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 in the Cathedral (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 Precentor is in residence this week.

Prayer Points for this month
This month our prayers are for the thousands who will come through our doors during December – for our ability to warmly share the welcoming love of God with each and every one, that they may know Jesus for themselves.

Other services and devotional events this week
1. German Lutheran Advent Service is in the Chapel of Unity at 2pm today. Everyone welcome.
2. Service for the longest night is at 6.00 pm on Thursday 21st December
3. Organ recital: La Nativité du Seigneur, by Olivier Messiaen, will be played by Kerry Beaumont at 6.00 pm on Friday 22nd December (free, with retiring collection)

Home Communion over Christmas
If you know of anyone unable to attend a Christmas service who would like to receive Communion please be in touch with Canon Kathryn.

Palestinian Goods on sale
Today: after Morning Service, before and after the German Lutheran Advent Service and before and after Carols by Candlelight. On Sunday 24th: before and after ‘Journey to Bethlehem’. All proceeds go to support peace-making and children’s projects in the occupied West Bank. There will also be opportunities to write a Christmas message to the people of Palestine. Ann Farr

Calling all stewards
Will stewards please look at the special services and events list to see if you are able to help with the services and concerts through the rest of December. Thank you! Barbara Mobbs
Cathedral Bread Makers
I am about to write next year’s bread making rota. I would be very happy to welcome new bakers to our dwindling number of volunteers. The recipe is quite simple to follow and I could give a lesson if you need a little confidence boost. Contact Jane Edwards: 024 7666 3344 or janeedw54@gmail.com.

Cathedral Christmas Card
This is on the Community Table for everyone to sign and make a donation towards "Coventry Open Christmas" at Queen’s Road Baptist Church for the hungry and homeless over Christmas. It will be there each week until Christmas Day. St Michael’s Committee

Revd Tim Brooke’s 80th birthday
Tim is celebrating his 80th birthday on Saturday 13th January from 3.30 to 5.00 pm with tea and cake at St Barbara's Church Hall, 24 Rochester Road, Earlsdon CV5 6AG. If anyone from the Cathedral would like to join him and Gill, please reply to brooke@care4free.net, to 80 Broadway CV5 6NU or to 024 7667 9126 not later than TOMORROW (places are limited - first come, first served!)

Thank you from Ruby Dillow
A very big Thank You to the Dean and the community for prayers and support for my family, and especially for Collins Motto, my grandson. He had a successful surgery and is recovering well. We are thankful to God that he is out of the woods. Once more, thank you all.

St Michael’s House Programme
The St Michael’s House Programme is launching “Coventry Conversations” between the audience and experts. The first will discuss War and Pacifism in St Michael’s House on Tuesday 9th January 2018 from 6.30-8.30pm. It will be facilitated by Rev. Dr Sarah Hills and the experts will be Rev. Geoff Withers, RAF Chaplain and Sue Claydon, from the Anglican Pacifist Fellowship. Cerys Smith

Planned Giving Envelopes
Packs of envelopes for 2018 are now available for present members of the envelope scheme to collect from the Community Table. Should anyone be in a position to deliver a pack for someone who is unable to collect it in person, that would be most helpful. Envelopes provide one method of regular giving in the stewardship programme; others might suit you better. To find out more, see me or anyone in the stewardship group – John Copas, David East or Dave Goodall. Thank you. Deryck Horton

Storage space needed
Bardsley Youth Homelessness Hub currently store donated furniture at Coventry Point, but the Council is buying it to redevelop the area. The donated furniture helps homeless young people equip their hostel room or their first bedsit or flat. If this much appreciated work is to continue they need storage - around the size of three domestic garages. If you can help contact Pat Clarke 07943 688760

Winter Night Shelter, now until 31 March 2018
A Cathedral team is again supporting St Oswal’s, Tile Hill on most Friday evenings (7-10 pm). There is a rota on the Community Table to complete if you would like to join the team, or contact margaretclloyd7@gmail.com, 024 7641 3004. Margaret Lloyd

Please send brief items of Cathedral news and events for the next edition of Cathedral Matters by the end of Tuesday 19th December for publication next Sunday to cathedral.matters@coventrycathedral.org.uk or phone 024 7652 1227.