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Lent, Holy Week & Easter Services 2026

Welcome to Lent, Holy Week and Easter 2026



Canon Nitano Muller, Worship and Welcome

Welcome to Coventry Cathedral as we enter the most sacred season of the Christian year.

From the ashes of repentance on Ash Wednesday to the first light of Easter morning, we walk together the path of Christ's Passion and Resurrection.

This season invites us to slow down and make space for prayer and reflection. Through music, symbols, silence and sacrament, we are drawn again into the story and demonstration of God's love for the world.

Whether you come often or are visiting for the first time, you are warmly welcomed. May your experience of our liturgies deepen your faith, hold your questions, and lead you into the joy and hope of Easter.

With every blessing for a holy Lent and a joyful Easter.

Lenten Services 2026

Ash Wednesday

Morning Prayer for Ash Wednesday

Wednesday 8 February at 8:30am

Join us for Morning Prayer for Ash Wednesday, a quiet reflective prayer to begin the day.

Ash Wednesday Eucharist

Wednesday 8 February at 12pm

Begin the holy season of Lent with the Midday Eucharist and the Imposition of Ashes, led by Bishop Sophie Jelley. A simple and prayerful liturgy marking our turning again to God.

Ashes-to-Go

Immediately following Eucharist, Under the Canopy/
Ruins

Ashes will be offered outside the main Cathedral entrance for those unable to attend a full service. Clergy will be present in those locations to speak and pray with those passing by, offering a brief moment of blessing in the midst of busy lives. You will be invited to receive the sign of the cross in ash on your forehead as a symbol of penitence and renewal.

Sunday's in Lent

Join us at Coventry Cathedral for a short service of Choral evensong or Evening Prayer during Lent, followed by a Lenten musical reflection given by the Cathedral Choir.

All services start at 4pm.

Lenten Organ Meditations **Sunday's, 1st and 8th March**

Immediately following Choral Evensong. Though often associated with Christmas, much of Handel's Messiah was written for Lent and Easter. These excerpts focus on Christ's Passion, sacrifice, and the promise of redemption. Through reflective arias and choruses drawn from Scripture, the music invites quiet contemplation and prepares us for the journey toward Easter.

Lenten excerpts of Messiah **Sunday 15th March**

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Pergolesi Stabat Mater **Sunday 22nd March**

Pergolesi's Stabat Mater (1736) is a setting of the medieval Latin hymn describing Mary's sorrow at the crucifixion of Christ. Pergolesi conveys grief through graceful melodies, gentle dissonances, and a close dialogue between the voice parts. Stabat Mater offers a powerful meditation on suffering and faith, made all the more poignant by the composer's own short life, having died age 26.

Lamentations of Jeremiah - Tallis **Sunday 29th March**

Thomas Tallis's Lamentations of Jeremiah is a Renaissance choral work, setting verses from the biblical Book of Lamentations, which mourns the destruction of Jerusalem. Written for Holy Week, the music reflects themes of grief, loss, and repentance. Slow, flowing lines and gentle harmonies create a powerful atmosphere of sorrow, reflection, and quiet intensity, preparing us for the journey to the resurrection of Christ on Easter Sunday.

Holy Week

Holy Week Compline

**Monday 30th, Tuesday 31st,
Wednesday 1st April at 8pm**

Join us on Holy Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for Compline. In the quiet close of day, Dean John Witcombe will offer addresses on the "Farewell Discourses" from St John's Gospel.

Chrism Eucharist **2 April at 10.30am**

Chrism Eucharist and Renewal of Ministerial Vows
On Maundy Thursday, the Bishop leads the Chrism Eucharist with the Renewal of Ministerial Vows. All are warmly invited to come and support our clergy and lay readers as the oils are blessed and ministry is renewed.

Maundy Thursday Eucharist **2 April at 7pm**

Cathedral Eucharist with Foot-washing and Stripping of the Altar
The Holy Eucharist with Foot-washing and the Stripping of the Altar recalls the commandment of love and the gathering darkness of the Passion. The liturgy concludes with a short Watch in the Chapel of Christ in Gethsemane.

Good Friday

Good Friday Liturgy

3 April at 9am

The Liturgy of the Day draws us into the solemn prayer of Good Friday, as we stand at the foot of the Cross and contemplate Christ's saving love.

The Crucifixion by Sir John Stainer

3rd April, 6pm

Join Coventry Cathedral Chorus for a reflective retelling of the passion story that captures the essence of the Christian story and heart of its faith. Full price tickets are only £15, children's tickets are free, and a special reduced rate for all under 25s.

Exploring Faith?

Are you interested in journeying with others who would also like to know more about faith, discipleship, and church?

All are very welcome – especially if you are new to church.

Contact nitano.muller@coventry.anglican.org for more information.

Easter Sunday

Service of Light

5 April at 6am

Holy Eucharist with Baptism and Confirmation

The Service of Light proclaims the resurrection at first light, followed by the Eucharist with Baptism and Confirmation. From darkness into dawn, the Church sings its first Alleluia.

Cathedral Festal Eucharist

Sunday 5 April at 10.30am

Celebrate Easter Day with the Cathedral Festal Eucharist. A joyful gathering to proclaim Christ risen, with word, sacrament and song.

Cathedral Festal Evensong

Sunday 5 April at 4pm

Easter Day concludes with Festal Choral Evensong, a rich offering of music and prayer as the light of the Resurrection lingers into the evening.

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