WHAT'S ON IN MAY 2015

Dresden Remembered
Friendly Monday 8th June 2015 at 11am
The next Friendly Monday offers the chance to hear a first-hand account of the memorable February visit to Dresden, by a dozen Members of the Friends, for the Commemoration of the 70th Anniversary of the destruction of the City and the Frauenkirche. We will also see an illustrated presentation telling the remarkable story of the special relationship. Tea and Coffee in the Undercroft Lecture Room, from 10.30 am
To reserve a place, sign up on the Community Table this morning, or e-mail: welcome@friendsofcoventrycathedral.org.uk

The Friends Lecture 2015
Tuesday 30th June at 7pm
We are proud and delighted to announce that Alison Lister will give an illustrated lecture in the Cathedral about the recent long conservation work on one of the most iconic images of the late twentieth century. She will reveal what has been discovered about Graham Sutherland's great Coventry Tapestry 'Christ in Glory in the Tetramorph'.

After the Lecture there will be a Reception in the Chapel of Christ the Servant and the Lady Chapel with the chance to meet the conservators. Tickets £12.50 (including reception) from the Community Table today, or the Cathedral website on-line tickets: https://www.tickettailor.com/all-tickets/570/5f2d/
Pick up a leaflet to give to your friends.

Excursion to Lichfield and the NMA
Saturday 5th September 2015
The Friends are organizing an all day excursion to the National Memorial Arboretum and Lichfield Cathedral on Saturday 5th September. The coach will leave Coventry Cathedral at 9am for the National Memorial Arboretum at Alrewas, Staffordshire. The coach will arrive in Lichfield about 1pm. After a guided tour and free time the party will return to Coventry, arriving at the Cathedral at about 6pm.
Pick up a booking form today from the Community Table. There are just 30 places and bookings are open now.
Andrew Paine, Chairman

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Sunday 10th May - 4pm Remember Our Child Annual Service.
Sunday 10th May to Saturday 16th May - Christian Aid Week activities
Monday 11th May - 1pm Lunchtime organ concert. Sebastian Thomson (Bloxham School)
Monday 11th May - 2.30pm Volunteer Monday: David McCory on the Guildhall
Wednesday 13th - Friday 15th May - CCN Pilgrimage.
Thursday 14th May - 7.30pm Ascension Day Eucharist
Monday 18th May - 1pm Lunchtime organ concert. Ben Bloor (Royal College of Organists Recital Award Winner 2013-2014).
Tuesday 19th May - 6.30pm Celebration for the restoration of the ruins and book launch.

Please send items for inclusion in the next edition of Cathedral Matters by end of TUESDAY 12th May 2015.
Tel: 02476 521200 or email: cathedral.matters@coventrycathedral.org.uk
Website address: www.coventrycathedral.org.uk

A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

As many of you know, I have recently returned from Israel Palestine – a deeply troubled and divided Land. There is something deeply appropriate about walking in the footsteps of Jesus through the present day politics and suffering of his own country, and it was humbling to be repeatedly reminded of the promise that God has reconciled the world to himself in Christ.

I would also like to pay tribute on our front page to Allen Edwards, a giant (though a small one) in the history of the Cathedral, and the Chapel of Unity. Allen brought a prophetic eye to our life here over very many years, and we will miss him deeply. His funeral will take place on Wednesday this week (the 13th), and will be followed by a Service of Thanksgiving in the Cathedral at 12.30 pm, to which all are most warmly invited.

The Very Reverend John Witcombe MA MPhil, Dean of Coventry

Hidden Houses of Prayer

The 2015 gathering for those drawn to discover and deepen the practice of contemplative, creative and intercessory prayer in their own homes will be held here in the Lecture Hall on Saturday 23rd May, 9.45am – 3.45pm. We’re meeting at Pentecost-tide in the extraordinary context of Coventry Cathedral to enjoy three presentations plus time for stillness, prayer, reflective chant and sharing of stories. There is a suggested donation £15, coffee and tea provided. Please bring your own lunch.

To book, please send cheque payable to ‘Hidden Houses of Prayer’ along with your name, email and address to: Hidden Houses of Prayer, 2 Embankment Road, Sheffield S10 1EZ. If you are interested in this ministry and/or would like a booking receipt, please enclose an SAE or send an email to: hiddenhousesofprayer@hotmail.co.uk
CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY NOTICES

The Diocesan Readers assisting at the Eucharist today are John Hitchcock from St Nicolas, Nuneaton and Lorraine Baker from St Mary's Walsgrave.

An hour of prayer for the Christian Service Centre

Thursday May 14th 12.10 to 1pm

This hour of prayer will be led by Greg Bartlem, Urban Hope, in the Cathedral Chapel of Christ the Servant following the noon Litany of Reconciliation. This prayer opportunity is held on the second Thursday of the month.

All are welcome to join us in seeking God for flowers be made in the flowery little jug approaching, so may I request that donations for flowers be made in the flowery little jug which you will find sitting on the Community Table on Sunday 10th May. With grateful thanks. David East

The Magna Carta conference Tuesday 23rd June

As part of the 800th anniversary activities for the Magna Carta, Bishop Christopher and Dean John are hosting a one day conference on the allure of this ancient document and why it is still relevant in the 21st century.

Speaking at the conference ‘The Allure of Magna Carta: Freedom, Democracy and Reconciliation’, are David Carpenter, Professor of Medieval History at King's College London, John McEldowney, Professor of Constitutional Law at the University of Warwick, the Reverend Robin Griffith Jones, Master of the Temple, London, Chris Bryant, M.P., author of Parliament: The Biography (Doubleday, 2014) and Professor Neil Renwick who is Professor of Global Security at the University of Coventry.

The Conference will be held in St. Michael’s House starting at 10.30am and ending with Evensong in the Cathedral at 5.15pm.

Tickets are £25 and available from the Cathedral Gift Shop or online at www.coventrycathedral.org.uk. Christine Doyle

Cathedral Walkers, Wednesday 20th May

Our next walk is on 20th May and details are on the Community Table, or available from me if you prefer. I can’t promise that the weather will be as good as in April, but you never know. Why not come and see? Dave Goodall, 024 7646 1946, dagoodall@hotmail.co.uk. Dave Goodall

Community Contribution to Christian Aid: A Note for your Diaries

There will be a Community Lunch on Sunday 17th May following the Eucharist. This will take the form of a “Hunger Lunch” which will certainly not leave us hungry but will enable us to send the proceeds as part of our joint contribution to Christian Aid. It also provides another opportunity to enjoy some good Christian fellowship! This will be held in the Lecture Hall and will be followed by a short film which showcases Christian Aid’s work in Ethiopia.

Please come and join us on this Christian Aid’s 70th Anniversary - Look for a sign-up sheet on the Community table. Moya Horton

Ascension Day - Thursday 14th May

At 7.30pm there will be a special sung Eucharist for Ascension Day. All are welcome to join us. Canon David

Flowers in the Cathedral

Ascension Day and Pentecost are fast approaching, so may I request that donations for flowers be made in the flowery little jug which you will find sitting on the Community Table on Sunday 10th May. With grateful thanks. David East

Prayer Ministry and Chaplaincy

The next date for your diary is Saturday 11th July when Ricarda Witcombe and Kathryn Fleming will lead a quiet day at Meriden church from mid-morning to mid-afternoon. Time for personal refreshment and for seeking God together for Hill Top. Details to follow.

Margaret Lloyd

Volunteer Mondays (tomorrow) – open to anyone who gives their time to the Cathedral

The Magna Carta conference Monday 11th May at 2.30pm at St Mary’s Guildhall (meet for a cup of tea in the Lecture Hall first). David McCory is a well known local historian and writer, he also knows a great deal about the Guildhall – the tapestry and stained glass. He will be guiding us through the history of the building and interpreting the tapestry and stained glass and how they are linked to each other. Canon Kathryn

Do you feel the need for “time out” to think, relax, meditate, pray? Time to find yourself again? Are you just curious to try out an ancient spirituality?

I am organising a quiet day at Turvey Abbey on Saturday 16th May, (departure at 8am from Bablake School car park return 6pm or 7pm for 7.30pm Bardsley House, Hill Top).含量 Activities throughout the day and fulfil activities within the following roles - two x Radio Plus Stage Assistants, two x Merchandise Stall Assistants, two x Event Marketing Assistants. If you feel you could do one of the above roles, please get in touch with Tash by Tuesday 12th May 2015 on 02477712401 or email: natasha@radioplus.org.uk Tim Coleman

Radio Plus at Motofest

Motofest is just around the corner at the end of this month from 29th May to 31st May 2015. This year Radio Plus have their own stage which will be showcasing some of the best talent, both local and national acts. With this in mind, they are looking for volunteers to support the activities throughout the day and fulfil activities within the following roles - two x Radio Plus Stage Assistants, two x Merchandise Stall Assistants, two x Event Marketing Assistants. If you feel you could do one of the above roles, please get in touch with Tash by Tuesday 12th May 2015 on 02477712401 or email: natasha@radioplus.org.uk Tim Coleman

The Friends of Coventry Cathedral

New Members Event Thursday 4th June

The Reception for New Members at the Bishop’s House and the afternoon tours of the Cathedral is fully booked.

E-bulletin for May

Copies of the e bulletin for May are now available for collection on the Community Table, for Members of the Friends without internet access.

More from the Friends overleaf…..