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.

- **Prayer points for this month**
  Please pray for the light of the gospel to touch the lives of all those thousands of visitors to the Cathedral in December who attend our Christmas services and other events, including the various events on New Year’s Eve.

- **Today: Carols by Candlelight at 6:30pm**
  Everyone is welcome to this service of carols and readings in preparation for Christmas. This event is free and no tickets are required.

- **Ex Cathedra concert, Christmas Music by Candlelight, Monday 16th at 7:30pm**
  With a sequence of Christmas music old and new, and readings to make you smile and reflect, this Christmas concert is a uniquely magical way to begin your festive season.
  Doors open 6:45pm; concert ends around 9:50pm. (Superb when I saw them in March; DG)

- **Christmas Tea Dance, Tuesday 17th, 2:00 - 4:00 pm**
  A Christmas get-together for all ages with dancing, tea, coffee and cake. Free to attend.

- **Christmas Film Screenings, Friday 20th (ticketed events)**
  Come and watch The Muppet Christmas Carol at 3:30pm and/or It’s a Wonderful Life at 6:30pm. Doors open 30 minutes before the start of the films, and both films are rated U.

- **BBC Coventry & Warwickshire Carol Service, Saturday 21st at 4:30-5:30 pm**
  Everyone is welcome to this annual celebration of Christmas which is recorded for broadcast on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Tickets are available from the BBC.

- **German Lutheran Advent service, Sunday 22nd at 2pm, Chapel of Unity**
  A bi-lingual service, followed by light refreshments. Palestinian goods will be on sale before and after the service. *Ann Farr.*
• **Blue Christmas service, Sunday 22\(^{nd}\) at 4pm**
  A quiet and reflective service of Holy Communion for those who, for whatever reason, struggle to find joy and hope during the festive season.

• **Journey to Bethlehem, Tuesday 24\(^{th}\) at 3pm**
  Join us on a journey round the cathedral in our family service for Christmas Eve. Come dressed as a character from the story of the birth of Jesus!

• **Form of a Servant, Tuesday 24\(^{th}\) at 7pm**
  The Cathedral’s distinctive service for Christmas Eve, celebrating the God who comes among as the Word made flesh.

• **Wednesday 25\(^{th}\) at 10:30am – Christmas Day Eucharist, with the Bishop**
  Our special service for Christmas Day, with inspiring liturgy and preaching together with music from the organ and choir.

• **Christmas Communions**
  If you know of anyone in the cathedral family who is currently housebound and would value receiving Communion at some point over the Christmas season, please do get in touch with Canon Kathryn or Margaret Sedgwick and they will try to arrange this.

• **Community Christmas Card**
  This is available for people to sign until Christmas Day. Donations will be given to the Winter Night Shelter. **Jane Williams**

• **Planned Giving Envelopes for 2020**
  Packs of envelopes are now available for collection on the Community Table. Please pick up your own, and if you are in a position to collect and deliver for anyone unable to do so themselves at this time, it would be very useful. Please contact me for any further information. Thank you, **Deryck Horton**

• **Parish Giving Scheme**
  We are encouraging those who give regularly to the Cathedral to join the Parish Giving Scheme, which is being adopted by churches across the diocese and beyond. If you do not yet give regularly, please consider joining the scheme. Information packs and forms are available at the back of the cathedral. Do talk to Jim Newton, David East or Dave Goodall.

• **Coventry Winter Night Shelter**
  People who are homeless or sleeping rough can register for a safe space, warm food and a bed for the winter at Steps for Change, 8 City Arcade between 9-12 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and 11-3 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. **Margaret Lloyd**

• **Cathedral Prayer Circle**
  For emergency prayer, contact David Ogden on m: 0780 939 9793, e: david@ogden.me.uk.

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