The memorial to those who died following the IRA bomb in 1939

Earlier this week, Dean John and others unveiled the memorial to those who died in the IRA bomb detonated in the city centre in 1939.

The five people killed in the explosion on 25th August 1939 were James Clay, George Rowlands, Elsie Ansell, Rex Gentle and John Arnott.

In John’s address he said….

“They were innocently caught up in a conflict which had nothing to do with them. That’s so often what happens in violent conflict; the innocent are the ones who die. The memorial records that they died in a terrorist attack. This tragedy spills over into other lives, and other people’s memories will still be scarred, over 75 years later.

“In Coventry we have found a way of marking and remembering the brokenness of the world, the terrible tragedies which scar our history. We have made it our practice to do that without pointing the finger of blame: so we remember the victims of war, and of terrorism, and acknowledge our shared human responsibility in failing to find other ways of resolving our differences…..

“….We are placing this memorial, to honestly remember the pain and suffering which results from terrorism, to honour those who died, and who were injured or bereaved, and also to prompt us once again to find a better way of resolving our differences and build a world of peace.” Father Forgive.

WHAT’S ON IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2015

Tuesday 27th October - 6pm Dean John presents the first Reconciliation Lecture - ‘The Roots of Reconciliation’.
Monday 2nd November - 5.45pm Remember Our Child (Chapel of Unity).
Sunday 7th November - 4pm Diocesan Festival Evensong.
Tuesday 10th November - Opening of the Dresden Project exhibition and installation of Monica Petzal’s artwork ‘75/70’ in the Cathedral.

Wednesday 11th to 13th November - Rising 15 Summit.
Thursday 12th November - 12.10pm an hour of prayer for the Christian Service Centre.
Saturday 14th November - 6.30pm - Joining Hands for Peace in University Square.
7.30pm - Saint Michael’s Singers - Mozart’s Requiem & Solemn Vespers, Coventry Cathedral

Dear Friends

One of the unexpected pleasures of worship last week was the sight of the Dean’s Grand-daughter crawling across the aisle in a purposeful way…Together with the presence of some families whom we’ve not seen for a while, she gave me so much hope, and I found myself reflecting again on the journey we are making towards being a truly welcoming space for all comers, whether or not they behave exactly as we think they should. When my own children were very small, our vicar posted ‘10 Commandments for Churchgoing Adults’ on our parish notice board. They provoked discussion, a bit of anger, but above all it helped us to reflect on who we were as a church, versus who we longed to be. I wonder if there are messages here for us. Here’s part one for comments and come-back. What do you think?

Ten Commandments for Churchgoing Adults

1) You shall love your children. Your children are part of the Church of to-day; they are not to be kept in cold storage for the Church of tomorrow. They have not been sent by the devil to distract you, but by God to enrich you.

2) You shall always remember that the friendship of children is as important for your own spiritual development as it is for the children’s well-being.

3) You shall encourage your children to worship with your congregation and value their presence in these gatherings. You shall be open to the possibility that God can speak to you through their smiles, their questions, their wriggling, and their responses.

4) You shall extend to your children a warm, personal and appropriate welcome when they come to worship.

5) You shall allow children to participate in the leadership of worship as frequently as practicable. However, you shall not make an undue fuss over their participation, nor exalt their contribution over that of other age-groups.

More next week……Love and blessings , Canon Kathryn

Please send items for inclusion in the next edition of Cathedral Matters by end of TUESDAY 20th October 2015.
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Canon Sarah is attending the German CCN Board meeting in Pforzheim this weekend. She is very grateful for the funding provided by the CCN to enable her to continue to nurture relationships across the community. Please hold these meetings in your prayers.
CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY NOTICES

Lord Mayor of Coventry’s Annual Peace Lecture
Wednesday 28th October 2015, 7.30pm start (Doors open at 7pm)
The Lord Mayor of Coventry’s Annual Peace Lecture will be given by Jonathan Parrett, the writer, broadcaster and founding Director of the ‘Forum for the Future’. The lecture, which will begin at 7.30pm, is titled ‘Reshaping the Security Agenda’ and will be held in the St Mary’s Guildhall.

German Lutheran Community
The German Lutheran Community are celebrating their 65th anniversary on Sunday 25th October at 2pm in the Chapel of Unity which will be followed by refreshments. It would be really appreciated if as many of us as possible could be there to celebrate with them and wish them well. Could you please let me know if you are able to come.

Ann Farr

Tuesday Group
Starting on Tuesday 20th October, this group will meet weekly from 3pm to 4.30pm. We have met together for many years as a Bible/ book study group and meet at the home of Derek and Moya Horton, 8 Styvechale Ave, Earlsdon (02476 711210). Do get in touch if you would like to join us.

Heather Wallace

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Cake!
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Cathedral Foyer Groups
Thank you to Margaret Lloyd who has so efficiently organised the foyer groups for the Cathedral’s “Waiting on God” groups. They meet fortnightly – one from 3.30pm to 5pm on Wednesday afternoons in the Provost’s Vestry, the other (usually) on a Wednesday evening at Canon Kathryn’s home, 18 Ranulf Croft, CV3 5FB. and you’d be most welcome to come along. Dates for the afternoon group in the coming weeks are 21st October, 4th and 18th November and the 2nd December. For the evening group please contact Canon Kathryn as dates are slightly erratic over the next month or so, though the group will be happening regularly somewhere.
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