

**The Cathedral Eucharist
Sunday, 2nd August, 2026
The Ninth Sunday after Trinity**



The President today is the Reverend Su McClellan, Cathedral Associate Minister. The Deacon is the Reverend Canon Kate Massey, Acting Dean. The Subdeacon is the Reverend Nitano Muller, Canon for Worship and Welcome who is also preaching.

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

*The service setting is Communion Service in C by John Ireland (1879-1962).
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.

Opening Hymn

**Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken
formed thee for his own abode.
On the Rock of ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.**

**See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters,
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
ever flows their thirst to assuage:
grace which, like the Lord the giver,
never fails from age to age?**

**Saviour, if of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name.
Fading is the worldlings' pleasure,
all their boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasure
none but Zion's children know.**

Words by John Newton (1725-1807)

Tune CP 435i Abbot's Leigh Cyril Taylor (1907-1991)

The Collect

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The First Reading

Read by John Brassington, representing the cathedral community.

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

¹ Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

³ Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
⁵ See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

Isaiah 55:1-5

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

The Gospel Acclamation

We say together;

**One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.**

Matthew 4:4

The Gospel Reading

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

¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' ¹⁶Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' ¹⁷They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' ¹⁸And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the

disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Matthew 14:13-21

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Offertory Hymn

**Praise and thanksgiving,
Father we offer,
for all things living
thou madest good;
harvest of sown fields,
fruits of the orchard,
hay from the mown fields,
blossom and wood.**

**Bless thou the labour
we bring to serve thee,
that with our neighbour
we may be fed.
Sowing or tilling,
we would work with thee;
harvesting, milling
for daily bread.**

**Father, providing
food for thy children,
thy wisdom guiding
teaches us share
one with another,
so that, rejoicing,
with us, our brother
may know thy care.**

**Then will thy blessing
reach every people;
freely confessing
thy gracious hand.
Where thy will reigneth
no one will hunger:
thy love sustaineth;
fruitful the land.**

Words by Albert F. Bayly (1901-1984)

Tune CP 272 Bunessan Gaelic melody arranged by Noël Tredinnick (b. 1949)

Anthem

O ye that love the Lord, see that ye hate the thing which is evil.
The Lord preserveth the souls of his saints;
he shall deliver them from the hand of the ungodly.
Amen.

Words from Psalm 97:10

Music by Samuel Coleridge-Taylor (1875-1912)

Communion Hymn

**Bread of heaven, on thee we feed,
for thy flesh is meat indeed;
ever may our souls be fed
with this true and living bread;
day by day with strength supplied
through the life of him who died.**

**Vine of heaven, thy blood supplies
this blest cup of sacrifice;
Lord, thy wounds our healing give,
to thy Cross we look and live:
Jesus, may we ever be
grafted, rooted, built in thee.**

Words by J. Conder (1789-1855)

Tune CP 284i Bread of Heaven W.D. MacLagan (1826-1910)

Post Communion

Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the table of your Son
to share this meal with the whole household of God:
in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace,
gather people of every race and language
to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Closing Hymn

**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 Blessing of Crosses of Nails

A Cross of Nails is given to new partners and friends of the Community of the Cross of Nails as a symbol of their sharing together with us in the ministry of reconciliation, and to new ICONS schools.

The president blesses the Crosses of Nails with these words

Eternal God, you have come among us in Christ to reconcile the world to yourself, and have entrusted us with the ministry of reconciliation. Strengthen all who work for the healing of conflict and pain amongst your human family. Bless ✠ these Crosses of Nails and all those at *The Diocese of Bangor Mothers' Union at Bangor Cathedral, The Diocese of Monmouth Mothers' Union at Newport Cathedral and St Giles' without Cripplegate*, who, inspired by the Cross of Nails, bear witness to the grace and truth of your crucified and risen Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

In the name of God,
who has created all people for friendship with himself;
in the name of Jesus Christ,
who commanded us to love our enemies;
in the name of our Lord the Spirit,
who rescues and restores us in peace;
we send these Crosses of Nails to

The Diocese of Bangor Mothers' Union at Bangor Cathedral, The Diocese of Monmouth Mothers' Union at Newport Cathedral and St Giles' without Cripplegate, as a symbol of our partnership in the work of reconciliation;
for the glory of God
and the coming of his kingdom of justice and peace.

Amen.

Voluntary

Prelude and Fugue in B by Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

We invite those joining us for worship to contribute to the costs of mission at the Cathedral. Please use the cash or contactless donation points, or the QR code here. This will take you to the Cathedral's page for the Parish giving Scheme which will enable you to make a one-off donation, or set up a regular gift should you wish. Thank you so much for your support and generosity.



*If you would like to revisit this morning's sermon, please visit this page:
<https://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/worship-music/services/sermons>*

We serve refreshments at the back of the Nave after this service, please do join us and if you are visiting, please introduce yourself to one of the ministers.

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.

JOINING OUR CHOIRS

Boys and girls between the ages of 7 and 11 are welcome to audition for our Cathedral Choir. Do you know a child who loves to sing?

There are many benefits to joining the choir – new friends, a free, world-class music education, choir pay, singing services and at special events in amazing places, choir tours, broadcasts, recordings and social events too. If you or someone you know might be interested in joining the choir, please be in touch with the Acting Director of Music to arrange a meeting. Email:

Music.Administrator@CoventryCathedral.org.uk

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.

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.

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.

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*