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.

- **This week**
The Dean is in residence this week. The Reader assisting at the Cathedral Eucharist today is Emma Kennedy (St Paul’s, Stockingford).

- **Prayer Points for this month**
  This month we celebrate the removal of the admission charge in the Cathedral. Please pray for this initiative that it will be fulfil its potential for mission, and be financially sustainable.

- **Christian Aid Week – starts today**
  You can help by using the envelopes provided to make your own contribution (to be collected in the normal way over the next 2 or 3 weeks); visiting the “Uprooted Exhibition” (here until 15th May); joining us on 27th May for a Community fund-raising lunch; volunteering an hour or two for collecting (see details on Community Table); and by taking a copy of “God’s Kingdom is Stronger than the Storms” from the Community Table, and praying for this vital work. *Moya Horton*

- **Prayer for Christian Service, Monday 14th May, Chapel of Unity, 4 – 5 pm**
  VIP Event: a time of multi-agency practical ministry to the marginalised people of our city. Find out more, and pray for all involved in this sharing of God’s love. Introduced by Steve Elton (Project Manager). All welcome! *John Lloyd*

- **St Michael’s House Programme, Tuesday 15th May from 6:30 to 8:30pm**
  The next Coventry Conversation will be on the topic Sexuality and the Church in discussion with Dean John and Canon Kathryn. The conversation will take place at St Michael’s House and will be facilitated by Canon Sarah. This is a free event. All views, opinions and beliefs are welcome. If you would like more information please contact Cerys Smith at Cerys.Smith@coventrycathedral.org.uk
• Cathedral Walkers, Wednesday 16th May, starting at 10:00
We plan to walk from Bubbenhall into Ryton Wood to see the bluebells (mud alert in the Wood!) Details on the Community table. Please let me know by close today if you are coming to walk, for lunch or both via dagoodall@hotmail.co.uk or on 024 7646 1946. Dave Goodall

• SHARE Barn Dance, scheduled for Saturday 19th May
With apologies, this has had to be cancelled. Jane Williams

• Gift Table Sale, after 10:30 Eucharist on Sunday 20th May
To raise funds for the Cathedral Choristers. Claire Coopey

• Cathedral Chorister Swimarathon on Saturday 19th May between 6-9 pm
2 teams of choristers (all 13 years or under) are taking part in this fund-raising event at the Xcel Leisure Centre. Each team has 45 minutes to swim as many lengths as they can. Sponsor forms are on the Community Table; please sponsor us! Claire Coopey

• Friends of Coventry Cathedral, Friendly Monday on 21st May
A Friendly Monday presentation at 10:30am on Monday 21st May in the lecture hall. Canon Professor Richard Farnell will speak about Building Better Neighbourhoods: Power, Politics and Faith. To reserve a place for the talk, sign up on the Community Table today or email secretary@friendsofcoventrycathedral.org.uk. Jim Newton

• Coventry Pilgrimage 2018: Walk 3, 10am on Saturday 26th May
St Mary Stoneleigh via St Giles Bubbenhall to St Leonard Ryton on Dunsmore, 5.8 miles. All welcome to join for all or part of the walk. Details at www.cov100.org.

• Hospitality requested overnight on Sunday 27th May
Joel Trekell, organ scholar at Hereford Cathedral is playing our Monday lunchtime recital on the 21st May and he is looking for a place to stay the night on Sunday 20th May. If anyone would be so kind as to give him dinner and breakfast and a room for the night please contact Kerry Beaumont, Director of Music on Kerry.Beaumont@CovLec.org. Thank you.

• Watch and hear the Girl Choristers in Berlin!

• John Piper Exhibition at Mead Gallery, University of Warwick
John Piper (1903-1992) painted bombed-out churches during World War Two as Official War Artist, including the old Cathedral Ruins immediately after their destruction on 14th November 1940. In the 1950s, Basil Spence commissioned him, with Patrick Reyntiens, to design the baptistery window. Open weekdays 12 – 9pm (12 – 5pm Sundays & bank holidays). Free entry.

• New data protection laws and gift aid
Thank you to all who have already completed and returned the data consent form. If you haven’t yet done so, please don’t delay further! Please also complete the gift aid section, if appropriate so we can ensure that all our gift aid information is accurate and up-to-date. Dave Goodall

Please send brief items of Cathedral news and events for the next edition of Cathedral Matters by the end of Tuesday 15th May for publication next Sunday to cathedral.matters@coventrycathedral.org.uk or phone 024 7652 1227.