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**A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN**

Welcome to Coventry Cathedral. Whether you are a regular worshipper here, or an occasional visitor, we pray for each other that we will know God’s love enfolding us and leading us forward in the way of Peace.

Today is the start of ‘Passiontide’, when our hearts and minds are directed towards Christ’s Passion, pouring out his love and his life for our salvation. It’s an intense time of reflection and meditation on the lengths to which God’s love came to meet us in our own brokenness and need - so it invites us also into thanksgiving.

You will also be hearing today of a new post for Canon David Porter (details inside/next week) as Chief of Staff and Strategy for the Archbishop of Canterbury. We offer him our warm congratulations, and prayers for his new role.

John Witcombe
The Very Reverend John Witcombe MA MPhil, Dean of Coventry

**Deans and Canons today...**

This morning the Dean is presiding and preaching at the Church of the Holy Ascension Mappleborough Green.

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Though we know that God forgives us whenever we turn to him in penitence and faith, it is sometimes helpful to engage with a more intensive process of self-examination and to hear God’s forgiveness spoken aloud, knowing that our own specific failures have been forgiven.

In a place with reconciliation at its heart, it makes sense to enjoy the full riches of the sacraments that Christ has entrusted to his Church. There will be a priest ready to hear confessions in the Chapel of Christ in Gethsemane on the Wednesday of Holy Week (23rd March) between 6pm and 7pm, or please contact Canon Kathryn to arrange another time.

Canon Kathryn

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**Christian-Muslim evening**
**Monday 14th March at 7pm**

Following the hugely successful Christian-Muslim evening in January, Imam Usman and the Dean are hosting a second one on Monday 14th March at the Eagle Street Mosque. The first evening, in the Chapter House, was packed and an opportunity for us to share the basics of our faith. This time we will looking at the concept of “Jesus” in both of our faiths: discussing Jesus’ life on earth, His miracles, His status as a major prophet in Islam, and (from our side) the Easter story, John and Usman will also discuss issues surrounding the divinity of Christ, which is obviously the major dividing line between our two faiths.

We will be having a walk-down from the Cathedral at 6.30pm (gathering in the porch between the two Cathedrals). There are also good car parking facilities available at the Mosque and in the nearby side-streets. Matt Robinson

**Earth Hour 2016**

Coventry Cathedral is now registered with Eco Church! Do join people all over the planet, as a symbol of your commitment to it, by switching off your non-essential lighting between 8.30 and 9.30pm on Saturday 19th March.

Godfrey Armitage

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**Reconciliation Lent Book Group**
*Thursday 17th March*

The Reconciliation Ministry Team invites you to a book group on Thursday 17th March at 2pm in St Michael’s House. Godfrey Armitage will host the group on Paul Ede’s book Urban Eco-mission: Healing the land in the Post-industrial City. This is a theological-ethical reflection and practical learning booklet about community-based transformation of derelict and vacant land and how it can be transformative for those who participate. 

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*Barbara Mobbs*

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**Preparing for China workshop**

*An introduction for Returners and Potential Mentors*

**Saturday 14th May - Lower Ford Street Baptist Church**

Please help spread the word about this workshop in May which supports Christian students returning to China. The ‘Preparing for China’ workshops are an introduction to some of these issues as part of a larger programme of China Returnee Retreats, mentoring and connection with churches back home. These half day interactive events are intended for Chinese Christians and those who want to be equipped to assist them to prepare to return home. For more details see the information on the Community Table or email andrew.smith@omfmail.com.

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*Sunday 20th March 20 at 6.30pm*

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*Haley Jones*

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**Cathedral Walkers**

*Wednesday 16th March*

This month’s walk will be based at Stretton-on-Dunsmore; details are on the Community Table. Why not join us to walk, for lunch, or get the best of both worlds? Please let me know by close Sunday if you are coming so we can finalise numbers for lunch with the pub. Dave Goodall, 024 7646 1946, dagooodall@hotmail.co.uk

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**Coventry Pilgrimage 2016**

*Cloud and Fire*

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*Margaret Lloyd*

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*David East*

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**Radio Plus - a plea from the management team**

We have received the following message from the Trustees at Radio Plus. We have included parts of the message here; the full email is available on the Community Table.

At our board meeting recently we were faced with the difficult choice of whether to shut down whilst solvent or to continue. We only have weeks before our cash runs out! This is because some key grants for core running costs have not materialised. Neither have recent calls/campaigns for direct financial support from across Coventry. Yet we believe that God has given Radio Plus an important ministry in the city, which we are determined to maintain if we can. Please read our case for support attached.

In the last year alone, we’ve profiled over 160 community organisations/churches/charities/businesses across Coventry and in 2015, 23 young unemployed people completed media training via our “Routes to Employment” course with many going into employment or onto further training. If you’re not doing so already, please prayerfully consider becoming a “Friend of Radio Plus” as an individual by signing up on our website: http://www.radioplus.org.uk/page.php?name=donate. The Gift Aid mandate form is attached to this message. Radio Plus Trustees

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**Crypt project**

The North Gate to the Ruins was reopened again on Tuesday 8th March. All the paving has been relaid and the lighting is switched on. Midland Construction still have a few weeks of work to fully complete the project and they are also undertaking trial repair work on the Chapel of Unity. 

*Tony Auty*

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**Coventry Foodbank**

Last week I took 206 items to the Foodbank Warehouse. These included items bought with cash donations from 14 people totalling £147. In response to a request from the Foodbank I included coffee, sugar, rice and toothpaste. The total number of items given to the Foodbank since we started in April 2012 is 12,209. Thank you to everyone who has made this possible. The next Foodbank Sundays are 3rd April, 1st May and 5th June. 

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