



Festal Eucharist on International Community of the Cross of Nails Sunday



**The Feast of
Saint Michael and All Angels**
Sunday, 27th September 2025, 10:30am

Welcome to Coventry Cathedral

Today we celebrate Saint Michael, our Patronal Festival, officially marked on 29th September. In Scripture the angels are God's messengers and servants, signs of God's presence and agents of God's justice and peace. We also mark International Community of the Cross of Nails Sunday, joining with partners across the world who share our commitment to reconciliation by healing the wounds of history, living with difference and celebrating diversity, and building a culture of peace.

Today we rejoice as Anglican Board of Education in South Africa (ABESA) receive their Cross of Nails, marking their membership within the worldwide Community of the Cross of Nails. ABESA is a ministry of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa, supporting a network of 376 schools across Southern Africa. Rooted in the conviction that education can be a means of healing and hope, ABESA works through advocacy, partnerships and practical initiatives to strengthen education for the common good. We extend a warm welcome the Reverend Jacques Pretorius, Executive Director of ABESA.

Today, we also warmly welcome our new Reconciliation Interns, Conrad and Emilia, who join our Cathedral family for 2026-2027.

The President today is the Reverend Nitano Muller, Canon for Worship and Welcome. The Deacon is the Reverend Su McClellan, Cathedral Associate Minister. Our preacher today is the Reverend Canon Kate Massey, Canon for Arts and Reconciliation and also the Acting Dean.

The chamber choir is directed by Liam Condon, Assistant Director of Music.

The organist is Adam Heron, Organ Scholar. The service setting is Communion Service in C and F by Charles Villers Stanford (1852-1924).

If you have brought small children, thank you! Our Children's Ministry meets in the Sir John Lang Centre during the service.

Do stay after the service for our community "Bring and Share" lunch.

Saint Michael

Both Coventry's second and third (today's) Cathedrals have been dedicated to Saint Michael.

We read about Saint Michael in the Biblical books of Daniel, Jude and Revelation. He is described as a 'great prince, the protector of God's people' (Daniel 12:1), 'the archangel' (Jude 1:9) and as the leader of a host of angels which fight to protect God's people (Revelation 12:7). Through Michael's actions evil is overcome and the vulnerable protected.

St Michael has inspired many writers and artists, including Sir Jacob Epstein, who was commissioned by Sir Basil Spence to create the great bronze figure of St Michael conquering the devil, which now towers above the steps from University Square.

As you prepare for the service, you might like to use this prayer written by Pope Leo XIII in 1884.

Saint Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.

Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;
and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host,
by the power of God,

cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits
who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.

Voluntary

Te Splendor et Virtus Op. 38 No. 15 by Marcel Dupré (1886 – 1971)

The Gathering

*The Reverend Nitano Muller, Canon for Worship and Welcome, presiding,
welcomes everyone.*

Hymn

We *STAND* to sing.

**Angel-voices ever singing
round thy throne of light,
angel-harps for ever ringing,
rest not day nor night;
thousands only live to bless thee
and confess thee Lord of might.**

**Thou who art beyond the farthest
mortal eye can see,
can it be that thou regardest
our poor hymnody?
Yea, we know that thou art near us,
and wilt hear us constantly.**

**Yea, we know that thou rejoicest
o'er each work of thine;
thou didst ears and hands and voices
for thy praise design;
craftsman's art and music's measure
for thy pleasure all combine.**

**In thy house, great God, we offer
of thine own to thee;
and for thine acceptance proffer
all unworthily
hearts and minds and hands and voices
in our choicest psalmody.**

**Honour, glory, might, and merit
thine shall ever be,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
blessed Trinity.
Of the best that thou hast given
earth and heaven render thee.**

*Words by F. Pott (1832-1909)
Tune CP 377 Angel Voices E.G. Monk (1819-1900)*

The Greeting

The president says,

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

Amen.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

The Litany of Reconciliation

The Reverend Su McClellan, Cathedral Associate Minister, Deacon, says,

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

The hatred which divides nation from nation,
race from race, class from class,

Father, forgive.

The covetous desires of people and nations
to possess what is not their own,

Father, forgive.

The greed which exploits the work of
human hands and lays waste the earth,

Father, forgive.

Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others,

Father, forgive.

Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned,
the homeless, the refugee,

Father, forgive.

The lust which dishonours the bodies
of men, women and children,

Father, forgive.

The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God,

Father, forgive.

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted,
forgiving one another,
as God in Christ forgives you.

The president says,

May God our Father forgive us our sins,
and bring us to the fellowship of his table
with his saints for ever.

Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

We remain STANDING. The choir sings the Gloria.

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, 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

SILENCE is kept and then the President prays:

Almighty God,
from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed;
kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all the true love of peace,
and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom
those who take counsel for the nations of the earth;
that your kingdom may go forward in justice and peace,
till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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The Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading

We SIT for the First Reading, read by Margaret Lloyd, representing the Cathedral Community, and Prayer Ministry Team.

A Reading from the Book of Psalms.

¹Do not fret because of the wicked;

do not be envious of wrongdoers,

²for they will soon fade like the grass,

and wither like the green herb.

³Trust in the LORD, and do good;

so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.

⁴Take delight in the LORD,

and he will give you the desires of your heart.

⁵Commit your way to the LORD;

trust in him, and he will act.

⁶He will make your vindication shine like the light,

and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

⁷Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him;

do not fret over those who prosper in their way,
over those who carry out evil devices.

⁸Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath.

Do not fret—it leads only to evil.

⁹For the wicked shall be cut off,
but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.

¹⁰Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more;
though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there.

¹¹But the meek shall inherit the land,
and delight in abundant prosperity.

Psalms 37:1-11

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation

We STAND; the choir and congregation sing:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Give thanks to the Lord, all his Hosts
his servants who do his will.

Psalms 103:21

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Gospel

The Deacon says,

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ As Jesus came out of the temple and was going away, his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple. ² Then he asked them, “You see all these, do you not? Truly I tell you, not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

³ When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?” ⁴ Jesus answered them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁵ For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am the Messiah!’^[a] and they will lead many astray. ⁶ And you will hear of wars and rumours of wars; see that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet. ⁷ For nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines^[b] and earthquakes in various places: ⁸ all this is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

⁹ “Then they will hand you over to be tortured and will put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of my name. ¹⁰ Then many will fall away,^[c] and they will betray one another and hate one another. ¹¹ And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. ¹² And because of the increase of lawlessness, the love of many will grow cold. ¹³ But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

Matthew 24:1-13

At the end, the Deacon says:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

We remain STANDING as the Reverend Canon Kate Massey, Acting Dean, prays, and then we SIT. After the sermon, time is kept for reflection.

The Nicene Creed

We STAND, and the President leads us as we declare our faith together:

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from
heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and
glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of
sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.**

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

We SIT. The President introduces the Intercessions, which are led by the Reverend Su McClellan, Cathedral Associate Minister, Deacon.

With Saint Michael and all the angels, we lift our prayers to the throne of grace, confident that God hears the cries of his people and longs for the healing of the world.

Healing the wounds of history

Lord of truth and mercy,
we bring before you the conflicts of the nations,
the wounds of violence and injustice,
the memories that still divide peoples and communities.
We pray for places scarred by war,
for all who bear the pain of oppression or exile,
and for those who work to bring justice and peace.
Send your angels to guard the weak,
and strengthen all who strive to heal what is broken.

Lord of heaven and earth,
hear our prayer.

Living with difference and celebrating diversity

Lord of all peoples,
you have made us in your image to reflect your glory.
We pray for your Church throughout the world,
for its unity in truth and holiness,
and for its witness in places of division.
Bless the Community of the Cross of Nails,
and all who commit themselves to reconciliation.
Teach us to honour one another,
to listen across difference,
and to celebrate the rich diversity of your creation.

Lord of heaven and earth,
hear our prayer.

Building a culture of peace

Lord of life and hope,
we pray for leaders of nations and communities,
for peacemakers, diplomats, and all who carry the burden of
responsibility.

Guide them with wisdom,
protect them from the powers of evil,
and give them courage to act with justice and compassion.
May your Spirit inspire us all to become builders of peace
And good stewards of creation and each other.

Lord of heaven and earth,
hear our prayer.

The suffering, the sick, and the oppressed

Lord of compassion,
you sent your angels to minister to your Son in the wilderness.
We pray for all who are weary, anxious, or in pain;
for the sick, the lonely, and those near to death.
Send your holy angels to guard and comfort them,
and surround them with your healing presence.

Lord of heaven and earth,
hear our prayer.

The departed

Lord of eternity,
we remember those who have gone before us in faith,
trusting in the victory of Christ over sin and death.
Bring us with them, with Michael, Gabriel, Raphael,
and the whole company of heaven,
to share in your everlasting kingdom of peace.

Lord of heaven and earth,
hear our prayer.

The president says,
Merciful Father,
accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Community News

Canon Kate shares news and information with the congregation, including introducing our new reconciliation interns, Conrad and Emilia.

Presentation of a Cross of Nails

Canon Kate presents the Cross of Nails.

Reverend Jacques, receive this Cross of Nails on behalf of the Anglican Board of Education in South Africa, a symbol from the ruined and rebuilt sanctuary of our Cathedral Church of St. Michael in Coventry.

Cherish this Cross, as a token of the merciful forgiveness of God, declared to us in the Passion of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Watch about this Cross, in prayer for one another and for all the partners of the Community of the Cross of Nails around the world.

Guard this Cross as a symbol of your strength to work and pray for peace justice and reconciliation and live at peace with all people as far as it depends on you.

The Reverend Jacques responds saying:

Almighty God grant that we walking in the way of the cross may find it none other than the way of life and peace. Amen

Presenting Prayer

We remain STANDING to say the following prayer together:

**Almighty God,
who through the life,
death and Resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ,
has committed to us the ministry of reconciliation
through forgiveness and love;
give us confidence in the eternal power to heal,
of which His Cross is for us a sign.
Bless, in His name, the Community of the Cross of
Nails throughout the world;
enable its partners to be witnesses of your forgiveness
and love at work among us.
Unite us in a sacred fellowship to further your purposes
of healing, and enable all to know that we are his
disciples because we love one another,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.**

The Reverend Jacques Pretorius, Executive Director of ABESA responds to the presentation.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

We *STAND* and the President says,

Hear again the song of the angels:

‘Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace.’

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 a greeting of peace.

Offertory Hymn

We remain STANDING to sing.

**Be in our midst, and gather us together,
and let your loving-kindness be our guide,
Help us discern your image in each other,
and walk with humble footsteps by your side.
Send us to work, O Lord, Almighty Giver,
‘till all who thirst and hunger now are filled,
Let justice thunder like a mighty river,
And let the storms of strife and conflict now be stilled.**

**When all the world’s great sorrows overtake us,
and we are crushed by centuries of pain,
lend us your strength, and lovingly remake us
that by your grace we may be whole again.
And when the sins of passing generations
make all the wounds of hist’ry still feel raw,
send out your healing power among the nations,
and fill this broken earth with heaven’s peace once more.**

**And if the cross, the site of such destruction,
a sign of violence, suffering and sin,
can be redeemed to witness resurrection,
and be a place where life can still begin,
then iron and wood and stone can sing their stories:
'Father, forgive' these very walls have prayed,
that what was lost could birth still brighter glories,
and what was hurt can be transfigured and remade.**

**Grant us that peace beyond the mind's discerning,
Help us to live the truth that sets us free.
And may the Spirit's fire within us burning
help us become who we are called to be.
In eager longing for your new creation,
a world reshaped by love and hope and grace,
with Christ the Prince of Peace as our foundation,
we'll build your kingdom now, in this and every place.**

Original hymn by © Ally Barrett (www.reverendally.org)

Tune: Londonderry Air

Prayer of Preparation

The President says:

**Giver of life, receive all we offer you this day.
Let the Spirit you bestow on your Church continue to work in
the world, through the hearts of all who believe.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

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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,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.
You reveal your wise purpose
for the salvation of the human race
by assigning to the angels and archangels
the ministry of your steadfast love and protection.
While they contemplate your glory,
standing before you and singing your praise,
they keep a faithful vigil for us,
guarding us along the way that leads to life,
and guiding us towards the kingdom of your light.
In joyful gladness we unite our voices with theirs
and sing the ageless hymn of your praise:

The choir sings the Sanctus and Benedictus.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory:

Glory be to thee, O Lord most High. Amen.

Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord:

Hosanna in the highest.

The President continues:

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

Who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:

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.

The Deacon says,

Great is the mystery of faith

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

The President continues:

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we,
in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Saint Michael,
and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
forever and ever.

Amen.

The congregation SITS or KNEELS and SILENCE is kept.

The Lord's Prayer

Please feel free to say the Lord's Prayer in whatever language is closest to your heart.

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, saying:

As angels break into the ordinary
with the extraordinary life of God,
so in the breaking and the taking of this bread
**the life of heaven is opened to us
here on earth.**

The Invitation to Communion

The President says,

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.
**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Agnus Dei

The Choir sings the Agnus Dei.

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.

Communion Hymn

During the hymn, the ministers and new CCN partners move to the Chancel steps.

**God of freedom, God of justice,
God whose love is strong as death,
God who saw the dark of prison,
God who knew the price of faith:
touch our world of sad oppression
with your Spirit's healing breath.**

**Rid the earth of torture's terror,
God whose hands were nailed to wood;
hear the cries of pain and protest,
God who shed the tears and blood;
move in us the power of pity,
restless for the common good.**

**Make in us a captive conscience
quick to hear, to act, to plead;
make us truly sisters, brothers,
of whatever race or creed:
teach us to be fully human,
open to each other's need.**

Words by Shirley Erena Murray (1931-2020)

*Tune CP 447 Rhuddlan Welsh traditional melody in Musical Relics of Welsh Bards
(1800)*

Anthem

During the distribution of Communion the choir sings an Anthem.

And there was war in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. And the dragon fought and his angels, and prevailed not: neither was their place found any more in heaven. And I heard a loud voice, saying in heaven: now is come salvation and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of Christ. For the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before God day and night. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony. And they loved not their lives unto death.

from Revelation 12

Music by Neil Cox (b. 1955)

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The Prayer after Communion

The congregation remains SEATED or KNEELS and silence is kept.

The President introduces:

Almighty God, Father to us all,
you call us to make peace and to love and serve our neighbour.
May our Cathedral, ruined and rebuilt,
be a sign to all peoples of the healing of old wounds.
Help us to build a kinder, more just world where those of
many races may live together in peace, and the whole human
family be one;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Lord of heaven,
**in this Eucharist you have brought us near to an
innumerable company of angels and to the spirits of
the saints made perfect:
as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage we have shared
their fellowship,
so may we come to share their joy in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**
Amen.

The Blessing

The President gives the blessing:

Christ, the Prince of Peace,
strengthen you in your calling to be ministers of reconciliation.
The holy angels guard you in truth and goodness.
And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Final Hymn

We *STAND* to sing the final hymn:

**All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown, he alone
calls my heart to be his own.**

**Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
what with care and toil he buildeth,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power, hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.**

**God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light, and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.**

**Daily doth th'Almighty giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand at his hand;
joy doth wait on his command.**

**Still from all to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.**

*Words by Robert Bridges (1844-1930)
based on the German of J. Neander (1650-1680)
Tune CP 368 Michael Herbert Howells (1892-1983)*

The Dismissal

Acclamation

The Deacon leads the acclamation from the West Screen, saying:

The Lord commands his angels
to keep you in all your ways.

Give thanks to the Lord, all his angels, mighty in power,
**who fulfil his command
and heed the voice of his word.**

Give thanks to the Lord, all his hosts,
his servants that do his will.

Give thanks to the Lord, all his works,
in every place where he rules,
my soul, give thanks to the Lord,

for he commands his angels,
to keep you in all your ways. Amen

Go in peace to share the reconciling love of God.
**In the name of Christ.
Amen.**

Organ Voluntary

*“Michael, his Sword and Shield” (No 2 from Four Ikons of the Archangels)
by Neil Cox (b. 1955)*

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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.

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Highlights of 2026!

• A record-busting year of new partners!

- All six diocesan areas of the **Mothers' Union in Wales** – a significant development in our existing connection with the Mother's Union both nationally and worldwide
- In the Netherlands: **Utrecht Cathedral**
- In the USA: **Church of the Messiah** in Woods Hole, Massachusetts
- In Canada: **Territory of the People**, Kamloops, British Columbia (pictured)
- In England: **The Coptic Orthodox Cathedral** in Stevenage, and **St Giles' Cripplegate**, London
- In South Africa: the **Anglican Board of Education in South Africa**
- In Germany, **Evangelical Lutheran churches in Hanau, Berlin, Stade, Bremen and Hanover**
- 5 new **ICON** schools, all in Coventry & Warwickshire.



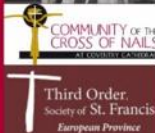
Practical Peacemaking: from global to local

What is the nature of peace?
How do we live it?

Coventry Cathedral
22-23 April 2026

Speakers include
Revd Dr Isabelle Hamley
and
Revd Dr Al Barrett

Tickets £72 (subsidised)
All welcome!
Single day tickets also available
at £45/£35



Replacement Crosses were also presented by Dean John to **St George's Cathedral, Jerusalem**, and by Canon Kate to **St Ethelburga's Centre for Reconciliation and Peace, London**.

Next year we already have in the pipeline 7 new CCN partners from 5 different countries, and potentially at least 4 local and 3 overseas ICONS.

- The **Practical Peacemaking Conference**, run in partnership with the TSSF in April, with 40 attending.

- Our **spring CCN pilgrimage** in May welcomed 11 visitors, from the Mother's Union in Wales, Grace Cathedral in San Francisco and the Marktkirche in Hanover, Germany, attending, all in the process of joining the CCN. We're expecting around 20 for our October pilgrimage, from the USA, England and Wales.

Reconcilers' Gathering, held in early August, we had a fantastic group of 18 local and international young people attend, including a number based in Coventry but who call home much further afield – India, Nigeria and the USA. All made possible with the support of CCN partners both in Germany and the UK, and those cathedral congregation members who sponsored places – an enormous thank you!

- Presence at the **Greenbelt Festival** in August! CCN partner Embrace shared a portion of their stand with us this year which was a great opportunity to have a first stand presence at this event.



Thank you to our reconciliation interns **Katrina, Sylvia and Pia** (left) for all their support this year across the Cathedral, and welcome to **Konrad and Emilia** (right)!

Alice Farnhill, CCN Co-ordinator



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, 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

Our Cathedral Chamber Choir

Our 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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Preparing the Deanery for Andrew and Louise

As we prepare the Deanery for the arrival of our Dean-Designate, Canon Andrew Dodd and his family in November, there is some work to be done to make their new home ready.

If you are able to make a contribution towards the cost of this work, every gift would be greatly appreciated. If you are a handyman or have practical skills and would **rather lend a hand** with the work itself, we would be especially grateful for help with painting and decorating.

Please speak to Nitano or Kate if you would like to contribute or help practically.

Thank you for helping us prepare a warm welcome for Andrew and Louise and the family!

Children's Work at the Cathedral

We are so excited to begin offering age-appropriate faith activities for our younger worshippers and hope this will make the Cathedral a more welcoming space for families with children. during our 10.30am Sunday service

We are planning to start this group in September and so are beginning to safely recruit our Children's Group volunteers. We are mainly looking for Children's Group Helpers who will support group leaders in welcoming the children and keeping them safe. However, if you have some experience of leading children's groups and have some time and energy to spare, you might want to be a Children's Group Leader and so do speak to Sarah Raistrick or Kate if you wonder which role fits you best. Recruitment packs including role descriptions will be available at the Cathedral on Sunday mornings which will contain all the information you require. These are new roles in the Cathedral and all of the team will need to be safely recruited - even if you have already been safely recruited for another role.

However, if you have done the necessary safeguarding training in the past three years, you will not need to repeat this. All roles require an enhanced DBS with Barring (Children's List).

Bring your own mug!

If you're a regular with us, please consider bringing your own reusable mug for coffee after the service. It's a small way we can care for creation, reduce waste and be good stewards of the resources entrusted to us. **Your mug. Our coffee. A little less waste.**

75:Towards a New Cathedral

The Chapel of Christ the Servant

It is 75 years since Basil Spence's winning design for Coventry Cathedral was first revealed to the public, his drawings perhaps first alluding to the establishment of a modern church architecture in Britain. His proposal was one of 219 submitted in competition with other architects, though only 15 entries were effectively published. By contrast the remaining 204 submissions were subjected to ridicule following their exhibition at the King Henry VIII School in Coventry. Now, on the competitions Diamond Jubilee, the 75 exhibition returns to Coventry's unsuccessful entries as part of a wider study on the representation of architectural competitions and the unbuilt in Britain. Prioritising contemporary submission material and mediated debate, this exhibition identifies Coventry's losing proposals as underexplored yet valuable contributions displaying an overlooked diversity of design in Britain's early attempts to define a post-war ecclesiastical architecture.

COMING SOON

Combined Community Bring and Share Lunch

TODAY - Sunday, 27 September | 12.45pm

The St Michael's Committee are inviting the congregation of the Cathedral, St Clare's and our wonderful choir to join us in a Bring and Share lunch on Sunday 27th September. Could you bring a plate of sandwiches, a salad, some samosas or some cake? Or perhaps even something even more exciting? We will sit at the back of the Nave and share food together as we celebrate the festival of the saint for whom our Cathedral is named!

This will be followed by a service of Confirmation, led by our Bishop at 4pm (*this service will replace Choral Evensong*).

Reconciliation Patronal Service

Tuesday 29 September | 6.45pm

We are delighted to mark our Patronal Festival of St Michael and All Angels with a special service that will be recorded live for BBC Radio 4. We warmly encourage members of our congregation to come and be part of this special occasion.

PLEASE NOTE: Doors open at 6.15pm, and the congregation must be seated by 6.40pm, ready for the service and recording to begin promptly at 6.45pm.

Please note: **no late entry** will be possible once the recording has begun.

The service will subsequently be broadcast on BBC Radio 4 on Sunday 11 October at 8.10am.

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*

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