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

- **Prayer Points for April**

  Pray for the ongoing preparations for the City of Culture programme across the city and especially in the Cathedral, and particularly for the proposed Cathedral building project.

- **Christian Aid Week, today until Sunday 19th**
  1. Envelopes will be distributed and collected at the 10.30 Eucharist on both Sundays.
  2. Help is needed with collecting during the Week.
  3. There will be a Community Christian Aid Lunch, with Christian Aid speaker, after the 10:30 Eucharist on 26th May (please sign up for this).

  For details, see the Community Table or talk to me. *Moya Horton*

- **Organ Recital, Monday 13th at 1pm (admission free, retiring collection)**

  This week’s half hour concert features Rachel Mahon, our Assistant Director of Music. She will be playing Symphony No 1 by Canadian organist and composer Rachel Laurin (b1961).

- **Rosemary Boyes-Watson, service of thanksgiving on Monday 13th at 2.45pm**

  All are welcome to this service of thanksgiving for Rosemary’s life at the Cathedral.

- **Exploring Brexit through the Lens of Ruth, Tuesday 14th at 7pm**

  We’re using this public theology initiative from the Corrymeela Community over 5 weeks to follow up Pádraig Ó Tuama’s visit in March. The series begins this Tuesday in St Michael’s House and continues on 3 successive Tuesdays, 21st May, 28th May, and 4th June plus (in the Provost's Vestry) 18th June. *Canon Kathryn*

- **Song for the Child, a concert on Saturday 18th at 3pm**

  2019 is the centenary of Save the Children, and Balsall Common branch is marking this with this concert. 250 children from across Coventry Diocese have been working hard since Christmas on their performances of popular songs. They will be supported by a band and ‘Crescendo’ adult choir as they raise funds towards the charity’s projects in the UK and across the World. Tickets available from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/songforthechild](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/songforthechild).
• Coventry Cathedral Tea Dance, Tuesday 21st from 2 to 4pm
Our first Tea Dance is an excellent way to meet new friends, learn some new dance moves with a trained professional and enjoy tea and cake whilst listening to tunes from yesteryear, performed by Miss Gloria Sunset. Taking place during Dementia Action Week, this event will also give you a chance to chat with the teams from Alzheimer’s Society and learn about support available to you and your family. Free to attend; all ages welcome.

• Cathedral Walkers, Wednesday 22nd
Our walk to Coombe starts in Binley Woods and we follow it with lunch in Brandon. Details are on the Community Table. Please let me know by close next Sunday if you’re coming, either to 024 7646 1946 or to dagoodall@hotmail.co.uk. Dave Goodall

• Spires Philharmonic Orchestra & Chorus, Saturday 1st June at 4:30pm
A concert in the cathedral – also featuring Dresden Neuer Chor – of choral and orchestral music by Bach, Brahms, Copland, Elgar, Fauré, Mozart, Rachmaninov, Spofforth and others. Tickets £12 from ticketsource.co.uk/spiresmusic, from The Herbert or on the door. Come and celebrate 60 years of friendship between the twinned cities of Coventry and Dresden.

• Confirmation Service, Sunday 9th June at 6pm
This service (informal, with worship band) is for adults interested in taking this next step in faith. Canon Kathryn will be happy to talk to you about what this might mean for you and to get a group together to explore life and faith. Also contact her about separate prep being arranged for teenagers interested in being confirmed on 9th June if you haven’t yet had details. Canon Kathryn (kathryn.fleming@coventrycathedral.org.uk or 024 7652 1230)

• Jacob Böhme (1575-1624) exhibition (now until 5th July)
Jacob Böhme is one of the most important German thinkers, with an impact on literature, philosophy, religion and art well beyond national borders. 100 years after the Reformation, he argued for a far-reaching philosophical and spiritual renewal. His vision of a harmonious world and creative language inspired many English poets and artists, especially William Blake.

• Thank you …
I would like to say thank you for the card and the cake last Sunday, and to the Precentor for presenting both to me. Barbara Mobbs

• Ecclesiastical Insurance “Trust 130” campaign
The Trust 130 campaign celebrates Ecclesiastical’s 130 years of insuring Anglican churches and cathedrals. Under it, Ecclesiastical donates £130 to a nominated Anglican church when a member of their church family (including clergy, church, volunteers or members of the congregation) takes out a home insurance policy with Ecclesiastical, quoting ‘Trust130’. The campaign remains open throughout 2019. Terms and conditions apply, available here.

• Cathedral Prayer Circle
In an emergency, contact Sandra.Brownbridge2@gmail.com for prayer for your concerns.

Please send brief items of Cathedral news and events for the next edition of Cathedral Matters by the end of Tuesday 14th May for publication next Sunday to cathedral.matters@coventrycathedral.org.uk or phone 024 7652 1227.