidelity to the fellowship of this College of Canons.

The Archdeacons, holding a Bible in their right hand, makes the Declaration of Fidelity to College of Canons, saying,

> In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
>
> I, Alison Jane Evans/ I, Timothy David Cockell, having been collated to my office in this Cathedral Church, swear that I will faithfully observe the Statutes and laudable customs of the Cathedral Church of Coventry; that I will render loyal and faithful service to the College of Canons, and that with them I will, to the best of my powers, support the ministry of this Cathedral Church. God help me to do this.

The Archdeacons are vested in a cathedral cope, conducted to their designated stalls and each installed, saying,

> I, *Kate Ishbel Massey*, Acting Dean of Coventry, acting on the Mandate of the Right Reverend in God, Sophie, Bishop of this Diocese of Coventry, do install you, Alison Jane Evans/ Timothy David Cockell,

Here the Archdeacon sits.

> ...lawfully collated to the office and dignity of Honorary Canon in this Cathedral Church, in this stall assigned to your office as Archdeacon of Coventry/Warwick, with its rights and opportunities of service, and with the place and voice in the College of Canons of this Cathedral Church belonging to your office.
>
> God keep you in his care; Christ win you and save you;
> the Holy Spirit guide you in the paths of truth and love always.
> **Amen.**

The Welcome

Everyone STANDS. The Bishop then presents the Archdeacons to the congregation, saying:

> Today we celebrate with joy our Archdeacons of Coventry and Warwick respectively, with all that they bring to us from God. Let us greet them in the name of Christ.
> **In the name of Christ, we welcome you!**

Everyone applauds as the Archdeacons are welcomed by the other Bishops' Senior Staff Team and Area Dean's in attendance.

The Word of God

Psalm 66

1. O be joyful in God, all ye lands ◆
sing praises unto the honour of his Name, make his praise to be glorious.
2. Say unto God, O how wonderful art thou in thy works ◆
through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies be found liars unto thee.
3. For all the world shall worship thee ◆
sing of thee, and praise thy Name.
4. O come hither, and behold the works of God ◆
how wonderful he is in his doing toward the children of men.
5. He turned the sea into dry land ◆
so that they went through the water on foot; there did we rejoice thereof.
6. He ruleth with his power for ever; his eyes behold the people ◆
and such as will not believe shall not be able to exalt themselves.
7. O praise our God, ye people ◆
and make the voice of his praise to be heard;
8. Who holdeth our soul in life ◆
and suffereth not our feet to slip.
9. For thou, O God, hast proved us ◆
thou also hast tried us, like as silver is tried.
10. Thou broughtest us into the snare ◆
and laidest trouble upon our loins.
11. Thou sufferedst men to ride over our heads ◆
we went through fire and water, and thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place.
12. I will go into thine house with burnt-offerings ◆
and will pay thee my vows, which I promised with my lips, and spake with my mouth,
when I was in trouble.

13. I will offer unto thee fat burnt-sacrifices, with the incense of rams ⬩
I will offer bullocks and goats.
14. O come hither, and hearken, all ye that fear God ⬩
and I will tell you what he hath done for my soul.
15. I called unto him with my mouth ⬩
and gave him praises with my tongue.
16. If I incline unto wickedness with mine heart ⬩
the Lord will not hear me.
17. But God hath heard me ⬩
and considered the voice of my prayer.
18. Praised be God, who hath not cast out my prayer ⬩
nor turned his mercy from me.

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.

The First Lesson

Everyone SITS and the Venerable Alison Evans, Archdeacon of Coventry, reads,

The First Lesson is taken from the sixth chapter of the Book of the Prophet Micah, beginning to read at the sixth verse.

6 'With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,
with calves a year old?
7 Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?'
8 He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love mercy,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Micah 6:6-8

Here ends the First Lesson.

The Magnificat

Everyone STANDS as the choir sings:

My soul doth magnify the Lord
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth all generations
shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him
throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm,
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel
as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed, for ever.

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.

Magnificat in D by George Dyson (1883–1964)

The Second Lesson

Everyone SITS and Venerable Tim Cockell, Archdeacon of Warwick, says,

The Second Lesson is taken from the third chapter of Saint Paul's Letter to the Colossians, beginning to read at the twelfth verse.

12 As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with
compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. 13Bear with
one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive
each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.
14Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything
together in perfect harmony. 15And let the peace of Christ rule in your
hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be
thankful. 16Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and
admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts
sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.17And whatever you do,
in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving
thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:12-17

Here ends the Second Lesson.

The Nunc Dimittis

Everyone STANDS as 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.

Nunc Dimittis in D by George Dyson (1883–1964)

The Apostles' Creed

The Canon for Worship and Welcome begins, and everyone joins in saying:

I believe in God

the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried.
He descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

The Lesser Litany

Canon Nitano and the choir sing:

℣: The Lord be with you;
℟: And with thy spirit.

℣: Let us pray.

The congregation continues to SIT or KNEELS.

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

The Lord's Prayer

The choir sings the Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name:
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.

The Responses

Canon Nitano and the choir sing:

℣: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
℟: And grant us thy salvation.

℣: O Lord, save the King;
℟: And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

℣: Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
℟: And make thy chosen people joyful.

℣: O Lord, save thy people;
℟: And bless thine inheritance.

℣: Give peace in our time, O Lord;
℟: Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.

℣: O God, make clean our hearts within us;
℟: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The following Collects are sung:

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all thy faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
each may serve thee in holiness and truth;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Ghost,
one God, world without end. Amen.

The Second Collect: A Prayer for Peace

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels,
and all just works do proceed:
give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give;
that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments,
and also that by thee we being defended
from the fear of our enemies
may pass our time in rest and quietness;
through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

The Third Collect: A Prayer for Help

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord;
and by thy great mercy defend us
from all perils and dangers of this night;
for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Anthem

The choir sings:

This sanctuary of my soul, unwitting I keep white and whole, unlatch'd and lit, if thou should'st care to enter or to tarry there. With parted lips and outstretch'd hands and list'ning ears thy servant stands,call thou early, call thou late, to thy great service dedicate. My soul, keep white, and whole.

Words by C. H. Sorley (1895-1915)
Music by Charles Wood (1866-1926)

The Sermon

Everyone remains STANDING as the Right Sophie Jelley, Bishop of Coventry, moves to the Pulpit and prays. Everyone then SITS. After the Address, the Bishop returns to his stall and time is kept for reflection.

We remain SEATED as the worship band leads us in singing the Litany of Reconciliation.

The hatred that divides us,
Race from race and class from class.
For the covetous desires
For the things that are not ours.
For greed that takes advantage
And for laying waste the earth.

Refrain:
Father, forgive.
Father, forgive.
Father, forgive.

For the envy of our neighbour and their good fortune that we see.
Our indifference to the captives, the homeless and the refugee.
The lust that brings dishonour and the pride that steals our peace.

Be kind to one another and tender in your hearts, forgiving one another as Christ forgave you.

Father Forgive (Litany)
Words and music: Rob Halligan
Arrangement: Rob Halligan
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The Prayers of Intercession

Everyone SITS or KNEELS as Ann Weitzel, Coventry North Deanery Lay Chair, and Margaret Howard, Fosse Deanery Lay Chair, lead the prayers of intercession.

Let us pray.

Gracious God, you call us by name and gather us into the body of Christ.

Bless Archdeacon *Alison* and Archdeacon *Tim* as they begin these new chapters of ministry. Give them wisdom in leadership, courage in uncertainty, and grace in all their relationships. May the leadership they exercise amongst us remain rooted in your love.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of the Church, you entrust your mission to all your faithful people. Bless Sophie our Bishop, the clergy and the laity of this diocese.
Strengthen our common life, deepen our trust in one another, and renew our commitment to the communities we serve. May we be a Church that does justice, loves mercy and walks humbly with you, our God.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, we pray for the communities of Coventry and Warwickshire, for those who lead and those who feel unheard, for those who flourish and those who struggle, for all who long for peace, dignity and belonging. May your Church be present among them with open hearts and willing hands.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Faithful God, we remember those whose ministries have shaped this diocese, those who have served faithfully over many years, and those whose work and ministry is known to few. We give thanks for all who make ministry possible through prayer, generosity and quiet service. May those who lead today be sustained by the faithfulness of those who have gone before and may those who follow find a Church ready to receive them.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of hope, in times of change, be our anchor; in times of disagreement, be our guide; in times of weariness, be our rest.
Keep us faithful to the Gospel and courageous in our witness, that together we may build up your people and serve your kingdom.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Faithful God, receive these prayers, and make us one in purpose, steadfast in hope and generous in love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Hymn

Everyone STANDS to sing.

Lord of the church, we pray for our renewing:
Christ over all, our undivided aim.
Fire of the spirit, burn for our enduing,
wind of the spirit, fan the living flame!
We turn to Christ amid our fear and failing,
the will that lacks the courage to be free,
the weary labours, all but unavailing,
to bring us nearer what a church should be.

Lord of the church, we seek a father's blessing,
a true repentance and a faith restored,
a swift obedience and a new possessing,
filled with the holy spirit of the lord!
We turn to Christ from all our restless striving,
unnumbered voices with a single prayer:
the living water for our souls' reviving,
in Christ to live, and love and serve and care.

Lord of the church, we long for our uniting,
true to one calling, by one vision stirred;
one cross proclaiming and one creed reciting,
one in the truth of Jesus and his word.
So lead us on; till toil and trouble ended,
one church triumphant one new song shall sing,
to praise his glory, risen and ascended,
Christ over all, the everlasting king!

Author: Timothy Dudley-Smith (1976)
Tune: Londonderry air

The Conclusion

The Solemn Blessing

Everyone STANDS. The Bishop says,

Our help is in the name of the Lord;
who hath made heaven and earth.

Blessed be the name of the Lord;
henceforth, world without end.

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the everlasting 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 Ghost,
be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Procession of the Choir and Ministers

The congregation remains STANDING as the choir and ministers leave the Chancel.

The Organ Voluntary

Please do stay and enjoy the organ voluntary, performed by Colin Druce, organist.

Concertstück, Op. 52a, by Flor Peeters (1903–1986)

Please do stay to enjoy some light refreshments after the service at the back of the nave.

If you would like to make a one-off donation to the Cathedral via your phone, or set up a recurring donation, please use the QR code here. There are also contactless donation points and collection boxes near the entrance.
Thank you for your support.

Safeguarding at Coventry Cathedral

We are committed to the safeguarding of all people. For details, please visit https://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/safeguarding

Our Safeguarding Team are:



Canon Nitano

Interim Chapter Safeguarding Lead



Jane Williams

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Safeguarding Lead for Policy and Process

You can report a concern to our Safeguarding Team by emailing cathedral.safeguarding@coventrycathedral.org.uk or phoning 02476 52 1360

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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*