WHAT’S ON IN SEPTEMBER 2016

Monday 12th September at 1pm: Summer Organ Recital.
Wednesday 14th September at 7.30pm: Mogwai play Atomic.
Thursday 15th September at 3pm in St Michael’s House: a showing and discussion of the documentary film Black Christmas.
Thursday 15th September at 9.20pm in the Ruins: a showing of Back to the Future.
Friday 16th September at 9.20pm in the Ruins: Star Wars: The Force Awakens.
Saturday 17th September at 9.20pm in the Ruins: a showing of Romeo + Juliet.
Sunday 18th September after Eucharist: Lunch in honour of Kerry & Leslie Beaumont. Booking sheet on the Community Table.

Tuesday - Friday, 20th - 23rd September: CCN Pilgrimage.
Tuesday 20th September at 7pm in the Lecture Hall: first meeting of Pilgrim.
Wednesday 21st September at 10am: Cathedral Walkers at Long Itchington.
Wednesday 21st September at 2pm: Faith and Peaceful Relations Forum at Coventry University.

SACRED OR SUPERSTITIOUS?
John Piper and the Church
Saturday 24th September 2016 at 2.30 pm
An illustrated lecture in the Chapter House

John Piper’s interest in churches began early. By the age of 14 he had visited by bicycle every church in Surrey. Later, working with John Betjeman on the Shell County Guides, Piper began to think about the relationship between the artist and the church. In the 1950s he began designing stained glass for a whole array of buildings including two modern cathedrals. In a secular world, dominated by science and technology, wasn’t the notion of the sacred mere superstition?

Frances Spalding is an art historian, biographer and critic. She is a specialist on twentieth-century British Art. Her books include ‘John Piper, Myfanwy Piper: Lives in Art’.
Tickets: (including tea & cake) £10.00 from chairman@friendsofcoventrycathedral.org.uk
Free to Members of the Friends.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CANON PASTOR

Dear Friends

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With love and blessings
Kathryn

CATHEDRAL MATTERS
Sunday 11th September
Trinity 16

THIS WEEK

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4.00pm Choral Evensong
6.30pm OPEN: Cathedral Praise

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The Dean, Canons and assisting Readers this week
Canon Kathryn is Canon in Residence this week. Dean John is spending the weekend with our CCN partners in Dresden. He will be celebrating with Maria Am Wasser church on Sunday for their 10th Anniversary as a CCN partner.
The Readers assisting at the Eucharist this morning are Gwyneth Hickman (St Lawrence Ansley) and Lisle Sharp (St James Alveston).

Coventry Cathedral and St Michael’s House Associate Programme
The Associate programme 2016-2017 has attracted managers from a wide range of organisations in Coventry, representing a good mix of public, private and community bodies.
The programme runs monthly on Wednesday evenings from September 20th until March 2017 and there are still a few places available. Topics include Reconciliation and Disagreeing Well, Reconciliation and Public Service, Reconciliation and Community Cohesion, Reconciliation and the Economy. Please email me if you are interested.

David Williams
david.williams@coventrycathedral.org.uk

Please send items for the next edition of Cathedral Matters by end of TUESDAY 13th September for publication on Sunday 18th September to cathedral.matters@coventrycathedral.org.uk or phone 024 7659 4916

www.coventrycathedral.org.uk
Lunch for Kerry & Leslie Beaumont
Sunday 18th September at 12.15pm - £15

We start at 12.15pm with drinks and tapas in the Chapter House before moving to the Lecture Hall for the puddings (hot & cold) and cheese. There will be speeches and a raffle with excellent prizes. We have only a few more places so please sign up asap! We hope to raise £1500 for the choirs and music and with your support we will get there.
The Catering Team: Pam Goodwin, Brenda Stokes, Rex Satchwell, Richard Chamberlain-Brothers

Experience the Cathedral by Candlelight
Thursday 22nd September at 7.15pm

As usual on our Community of the Cross of Nails pilgrimages we will be holding 'Cathedral by Candlelight' for our pilgrims - this year from Germany, the USA, Canada and the UK. Anyone who is in any way connected to the Cathedral and would like to experience the calm and stillness of this magical and deeply spiritual occasion is very welcome to join us. The evening starts in the Chapter House with quiet prayer as a group, and moves upstairs into the candlelit Cathedral at around 7.30. Booking your place is essential - please contact alice.farnhill@coventrycathedral.org.uk (024 7652 1231) if you would like to attend. A small donation of £2 per person on the night to help cover costs would be very much appreciated.

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Coventry University

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Is Peace Possible?
Wednesday 21st September at 7pm in the Nave
Coventry Peace Day

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Angie Jones, PA to The Dean

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Mogwai play Atomic:
Wednesday 14th September at 7.30pm
The Scottish (mainly) instrumental band Mogwai play Atomic - a film screening and live performance.

To warm up for the Mogwai show we will be screening Mark Cousins’ film Atomic: Living in Dread and Promise looks at life and death in the atomic age. Using only archive film Cousins shows us an impressionistic kaleidoscope of our nuclear times - protest marches, Cold War sabre-rattling, Chernobyl and Fukushima – as well as the sublime beauty of the atomic world, and how x-rays and MRI scans have improved human lives.
https://www.tickettailor.com/checkout/view-event/id/51781/chk/f0e8/

Mogwai Warm-up
Wednesday 14th September from 4pm
To warm up for the Mogwai show we will be screening Mark Cousins’ I am Belfast in the Cathedral Ruins - a poetic visual depiction and exploration of Belfast and its citizens, told by a former resident who still loves the city. Followed by live music from Steve Gullicks’ Tenebrous Liar; and the part melodic and uplifting, part pure noise, Those Amongst Us Are Wolves.

With street food from Digbeth Dining Club.
Free with a Mogwai ticket, £12 general admission.

Black Christmas
Thursday 15th September at 3pm
St Michael’s House will host a screening of the documentary film Black Christmas with special guest the film’s producer Professor Pumla Gobodo-Madikizela. The film shows a perpetrator’s journey of transformation and his expression of remorse for the racially motivated 1996 Christmas Eve bombing in Worcester (South Africa). The screening will be followed by a discussion.

A Quiet Day at the Monastery
Saturday 17th September
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, near Bedford, on Saturday 17th September (departing at 8am from Bablake School carpark and returning at 6pm, or flexible if you use your own transport).
We will start the day just before 10am with a short introduction from me and then the time is yours to spend in the retreat house, the extensive gardens, chapels, library, exploring the area or walking in silence. You are welcome to attend the Eucharist/Mass and other services if you wish. We will share lunch together (not included and not silent) and return to silence afterwards. The cost for the day is £15.
Please sign the sheet on the community table before Sunday 11th September at the latest.
Thank-you, Fr. Sacha
For pictures: www.turveyabbey.org.uk

Cathedral Walkers
Wednesday 21st September at 10am
This month’s walk will take us along the canal at Long Itchington, with lunch right by the canal at the Two Boats. Why not join us before Autumn sets in? Let me know by close Sunday 18th if you intend to come; 024 7646 1946 or dagoodall@hotmail.co.uk.

Welcome to the new Diocesan Secretary
Bishop Christopher is very pleased to welcome Ruth Marlow as the new Diocesan Secretary. She will play a key part in the leadership of the Diocese, ensuring that the Diocesan Office carries on serving and equipping local parishes as together we work to worship God, make disciples and transform communities.
Ruth Marlow was born and brought up in Sheffield before studying biological sciences and geography at the University of Birmingham. She worked for many years in Housing before becoming Chief Executive of North Kesteven District Council and then Managing Director of Mansfield District Council. In these roles Ruth focused on organisational development and service improvement as well as staff training and development. She qualified as an Executive Coach and Leadership Mentor in 2010.
In 2014 Ruth became a trustee of Transforming Notts Together (a member of the CUF Together Network). Here her keen interest in housing and homelessness issues were put to good use in helping to establish and develop TNT’s cold weather night shelter project in Mansfield. Ruth was brought up in an ecumenical family and now attends Our Lady of the Assumption Roman Catholic Church in Beeston, Nottingham where she is a member of the music group and a reader. Ruth is married to Nick and they have three adult children.

You don’t have to turn cartwheels but it will help!
Head Verger
42 Hours a week
£18,900 per annum, plus accommodation

Owing to career progression we are looking for someone special to take on the challenging role of Head Verger of Coventry Cathedral.
Voted the nation’s favourite twentieth century building, Coventry Cathedral is recognised throughout the world as an inspiring symbol of reconciliation. It serves as the mother church of the Diocese of Coventry and welcomes a rich variety of pilgrims, tourists and other visitors to its many services and events.
You will need to have a heart for the traditions of Christian worship, demonstrable leadership skills, maturity and reliability as well as excellent organisational skills.
Cartwheels are not compulsory but you need to demonstrate you are fit, can work under pressure and bring something special to the team.

The closing date for receipt of applications is noon on Friday 16th September 2016 and interviews will take place at our offices on Wednesday 28th September. Shortlisted candidates will be informed by Tuesday 20th September.
The job pack and application form can be downloaded from the Cathedral website:
www.coventrycathedral.org.uk
or obtained via email from:
louise.nicholls@coventrycathedral.org.uk
haley.jones@coventrycathedral.org.uk

If you wish to return the application form by post please send it to:
A Retreat in Daily Life

We may long to deepen our relationship with Jesus, but just can’t set aside time to retreat away from our normal life. This retreat is a tried and true way of taking time to pay attention, to pray and to reflect.

How does it work?

A gathering of pilgrims and prayer guides gets us started;
You spend half an hour privately each day reflecting on a Bible passage or with other prayer material;
Once a week you meet for 30-40 minutes with your prayer guide reflecting on what happens in your prayer;
A concluding gathering draws the ‘retreat’ to an end, as individuals and as a praying community;

Note: You choose the time and place of your private prayer, and negotiate a time and place to meet weekly with your prayer guide.

Who is a prayer guide?

A prayer guide is someone experienced in the art of listening with another to the Spirit’s direction. A prayer guide is not a counsellor, but does hold in confidence whatever they hear. Prayer guides are trained and supervised through the Diocese.
Your prayer guide will listen to you and with you as you reflect on what happens (or doesn’t happen) in your prayer and life each day. She or he may suggest Scripture passages for meditation, or tell you about an approach to prayer you might like to explore.
These six weeks of retreat in everyday life will be run from Holy Trinity Coventry this autumn and experienced prayer guides are available to offer this in your parish. The opening and closing gatherings will be on Sundays 25th September and 13th November and the closing date for applications is this Tuesday, 13th September.

For more information email RetreatinDailyLife@holytrinitycoventry.org.uk

International Success for Jay

Cathedral choral scholar Jay Goodwin has represented England at the home nations’ Triple Crown tenpin bowling international in Norwich and has won a gold medal and two silvers! Jay has been a member of the Cathedral choir since he was nine and now sings bass.
Well done Jay!

Service of Thanksgiving for Graham Wright

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Graham Wright is to be held at 3:00 pm on Thursday 15 September at St Nicholas Church, Kenilworth. All are welcome.

Graham was a great disciple of our day - he was among us, like his Lord, as one who serves. Serving the whole Diocese as Chair of the House of Laity, Stewardship Advisor, Chair of the Diocesan Mission Fund (and in many other ways), serving his parish faithfully, serving several other charities and good works, Graham was a true servant of God and a truly wonderful disciple of Christ. I know that you will want to pray for Graham’s dear wife, Margaret, his children and his grandchildren, all of whom he adored, and his wider family. He served them with his great love all his days and our hearts go out to them.

+Christopher

Scale new Heights - abseil Coventry Cathedral and support Barnardo’s!

Saturday 24th September from 9am

Imagine standing on our rooftop looking out over the impressive Coventry skyline and the breathtaking West Midlands countryside beyond. Imagine leaning back, hearing the wind, taking the strain and feeling the rush as you lower yourself over the edge . . . this beautiful and iconic building promises to deliver an experience unlike any other and we are delighted to be able to offer it as part of our 150th anniversary abseil events.
For 150 years, Barnardo’s has been helping vulnerable children overcome abuse, neglect and exploitation. We couldn’t do it without you, so please sign up now and support us with our challenge to help those young people that need it most.
Places are limited so take advantage of this rare opportunity.

On the day expert abseil professionals will provide you with a comprehensive safety briefing, so no previous experience is needed. All the specialist equipment required to take on a challenge of this magnitude will also be provided. You’ll also receive regular e-newsletters with tips and advice to help you smash your fundraising targets, and a free Barnardo’s t-shirt. Want to take part? Sign up now to join #TeamBarnardo’s! www.barnardos.org.uk/challenge_form?eid=CE_ED_2240

The Tidal Zone

This is a new novel by Sarah Moss which is partly about the story of the rebuilding of our Cathedral. Here’s a review from Canon Margaret Sedgwick:
‘The narrator of this absorbing novel is Adam, an underemployed academic, who has been charged with writing a script for “a geolocative media app” for Coventry Cathedral. He is also the chief carer for his chronically stressed GP wife and their two daughters. Turmoil for the family begins when 15 year old Miriam’s heart stops while she is at school and although she recovers the doctors struggle to find the cause and the family is left in limbo.

Three narratives run in parallel - Miriam’s condition, Adam’s father’s unconventional background and the history of the rebuilding of the cathedral. Despite the uncertainty over Miriam’s future there are some amusing and recognisable pictures of family life. I was somewhat taken aback by the author’s description of the cathedral as an Arts and Crafts building but later in the book she justifies this as she describes Basil Spence’s vision of the new cathedral.’

Canon Kathryn has suggested a meeting to discuss ‘The Tidal Zone’ on Thursday 22nd September at 2.30pm – a day when the girls’ choir are singing Evensong later – which gives us all plenty of time to buy the book and read it. It’s also available from the city library. www.abebooks.co.uk/servlet/SearchResults?an=sarah+moss&sts=t&tn=the+tidal+z