Friends Lunch, AGM and Tea
Please use the sign-up sheet on the Community Table today, to book your place for the light Lunch, being provided by the Choir Parents, in the Lecture Room, from 12.30pm on Sunday, 27th September, prior to our AGM. The Friends AGM will commence at 1.30pm, in the Chapter House, when the Dean will speak. The meeting is open to all Members of the Friends. Afterwards there will be tea and cakes in the Undercroft Lecture Room. The cost of the Lunch and Tea is just £5 which is payable on the day.

Autumn Newsletter
The Friends Autumn Newsletter will be mailed out this week and also will be available for collection from the Community Table next Sunday.

Future Leaders
At the AGM, on Sunday 27th October, there’s the opportunity to support the Friends, by standing for the Council. Nomination Forms are available from the Community Table. We now have over 550 Members and in the last 12 months we have given more than £25,000, to support the work and fabric of the Cathedral. If you feel that you have the time and the skills to become more involved with what the Friends are doing, please have a word with me. This is your opportunity to take a lead and ensure the healthy future of the Friends. We particularly require people prepared to help us with our communications and organize our events.

Friends Annual Report and Accounts 2014
Copies of the Friends Annual Report and Accounts 2014 and Minutes of the last AGM will be available on the Community Table next week for Members who would like to study them in advance of the Annual Meeting. Andrew Paine (Chairman) 02476 411560 or andrewliddellpaine@btinternet.com

WHAT’S ON IN SEPTEMBER 2015
- Sunday 13th September
  - 8.00am Holy Communion (Holy Trinity)
  - 10.30am The Cathedral Eucharist
  - 4.00pm Choral Evensong
  - 6.30pm Later

A MESSAGE FROM THE CANON FOR RECONCILIATION
You may be wondering why there is a boat in the Nave. The refugee crisis speaks into the heart of our ministry of reconciliation and healing. The boat is a symbol of our response to the refugees. Can you imagine setting off across the sea in a boat of this size, full of frightened children, men and women? This symbol is only one way of responding to the crisis but we hope it will encourage people to pray, to engage and to donate.

Coventry Cathedral will hold a peace vigil on Saturday 26th September from 6pm for one hour. The vigil will take place under the porch that links the ruined medieval Cathedral with the modern building on the Queen’s Steps. Many people have been affected by the recent migrant crisis and the long-running conflicts in places such as Israel Palestine and North Africa and this is an opportunity for people from all faiths or no faith to come together to light a candle, pause for reflection and say a prayer.

Of course, this is not the only crisis facing us. We need to continue to work and pray for peace and reconciliation throughout the world. On Monday 21st September to mark the International Day of Peace, we are holding a forum in St Michael’s House jointly with CORD and Coventry University from 4pm-6pm with speakers (light refreshment included). Please do come and join us at these events. Canon Sarah

Cathedral Matters
Sunday 20th September
- 8.00am Holy Communion (Holy Trinity)
- 10.30am The Cathedral Eucharist
- 4.00pm Choral Evensong
- 6.30pm Later
Reconciling a Wounded Planet
Do join us at this exciting conference at the Cathedral on 18th-19th September. Speakers and contributors from the world of environmental science and theology include Sir Ghillean Prance, the Reverend Margot Hodson, Professor Richard Bauckham and Bishop James Jones. With them, we will come together to consider ‘stories of hope’ in the midst of the growing environmental crisis that the world is experiencing. This is not a conference aimed at activists but at all who seek to understand the message of reconciliation, that God was in Christ reconciling all things to himself by the blood of the cross and how this provides the motivation for us all to care for God’s creation. Do pick up a brochure and buy your ticket from the welcome desk or online at the website. Otherwise, if you would like to help as a volunteer, please see me.

Lord Mayor of Coventry’s Annual Peace Lecture
Wednesday 28th October 2015, 7.30pm (Doors open at 7pm)
The Lord Mayor of Coventry’s Annual Peace Lecture will be given by Jonathan Porritt, the writer, broadcaster and founding Director of the ‘Forum for the Future’. The lecture, which will begin at 7.30pm, is titled ‘Reshaping the Security Agenda’ and will be held in the St Mary’s Guildhall.

Reconciliation: What is it and how do we begin?
Come and join us in St Michael’s House on the 12th and 13th October for the first of our new series of Reconciliation courses. Over two days, Canon Sarah will provide an introduction to the theology and practice of peace and reconciliation. The course fee is £200, which covers all teaching and resources, as well as refreshments and lunch on both days. For more information and to book your place, email reconciliation@coventrycathedral.org.uk, call Carly Tewkesbury-Witham on 024 7652 1284, or talk to Canon Sarah. The Reconciliation Ministry Team

London Bridges Walk - Saturday 19th September 2015 10am
Our congregation has been invited to join a seven-mile (fairly leisurely) walk across London to raise funds for the fight against modern slavery. For further details see: www.ineds.org.uk/london-bridges-walk or pick up an information card from the Community Table. Graham Warren

National Justice and Peace Network - Open Networking Day
Join us on Saturday 19th September 2015 at Warwick Road URC, 10 Warwick Row, Coventry CV1 1EX, 10.30am-4pm where the theme will be ‘Francis: Economics: The Saint, the Pope and the Economy of Enough’.

The speaker, Paul Bodenham (Chair of Green Christian), will be looking at economics in the light of Franciscan spirituality and the papal encyclical on the environment. There will also be an opportunity to hear about justice and peace activities from groups around the country. Representatives of Catholic/Christian Agencies will report on their work and suggest practical ways of becoming involved in campaigning for social justice. Tea and coffee will be provided, bring your own lunch. To find out more contact Ann Kelly on 020 7901 4864 or email admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk. Dean John

Coventry Asylum and Refugee Action Group has started a crowd-funding appeal to raise the money needed to keep the group going.
http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/coventry-asylum-and-refugee-action-group/ They are a support and campaign group to support asylum and refugees in the UK. Most of their members have personal experience of the asylum system. They meet once a week and share a meal together. People can bring problems to the group and get advice and share their experiences, and the group also do some campaigning for long-term change in the system for equality. Some of the problems their members face are destitution (having no support or right to work), detention and housing as well as navigating the asylum system and referrals for those who are in difficult circumstances. They need money for food and travel as many of their members are destitute and have no money for transport. They also want to be able to get speakers to attend their meetings to address questions and educate their members and to be able to travel to events or campaigns with similar groups around the UK. They also want to produce materials to raise awareness and influence policy on asylum in the UK. See their website here http://caragcoventry.weebly.com/.

And from the catering team
First of all a big thank you to those of you who contributed towards the cost of the new fridge/freezer. It will certainly make things easier for all involved in catering. As usual this Christmas the catering team will be raising money for the Joe Homan Charity and Crisis which supports local homeless people. If anyone has any spare fruit etc we would be pleased to have it. Please leave it by the Community Table any Sunday morning. With many thanks for your support. Pam, Brenda, Rex & Richard

Coventry Foodbank
Last week I took 376 packets and tins of food to the Foodbank Warehouse. These included items bought with your cash gifts of £185 from 17 people. It brings the total of items given to the Foodbank to 10,544 since we started. The next Foodbank Sundays are 4th October, 1st November and 6th December.
Richard Chamberlain-Brothers

Cathedral Walkers
Wednesday 16th September
Our next walk and/or lunch is soon due. Details on the Community Table or from me; do let me know if you intend to come (024 7646 1946). Dave Goodall