CATHEDRAL MATTERS

THIS WEEK

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4.00pm Choral Evensong
6.30pm Open Table

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6.30pm Thanksgiving Service for Langley House Trust

A MESSAGE FROM THE CANON PASTOR

Dear Friends

Today the Church of England celebrates Vocations Sunday, and next Saturday we’re hosting a conference here, “Young Women: Your Call”, at which around 80 women aged between 15 and 35 will be exploring the possibilities of ordained or lay ministry. We had expected maybe 2 dozen applicants, so to say that we’re overwhelmed would be a serious understatement – and it has made me reflect once again both on the joy of my own calling and the wonderful variety of gifts that God has provided to be used in the Church, for the sake of the Kingdom.

Thankfully we now have a wider understanding of what Christian calling might look like (it has never really been restricted to those who have an up-front ministry) and as we look towards the Cathedral’s AGM, it’s good both to give thanks for all those who’ve responded to God’s call to serve here in so many different ways, and also to consider what God might have planned for you in the coming months. There are so many ways to contribute to the wider life of our Cathedral family, way beyond the confines of Sunday mornings, and only you can play the part for which you have been created…Please do think, pray and prepare to be surprised.

With love and blessings
Kathryn

The Dean and Canons this week...

Today Crosses of Nails are being presented by Dean John to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Gainesville, Florida USA and by Canon Sarah to Flightpath of Friendship Reconciliation in Doncaster.
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**Electoral and Community Rolls. Are you on the list?**

If you are not yet on the Electoral Roll now is the time to enrol. All baptised members of the Church of England who worship regularly at Coventry Cathedral are invited to join. Once you are on the Roll you will be entitled to free entry to the Cathedral and be able to vote at the Annual Meetings held on Sunday 24th April.

To enrol, simply fill in a short form to indicate your continued commitment and contribution to our life together. There is also a Community Roll for those engaged in service with the Cathedral eg voluntary work on the information desk, as a Guide etc.

Forms are available every Sunday on the Community Table at both the 10.30am and 6.30pm services.

In addition, please let Jane Corrigan, the Electoral Roll Officer know if you have changed your address, telephone number or email address in the last year. She would also appreciate being informed about anyone who has died in the past year. Contact her by email: janecorrigan45@btinternet.com or speak to any of the five Churchwardens if you would like to know more.

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Community of the Cross of Nails May pilgrimage

Our partner churches and organisations across the world, and those interested in joining the Community, are encouraged to come to visit Coventry Cathedral at least once, if they can. Our twice-yearly pilgrimages are an occasion for a number of partners to do this together: to meet for prayer and contemplation, get to know others in the network, share their stories and experiences, and to be involved in the work of the Cathedral’s global Reconciliation ministry.

Our next pilgrimage is from Tuesday 17th to Friday 20th May 2016, and all partners and those wishing to join are very warmly welcomed, as also are all those across Coventry diocese with an interest in the CCN’s work. The programme and more information is on the Pilgrimage page at www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/ccn.

Dates for the September pilgrimage will be 20th-23rd September 2016.

Alice Farnhill (CCN Project Officer)

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It will include a hot buffet dinner and live entertainment (made up of local talent), a disco and a celebration of all we have achieved so far! Tickets are £30 per person and we are limited to 160 people in total. If you want tickets, please email us at: coventrywinternightshelter@gmail.com

Nobby Clarke, Project Coordinator, Coventry Winter Night Shelter

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The Coventry Community Cohesion Awards celebrate people and activities that have contributed to building cohesive communities and recognise the significant contributions they make towards cohesion in the city. This year we are also adding a Promoting Positive Ageing award.

The Coventry Community Cohesion Awards will be judged as below:

- Voluntary/Community (Large) - activities run by large voluntary or community organisations (income above £50,000 per annum)
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- Public Sector - activities run by the public sector
- Young People - activities for young people aged 18 and under
- Private Sector – activities where the private sector is working with communities
- Peace and Reconciliation – activities where an individual or group is promoting or embracing Peace and Reconciliation.
- Promoting Positive Ageing - maintaining a positive attitude, keeping fit and healthy, and engaging fully in community life as you age.

Key dates
- Deadline for completed applications: 13th May 2016
- Announcement of shortlisted projects: 9th June 2016
- Awards Ceremony at St. Mary’s Guild Hall: 30th June 2016

For further information and details about how you can apply for a Coventry Community Cohesion award please use the following link:

http://www.coventry.gov.uk/communitycohesionawards

David Williams (Local Reconciliation Programme Director)
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www.bandsintown.com/event/11836634

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Thursday 5th May at 7.30pm: Ascension Day Liturgy.
Friday 6th May at 5pm: DUSK City Arts and Music Festival in the Ruins.
www.bandsintown.com/event/11836634

Sunday 8th May 11am-6pm : Digbeth Dining Club in the Ruins.
www.tickettailor.com/all-tickets/570/512/d
Saturday 14th May at 7.30pm: St Michael’s Singers: Entente Musica.
Sunday 15th May at 10.30am:
Pentecost Eucharist.
Sunday 15th May at 5pm: Pentecost Celebration with Bishop Christopher. Refreshments in the Ruins from 4pm.

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