WHAT'S ON IN JUNE 2016

Monday 13th June at 1pm: Summer Organ Recital.
Thursday 16th June at 12.30pm: Cathedral Book Group.
Thursday 16th June at 7.30pm in St Mary Walsgrave: Reader Fellowship Evening.
Friday 17th June at 7.30pm: The Aled Jones Cathedral Tour.
Saturday 18th June at 6pm in Warwick Road URC: Raise the Roof.
Sunday 19th June after Eucharist: Cake Sale in aid of Chorister Funds.
Monday 20th June at 1pm: Summer Organ Recital.
Wednesday 22nd June at 10am in St Michael’s House: Breadcrumbing for OPENTable.
Thursday & Friday 23rd & 24th June at St Michael’s House: Roots in Reconciliation Course.
Thursday 23rd June at 6pm in the Ruins: Much Ado about Nothing (The Handlebards).
Thursday 23rd June at 7pm in the Chapter House: Cyrille Regis and Sabir Zazai - an Interview.
Friday 24th June at 8pm: Carmina Burana performed by the University of Warwick Chorus and Young People's Symphony Orchestra.
Saturday 25th June 10am-1.30pm in St Laurence Meriden: Quiet Morning For the Beauty of the Earth.
Sunday 26th June 11am-5pm in the Ruins: Coventry Cathedral Dining Club.
Sunday 26th June at 6.30pm in Warwick Arts Centre Cinema Foyer: the Spirituals from Tippett's A Child of our Time performed in celebration of LB.
Tuesday 28th June at 7.15pm in St James' Styvechale: Transforming Your Work (Ruth Walker - London Institute for Contemporary Christianity).

Please send items for inclusion in the next edition of Cathedral Matters by end of TUESDAY 14th June 2016 to cathedral.matters@coventrycathedral.org.uk, phone 024 7652 1200 or Margaret Parker. www.coventrycathedral.org.uk

Visit To The Houses Of Parliament
Over 50 people have booked to join the Friends visit to the Houses of Parliament on 22 November, hosted by our President, the Bishop of Coventry. The list is now closed.
Copies of the Friends' June e-bulletin are on the Community Table for those without Internet access. Read about the Friends' recent grants to the Cathedral, worth £10,000.

CATHEDRAL MATTERS
Sunday 12th June
Trinity 3

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A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Dear Friends

Welcome to Coventry Cathedral! Whether you are a regular worshipper here as part of our ‘church’ community, or a visitor, our prayer is that you know God’s presence in this place, and allow him to touch your heart and mind with his love.

Today we are offering the second address in our short stewardship programme, which I began on Pentecost Sunday as we reflected on God’s gifts to us and ours to Him. This is an opportunity to make a fresh commitment to God’s work here through our financial giving, or the pledge of our time or experience. We are blessed to be part of a Cathedral with a vocation to play such a significant part in the city, and the world beyond the church – an instrument of God’s reconciling love in the world. Without God’s calling and equipping, this would be impossible. However, God also needs each of us to play our part: the reconciliation ministry of the Cathedral is widely valued, but needs a regular funding stream to sustain it, and the part the Cathedral’s own community plays is vital. You’ll find inside Cathedral Matters some hard facts and figures about how much we need to increase our regular giving. Please may I ask each of you to give careful attention to this – insofar as you are able – to enable us to continue all that we do in and from this extraordinary place.

With love in Christ

John

Global Candlestand

During this morning’s service a group of students and staff from the Berufsbildungszentrum (vocational college) Kiel will present a Global Candlestand which the students have made. It holds 57 candles, the number of victims in the London bombings on the 7th of July 2005, including the bombers. Coventry Cathedral is very honoured by this gift of peace and reconciliation from a young generation living in Kiel, the first city in Germany to receive a Cross of Nails.
The PENTECOST 2016 Stewardship programme final week:
My giving to Coventry Cathedral!

Our congregational giving to the general, unrestricted funds of the Cathedral contributes to its ‘lifeblood’. This enables us to pay staff, to heat and maintain the buildings and to run much of the ministry here. Our Stewardship (i.e. planned giving) helps our Finance Team, who are working so hard to balance the books, to budget for the year ahead.

We are very grateful to all who have continued to maintain their pledged level of giving in a sacrificial way. In the first four months of this year, this has amounted to £28.5k from a total of just under 60 pledges from individuals or couples. Nevertheless, our giving has fallen short of what we anticipated from previous years, largely as people have moved on, and we really need to look to an increase in regular, planned giving across all of our congregations totalling £1000 a week, achieved not only in increased amounts given per head but in more people committing themselves to give regularly.

If you do not already give by Standing Order or Numbered Envelope, please may we encourage you to fill in the pink form and, if you are a taxpayer, the Gift Aid declaration. It is now three years since the last Stewardship Programme, so if you did respond to that then, may we thank you for your continued support for this amazing place with its worldwide ministry of reconciliation, but also encourage you to review your current level of giving by responding on the pink form.

Thank you to those who have already responded.
Godfrey Armitage, Stewardship Coordinator 2009-2016 (on behalf of the Churchwardens)

Coventry Cathedral seeks Chaplains for our visitors

Are you secure in your faith and ready to be an ambassador?
Are you a good listener, comfortable with sharing faith or keeping silence?
Do you enjoy meeting people from all round the world and hearing their stories?
Are you discreet, able to respect boundaries and to work in a team?
Are you committed to the core values of peace and reconciliation and interested in playing a part in living this ministry at our Cathedral Church?

If this sounds like you and you have some spare time on your hands, why not become part of Coventry Cathedral’s volunteer Chaplaincy team? We’re a group of Christians from different churches and some from well beyond the city boundaries, who give a few hours each month to provide a ministry of welcome, prayer and listening to visitors. Training and support is available.

Revd Kathryn Fleming, Canon Pastor at the Cathedral 02476521230 or 07985 234901
kathryn.fleming@coventrycathedral.org.uk

Thankyou from Christian Aid!
A very big thankyou to all those who volunteered to help with the bucket collections in the shopping precinct and at Tesco’s supermarket during Christian Aid Week. Thankyou also to our Cathedral Community for your very generous donations and especially to Pam Goodwin and others in the catering team, who made their contribution to Christian Aid by providing a fund-raising lunch.

The total amount raised for Bangladesh flood relief – rebuilding and raising homes above the flood plain – was a magnificent £2316 (augmented by a further £233 Gift Aid)

Moya Horton

For The Beauty Of The Earth
25th June, 10am – 1.30pm (tea/coffee at 9.30am)
St. Laurence Church, Church Lane, Meriden CV7 7HX

Have we lost the wonder of what we see every day? Have we lost the magic in the beauty of the life teeming around us? Or do we take God’s awesome creation for granted? Come and join us on this very quiet morning to explore how we can worship God and bring His peace into our lives in simple contemplation of what He can do.

Norrie Moore & Pam Reid

Pam is a Methodist Local Preacher and is on the executive of “Reflect” (the Methodist Retreat and Spirituality Network). Norrie is Lay Reader in the Churches of Arden and a member of the Passionate Spirituality team at Meriden.

BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW at http://www.passionatespirituality.org.uk
Cash donations welcome
**LB’s Justice Quilt**
In 2013, Connor Sparrowhawk (known to family and friends as ‘LB’) died whilst a temporary patient in a specialist treatment and assessment unit. A network of people grew up through social media and elsewhere to support LB’s family. Members of the support group including Janet Read and three other textile artists organised a project to produce ‘LB’s Justice Quilt’ to honour Connor’s life and mourn his death. The quilt has been made from hundreds of fragments of cloth contributed by children and adults in the UK, and from seven other countries, who embroidered, appliquéd, felt-tipped, crocheted and knitted their designs which were then incorporated into an arresting, moving and colourful work of art. The quilt will be hung from the Czech Cross fixing in the Nave from 11 May until 25 June.

**A Child Of Our Time: Sunday 26th June at 6.30pm in Warwick Arts Centre**
There will be a FREE performance of the Spirituals from Sir Michael Tippett’s oratorio in celebration of LB in the Cinema Foyer. Join the University of Warwick Chamber Choir as audience or participant.

**Calling all Foreign Language Speakers!**
I am currently updating the foreign language leaflets which we give out to those visitors for whom English isn’t their first language. Cathedral Guide Martina Thielmann has done a great job on the German leaflet for me, but it now puts the others to shame, so I am looking for anyone who may be able to help with translating into other languages. If you can offer a language please let me know, either in person or via email at carla.crawley@coventrycathedral.org.uk

Marilyn Brown is now at Quinton Lodge, Quinton Park Road CV3 5QL.

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**Sunday 18th September**
We will be putting on a lunch to celebrate 10 years of Kerry & Leslie Beaumont’s service to the musical life of the Cathedral. We will reprise the successful ‘Deserts are Us’ recipe – a modest main course followed by a glorious array of puddings – at £15 per head to raise money for the choir. There will be space for 90 people and a sign-up sheet will be on the Community Table from the beginning of July. We hope that members of the choirs and choir parents as well as the Cathedral congregations will be able to come. All the food and drink for the meal is being donated so that all the ticket money can go to choir funds.

The Catering Team: Pam Goodwin, Brenda Stokes, Rex Satchwell, Richard Chamberlaine-Brothers

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**Cathedral Community notices**

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**A Call for Action!**
Since 1994 members of the Cathedral congregation have supported some of Europe’s poorest people who live in Sibiu, Transylvania. After WWII Romania endured 25 years of dictatorship under President Ceausescu, and even today ordinary Romanians struggle to cope with the consequences of his social engineering. In the last six years the congregation has sponsored newly-qualified graduate therapists at the end of their courses in Occupational Therapy and Speech & Language Therapy to work for the summer with severely disabled children at the “Speranta” Centre. Many volunteers are from Coventry University. At the end of the summer they come to the Cathedral and talk of the lasting benefits of their work not only for the children, but on their own lives. Our volunteers take with them skills that are not taught in Romania. The children benefit from modern techniques and the Romanian staff also learn and add to their own skills. This summer 18 volunteers have applied to help the project. Each volunteer pays £500 towards their own costs and the UK charity SHARE also contributes. **I am now seeking to raise the balance of £1200 in sponsorship.**

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**Organ recital Monday 13th June at 1pm**
This week’s programme, given by David Phillips, will include music by Marcel Lanquetuit, Louis Marchand and Felix Mendelssohn. See http://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/wpsite/blog/2016/04/11/monday-lunchtime-organ-recitals/

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**Cathedral Book Group - for Sunday community, staff and volunteers**
**Thursday 16th June at 1pm**
Please Note Change of Date!
This month Canon Kathryn has chosen Help. Thanks. Wow by Anne Lamott: ‘I do not know much about God and prayer, but I have come to believe, over the last twenty-five years, that there’s something to be said for keeping prayer simple. Help. Thanks. Wow. It is these three prayers – asking for assistance, appreciating the good we witness, and feeling awe at the world – that get us through the day and show us the way forward.’ Lamott recounts how she came to these insights, explains what they have meant to her over the years and how they’ve helped, and explores how others have embraced these ideas. If you’re finding your prayer life a touch stagnant, this might be the tonic you need…

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**Cathedral Walkers**
**Wednesday 15th June at 10am**
Details are on the Community Table. Please let me know if you are coming to walk, for lunch, or both (weather permitting, of course!).

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**Reader Fellowship Evening: Thursday 16th June at St Mary Walsgrave**
All are warmly invited to join Coventry East and Coventry North Deanery Readers for an evening of prayer, fellowship and sharing of ministries. Further information from the Warden of Readers, Heidi Cartledge, on 01926 641 751, heidi14@gmail.com
Breadmaking for OPENTable

Wednesday 22nd June at 10am
Do you have breadmaking skills? Are you lacking in breadmaking skills but enjoy good company? No matter what your answer, we invite you to join us in the kitchen at St Michael’s House for fellowship and breadmaking. We will prepare the bread for the OPENTable supper church meeting on Sunday 26th June in the Nave of the Cathedral.

Roots in Reconciliation:

Thursday & Friday 23rd & 24th June
St Michael’s House

Reconciliation: what is it and how do we begin?
‘Roots in Reconciliation’ is a foundation course in the theory, theology, and practice of peace and reconciliation, hosted by the Reconciliation Ministry Team. The course is open to all interested in the topic - students, community members, clergy. It will be led by the Canon for Reconciliation Ministry, Sarah Hills, and will cover a range of theories on reconciliation as well as an exploration of how reconciliation practice can be used in your community. For more information, reconciliation@coventrycathedral.org.uk or speak to a member of the team.

* a few members of the community took part in this course last autumn: two days of discussion and workshop sessions including a pilgrimage of Hill Top and the Cathedrals. We all found it very worthwhile and would highly recommend it to anyone.

Margaret Parker

Much Ado About Nothing: Thursday 23rd June at 6pm in the Ruins
Described by Sir Ian McKellen as “uproariously funny”, the four-strong all-male HandleBards present Shakespeare’s plays as you’ve never seen them before - fast-paced, irreverent and bicycle-powered.
Since 2013, the HandleBards have pedalled over 5000 miles across the world, carrying all their set, props and costumes on just four bicycles. On Thursday 23rd they’re stopping off in the Ruins to perform their rib-tickling production of Shakespeare’s joyous comedy (there are no deaths whatsoever!). Expect a “gloriously eccentric and very, very funny” (The Stage, on A Midsummer Night’s Dream) night, delivered on eight very sore legs. The HandleBards will be accompanied by live music from a local musician.

Cyrille Regis and Sabir Zabai: an Interview

Thursday 23rd June at 7pm
Cathedral Chapter House
The first in a series of St Michael’s House public lectures will be with Cyrille Regis, Trustee of Christians in Sport and former Coventry City footballer, and Sabir Zazai, Director of the Coventry Refugee and Migrant Centre. Cyrille for Reconciliation Sarah Hills will host an interview that explores the topic of learning to live with difference and celebrate diversity. Space is limited. To book your space please email reconciliation@coventrycathedral.org.uk

Prayer Ministry Training Morning
Saturday 9th July 10am - 1pm
St Michael’s House
For Chaplains, Prayer Ministers and anyone interested in learning more.
Details to follow.

Carolina Burana

Friday 24th June at 8pm
Performed by the University of Warwick Chorus with California’s oldest youth orchestra, the Young People’s Symphony, and their conductor David Ramirez.

An opportunity to hear about Amasango School, South Africa

Saturday 25th June in Wellesbourne and Kenilworth
Come and meet Linda Ngamlana, the Principal of Amasango School, a Christian school for street children in Grahamstown South Africa. She will be at St Peter’s Church Wellesbourne from 10.30am-noon and at The Tree House Bookshop, Kenilworth from 2.30-4.00pm. There will be cake and conversation, and Linda will speak about the school.

St Peter’s Wellesbourne has a close relationship with Amasango through volunteering, prayer and financial support. The school would welcome partnership with other churches and individuals.

www.amasango.org.uk

Transforming your Work with LICC

Tuesday 28th June at 7:15pm in St James, Styvechale
Life at work can be challenging for us especially as Christians. This evening will give you a flavour of how you can live the difference Jesus makes in your workplace including ideas and stories of how you can transform your workplace.

Ruth Walker of the London Institute for Contemporary Christianity will speak and introduce ‘Transforming Work’.
There is a suggested donation on the night of £5 and there will be light bites and pudding. For more information or to book a place email paul@workcare.org

Cathedral Prayer Circle

In an emergency, a group of us is 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.