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 start this year, please pray for the Dean, away on sabbatical from January to March, and for all the continuing preparations for the City of Culture in 2021. We pray too for Canon Sarah starting her new ministry in Holy Island, for the family, and for Mark Simmons and the Reconciliation team here in Coventry working in new ways through 2019.

- **Today**

The Reader assisting at the Cathedral Eucharist today is Emma Kennedy (St Paul’s, Stockingford).

- **Creation of new electoral and community rolls**

Chapter is required to prepare a new electoral roll before this year’s AGM, and it has been decided also to renew the community roll on the same basis. Those on the electoral roll are automatically included in the community roll, so those eligible for the electoral roll should only complete that form. Forms are available on the Community Table; please place completed forms in the bag. Dave Goodall

- **Reconciliation and the Cross of Nails, from Tuesday 15th at 7:30pm**

Join us in St Michael's House for a gentle introduction to reconciliation on 5 consecutive Tuesday evenings: Jan 15<sup>th</sup> - Reconciliation - Coventry's Gift; 22<sup>nd</sup> - Healing the Wounds of History; 29<sup>th</sup> - Learning to Live with Difference & Celebrate Diversity; Feb 5<sup>th</sup> - Building a Culture of Peace; 12<sup>th</sup> - Responding to Reconciliation. To book a place or for more info, contact reconciliation@coventrycathedral.org.uk or 024 7652 1284. The course costs £50.

- **Cathedral Walkers lunch with optional walk, Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>**

There’s a new format for this year’s winter season: a lunch preceded by an optional walk. Details and a menu are on the Community Table; please let me know if you are coming to 024 7646 1946 or dagoodall@hotmail.co.uk by close today. Dave Goodall
CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY NOTICES

- **Safeguarding training, Thursday 17th at 10am in the Chapter House**
  It is essential that ALL volunteers at the Cathedral undertake the basic safeguarding awareness training (C0). If you would prefer a group session to online, attend this 2 hour session with Mandy Wooltorton and Jane Williams. Please confirm attendance with Louise Nicholls. All safeguarding training can be found on the Diocese of Coventry website.

- **Annual service for Christian Unity, Saturday 19th at 1pm in Chapel of Unity**
  “Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue” (Deuteronomy 16 vv 18-20). The speaker will be Revd Dr Gabrielle Thomas. All welcome. Ann Farr

- **Addressing homelessness in Coventry, Wednesday 30th at 7:30pm**
  Could a group of us from the Cathedral befriend and support a few homeless people in a Hope into Action house in Coventry? Find out more at Limbrick Wood Baptist Church, Faseman Ave, Tile Hill. More information on the Community Table. Jane Williams and Margaret Lloyd are planning to go. Will you join us?

- **Licensing of Revd Sarah Bourne in Banbury on Wednesday 6th Feb at 7:30pm**
  The Bishop of Dorchester in the Diocese of Oxford will license Sarah as Associate Priest and Chaplain for the Arts at St Mary’s Parish Church, Banbury. The church (opposite the cinema) will welcome all who wish to attend. For printing & catering purposes, please email Sarah.Bourne@CovLec.org if you would like to come. Sarah will continue to live near Shipston-on-Stour and to hold Permission to Officiate in Coventry Diocese. Canon David

- **A post-Christmas thank you**
  A big ‘thank you’ to all stewards who helped over the Christmas period. Barbara Mobbs

- **Contributions to the Community Christmas Card**
  A big thank you to everyone who contributed to the Card this year. We raised an excellent £120, which I took (with £100 from the catering team) to Langar House for the Coventry (Severe Weather) Emergency Centre for the homeless who don’t want to or don’t meet the criteria for the Salvation Army or Winter Night Shelters. When it is very cold, they are brought into Langar House for something to eat and for somewhere to sleep. £220 will help those who need this shelter and support enormously. Jane Williams, St Michael’s Committee

- **Succession planning for the Cathedral’s reconciliation ministry**
  Mark Simmons will be working with the team as Dean’s Advisor for Reconciliation Ministry for one day a week throughout 2019. Mark is well known to the team as CEO of the Friends of Ibba Girls’ School (FIGS) in South Sudan, shortly to join the CCN (we are grateful to the FIGS trustees for agreeing to this secondment). Mark has recently taken on the Chair of the UK Board of the CCN, is a trained mediator and negotiator and an experienced strategic leader, and we all look forward to working with him in 2019! Lou Nicholls

- **Cathedral Prayer Circle**
  In an emergency, contact Meg Bowen’s group, 01926 856928, 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 15th January** for publication next Sunday to cathedral.matters@coventrycathedral.org.uk or phone 024 7652 1227.