



The Septimius Severus Action Group



WINDRUSH SERVICE

21st June 2026, 3pm
Father's Day
Honouring the men of Windrush

Welcome to Coventry Cathedral

Celebrating Legacy, Honouring Resilience, Embracing Hope

Since 2018 and in collaboration with the *Septimius Severus Action Group*, this annual service has stood as a moment of reflection, gratitude, and recognition - honouring the remarkable contributions of the Windrush generation and their descendants to the life of this nation. This year, the service sits within the Coventry Windrush Festival, a series of events honouring creativity as resistance.

This year, gathering on Father's Day, the service centres on Windrush men- honouring the fathers, pioneers and community builders whose strength and sacrifice helped shape modern Britain. This year's service brings together the voices of young people, music from Afro-Caribbean artists, reflections from local communities, and addresses by our guest speakers.

All are welcome as we remember, celebrate, and commit to a more just and inclusive future.

Welcome!

In our service, please STAND to sing the songs and hymns, if you are able to do so, and REMAIN SEATED for the speakers.

Music

Before the service we hear music from Saxophonist, Dave Barrett.

Welcome and Opening Prayer

*From the Reverend Nitano Muller, Canon for Worship and Welcome.
(Candle-lighting in commemoration of Windrush victims past and present)*

Introduction

From Jean Prescott, Member of the Septimius Severus Action Group.

Music

From the Beracha Ministries International.

Poem

Read by Kimberly Boadi, Blue Coat Church of England School Pupil.

Reflection

From Jesse Asare and Ezra Kyeyune, Blue Coat Church of England School Pupils.

Hymn – This Little Light of Mine

**This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Out in the darkest night,
I'm gonna let it shine.
Out in the darkest night,
I'm gonna let it shine.
Out in the darkest night,
I'm gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Deep down in my soul,
I'm gonna let it shine.
Deep down in my soul,
I'm gonna let it shine.
Deep down in my soul,
I'm gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

Address

From the Reverend Marie Taylor, Pastor- Shaw Mount Zion, A.M.E. Zion Church – Masters in Social Care.

Songs

*From Ayoni Comrie-sinclair-Sinclair
Redemption Song
To God be the Glory*

Address

By Dr. Martin Glynn, Criminologist, author, and poet, whose scholarship and creative work celebrate the stories, resilience, and contributions of Black British communities.

Song

From Revival Worship U.K.

Scripture Reading

Read by Nitano Muller, Canon for Worship and Welcome.

⁷ Then the Lord said, 'I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, ⁸ and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹ The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them.

¹⁰ So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.' ¹¹ But Moses said to God, 'Who am I that I

should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?’¹² He said, ‘I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.’

Exodus 3: 7-12

Reflection

From Philip Matibiri, Blue Coat Church of England pupil.

Song

From Ebony-Louise Davidson, Blue Coat Church of England pupil.

Hymn – Down by the Riverside

**Gonna lay down my sword and shield,
down by the riverside,
down by the riverside,
down by the riverside;
gonna lay down my sword and shield,
down by the riverside,
down by the riverside.**

***I ain't gonna study war no more.
ain't gonna study war no more,
ain't gonna study war no more,
I ain't gonna study war no more,
ain't gonna study war no more,
ain't gonna study war no more.***

**Gonna lay down my burden,
down by the riverside,
down by the riverside,
down by the riverside;
gonna lay down my burden,
down by the riverside,
down by the riverside.**

I ain't gonna study war no more...

Address

From Councillor George Duggins, Leader of Coventry City Council.

Song – Alpha and Omega

From pupils of Blue Coat Church of England School.

Hymn – Oh Happy Day

Oh, happy day (oh, happy day)

Oh, happy day (oh, happy day)

When Jesus washed (when Jesus washed)

Oh, when He washed (when Jesus washed)

When Jesus washed (when Jesus washed)

He washed my sins away (oh, happy day)

Oh, happy day (oh, happy day)

He taught me how (oh, He taught me how)

To watch (watch)

Fight and pray (right now, good God, oh, yes)

Fight and pray

And he'll rejoice in every day (and I, He'll rejoice in, oh, yes)

Everyday

Oh, happy day (oh, happy day)

Oh, happy day (oh, happy day)

Oh, happy day (oh, happy day)

Oh, happy day (oh, happy day)

Oh, happy day (oh, happy day)

When I'm in the Heaven (oh, happy day)

I'm gonna see my Jesus (oh, happy day)

When I'm in the Heaven (oh, happy day)

I'm gonna see my Lord (oh, happy day)

When I get to Jordan, listen (oh, happy day)

I'm gonna jump and shout hallelujah (oh, happy day)

They'll get up outta hell, ah (oh, happy day)

They'll get up outta hell (oh, happy day)

Closing Remarks

From Guy Griffiths, on behalf of the Septimius Severus Action Group

The Blessing

Given by the Reverend Nitano Muller, Canon for Worship and Welcome.

Music

From Phase 1 Steel Band.

Refreshments at the back of the Nave