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Update on the Ruins excavation Crypt project
The archaeologists have found the original ‘gravestone-pavement’ floor of the Cathedral and that the crypts, as would be expected, are situated below.

Disappointingly, it is clear that there is not one large vaulted crypt like the Wyley Chapel. There appears to be a number of smaller brick or stone box-type crypts/boxes (two visible already) that would have been able to be capped by a large horizontal stone.

Some of the gravestones in the pavement floor are dated 1703. The archaeologist is currently completing a detailed record of the findings including some carved masonry and disarticulated bones.

The next stage is dig a drainage trench and relocate some of the electricity cables. The archaeology will then be protected and the excavation backfilled to prepare for the waterproof membrane to be laid over the area.

The statue ‘reconciliation’ by Josefina de Vasconcellos has been moved into the Nave (on the Chapel of Unity link), to protect it from any possible damage during the works period. Photo: the external face of the east wall of the Wyley Chapel (bottle for scale!). Tony Auty. Director of Property

WHAT’S ON IN JULY AND AUGUST 2015

Monday 13th July - 1pm Lunchtime organ concert with Kerry Beaumont.

Monday 17th August - 1pm Lunchtime organ concert with Charles Maxtone Smith.

Monday 24th August - 1pm Lunchtime organ concert with Justin Vickery.

Sunday 2nd August - Foodbank Sunday

Monday 3rd August - 1pm Lunchtime organ concert with Paul Carr.

Monday 10th August - 1pm Lunchtime organ concert with Hartwig Barte-Hanssen.

Monday 17th August - 1pm Lunchtime organ concert with Charles Maxtone Smith.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CANON FOR RECONCILIATION

I have a question for you. Actually, for all of us, because this is a question I grapple with daily. What does reconciliation mean? And more specifically, what does it mean for us here at Coventry Cathedral?

We have been thinking about this a lot recently in the Reconciliation Ministry Team. And it is foremost in our minds at times like these....we have just commemorated the 10th anniversary of the 7/7 London bombings, the conflict in Burundi is escalating, not to mention the many other areas of our world riven by violence.

It is also a question I have been asking of all my predecessors in the role of Canon for Reconciliation, as we are currently making a film of interviews with them. We hope to launch it in the autumn, so can find out what they think reconciliation means then! But in the meantime, what do YOU think it means? Because reconciliation is not just something that happens elsewhere, like Burundi. It is at the heart of why we, in Coventry Cathedral, are here. We are all given the ministry of reconciliation, in our ‘Father, forgive’.

So let’s talk about what reconciliation means for us. Because we must engage in the journey together that God asks us, through Christ, to join in. Reconciliation does not need to be complicated. It can start with sitting down at the table and listening. Sharing a meal. Inviting someone in. And we can all do that.

The journey of reconciliation can be risky, it can be long, but above all, it is our journey together in this place, with our wonderful story which inspires so many. It is a journey of hope, of healing, of transformation.

Over the next weeks we will be finalising the St Michael’s House programme for the autumn - the Pilgrimage of Reconciliation , courses, lectures, CCN evenings and so on. Do join us and invite others. Let’s talk. Canon Sarah
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Flowers today
The flowers at the Pulpit are in loving memory of Ron Warwick from Evelyn and the family. ‘Always Loved’.

Request for help from Volunteers and the Cathedral Community
Help! We need to undertake a full stock take and so would like to ask if you could spare just two hours of your time on either the 23rd, 24th, 25th and 26th July.

Once the counting is complete, the Finance team then make necessary adjustments and checks w/c 27th July. Please let either Christine Doyle or Emma Fox know if you’re able to help and which day would suit you. Christine Doyle

Calling all Stewards…..
As we continue to explore our Cathedral’s priorities, your role is crucial. We would love to see you on Saturday 18th July from 10am-11.45am to explore ways in which we can transform the visitor welcome and ensure that everyone who comes, whatever their original purpose, goes home thankful that they visited the Cathedral. Please do come - and let me know if you plan to... Canon Kathryn

Monday 13th July at 7.30pm
Dr Gary Habermas in Coventry Cathedral
Dr Gary Habermas is Distinguished Research Professor at Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary, Virginia, USA. He has co-authored 36 books, over 60 chapters and articles in other books, and over 100 other articles and reviews. He has delivered over 1,800 lectures at around 100 universities, regularly gives TV and radio interviews and is renowned for his expertise in the Turin Shroud, Near Death Experiences and the historical resurrection of Jesus Christ. He has debated leading atheists such as Professor Anthony Flew, and worked closely with Dr N. T. Wright and Michael Licona. He educates, challenges, and inspires with his messages.

And he’s coming to Coventry on Monday 13th July. Dr Habermas will speak at Coventry Cathedral on “The resurrection of Jesus – true and relevant for today?”.

Have you ever thought about what the Turin Shroud is all about, and especially if there is any evidence that 2000 years ago Jesus of Nazareth died and three days later rose to life again? This isn’t just an event for those who are already convinced believers - sceptical agnostics and atheists are equally welcome. Come and see what you make of the evidence...7.30pm to 9pm (cost: free – no tickets required). Any questions? Please contact David Stone – david.stone@coventrycathedral.org.uk

Canon David

Cathedral Walkers
Our next venture into the countryside is on Wednesday 15th July. Why not come and join us, for the walk or just for lunch? Details on the Community Table; please let me know if you intend to come (024 7646 1946 or dagoodall@hotmail.co.uk). Dave Goodall

A date for your diary – Sunday 26th July
On 26th July please stay for coffee if you possibly can, the Dean would like to update the whole Cathedral family on our current situation, and will talk to us after the 10.30 Eucharist. We hope to see you. Canon Kathryn

Cake Today!
There will be a cake sale after the morning service on Sunday 12th July. This will raise CPA funding. Clayre Coopey

Volunteer gardener required
Many thanks to Meg Bowen who has tended the Cathedral roses for many years but has recently resigned from the role. If we have a keen gardener who would like to volunteer then I’d be pleased to hear from them. Tony Auty, Director of Property

Reconciling a Wounded Planet
Do join us at this exciting and challenging conference at the Cathedral on 18th-19th September. With a number of top speakers and contributors from the world of environmental science and theology, we will come together to consider ‘stories of hope’ in the midst of the growing environmental crisis that the world is experiencing. This is not a conference aimed at activists but at all who seek to understand the message of reconciliation, that God was in Christ reconciling all things to himself by the blood of the cross and how this provides the motivation for all of us to care for God’s creation. Pick up a brochure and buy your ticket from the Welcome desk soon at the Early Bird price. Otherwise, if you would like to help as a volunteer, please see me. Godfrey Armitage, Vice Chairman, www.reconcilingawoundedplanet.com.

Coventry Foodbank
Last week I took 326 packets and tins of food to the Foodbank warehouse. These included items bought with cash gifts from 15 people totalling £139. We have now donated 9,848 items to Coventry Foodbank. Thank you to all our supporters, both the 20 or so who give food or cash every month and those who give from time to time. The next Foodbank Sundays are 2nd August, 5th September and 4th October. Richard Chamberlaine-Brothers

“Blessed are those whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.” Psalm 84.5
Come and be a part of the on-going Community of the Cross of Nails story by joining the CCN Pilgrimage, September 22nd-25th 2015.

As members of the Cathedral community, you already know about Coventry’s calling to be a world centre for reconciliation.

CCN pilgrimages give you the opportunity to explore the extraordinary power of Coventry as a place, as well as to deepen your involvement with reconciliation, build links with other partners and, most importantly, take some time away with God. The pilgrimage is hosted by the Reconciliation Ministry Team with support from members of the Cathedral community. Teaching and discussion is facilitated by the Rev Dr Sarah Hills, Canon of Reconciliation.

For further information, and to book your place, please contact ccn@coventrycathedral.org.uk. We hope to hear from you. Canon Sarah