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.

**This week**

The Canon Pastor is in residence this week. The Readers assisting at the Cathedral Eucharist today are Paul Thomas (St John the Baptist, Hillmorton) and Margaret East (Christ Church, Cheylesmore).

**Prayer Points for this month**

2018 is our Centenary year, with many opportunities to share the good news of the Cathedral’s story and our ministry of Reconciliation. Please pray for the whole 2018 programme – along with the developing plans for City of Culture!

**Bring-and-Share Lunch, after the 10:30 Eucharist today**

Everyone is invited to join in the lunch at the back of the Cathedral whether you have brought food or not. There will be enough to go round! *St Michael’s Committee.*

**Cathedral Walkers, Wednesday 21st February**

We are going out for lunch with the opportunity for a shorter-than-usual walk beforehand. **Revised** details are on the Community Table. Please let me know by close today if you’re coming or would like a lift. Dave Goodall, dagoodall@hotmail.co.uk, 024 7646 1946

**Lent Studies, every Wednesday evening during Lent (from 21st February)**

These will take place in the Brandt Suite of St Michael’s House from 7:00 to 8:30pm, starting this Wednesday. The first is entitled “Introduction to reconciliation”.

**How to Have Difficult Conversations Workshop, Thursday 22nd February**

9am – 5pm in St Michael’s House: Trainer and coach Sandra Cobbin will develop your skills and understanding about how to have difficult conversations that strengthen relationships. Cost: £50 standard, £35 Student and Concessions (including lunch, tea and coffee). To book or for more info, phone 02476 521289 or email cerys.smith@coventrycathedral.org.uk.
• **Meeting for Volunteer Team Leaders, Saturday 24th February at 10:30am**

This is a *priority* meeting about the new Data Protection legislation (GDPR), which from May has implications for our recording and handling of volunteers’ details. There are other essential updates to discuss as we try to better support your team’s essential role in the life of the Cathedral. This is important, so Lou Nicholls and I very much hope to see you (or a representative if you can’t make it) in the Lecture Hall. Please let Lou know if you’ll be attending via louise.nicholls@coventrycathedral.org.uk. *Canon Kathryn*

• **How to be a peacemaker, Tuesday 27th February in St Michael’s House**

7pm – 9pm: examine strategies and approaches to help deal with conflict in your workplace, organisation, place of worship etc. Cost: £10 at the door (cash/cheque). For more details or to book a place, phone 02476 521284 or email reconciliation@coventrycathedral.org.uk, mentioning the Associates’ Programme.

• **Choir Parents Association: Bags 4 School collection, Thursday 1st March**

Please leave donations in the blue plastic bags, provided in the vestry, for collection, noting that curtains, bedding, towels and corporate school and work wear are no longer accepted by Bags for School. Funds raised will help further the musical education of the choristers and provide bursaries for Choir tours and trips so that they are available to all. *Clayre Coopey*

• **Coffee Rota Volunteers Required**

As I’m sure you are aware, the Sunday morning coffee is a vital part of our fellowship, both for regulars and visitors. However, only a few of us do the preparing, serving and tidying up, so please contact me on 07811 203727 or email neil.mcgowan@btconnect.com if you would like to help. *Neil McGowan*

• **C of E Environment Programme Lent Plastic Challenge**

How about bringing your own cup or mug on Sundays for your coffee (then taking it home to wash up)? Share your journey on the Plastic-less Lent Facebook Group. *Margaret Lloyd*

• **Property News**

Over 7,000 Chapel of Unity slates have been re-fixed and it is now free of scaffolding (a few jobs need completing before all the site fencing can be removed). The Provost’s Vestry will soon reopen following a leak, once the room is redecorated. Finally, before Easter: (1) a specialist company (who have generously agreed not to charge) will clean the high altar cross, and (2) both sides of the West Screen will be cleaned. *Tony Auty, Director of Property and Fabric*

• **Mugs needed by Coventry Jesus Centre**

If anyone has any mugs, we would be extremely grateful to receive any. With over 230 weekly visits to our drop-in, we are always running short. *Ann Hawker, 024 7655 0033*

• **Cathedral Prayer Circle**

In an emergency, a group of us is ready to pray for your concerns. *Meg Bowen 01926 856928*.

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Please send brief items of Cathedral news and events for the next edition of *Cathedral Matters* by the end of **Tuesday 20th February** for publication next Sunday to cathedral.matters@coventrycathedral.org.uk or phone 024 7652 1227.