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 Canon for Reconciliation Ministry is in residence this week. The Reader assisting at the Cathedral Eucharist today is Sue Morton (St Mary’s, Walsgrave). The Canon Precentor is in Germany to present a Cross of Nails to the Evangelische Kirchenbezirk in Landkreis Esslingen, near Stuttgart. Earlier today, Canon Kathryn led the 9am Holy Communion at St George’s, Coundon.

**Prayer Points for this month**

April is a month for looking back, as we review 2017 at the annual meeting, and forward, as we anticipate the visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury in May. Please pray for wisdom as we discern how God has led us to this point, and reflect on where the next steps lie!

**New data protection laws**

From late May, these new laws will prevent the cathedral from contacting you unless you have given permission for us to do so. We are currently sending out a letter and consent form by email, but recognize that not everyone can be contacted in that way. Copies of the letter and form are therefore available on the Community Table. It is *essential* that you complete and return the consent form if you want us to be able to keep you in touch personally.

**Commonwealth Sunday Bring & Share Welcome Lunch - today**

Everyone is invited to join in the lunch at the back of the Cathedral after this morning’s 10:30 Eucharist whether you have brought food or not. There will be enough to go round - and this time it will have a Commonwealth flavour! *St Michael’s Committee.*

**Cathedral Walkers, Wednesday 18th April**

Our morning walk starts in Norton Lindsey, followed by lunch at the village’s community-owned pub. Details are on the Community Table and new people are always welcome; please let me know if you are coming by close today. *Dave Goodall, 024 7646 1946, dagoodall@hotmail.co.uk.*
**CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY NOTICES**

- **Single Sentence Stories with Pádraig Ó Tuama, Thursday 19th April at 7pm**
  As part of the St Michael's House Programme, Pádraig Ó Tuama, leader of the Corrymeela Community, is returning to lead a workshop on Single Sentence Stories which he delivered at the recent Peace and Poetry Festival with great success. The workshop will be held at St Michael's House from 7 – 9pm. Entry is free, but please let Cerys Smith know you plan to attend cerys.smith@coventrycathedral.org.uk or 024 7652 1289.

- **PALs – two ticketed performances on Thursday 19th April at 6pm and 8pm**
  Presented by Sprungsters with live music from Stratford Festival Orchestra, PALs is an emotional and dynamic performance in commemoration of WW1. Exploring the true stories of the PALs regiments from Coventry and Warwickshire, the story is told from the perspective of a conscientious objector. Tickets are available via the Cathedral website.

- **Vacancy within the Schools’ Team (closing date: noon on Friday 20th April)**
  We are looking for someone with experience of working with secondary school-aged children in an education environment who can be available between 9:30 and 2:30, term time only. Please visit the website for details on how to apply (you will be required to hold a DBS disclosure and have sympathy with the Christian ethos of the Cathedral). Interviews on Wednesday 2 May.

- **Coventry Pilgrimage, Saturday 28th April**
  A walk from Burton Green to Stoneleigh. Details are on the Community table. *Margaret Lloyd*

- **Classical Concert by Candlelight, Saturday 28th April at 7:30pm**
  London Concertante will perform music by Mozart, Pachelbel, Telemann, Bach and Vivaldi. Tickets are available via the Cathedral Website.

- **Cathedral Annual General Meeting, Sunday 29th April**
  On the Community Table you will find copies of the Annual Report and Finance Statements to collect, plus details of elections, forms to nominate candidates, and a booking sheet for lunch.

- **Friendly Monday Event on Monday 30th April**
  The Friends of Coventry Cathedral invite you to refreshments, a presentation and a guided tour of The Foundation of Lady Katherine Leveson at Temple Balsall. We will meet at the large car park just past the School (details later). Cost: £6 per person, which will cover costs and help to support the work of the Foundation. To reserve a place for the visit, sign up on the Community Table or send an email to secretary@friendsofcoventrycathedral.org.uk before Sunday 22nd April.

- **Coventry Food Bank**
  Last week I took 162 packets and tins of food to the Foodbank warehouse, including items bought with your cash gifts of £144. The next Foodbank Sundays are 6 May, 3 June and 1 July. *Richard Chamberlaine Brothers*

- **Death of Ron Haddon**
  Ron Haddon, a former Cathedral Drama Director, died in hospital at Brighton on Easter Day. Ron worked extensively with Robert Prior-Pitt in the Cathedral Drama Department and took the roles of Adam and of John the Baptist in the 1966 Coventry Mysteries. *Martin Williams*

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Please send brief items of Cathedral news and events for the next edition of *Cathedral Matters* by the end of **Tuesday 17th April** for publication next Sunday to cathedral.matters@coventrycathedral.org.uk or phone 024 7652 1227.