

'Choir of Survivors'

On 20th May we are privileged to welcome the Bishop of Saxony, who will be preaching at the Cathedral Eucharist. The service will be followed by an act of dedication of a statue by Helmut Heinze, entitled 'Choir of Survivors', in the Cathedral Ruins. This is a gift from the Frauenkirche in Dresden and in receiving it we acknowledge the suffering of German civilians as their city was bombed. Please do join us to mark this special moment in our journey of reconciliation.
David Porter, Canon Director of Reconciliation Ministry

Frauenkirche Chamber Choir - Cathedral Community Ticket Offer! 7.30pm, 19th May 2012

We are pleased to announce a special community ticket offer for the Concert of Hope and Friendship next Saturday, celebrating our many years of friendship with the Dresden Frauenkirche. The evening's programme will include pieces by Bach, Brahms and Byrd and will be followed by refreshments. Tickets, previously priced £15.00, will be available to purchase for just £5.00 on the door - don't miss out. *David Porter, Canon Director of Reconciliation Ministry*

Christian Aid Week: 13-19 May 2012

Let's give the tools to help people in poverty out of poverty

Nationwide during this week, approximately 200,000 Christian Aid supporters from thousands of churches will take part in Britain's largest house-to-house collection and put their faith into action, raising funds to help some of the world's poorest and most vulnerable people. This extraordinary act of witness demonstrates to our communities that we care about poverty and justice.

During this week in 2011 Coventry churches raised £36,224.07 of which the Cathedral's total was £1,295.30.

Volunteers, from the Cathedral are needed to help with the house to house collection here. Choose whether you prefer to collect in a group, on your own or with a friend. Even half of an hour of your time would be invaluable. Roads range from 6 houses to 100+ houses. The groups are organised by Deryck and Moya Horton. Individual collectors should contact John Millar Thompson, John Brassington, or myself - 07516734973. Please look at the list of roads to be covered. Your help is needed to make this year's collection a huge success, and hopefully exceed last year's total. For those of you who are unable to take part in the house to house collecting please consider holding a coffee morning, cake sale, having a tin in your place of work or holding any fundraising event .
Mary Viner

Cathedral Praise Volunteers and Musicians needed

We are extremely grateful to all those who are already supporting us at Cathedral Praise and are now looking to increase our number of volunteers, who welcome people to the service, serve refreshments at the end of the service and who read the Bible during the service. We are also looking to increase our dedicated 'crew' members who support the service in rigging and de-rigging, laptop operators and musicians to join the worship band.

If you feel you, or someone you know has the gifts we are looking for please fill in your details on the sign up sheet at the welcome desk or speak to Zoe Bell on 02476 521223 or email zoe.bell@coventrycathedral.org.uk



CATHEDRAL MATTERS

13 MAY 2012
Easter 6



On Thursday this week we mark **Ascension Day** with a special service at 7.30 pm, at which the preacher will be David Mayhew, our friend and neighbour at Holy Trinity. Everyone is very welcome to join in celebrating what St Augustine rightly called 'the festival which confirms the grace of all the festivals together'!

David Stone, Canon Precentor

A **Coventry Pentecost Celebration** is being planned for Saturday May 26th. This will be one of the first events to be held in the newly refurbished Broadgate and will be a great opportunity for Coventry churches to come together as one to celebrate Jesus in the heart of our city. Across the city hundreds of Christians from many churches have been meeting to rehearse for this year's Pentecost celebration. There's still time to join the dance and/or choir. For more information about the event visit www.coventrypentecost.com or phone Angus on 07874 691211. But it's not just an event for the agile or the vocal - everyone is welcome and many more people are expected to join the celebration on the day.

The event will begin with lunch (please bring your own) here in the Cathedral from 12 noon, followed by a time of worship and prayer together with Bishop Christopher from 12.45 pm. A march to Broadgate will take place at about 1.40 pm and conclude there with a short celebration at 2.00 pm. The event should conclude by 2.30 pm.

Everyone is also welcome to a time of prayer for this event taking place on Wednesday 16th May from 7.30 pm at the Old Blue Coat School, 5a Priory Row.

David Stone, Canon Precentor

Instrumental Coffee Concert

There will be a short instrumental recital given by the choristers this morning beginning shortly after 12 noon lasting some 35 minutes. There will be, in addition, a performance by a mystery guest artiste! There is also a cake sale so do stay, if you can, to enjoy some music and cake!



Keith Parr

This is the last day to contribute to Keith's leaving gift and sign his card before he becomes a minister at Queens Road Baptist Church. Please do so before the 1030 service if possible. I understand that his induction service will take place on Saturday 9 June.

Dave Goodall, Senior Churchwarden

Journey into Light

Some of you may have already seen our publicity leaflet for "Journey into the Light", the art exhibition opening in the Cathedral in September. Whilst the exhibition itself concentrates on the creative journey of the artists, the catalogue is set to include modern interpretations of how the West Screen, Baptistry Window, Nave Windows, High Altar Cross, the Tapestry and other great artworks combine in a unique expression of the Cathedral's spiritual personality and mission. Whereas traditional religious art was more often aimed at telling people what to think, modern art invites us to think. The consequence is the works open themselves to a multitude of interpretations. From the people we have talked to so far, it is clear that this is very true of Coventry Cathedral.

Whilst the exhibition curators, Dr Sarah Walford, Dianne Morris, Katherine Lee and myself are all qualified art historians and used to interpreting works of art, we would very much like to widen the scope. We would like our catalogue entries to take account of the wide variety of meanings seen in them by the larger community, meanings that flow from the personal way in which they speak to each of us as individuals.

We would love to hear from as many of you as possible. Please either catch me or one of the others if you see us around the Cathedral, phone me on 024 76404711 or email me at willis@allesley31.freeserve.co.uk.

John Willis, Lead Curator "Journey into the Light"

Coventry Foodbank

Thank you to everyone who contributed last Sunday. The box was full by midday and those who came to Cathedral Praise brought more things in the evening. I took 143 items to the central collection point at Hope Centre in Hillfields during the week. In addition 6 people gave me £45 in cash. I will be looking out for some good offers to get the best value for your money. Thank you again for all your generosity.

Richard Chamberlaine-Brothers

Cathedral Walkers

The next walk will start from the Kings Head, Wellesbourne at 10:00 on Wednesday 23 May. Details, including how to let me know if you are coming to walk and/or for lunch, are available on the Community table.



Dave Goodall

The Diocesan Reader at the Eucharist this morning is:

John Hitchcock: St Nicolas, Nuneaton.

Craft Nights

Due to a change in work commitments, I am no longer able to host the craft evening. Many thanks to all those who came along and supported it.

Jo Pullen

The flowers on the steps of the Chapel of Unity are in the treasured memory of Pat Satchwell. With love from Rex

Selection Panel for the new Dean gets underway!

The Selection Panel held its first meeting on 25 April at the Bishop's House to discuss the challenges facing a new Dean and to outline the 'person specification' that should be used to invite applications. The post is to be advertised in the church press in mid- May and on the Cathedral website. Interviews will be held in late June.

The membership of the Selection Panel is as follows:-

Bishop Christopher

Rogers Govender, Dean of Manchester [Archbishop's appointee]

Graham Wright [lay member, elected by Bishop's Council]

Barbara Clutton [elected by College of Canons]

Godfrey Armitage [lay member, elected by Cathedral Chapter]

Adrian Williams [lay member, elected by Cathedral Chapter]

Richard Farnell – Chair [lay appointee of the Archbishop]

Caroline Boddington, Archbishops' Appointments Secretary [non-voting]

On behalf of the Selection Panel, may I encourage you to pray? Thank you in anticipation.

Richard Farnell, Chair, Selection Panel for the Dean of Coventry

The Marriage Course May-June 2012

Why not treat yourself to really practical tools and examples to help build a strong and healthy marriage that lasts a lifetime by coming on the Marriage Course.

The Marriage Course runs for seven evenings starting 7.15pm on Saturday 12th May, and then on Thursdays 31st May, 7th, 14th, 21st, 29th June and 5th July.

Privacy as a couple is always respected. There is no group discussion and no requirement to disclose anything about your relationship to anyone else.

For more information please see the flyers on our Alpha stand at the west screen or to book on to the course please contact Seringa Dudley 01926 858257/Seringa.dudley@live.co.uk



You are warmly invited to join us for an evening of celebration and entertainment on 9th June 2012. The evening is to celebrate the work of the many staff and volunteers in the Cathedral and also to thank The Dean who is moving on to Cambridge, Jane Woodward going to Wells Cathedral and Keith Parr who is to be installed at Queens Road Baptist church. We will also be celebrating my 60th birthday. The evening will begin with entertainment in the Ruins at 6pm, please do bring your picnics, drinks and chairs. Followed by a hog roast and a Ceilidh led by Georges Horse in the New Cathedral. If you would like to contribute to the evening, please contact Zoe Bell on 02476 521 223 or zoe.bell@coventrycathedral.org.uk

Jain Galliford

Please send items for inclusion in the next edition of Cathedral Matters to Janet Hart by end of **TUESDAY 15th May 2012 please.**

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