**WHAT’S ON APRIL AND MAY 2016**

**Wednesday 13th April:** Cathedral is open for services but closed all day to visitors for Coventry University graduations.

**Friday 15th April at 7pm:** GAPS concert
http://gapsmusic.tumblr.com/

**Wednesday 20th April at 6.30pm:** News and Booze at the Castle Grounds Pub.

**Friday 22nd April at noon:** Thanksgiving Eucharist for CHIPS

**Sunday 24th April after the morning service:** Annual General Meetings

**Sunday 1st May:** Foodbank Sunday

**Monday 2nd May at 1pm:** First of the summer series of lunchtime organ recitals.

**Wednesday 4th May at 7pm:** Dr James Hodkinson is giving a free public lecture in the Nave entitled: ‘Europe’s “other” Faith! Islam in German History and its Implications’ for Britain Today.

**Thursday 5th May at 7.30pm:** Ascension Day Liturgy.

**Monday 9th May at 1pm:** Summer organ lunchtime concert.

**Saturday 14th May at 7.30pm:** St Michael’s Singers: Entente Musicale.

**Sunday 15th May at 10.30am:** Pentecost Eucharist.

**Monday 16th May at 1pm:** Summer organ lunchtime concert.

**Tuesday 17th May:** CCN Pilgrimage begins

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**News and Booze: Coventry Cathedral Young Adults**
Join our Young Adults group for food, fellowship and conversation at Castle Grounds Pub in Little Park Street on 20th April at 6.30pm. News and Booze is an opportunity to bridge your faith with current events while enjoying the company of others. For more information, email haley.jones@coventrycathedral.org.uk. Haley Jones

**Digbeth Dining Club comes to Coventry Cathedral 8th May 2016**
Digbeth Dining Club (DDC), Birmingham’s multi-award winning street food event, has added Coventry to its expansion of events across the Midlands. Started in 2012, the event has helped establish Birmingham as a ‘foodies’ destination with people descending on Digbeth in their droves every Friday. With a constant rotation of food vendors, it delights all generations with its diverse food selections accompanied with entertainment and music. DDC has already expanded into other locations including Wolverhampton where it has been embraced immediately by hungry punters and Coventry is the next stop.

“We are set to host a series of cultural events in both the ruins and new Cathedral this year, partnered with great brands like DDC and Cult Screens as well as bringing live acts such as Mogwai and Eats Everything. We are hugely excited to be partnering some of the best names in the region and indeed nationally to bring a really varied programme of events and entertainment to the Cathedral this summer. Rachael Kelly (Cathedral Events Manager)”

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**A MESSAGE FROM THE CANON PASTOR**

Dear Friends

#Easteris50days is a hashtag on social media that is pretty much only used by those you would class as liturgical geeks! Clearly I fit into that category as I’m very keen on taking every opportunity to share the Easter message throughout the Great Fifty Days – that period in the year when Alleluia is only ever a breath away.

Part of the rationale behind our Easter Garden was that we needed a visible reminder of the season once the high excitement of Easter Sunday was behind us. At my curacy church, once the Paschal candle was lit from the Easter fire on Holy Saturday, the flame did not go out until Pentecost, as a constant sign of the physical presence of the risen Jesus. Strangely, though we are quite ready to focus on the 40 days of Lenten fast, we’re much quieter about the continuing joy of the Easter feast. With a cathedral that is itself a parable of resurrection, let’s make sure that we party right through!

As Pope John Paul II put it memorably “We are an Easter people, and alleluia is our song”. Would visitors here recognise that? It’s up to us to live the joy – through the 50 days and beyond.

With love and blessings
Canon Kathryn

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**The Dean and Canons this week...**

Dean John is in the USA on reconciliation duties returning on Wednesday 20th April. Today he will be travelling to New York having attended the North American Dean’s Conference in Erie in Pennsylvania. The Reverend Sacha is a little closer to home and will be presiding at St Paul’s Foleshill on Sunday morning.
‘Electoral and Community Rolls. Are you on the list?’

If you are not yet on the Electoral Roll now is the time to enrol. All baptised members of the Church of England who worship regularly at Coventry Cathedral are invited to join. Once you are on the Roll you will be entitled to free entry to the Cathedral and be able to vote at the Annual Meetings held on Sunday 24th April.

To enrol, simply fill in a short form to indicate your continued commitment and contribution to our life together. There is also a Community Roll for those engaged in service with the Cathedral e.g. voluntary work on the information desk, as a Guide etc. Forms are available every Sunday on the Community Table at both the 10.30am and 6.30pm services.

In addition, please let Jane Corrigan, the Electoral Roll Officer know if you have changed your address, telephone number or email address in the last year. She would also appreciate being informed about anyone who has died in the past year. Contact her by email: janecorrigan45@btinternet.com or speak to any of the five Churchwardens if you would like to know more.

AGM 2016 and Nominations

The Cathedral AGM will be held this year on Sunday 24th April after the morning Eucharist service. There will be a simple lunch in the Lecture Room at 12.15 pm, with the meeting following at 1 pm in the Chapter House. Please sign up for lunch on the list at the Community Table or email Angie Jones, PA to the Dean, on angiejones@coventrycathedral.org.uk.

There is an opportunity to get involved with the life of the Cathedral and to be a representative of the Cathedral community through the roles described below, which will be elected at the AGM. If you are interested, please complete a nomination form and ensure you are on the appropriate roll. For the churchwarden posts you need to be on the Cathedral electoral roll: for membership of St. Michael’s Committee you need to be on either the electoral roll (for regular members of the cathedral congregation) or community roll (for other involvement with the cathedral such as staff and volunteers).

Please if possible submit your nomination forms in advance of the AGM, preferably by the previous Sunday 17th April 2016. Forms can be found on the congregation table or from Canon Kathryn, for the following posts:

- St. Michael’s Committee membership:
  - 3 vacancies for 3 years
  - 1 vacancy for 1 year

- Churchwardens (5 vacancies)

Many thanks,
Emma Norman, Vestry Clerk

Lent Book Swap – ‘Don’t Forgive Too Soon’

Canon Kathryn intended borrowers and lenders to be able to talk together about books borrowed in the Lent Book Swap. Sorry I didn’t get to the table soon enough to meet whoever borrowed the Linn’s book ‘Don’t Forgive Too Soon’ - hope you enjoyed reading it and would love to chat about it if you have finished it!

Margaret Lloyd (02476 413004)
Coventry is a city proud of its heritage as a city of peace and reconciliation and we want to continue to build upon the good community relations in our city. Coventry Community Cohesion Awards are designed to recognise what local people have done for Coventry to remain a cohesive City.

The Coventry Community Cohesion Awards celebrate people and activities that have contributed to building cohesive communities and recognise the significant contributions they make towards cohesion in the city. This year we are also adding a Promoting Positive Ageing award.

The Coventry Community Cohesion Awards will be judged as below:

- Voluntary/Community (Large) - activities run by large voluntary or community organisations (income above £50,000 per annum)
- Voluntary/Community (Small) - activities run by small voluntary or community groups (income below £50,000 per annum)
- Public Sector - activities run by the public sector
- Young People - activities for young people aged 18 and under
- Private Sector – activities where the private sector is working with communities
- Peace and Reconciliation – activities where an individual or group is promoting or embracing Peace and Reconciliation.
- Promoting Positive Ageing - maintaining a positive attitude, keeping fit and healthy, and engaging fully in community life as you age.

Key dates
- Deadline for completed applications: 13th May 2016
- Announcement of shortlisted projects: 9th June 2016
- Awards Ceremony at St. Mary’s Guild Hall: 30th June 2016

For further information and details about how you can apply for a Coventry Community Cohesion award please use the following link:
http://www.coventry.gov.uk/communitycohesionawards

David Williams (Local Reconciliation Programme Director)
**Cathedral Community Notices**

**Winter Night Shelter – Charity Ball!**
We want to celebrate what has been achieved over the last three winters and have some fun at the same time and so are holding our first charity ball on Friday 6th May from 7pm until late at The Village Hotel, Dolomite Ave, Coventry, CV4 9GZ.

It will include a hot buffet dinner and live entertainment (made up of local talent), a disco and a celebration of all we have achieved so far! Tickets are £30 per person and we are limited to 160 people in total. If you want tickets, please email us at: coventrywinternightshelter@gmail.com

Nobby Clarke, Project Coordinator, Coventry Winter Night Shelter

**Detective Work Required: Can You Help?**
Do you live in a road where the local church makes a house to house collection during Christian Aid Week? If you have never received Christian Aid envelopes through the door, I would be most grateful if you could let me know the name of your road and the name of your local church/churches.

I would appreciate receiving this information by Sunday 17th April. There will be a sheet for recording this on the Community table or you can email me on moyahorton@btinternet.com or phone on 02476 711210 or 07962 149236

**Christian Aid Week: 15th to 21st May 2016**
Please make a note of these dates in your Diary. Plans for our Cathedral contribution to this important week are now taking shape. Information about this year’s projects and achievements will be found in subsequent issues of Cathedral Matters and on the Community Table over the next few weeks. We will be conducting a city centre/shopping precinct bucket collection throughout the week and in addition will be collecting at Tesco Supermarket, Cannon Park on Friday 20th and Saturday 21st May.

The main income for the year for Christian Aid across the country is raised in the annual house-to-house envelope collection. Originally the house-to-house envelope collection was intended so that someone living in the road could just knock on the doors of their neighbours. We are looking to see if this might be a custom which we could reintroduce at the cathedral. Could this be something for you?

Expressions of interest/offers of help can be made to me or recorded on the Christian Aid sheet found on the Community table.

**Moya Horton**

**A date for your diary – Thanksgiving for CHIPS**
On Friday 22nd April we are hosting a Thanksgiving Eucharist for the 50th Anniversary of the Christian International Peace Service (CHIPS), a partner in the Community of the Cross of Nails. It will begin with the Litany of Reconciliation in the Ruins at midday and continue in the Chapel of Unity. A light lunch in St Michael’s House will follow. All welcome.

Alice Farnhil

**Cathedral Prayer Circle**
In an emergency, a group of us are ready to pray for you and those for whom you are concerned. Contact Meg Bowen on 01926 856928 – brief details would guide our prayers for God’s grace and healing.

Meg Bowen

**Cathedral Community Notices**

**Cathedral Walkers Wednesday 20th April**
Details of our next walk from Hampton Lucy and associated pub lunch are on the Community Table. Please let me know if you’re coming, whether to walk, for lunch, or both: dagoodall@hotmail.co.uk, or 024 7646 1946. Dave Goodall

**A message from the Reverend Canon Andrew Gorham**
My beloved wife Anne died suddenly and unexpectedly on Wednesday 30th March following a cardiac arrest on Easter Day. Her loss is incalculable and I have already been overwhelmed with letters of appreciation for all that Anne gave and achieved during her wonderful life.

Anne worshiped at the Cathedral before the consecration until we moved to Warwick in 1987.

Anne and I worked together for many years with Anne playing a significant role in the music ministry of the Cathedral. Apart from this her significant work in the community and as a charity fundraiser is well known.

I want to express our thanks to all those who have offered their support and have been so kind to Anne and myself in this time of great sadness.

**John Taylor Funeral Service, 9 St John’s, Warwick, CV34 4NE**

**Music Success!**
We are so very thankful for our choristers and choral scholars for their singing and their achievements. Here are some recent achievements from amongst their ranks:

- Boy Choristers: Sebastian Carrington (Grade 8 Piano Distinction, Grade 8 Singing Distinction, Grade 4 Organ Distinction), Caleb Griggs-Taylor - Deputy Head Chorister - (Grade 3 Singing Merit, Grade 1 Piano Merit), Malachi Griggs-Taylor (Grade 1 Singing Merit)
- Girl Choristers: Megan Bennett (Grade 8 Cello Distinction), Josephine Hepburn - Head Chorister (Grade 7 Organ Distinction), Anna Coopey (Grade 6 Singing Merit, Grade 4 Piano Merit), Rebecca Smith (Grade 3 Flute Merit ABRSM and Bronze Arts Award Trinity), Winy Wan (Grade 2 Violin Merit)
- Choral Scholars: Benedict Smith (Advanced Certificate in Singing), Blake Williams (Grade 6 Keyboard Merit), Alastair Stone: Grade 4 Organ distinction

**Kerry Beaumont, Director of Music**