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 Baptistry) you’ll find more about what is happening in and around here.

- **Prayer points for this month**
  As we enter a new year, we pray for the wisdom and courage to make good decisions about the next 12 months, and to follow those through – both for one another, for those who need to get their lives back on track, and for all in responsibility, especially our new government.

- **Cathedral Walkers, Wednesday 15th, starting at 10am**
  A country walk followed by a pub lunch in Norton Lindsey. If you are coming to walk or to lunch, please let Diane Bell know (dcb@thezulu.co.uk; 024 7650 4247) by close today. Fuller details will be on the community table if I get them in time! Dave Goodall

- **Annual service for Christian Unity, Sunday 19th at 2pm**
  The service will take place in the Chapel of Unity. The address will be by Neil Le Tissier, whose theme will be “Unusual Kindness”. Ann Farr

- **Contemporary Music Concert, Friday 24th at 7:30pm (doors open at 7pm)**
  Birmingham Contemporary Music Group ( BCMG) and Royal Birmingham Conservatoire have joined forces to offer NEXT, a new 1-year training programme for those looking for a career as performers of contemporary music. This year’s NEXT musicians will give a concert of new music specially selected to celebrate the Cathedral’s rich architectural heritage. Audience members are encouraged to move around the space as music is performed in different parts of the building. From works inspired by the same vivid colours in John Piper’s stunning stained-glass windows, to music which makes use of spatial distance, Sound Structures explores the relationship between music and materials. Tickets (from £8) from the BCMG website, www.bcmg.org.uk/Event/sound-structures.

- **Old Christmas decorations**
  Please save old Christmas decorations, ribbons etc for decorating Mardi-Gras masks. Thanks! Zoe, Kathryn, Carla, Mandy, Jane and Margaret
• Planned Giving Envelopes for 2020
Packs of envelopes are now available for collection on the Community Table. Please pick up your own, and it would be very useful if you could collect and deliver for anyone unable to do so themselves. Please contact me for any further information. Thank you, Deryck Horton

• Donations for the Cathedral Community Christmas Card
The amount raised was £121.43, which has been given to the Coventry Winter Night Shelter. Thanks to everyone who participated. Jane Williams & Margaret Lloyd

• Death of a former cathedral drama director
Martin Williams has received notice of the death of Robert Prior Pitt, who was on the cathedral staff as drama director in the 1960s. The only information he has is that Robert lived in a remote part of Scotland and died on the 2nd January after a long illness.

• Parish Giving Scheme
We are encouraging those who give regularly to the Cathedral to join the Parish Giving Scheme, which is being adopted by churches across the diocese and beyond. Regular giving helps Chapter to plan, and helps givers maintain that regularity if they are unable to attend in person for any reason. PGS do all the admin, including gift aid if appropriate, reducing the load on our finance staff at no cost to the cathedral (all costs are covered by the diocese). If you do not yet give regularly, please consider joining the scheme. Information packs and forms are available at the back of the cathedral. If you need any more details, Jim Newton, David East or Dave Goodall will be happy to help.

• Cathedral Prayer Circle
For emergency prayer, contact David Ogden on m: 0780 939 9793, e: david@ogden.me.uk.

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