THE SECRETS OF THE GREAT TAPESTRY
Tuesday 30th June at 7pm

Have you bought your ticket yet? You must come and hear Alison Lister’s illustrated lecture on the £110,000 conservation of the great tapestry, which dominates the Cathedral.

Professor Louise Campbell Emeritus Professor, History of Art, University of Warwick, and a Vice-President of the Friends, will introduce the lecture and speak about the significance of the Coventry Tapestry in late 20th Century art.

After the Lecture, there will be a wine reception, with the chance to meet the conservators.

Tickets: £12.50 (including the reception) for Members of the Friends from the Community Table today.

Excursion to Lichfield and the NMA Saturday 5th September 2015
The Friends coach will leave Coventry Cathedral at 9am on Saturday 5th September, for the National Memorial Arboretum at Alrewas, Staffordshire. There will be a guided tour of The Arboretum and free time to explore the memorials and the shopping and catering facilities.

The coach will arrive at Lichfield Cathedral about 1pm. After a guided tour and free time to visit the souvenir shop and the Café in the Close, the party will return to Coventry, arriving at the Cathedral at about 6pm.

Pick up a booking form today from the Community Table, and return it with your cheque for £25.50. There are just 30 places and bookings are filling up fast.

Andrew Paine, Chairman

WHAT’S ON IN JUNE AND JULY 2015

Monday 15th June - 1pm Lunchtime organ concert with Peter Morris.  
Monday 22nd June - 1pm Lunchtime organ concert with Kerry Beaumont.  
Tuesday 23rd June - All day conference ‘The Allure of the Magna Carta’.  
Saturday 27th June - 5pm Ordination service.  
Monday 29th June - 1pm Lunchtime organ concert with Geoff Howells.  
Tuesday 30th June - 7pm The Friends Lecture ‘The Secrets of the Great Tapestry’.  
Saturday 4th July - 7.30pm Saint Michael’s Singers International Gala Concert.  
Sunday 5th July - Foodbank Sunday  
Monday 6th July - 1pm Lunchtime organ concert with Alessandro Bianchi.  
Saturday 11th July - Quiet Day at Meriden for Chaplains and those involved in prayer ministry.  
Sunday 12th July - CPA Cake Sale.

Please send items for inclusion in the next edition of Cathedral Matters by end of TUESDAY 16th June 2015.
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A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Welcome to Coventry Cathedral – we hope you enjoy your time with us today, and know God’s love meeting and surrounding you.

Members of the Cathedral community will know that I have just returned from two weeks in the United States, speaking about our history and vision – and the urgent need for resources to sustain and develop what we are called to do. It was busy, challenging and exciting – people across eight major cities, and around twelve centres, responded warmly and were caught by the ministry of reconciliation which we share. It was humbling, as always, to grasp how important the Coventry connection is in so many places, as they use us to explain what they stand for – and in turn, our partnership with them helps us know to what we are called, as reconcilers in a divided world. Please pray for our US partners and our developing relationships with them.

You will read elsewhere in Cathedral Matters the sad news that Ken Sedgwick has died. Our prayers are with Margaret, and their family and many friends. Ken’s smiling face will be missed in the cathedral, but his presence will still be felt and appreciated by so many here. The Very Reverend John Witcombe, Dean of Coventry

THE MAGNA CARTA CONFERENCE - TUESDAY 23RD JUNE

As part of the 800th anniversary activities for the Magna Carta, Bishop Christopher and Dean John are hosting a one day conference on this ancient document and why it is still relevant in the 21st century.

Speakers at the conference ‘The Allure of Magna Carta: Freedom, Democracy and Reconciliation’, include David Carpenter, Professor of Medieval History at King’s College London and Chris Bryant, M.P., author of Parliament: The Biography (Doubleday, 2014) amongst others. The conference will be held in St. Michael’s House starting at 10.30am and ending with Evensong in the Cathedral at 5.15pm. Tickets are £25 and available from the Cathedral Gift Shop or online at www.coventrycathedral.org.uk. Christine Doyle
Ken Sedgwick
It is with sadness that we let you know that Ken Sedgwick died on the 9th June. He died very peacefully after the briefest of illness. Please hold Margaret and their friends and family in your prayers. May he rest in peace and rise in Glory. Canon Kathryn

Cathedral Walkers, Wednesday 17th June
Now that it’s meteorological summer (!), why not go out for a countryside walk and pub lunch with Cathedral Walkers? Details on the Community Table on Sunday 14th, or from me on 02476461946 or dagoodall@hotmail.co.uk. Dave Goodall

Climate Justice Lobby
You may be aware that on Wednesday June 17th 2015 an event is taking place outside the Houses of Parliament. The problems posed by climate change are of great importance for everyone. MP’s and their constituents will be brought together to ask for political action to tackle these problems.

If you are interested in attending this event please contact your local Christian aid office on 0121 200 2283. There is a coach leaving from Coventry at 8am for those who wish to travel together; the cost for the coach is £13.50. Coach tickets can be booked online - [fortheloveof.org.uk/getting](http://fortheloveof.org.uk/getting)

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Prayer Ministry and Chaplaincy
The next date for your diary is Saturday 11th July when Ricarda Witcombe and Kathryn Fleming will lead a quiet day at Meriden church from mid-morning to mid-afternoon. Time for personal refreshment and for seeking God together for Hill Top. Details to follow. Margaret Lloyd

Summer BBQ – 19th July at 12.30pm
All choirsters, clerks, community and their families are welcome to a Summer Bring and Share BBQ on 19th July at 12.30pm in the Rose Garden (outside St Michael’s House). Please see the sign-up sheets for food and drink. Clayne Coopey

The Undercroft of the Ruins – repair work now underway
Underneath the stone floor of the ruins are a number of chapels and crypts. For many years we have not been able to open them regularly to the public because of water ingress. We are undertaking a four month repair project to make them watertight. This will include replacing the waterproof membrane and installing a drainage system.

We hope to be able to open two of the chapels – the Wyley Chapel and the Chapel of the Cross – to the public, as part of a guided tour, in Spring 2015. Please bear with us whilst this work is on-going and access is limited to the Ruins via the main entrance but the other entrances, the west door and south entrance remain open. Details on the Community Table. Tony Auty

Could you welcome a stranger from Nazareth?
Nouha Boulos, a young Israeli woman, is hoping to spend at month here from 13th August, volunteering in the Cathedral, mainly as part of the Welcome Team (she works as a Tour Guide and Youth Worker in Nazareth) – but she needs somewhere to stay. She is very keen to improve her English, so is hoping to live as family, but her hosts would not be expected to cover the cost of her food. If you would enjoy welcoming her, ideally for the full month (though it might be possible for two households to share the hosting), please get in touch with Canon Kathryn or the Dean (via Angie Jones) as soon as possible. Thank you. Canon Kathryn

News from Transylvania
This week I travelled to Romania with the first group of volunteers sponsored by members of the Cathedral Community. The volunteers have completed their training as Occupational Therapists or Speech and Language Therapists and they will be working to support disabled children at the Speranta Centre in Sibiu (a Cross of Nails centre).

This is the sixth year of this particular work and we received a warm welcome from the children and the staff. The work improves the life chances of the children by providing skilled help that they would otherwise not receive. In the past it has also changed the lives of many of our volunteers. The volunteers pay their own living expenses, and the UK charity SHARE subsidises the travel costs. There has been a tremendous response to my appeal for £1,000 sponsorship towards the cost of their flights for which I thank you all.

The second group of volunteers leaves in four weeks’ time, and I am just £200 short of the appeal total. If you are able to help the work with a donation, please get in touch either with me, Jane Williams (email: janemlwill@aol.com) or with Jean Alesbury (SHARE treasurer) 38 Westbrook Court, Coventry CV5 7RB. Between us all we are making a difference. Jane Williams

‘The Table’ moves into Coventry Cathedral - Monday 14th June
Arcadia is a two-year (June 2014-2016) programme of creative commissions responding to the past, present and imagined future of Coventry city centre with Artspace, Coventry. It invites people to collaborate with curators Laura Elliott and Michael Mayhew on a series of commissioned ‘propositions’ that celebrate Coventry as a historical test bed for new ideas and innovations.

‘The Table’ is a City Arcadia commission and collaboration between the project curators and architect Yoana Krasteva, a recent graduate from Coventry University. Together they built a table that would specifically bring people together and celebrate the city’s unique role as a city of Peace, Reconciliation and Equality.

The Table was constructed with artists and volunteers and was launched for Coventry’s 2014 Peace and Reconciliation Festival, when the 32ft long table was located in City Arcade for two nights and fed 60.

Following the success of these Peace Festival events, I invited ‘The Table’ to undertake a four month residency in the Cathedral as a participatory installation. It will be installed on Sunday 14th June and will become the focus of a series of public events and discussions, including two collaborative dining events that will bring together representatives from the diverse communities that make Coventry what it is. Dean John