WHAT’S ON IN MAY AND JUNE 2015

Monday 18th May - 1pm Lunchtime organ concert. Ben Bloor (Royal College of Organists Recital Award Winner 2013-2014).

Tuesday 19th May - 6.30pm Celebration for the restoration of the ruins and book launch.

Sunday 24th May - 11.50am Launch of the new organ DVD.

Monday 25th May - 1pm Lunchtime organ concert with Laurence Lyndon-Jones.

Monday 1st June - 1pm Lunchtime organ concert with Nicholas Wearne.

Thursday 4th June - Friends of Coventry Cathedral - new members event.

Sunday 7th June - Foodbank Sunday and CPA Cake Sale.

Monday 8th June - 1pm Lunchtime organ concert with Nicholas Haigh

The Friends Lecture 2015 ‘Seeing the Sutherland with new eyes’

Tuesday 30th June at 7pm

We are proud and delighted to announce that Alison Lister will give an illustrated lecture in the Cathedral, about the recent month-long conservation work on one of the most iconic images of the late twentieth century. She will reveal what has been discovered about Graham Sutherland’s great Coventry Tapestry ‘Christ in Glory in the Tetramorph’.

Professor Louise Campbell Emeritus Professor, History of Art, University of Warwick, and a Vice-President of the Friends, will introduce the lecture and speak about the significance of the Coventry Tapestry in late 20th Century art. After the Lecture there will be a wine Reception, with the chance to meet the conservators.

Tickets £12.50 (including the reception) from the Community Table today, or the Cathedral website on-line tickets: https://www.tickettailor.com/all-tickets/570/5f2d/.

Pick up a leaflet to give to your friends.

Excursion to Lichfield and the NMA
Saturday 5th September 2015

The Friends are organizing an all day excursion to the National Memorial Arboretum and Lichfield Cathedral on Saturday 5th September.

The coach will leave Coventry Cathedral at 9am for the National Memorial Arboretum at Alrewas, Staffordshire.

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

The coach will arrive in Lichfield about 1pm. The Cathedral has been a place of pilgrimage, prayer and worship for 1300 years, including strong links with our own Diocese. After a guided tour and free time to visit the souvenir shop and "Chapters - The Café in the Close", the party will return to Coventry, arriving at the Cathedral at about 6pm. Pick up a booking form today from the Community Table. There are just 30 places and bookings are open now.

Andrew Paine, Chairman

CATHEDRAL MATTERS

17th May 2015
Easter 7

A MESSAGE FROM THE CANON TREASURER

On Wednesday evening, we entertained a number of guests from the legal world to dinner in London. Our aim was to raise awareness of Coventry’s vital role as a place of reconciliation. We emphasised our specific initiatives towards training in conflict resolution, such as our mediation course on 10th-12th June, and our wish to be used increasingly as a place where disputes can be aired and (hopefully) resolved.

At the end of the evening, we invited participants to consider contributing to a fund - a sort of seed capital or working capital fund of £100,000 - to help us fund our courses, provide bursaries, do research, and generally develop our conflict resolution work. A first gift of £1,000 has come in already, and we now pray for many more gifts to follow in its wake.

Last Thursday we celebrated the Ascension of Jesus – the completion of his earthly life. The one who came down from heaven, as the creeds say, is the one who ascended back into heaven, in a sort of perfect symmetry. Down and then up – a perfection if you will. And one way of looking at the Ascension is to see it as part of the continuing priesthood of Jesus - Jesus as the great high priest who continues to pray for us and who brings us into the presence of his father. This intercession of Jesus is the focus of all we hope for and all we desire. It includes the hope that many will respond to our call for generous giving.

Canon Stephen

Our new Head Verger has been appointed

We are pleased to announce that we have appointed Jon Simpson as our new Head Verger. Jon will be joining us from St Paul’s Cathedral where he has been Deputy Verger for the past four years following a 30 year career in the police service. He will be starting his new post on Monday 8th June and will be living in the Verger’s Lodge with his wife Sue. Canon David
**The Magna Carta conference Tuesday 23rd June**

As part of the 800th anniversary activities for the Magna Carta, Bishop Christopher and Dean John are hosting a one day conference on the allure of this ancient document and why it is still relevant in the 21st century.

Speaking at the conference 'The Allure of Magna Carta: Freedom, Democracy and Reconciliation', are David Carpenter, Professor of Medieval History at King's College London, John McEldowney, Professor of Constitutional Law at the University of Warwick, the Reverend Robin Griffith-Jones, Master of the Temple, London, Chris Bryant, M.P., author of Parliament: The Biography (Doubleday, 2014) and Professor Neil Renwick who is Professor of Global Security at the University of Coventry.

The Conference will be held in St. Michael’s House starting at 7.30am and ending with Evensong in the Cathedral at 5.15pm. Tickets are £25 and available from the Cathedral Gift Shop or online at www.coventrycathedral.org.uk. Christine Doyle

**Community” Hunger” Lunch for Christian Aid**

Please note that our Community Hunger Lunch is TODAY! 17th May in the Lecture Hall. The cost is £5 (or donations) and the proceeds will form part of our Cathedral effort for Christian Aid Week. Don’t worry if you haven’t signed up for it, there are places left.

Moya Horton

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**Organ DVD Launch**

After the Eucharist on Sunday 24th May, at around 11.30am, there will be the wonderful opportunity to celebrate the launch of the Coventry Cathedral Organ DVD. This has been made by Kerry Beaumont with Priory Records as part of a Cathedral Organ DVD series. We will also be welcoming Neil Collier from Priory records who will say a few words about this exciting project. Drinks and nibbles will be available.

Corinne Hepburn

**Supporting our CCN partner in Sibiu**

For over 20 years members of the Cathedral Community have been supporting work amongst the poorest areas of Transylvania, based on the city of Sibiu where there is a Cross of Nails link. For the last 6 years we have sponsored university students from Coventry and Birmingham to spend their summer vacations using their skills in occupational therapy and in speech and language therapy to support disabled children at the Speranta Centre in Sibiu.

This year there are 18 volunteers who have offered their services. They pay their own living expenses, and the UK charity SHARE subsidises the travel costs. I am now seeking to raise £1,000 towards the cost of their flights. The work improves the life chances of the children by providing skilled help that they would otherwise not receive. It has also changed the lives of many of our volunteers.

If you are able to help the work with a donation, please get in touch either with me, Jane Williams (email: janemwill@aol.com) or with Jean Alesbury (SHARE treasurer) 38 Westbrook Court, Coventry CV5 7RB. Between us we are making a difference. Jane Williams

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**Bardsley Youth Project Fundraising Dinner**

A date for your diary – Saturday 13th June, 7pm for 7.30pm Bardsley House, Hill Top With stories and entertainment from Bardsley Youth. Bring your own drinks. Tickets £7.50 (or more) from Bek@bardsleyouth.org (07891 173011).

Margaret Lloyd

**Risen! The Musical comes to Coventry**

We are privileged to have this amazing, powerful musical productions coming to Coventry at Pentecost.

Risen! The Musical is a unique musical that will appeal theatre lovers and also those that generally don’t do musicals. The story is completely engaging and the modern style of music takes you through the highs and lows of the most incredible story of all time. A fantastic professional cast from London have been rehearsing tirelessly to bring something special to Broadgate in Coventry on Saturday 23rd at 7.30pm.

Go to www.coventrupentecost.com to buy your tickets - it's simple. Or write to Andrew Hillier, 107 Hinckley Road, Coventry, CV2 2ES with a cheque payable to Hope Coventry. Canan David

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**Cathedral Walkers, Wednesday 20th May**

Our next walk is on 20th May and details are on the Community Table, or available from me if you prefer. I can’t promise that the weather will be as good as in April, but you never know. Why not come and see? Dave Goodall, 024 7646 1946, dagoodall@hotmail.co.uk. Dave Goodall

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**Prayer Ministry and Chaplaincy**

The next date for your diary is Saturday 11th July when Ricarda Witcombe and Kathryn Fleming will lead a quiet day at Meriden church from mid-morning to mid-afternoon. Time for personal refreshment and for seeking God together for Hill Top. Details to follow. Margaret Lloyd

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**News from the Friends of Coventry Cathedral**

**New Members Event Thursday 4th June**

The Reception for New Members at the Bishop’s House and the afternoon tours of the Cathedral is now fully booked.

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**Dresden Remembered**

Friendly Monday 8th June 2015 at 11am

The next Friendly Monday offers the chance to hear a first-hand account of the memorable visit to Dresden, last February, by a dozen Members of the Friends, for the Commemoration of the 70th Anniversary of the destruction of the City and the Frauenkirche. We will also see an illustrated presentation telling the remarkable story of the special relationship, which has grown up over half a century between the Frauenkirche and the Cathedral. Tea and Coffee in the Undercroft Lecture Room, from 10.30am. To reserve a place, sign up on the Community Table this morning, or e-mail: welcome@friendsofcoventrycathedral.org.uk

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**E-bulletin for May**

Copies of the e bulletin for May are now available for collection on the Community Table, for Members of the Friends without email access.

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