CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY NOTICES

Readers
On 12th September here in the Cathedral, Bishop Christopher admitted 11 men and women as Readers in this Diocese. This morning we welcome four representatives of these who will be reading, leading the intercessions and assisting at the communion: Heather Alford (St. Nicholas Kenilworth), Emma Kennedy (St. Paul’s Stockingford), Mike Milburn (Holy Trinity Stratford-upon-Avon) and Rosanna Wakefield (St. Mary’s Ilmington).

With them will also be the Warden of Readers, Heidi Cartledge, and Gwyneth Hickman who has regularly assisted us on a Sunday morning over a number of years.

Reader Sunday provides an opportunity to give thanks for the ministry of Readers who are theologically trained and licensed by the Bishop. When wearing cassock and surplice they are recognisable by our blue scarves. We are lay women and men from a wide diversity of backgrounds, bringing our own experience of the community to the work of preaching and teaching which is at the heart of our pastoral ministry. Readers work as members of teams with clergy and other lay people, mainly in parishes, but also in prisons, hospitals, the Armed Forces and many other places. About 50 Readers in our diocese offer to assist us with the administration of communion on Sunday mornings and we are most grateful to them.

The way to Reader ministry in this diocese is to complete the Bishop’s Certificate in Discipleship and be commended to the Vocations Team. When that process is complete there follows a recommendation to the Warden of Readers for Selection and, if successful, for Training. If you would like to find out more ask anyone of us or contact the Warden, Heidi Cartledge on 01926 641751 or heidic14@gmail.com, Canon Margaret Sedgwick, Cathedral Reader.

WHAT’S ON IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2015

Wednesday 14th October - 2pm Unveiling of the memorial plaque to those killed by the IRA in Coventry in 1939.
Sunday 18th October - after the morning Eucharist the CPA Cake Sale.
Monday 2nd November - 5.45pm Remember Our Child (Chapel of Unity).
Sunday 7th November - 4pm Diocesan Festival Evensong.
Tuesday 10th November - Opening of the Dresden Project exhibition and installation of Monica Petzal’s artwork.

Sunday 11th October

Choral Evensong
6.30pm

Trinity 18

A MESSAGE FROM THE CANON PASTOR

Dear Friends

Once upon a time, in my bookselling days, there was a runaway best-seller in my department. This was Cardinal Basil Hume’s “To be a Pilgrim” – or, as a harassed Kathryn proclaimed at the end of a long day, “To be a Penguin”. Somehow in that context, I just couldn’t get the publishing house out of my head! The book, however, was rather special – and appealed to many, I think, because the Cardinal made it clear on every page that his relationship with God was a work in progress, and that he expected to learn, change and grow every day… which must surely be true for all of us. The snag is, it’s all too easy to stop engaging deliberately with the process of learning, something which hit me hard last week, when I heard Bishop Steven Croft tell a gathering of church leaders “Christian learning and formation HAS to be your priority. It’s what the Church is for”. So, if you think you may have stopped moving forward, stopped expecting to grow and change, maybe it’s time to be intentional about it.

Why not join us for Pilgrim, starting on 20th October? Engage with the programme offered by the Reconciliation team in the coming months to help us to really own our calling as reconciled and reconciling people, or even explore the new Bishop’s Certificate in Discipleship and Mission now on offer? If faith is for life, then lifelong learning needs to be part of the package too. What do you think?

Love and blessings

Canon Kathryn

Please send items for inclusion in the next edition of Cathedral Matters by end of TUESDAY 13th October 2015. Tel: 02476 521200 or email: cathedral.matters@coventrycathedral.org.uk
Website address: www.coventrycathedral.org.uk
Flowers today
The flowers in front of the lectern this week are in memory of my father, Reginald Warren, the centenary of whose birth falls on Thursday 15th October. Graham Warren

News and Booze – 18s-30s edition
This group meets monthly to explore current events in the light of faith, with a drink to hand. Monday 12th October 6pm onwards in the White Friars. More details from Canon Kathryn – or just turn up on the day.

Pilgrim
An opportunity to explore the great issues of faith through participation in a pattern of contemplation and discussion with a group of fellow travellers over 6 weeks, starting on Tuesday 20th October at 7pm. To book your place contact Canon Kathryn kathryn.fleming@coventrycathedral.org.uk

Lord Mayor of Coventry’s Annual Peace Lecture
Wednesday 28th October 2015, 7.30pm start (Doors open at 7pm)
The Lord Mayor of Coventry’s Annual Peace Lecture will be given by Jonathan Parrett, the writer, broadcaster and founding Director of ‘Reshaping the Security Agenda’ and will be held in the St Mary’s Guildhall.

German Lutheran Community
The German Lutheran Community are celebrating their 65th anniversary on Sunday 25th October at 2pm in the Chapel of Unity which will be followed by refreshments. It would be really appreciated if as many of us as possible could be there to celebrate with them and wish them well. Could you please let me know if you are able to come. Ann Farr

Cross of Nails being blessed today
Today we are blessing a Cross of Nails for Christ Church Cathedral in St. Louis, Missouri. They have opened their doors during the ‘Black Lives Matter’ Movement to be a place of hospitality and teaching of non-violent direct action. Haley Jones, Reconciliation Ministry Team Intern

Collectors Thanksgiving Service for Christian Aid Week
On Sunday 18th October at 6.30pm at ‘Later’, we are looking forward to a special service of thanksgiving and rejoicing that Christian Aid Week came successfully ‘alive’ in Ethiopia. The provision of cows and goats have not only helped people like Loko to feed her family but to gain a new status, a regular income and the opportunity to make choices for themselves. Loko and many other families now have hope for the future.

The rise and fall of Kennedy House
The Friendly Monday talk tomorrow
Tomorrow, the Reverend Kenneth Woolhouse, a former Warden of Kennedy House and Cathedral Chaplain, will give a talk to the Friends, on the ‘Rise and Fall of Kennedy House’, at 11am in the Undercroft Lecture Room. Tea and Coffee from 10.30am. To reserve a place, please sign the sheet on the Community Table today.

News from the Friends
Kennedy House Remembered - Unveiling the plaque today
This afternoon, at 2.30pm, the Dean will dedicate a plaque to commemorate Kennedy House, the Cathedral’s former International Youth Centre. The plaque is located on Hilltop (the passage leading from Priory Row to Youell House).

Bishop’s Certificate in Discipleship and Mission (BCDM)
Through participation in the BCDM, you will be equipped and empowered to recognise your call to be a missionary disciple in your daily life. We hope as a result that you will be able to see better where God is at work and join in with his mission to the world. Further details on the Community Table.