CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY NOTICES

Bring-and-Share Welcome Lunch THIS MORNING after Eucharist
St Michael's Committee invite everyone attending the Eucharist next Sunday to stay and join our second bring-and-share lunch at the back of the Nave. All will be very welcome whether or not you bring food to share. Tim Brooke for St Michael's Committee.

Wednesday 14th December Christian Aid Events
We will be holding two events to remember the 65 million displaced people in the world this Christmas:

Firstly the Litany of Reconciliation at noon, followed by a short service in the Chapel of Unity, light lunch and conversation in Saint Michael's House;
and secondly a Candlelit Vigil at 6pm on the Queen's Steps for about 30 minutes. Please bring a glow stick or a candle in a jar, and a friend.
Moya Horton, Christian Aid Coordinator.

Coventry Cathedral Dining Club Friday 16th to Sunday 18th December in the Ruins
Another weekend of festive cheer in the build-up to Christmas! Times are:
Friday 4pm-11pm
Saturday noon-11pm
Sunday noon-6pm
with festive stalls, funfair, mulled wine, music, cocktails and more!
Admission £3 (students £2, children under 14 FREE)

Joy to the World
Concert of Christmas Music Saturday 17th December at 6pm
Don't miss this celebration of the festive season with carols and Christmas music for all the family from the Cathedral choristers, Coventry and Warwickshire Youth Orchestra, Saint Michael's Singers and Jaguar Land Rover Band! Christmas favourites, plenty of audience participation and a visit from Santa will be on offer, all in aid of the NSPCC.
Tickets £15 (concessions available); Family Ticket £40; students & under 18s half price. www.ticketweb.co.uk 0844 477 1000
Concessionary tickets for Cathedral Friends (£12) are available only from Jill Pacey (01676 532436) who can also supply further information about the concert.

German Lutheran Community

Anglo-German Advent Service Sunday December 18th at 2pm in the Chapel of Unity
Followed by coffee and Stollen
All welcome!

Wednesday 21st December at 6pm
Service for the Longest Night
A quiet Eucharist for those feeling sad at Christmas.

Thursday 22nd December at 6pm

Please send brief items of Cathedral news and events for the next edition of Cathedral Matters by end of TUESDAY 13th December for publication on Sunday 18th December to cathedral.matters@coventrycathedral.org.uk or phone 024 7659 4916
Please note there will be no Cathedral Matters on New Year’s Day www.coventrycathedral.org.uk

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WELCOME TO COVENTRY CATHEDRAL

Welcome to everyone, especially if you are visiting or new to us! We're delighted that you're worshipping with us today. In this leaflet and on the Community table (at the back of the nave near the Baptistery) you'll find more about what is happening in and around the Cathedral in the next week or so and as we approach Christmas.

The Dean, Canons and assisting Readers this week
Canon Kathryn is Canon in Residence this week. The Reader assisting at the Eucharist this morning is Margaret East (Christ Church Cheylesmore).
There is a prayer station near to the Global Candlestand, at the top of the Chapel of Unity steps, for anyone wishing to pray for the people of Aleppo in their present terrible situation.

Cathedral Opening Hours this week
There are school Carol Services on Monday 12th and Thursday 15th in the afternoons and on Friday 16th in the morning. The Cathedral will be open to visitors on Monday until 1pm; Tuesday from noon; Wednesday as normal; Thursday until 1.30pm and Friday from noon. The pattern of daily services is not affected.

The Dean's Community Prayer Focus for December
The Dean has asked us to pray especially this month:
for a deep spiritual response to our Christmas services, that they will speak light and peace to a troubled world, and
for an enthusiastic response to our Investors in Hope programme, which will allow the cathedral to continue to serve as a focus for that light and peace.
Please pray throughout the month as you are able, particularly if you can carry on setting aside ten minutes a day for prayer as the Dean has encouraged us all to try and manage.

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.

THIS WEEK

Sunday 11th December

8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am The Cathedral Eucharist
4.00pm Choral Evensong
6.30pm OPEN Table

Sunday 18th December

8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am The Cathedral Eucharist
2.00pm German Lutheran Advent Service
6.30pm Carols by Candlelight
Community Christmas Card
The Christmas card will be on the Community Table each Sunday until Christmas. Donations this year will go towards Coventry Open Christmas at Queens Road Baptist Church from 23rd to 28th December. Help some of our homeless people in Coventry enjoy better food over the Christmas period by giving a donation and signing the card rather than sending cards to individual people. Thank you
St Michael’s Committee

Flowers for Christmas
If you would like to see some flowers in the Cathedral at Christmas there will be a suitable container for donations on the Community Table on 11th and 18th December. All contributions will be gratefully received.
David East

Christmas at Rising Café
Until Wednesday 21st December and from Wednesday 4th January there will be normal opening times and service, ie daily except Sundays 10.30am-4.30pm. From Christmas Eve until Tuesday 3rd January inclusive the café will be closed.
On Thursday and Friday 22nd and 23rd December Rising will be open as normal from 10.30am until 12 noon only and then for Christmas Afternoon Tea with Santa (including photo-op and goodie bag) at either 12 noon or 3pm. Booking essential: info@risingcafe.co.uk or 024 7652 1235. A combined ticket for one adult and one child is £18.

Stalingrad Madonna Christmas Card
Spread some ‘Light, Life and Love’ this Christmas! Coventry Cathedral is proud to present our 2016 Christmas Card, featuring the evocative image of the ‘Stalingrad Madonna’, a replica of which is on display in the Millennium Chapel within the New Cathedral. The purchase of this card helps to support the work of Coventry Cathedral, a living symbol of the power of forgiveness to overcome pain. The card is available online or at the Shop and Welcome desk priced £3 each, with a 10% discount available on orders of five or ten.
http://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/onlineshop/stalingrad-madonna-christmas-card.html

Cathedral Shop Opening Hours
During December the shop is open from 11am to 3pm, Monday to Saturday, up to and including Christmas Eve.

Winter Night Shelter
The shelter opened on December 1st. Please pray for contact with all those who would otherwise be sleeping on the streets. If you see someone needing shelter please refer them to the Salvation Army Lifehouse, Harnall Lane West or the Coventry Cyrenians, Oakwood House (next to the Job Centre): these are the routes to access the night shelters. All the shelters are free of charge.
Please also pray for all the volunteers, including the Cathedral team providing meals on Friday evenings at St Oswald’s Tile Hill.
Margaret Lloyd

Support the Cathedral Whenever you Shop Online!
Did you know that the Cathedral is registered with Give as you Live to receive donations from many companies that we might shop with online? Marks & Spencer, Asda, Boots, Holland & Barrett are just a few examples and it’s simple to do once you have registered through www.giveasyoulive.com by clicking on their website and then through to whichever store you want to use. The website will tell you what percentage of your spend (or sometimes a flat fee) the Cathedral will receive and you will receive email confirmation of the amount donated. The system is based on commission payments from the stores to Give as you Live who then pass on at least 50% to the Cathedral, having taken out their costs etc.
Although one purchase may not raise very much the more of us who do our online shopping this way the more we can help the Cathedral as Christmas approaches.

If you are still doing your online Christmas shopping please remember the Cathedral and use Give as You Live!

Christmas Goodies!
Again this year the catering team hope to help local homeless people by selling our mince pies, lemon cheese/curd, and chutney. There will be a notice on the congregation table and you can sign up and collect your order every Sunday up to Christmas. If you would like a gift for someone we can provide a selection of all sorts of festive fare and can present your order in festive wrapping with a handmade gift card.
Watch out M&S and Harrods!
With best wishes Pam, Brenda, Rex & Richard

Planned Giving Envelopes
Packs of envelopes for 2017, for present members of the envelope scheme, are now available for collection from the Community Table. If anyone can pick up and deliver a pack for someone else who is unable to collect it in person, that would be most helpful. The envelopes provide one method of regular giving as part of the stewardship programme.
If you are not at present a member but would like to take advantage of this method please do contact me, either by speaking to me at the Cathedral or by telephone at home: 024 7671 1210, and I will be happy to answer any queries and put arrangements in place. If instead you would welcome information on alternative methods of supporting the Cathedral please have a word with me or anyone in the stewardship group – John Copas, David East or Dave Goodall. Thank you.
Deryck Horton

NHS funding petition
Some in our community are concerned at the crisis in our NHS and that no additional investment was announced in the Chancellor’s Autumn statement. A petition to the government to give the NHS the funding it needs can be found on the Community table. Please sign it if you share this concern.
Margaret Lloyd