**CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**More Help with Sunday Morning Coffee Required**

Would you be able to contribute to the life of the Cathedral by joining the rota of those who help to prepare and serve coffee on Sunday mornings? If you can spare a little time before and after the service we would be very grateful. If you can help please contact Neil McGowan on neil.mcgowan@btconnect.com or 07811 203727. Thank you. Neil McGowan

**A date for your diary - Listening for Life course**

Acorn Christian Healing Foundation are running a ‘Listening for Life’ course which is made up of four sessions over two days. The sessions will be held on 10th and 17th October from 9.45am to 4pm at Walsgrave Baptist Church – cost is £36. To find out more contact Jill Neal on 024 7661 7772 or email walsgravejill@gmail.com. Canon David

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**WHAT’S ON IN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2015**

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**A MESSAGE FROM THE CANON PRECENTOR**

Last week I was reflecting on what the apostle Paul means when he prays ‘that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith’ (Ephesians 3.17).

What he says comes on top of the request that God ‘may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit’.

So in what ways do our lives need to be strengthened? Paul latches on to the most important aspect in the next stage of his prayer as he talks about us ‘being rooted and grounded in love’.

This is the key. Love is the environment in which our spiritual life grows and flourishes. Above everything else, it’s as we love that we reflect the family likeness and show that we really are the children of God. But how does it come about? How do we love? The answer is that we pass on what we have already been given. As a mirror receives and reflects light, so we receive and reflect love.

This is why Paul prays that his readers may be rooted and grounded in love. That the love of God may be the soil in which they flourish, the bedrock on which their lives are built. That they will begin to grasp something of the dimensions of Christ’s love. Broad enough to encompass all people everywhere. Long enough to last for all time. High enough to lift us to heaven. Deep enough to rescue us from hell. Paul wants us to know the love that surpasses knowledge. This is how we will come to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Canon David Stone
CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY NOTICES

The Diocesan Reader assisting at the Eucharist today is John Hitchcock from St Nicolas, Nuneaton.

School Holiday Family Fun
Please help spread the word that there are lots of activities for children during the summer holidays. This includes drawing a stained glass window for our large window frame, creating a building out of blocks and a family quiz that is designed for all ages to join in. On the 19th and 26th August 1lam-2pm Patchwork Craft will be running crafty workshops based upon stained glass and weaving. Canon Kathryn

At the Cathedral Eucharist this morning we warmly welcome Gopi from India
The Joe Homan Charity aims to give hope and opportunity to children who are growing up in poverty in South India and Thailand and this year celebrates its 50th anniversary. Each child is provided with a safe and secure environment, the opportunity of an education and skills training for a future free from poverty. The charity began with a single project founded in 1965 by Joe Homan for destitute boys, just south of Madurai in Tamil Nadu, South India. This morning we welcome Gopi who is here from India as part of the anniversary celebrations. Dean John

News from the Friends of Coventry Cathedral - Friends Day Trip Saturday 5th September 2015
There is still chance to book your place on the Friends Summer outing.

The coach will leave the Cathedral at 9am on Saturday 5th September, for the National Memorial Arboretum at Alrewas, Staffordshire.

Following a guided tour of The Arboretum there will be free time to explore the memorials and the shopping and catering facilities.

Arriving at Lichfield Cathedral at 1pm, there will be a guided tour and time to visit ‘The Café in the Close’. The coach will return to Coventry arriving at the Cathedral at about 6pm.

Pick up a booking form today from the Community Table today, and send it with your cheque, and a stamped-addressed envelope, to Friends Excursion, Jim Newton, 37 Woodfield Road, Coventry CV5 6AJ. Andrew Paine, Chairman
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Baked Alaska: Time to change the temperature.
A new play by the Riding Lights Theatre Company at Coventry Cathedral 7.30pm Friday 18th September. Free to Reconciling a Wounded Planet delegates; otherwise tickets £12 / £9 concessions / £7.50 (under 18s in groups of 8+). Tickets available Either from: 01904 613000 / 07717 778853 / ridinglights.org/baked-alaska OR from Coventry Cathedral Welcome Desk

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In an emergency, a group of us are ready to pray for you and those for whom you are concerned. Contact Meg Bowen on 01926 856928 – brief details would guide our prayers for God’s grace and healing.
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Figures released by the Trussell Trust in April this year show that the number of Foodbanks within their network (by far the largest in the UK) stood at 445. From April to April 2012/2013, 346,992 food parcels (each enough for three days) were given out. In 2014/2015 this had grown to 1,084,604. The biggest single factor in driving people to ask for emergency food supplies from a Foodbank are problems with the benefit system. On average users of Foodbanks receive two food parcels a year. Thank you to everyone who has supported the Foodbank over the last three and a half years. The next Foodbank Sundays are 5th September, 4th October and 1st November. Richard Chamberlain-Brothers

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