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 come for Christmas services and other events, culminating in the Ruins spectacular on New Year’s Eve.

- **This week**
  Today is Canon Sarah’s last Sunday in the Cathedral before she and Richard move to allow her to take up her new appointment as Vicar of Holy Island.

- **Guide Dogs Christmas Wishes Concert, Mon 17th at 6:30pm**
  The concert will be hosted by Aled Jones, and all proceeds will go to the Guide Dogs charity. Tickets are available from www.guidedogs.org.uk/christmasconcert.

- **Eucharist for the longest night, Friday 21st at 6pm**
  A special service for those feeling sad at Christmas.

- **German Lutheran Advent Service, Sunday 23rd at 2pm in the Chapel of Unity**
  The service will be bi-lingual and will be followed by light refreshments. Palestinian Goods will be on sale before and after the service, to which everyone is welcome.

- **Handel’s Messiah by candlelight, Sunday 23rd at 4pm**
  Performed by Coventry Cathedral Chorus, Orchestra Pro Anima and 4 international soloists. Tickets £22/£15 (students and children half-price) from www.ticketweb.co.uk, 0844 477 1000 or www.coventrycathedralchorus.com. Concessions for Cathedral Friends and Choir Patrons via tickets@coventrycathedralchorus.com or 01676 532436. Pam Norman

- **Services and events on Christmas Eve, Monday 24th**
  1. Journey to Bethlehem at 3pm; a service for all the family to share.
  2. Form of a Servant at 7pm; the Cathedral’s distinctive service for Christmas Eve.
  3. Midnight Eucharist at 11pm; shared with, and taking place in, Holy Trinity.

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**WELCOME**

**WORSHIP**

**RECONCILIATION**
• Christmas Day Eucharist, Tuesday 25th at 10:30am
With inspiring liturgy and preaching together with music from the organ and choir.

• Mary Barber: Funeral service at 11.00 on Thursday 27th
Mary’s funeral will take place as above. Because we recognise that this may not be the easiest date for her Cathedral friends, we will also include elements of thanksgiving for her life in the Cathedral Eucharist on Sunday 23rd. Canon Kathryn

• Cathedral of Culture, Saturday 29th at 6:30pm (free; doors open at 6pm)
Come and celebrate Coventry Cathedral’s cultural history with a newly-restored recording of the television programme Celebration, Duke Ellington and his Orchestra performing the European premiere of their First Concert of Sacred Music here in February 1966.

• If you would like see some flowers in the Cathedral for Christmas …
a small flowery jug on the Community Table awaits your contributions. The Churchwardens

• Two cards on the Community Table to sign
1. The Big Christmas Card Campaign for Peace in Yemen will be sent, with cards from churches throughout the land, to be presented by former Archbishop Rowan Williams to the British Government. Moya Horton
2. Community Christmas Card, to sign and make a donation towards the homeless at Christmas. St Michael’s Committee

• Food Bank News
Recently I took 274 items to the Food Bank warehouse. This included some basic toiletries bought with cash donations of £220 from 13 people. Thanks to your support we have so far donated 18,576 items. The next Food Bank Sunday is 6th Jan. Richard Chamberlaine Brothers

• Planned Giving Envelopes for 2019
Packs of envelopes are now available on the Community Table for current users. Some unable to collect theirs personally will be grateful if you can deliver it. To join the scheme, please either speak to me at the Cathedral or phone me at home: (024) 7671 1210. Deryck Horton

• Chorister fundraising
The total raised during the Autumn School Term for Boy gift tables and Girl cake tables is £299. Thank you so much to the congregation for their support. Clayre Coopey

• Retreat in Daily Life, January to March 2019
Please pick up from the Community Table a leaflet about the 2019 Cathedral retreat and a letter from Canon Kathryn commending it to the congregation. Margaret Lloyd

• Cathedral Prayer Circle
In an emergency, contact Meg Bowen’s group, 01926 856928, for prayer for your concerns.

Please send brief items of Cathedral news and events for the next edition of Cathedral Matters by the end of Tuesday 18th December for publication next Sunday to cathedral.matters@coventrycathedral.org.uk or phone 024 7652 1227.