**WHAT'S ON IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2016**

**Sunday 17th January**
- 8.00am: Holy Communion (Holy Trinity)
- 10.30am: The Cathedral Eucharist
- 4.00pm: Choral Evensong
- 6.30pm: Open: Cathedral Praise

**Monday 18th to Friday 29th January**
- ‘Germany’s Confrontation with the Holocaust in a Global Context’: Exhibition on display in the Chapel of Christ the Servant.

**Saturday 30th January**
- 1pm - 5pm: Peace Circle for the Women of Coventry (St Michael’s House)
- 6pm: ‘Discovering the Classics’ with Saint Michaels Singers and the Warwickshire Symphony Orchestra - a concert made up of works included on GCSE and A Level curricula, aimed primarily at students but of universal appeal.

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**Dear Friends**

You may remember that in the autumn Martin Saxby shared from the pulpit the fundamentals of Natural Church Development, and how we might move forward with this as a Cathedral.

After discussion with St Michael’s Committee, we’re about to embark on the first cycle of evaluation of our life as a worshipping community in the light of the Eight Essential Qualities of healthy growing churches. During the next three years there will be an opportunity for many of you to be active participants in this, and of course all of us will be actively involved in using our findings to improve each aspect of our Cathedral’s health.

In the short term, a small steering group has chosen a first tranche of community members to join the process this time round, and we will be in touch with them very shortly, with a view to completing the survey either in the afternoon or evening of Tuesday 23rd February. We will do all we can to ensure that the community is kept up to date with findings and responses as we go forward together in our mission to become all that God wants us to be as Coventry Cathedral.

If you want to know more at any stage, do speak to me, or to any of the steering group – Margaret Sedgwick, John Lloyd, Jill Shorthose, David East, and Seye Falope.

With love and blessings

*Canon Kathryn*

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**Please send items for inclusion in the next edition of Cathedral Matters by end of TUESDAY 19th January 2016.**

Tel: 02476 521200 or email: cathedral.matters@coventrycathedral.org.uk

Website address: www.coventrycathedral.org.uk

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**The Sixteen return to Coventry - Thursday 4th February 2016 at 7.30pm**

Tickets: £30 - £15 National Box Office: 01904 651485 / www.ncem.co.uk. Local Box Office: Cathedral shop 024 7652 1210.

*Rachael Kelly*

**Darkness Falls**

**Thursday 28th January at 7.30pm**

Saltmine will be performing ‘Darkness Falls’, a dramatization of John’s Gospel, at Warwick Arts Centre. Tickets are £8. For more information – [www.saltminetrust.org.uk](http://www.saltminetrust.org.uk) or call WAC on 024 7652 4524.

**Grave Talk**

The afternoon scheduled for 25th January has been postponed until 8th February. Please contact Canon Kathryn for more details or to book your place.
CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY NOTICES

Cathedral Plans and Budgets 2016
Update for the Community
Sunday 17th January 12.30pm
All are welcome to join the Dean for an
update on the Cathedral’s budgets and plans
for 2016. The one-hour meeting will begin at
12.30pm and will be held in the Chapel of
Unity. Angie Jones

Cathedral Walkers
Wednesday 20th January
Details of our next walk (and all-important
lunch!) are on the Community Table. Please
let me know by close Sunday 17th January if
you are coming. Dave Goodall, 024 7646
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Quiet Day: Encountering God’s Love
Please note: amended date due to
error in last week’s Cathedral Matters.
We are leading a quiet day at Coventry
Prayer House Day Retreat Centre (5
Lychgate Cottages) on Saturday 6
February from 10am to 4pm. Give yourself time and
space to encounter God’s love through
meditation and contemplative prayer with
scripture. More details on the Community
Table and information about other events at
the Prayer House. To book contact:
coventryprayerhouse@gmail.com or
07928835133. John and Margaret Lloyd

An update from the Choir Parents
Association:
Sunday 7th Feb - Chorister Cake Sale:
There will be a cake sale alongside chorister
CD’s and homemade jam before and after
morning service at the main entrance.

Bags for school Collection: Please note
that curtains, bedding, towels and corporate
school and work wear are no longer
accepted by Bags for School. Please leave
donations in the blue plastic bags provided in
the vestry or at the Community Table
before Friday 26th February.
Clare Coopey

Farewell lunch for Canon Stephen
The Farewell lunch for Canon Stephen and
Angela will be held in the Lecture Hall on
Sunday 24th January, after the Cathedral
Eucharist. Donations of at least £5 towards
the cost of lunch are welcome, and there will
be an opportunity to buy a glass of wine too.
Please sign up at the Community Table today
to confirm your attendance. Thank you.
Canon Kathryn

Leaving Gift for Canon Stephen
Fielding
The Churchwardens invite you to join us in
signing a card for Stephen and Angela and in
contributing to a farewell gift; please visit the
Community Table at the end of the service.
Godfrey Armitage, Churchwarden

Coventry Half Marathon
Sunday 28th February
There will be limited access to roads around
the Cathedral on Sunday 28th February due to
the Coventry Half Marathon. Information
about road closures is on the Community
Table. Christine Doyle

Saturday 12th March 10am onwards
Passiontide Quiet Day – a date for your
diary
All are welcome to join me for a reflective
walk through the events of the first Holy
Week using “Experience Easter” stations.
Canon Kathryn

Peace Circles for the Women of
Coventry
St Michael’s House is partnering with
Creators of Peace, a programme of the
organisation Initiatives of Change, to offer
peace circles for women in Coventry. These
circles will be a training in discovering new
tools for enhancing our own inner peace and
exploring new skills to enable us to become
effective creators of a peace in the world.
Women can play a significant role in creating
a stable society at home and abroad, so we
hope you will partner with us on the journey
of discovery. The next opportunity is
Saturday 30th January from 1pm-5pm. If you
are interested in joining the peace circles,
please email smh@coventrycathedral.org.uk.
Haley Jones, Reconciliation Ministry Team

Easter is coming
(and it’s early this year!)
Last Easter I was very struck by the fact that,
apart from the Paschal candle, there was
absolutely nothing in the Cathedral to help
visitors grasp that this was an important
season for Christians, no way for them to
learn anything about the events that are at
the heart of our faith.

As a result, with encouragement from the
Cathedral Liturgical Committee, we are going
to have an Easter Garden. So...artists,
craftspeople, designers, jobbing builders,
gardeners – your Cathedral needs you.
PLEASE get in touch if you would like to be
part of making something beautiful this
Easter. Thank you. Canon Kathryn

Update from the Coventry Winter
Night Shelter
Accommodation needed!
We’ve provided 400 bed-nights so far at the
Coventry Winter Night Shelter, with a
relatively stable group since the start, so
everything is pretty quiet at the moment and
there is a very positive atmosphere. We have
managed to see around eight move on but
the majority will be tougher to help. One of
the reasons is the desperate shortage of
accommodation available for those either
claiming Job Seekers Allowance (JSA), or
those with No Recourse to Public Funds (NR
- usually East Europeans). Landlords are
reluctant to trust that rents will get paid if
either those on JSA get sanctioned (and they
do quite easily), or in the case of NR, where
they can’t find work.
If anyone knows of suitable accommodation
becoming available, then please let me know
as we have a few that I would trust to be
worthwhile giving a chance to. We can help
with some of the finance issues too.
Nobby Clarke, Project Coordinator
(Nobbyclarkejr@btinternet.com).

Women’s World Day of Prayer – can
you help?
Vacancy: Mavis Weitzel has stood down
after many years of service on the City
Centre Committee for Women’s World Day
of Prayer, which means that the Cathedral is
not currently represented. If you are
enthused by the vision of a global wave of
prayer and worship drawing together women
from across the world, and have time to
attend two meetings a year (in November
and January), a rehearsal and the annual
service on 1st Friday in March at 11am at
Methodist Central Hall, then please speak to
Canon Kathryn for more details.