CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY NOTICES

Celebrating the 70th Anniversary of VE Day
On Sunday 10th May from 2.45pm-4pm there will be a special ringing of the bells to mark the 70th Anniversary of VE Day. This is being done on the Sunday as some of our bell ringers are required in their parish churches on the Saturday.
Canon David

Hidden Houses of Prayer
The 2015 gathering for those drawn to discover and deepen the practice of contemplative, creative and intercessory prayer in their own homes will be held here in the Lecture Hall on Saturday 23rd May, 9.45am – 3.45pm.
We’re meeting at Pentecost-tide in the extraordinary context of Coventry Cathedral to enjoy three presentations plus time for stillness, prayer, reflective chant and sharing of stories. There is a suggested donation £15, coffee and tea provided. Please bring your own lunch.
To book, please send a cheque payable to ‘Hidden Houses of Prayer’ along with your name, email and address to: Hidden Houses of Prayer, 2 Embankment Road, Sheffield S10 1EZ. If you are interested in this ministry and/or would like a booking receipt, please enclose an SAE or send an email to: hiddenhousesofprayer@hotmail.co.uk
Canon Kathryn and Margaret Lloyd

Cathedral Prayer Circle
In an emergency, a group of us are ready to pray for you and those for whom you are concerned. Contact Meg Bowen on 01926 856928 – brief details would guide our prayers for God’s grace and healing.
Meg Bowen

WHAT’S ON IN APRIL - MAY 2015

Saturday 25th April - 4pm ANZAC Gallipoli Centenary service.
Wednesday 29th April - Association of English Cathedrals ‘Children in Cathedrals’ conference. Cathedral open to the public.
Monday 4th May - 1pm Lunchtime organ concert. Paul Leddington Wright (Coventry Cathedral)
Tuesday 5th May - 3pm Licensing of University Chaplains.
Sunday 10th May - 2.45pm Ringing of the bells to celebrate the 70th anniversary of VE Day.
Sunday 10th May - 4pm Remember Our Child Annual Service.
Sunday 10th May to Saturday 16th May - Christian Aid Week activities
Monday 11th May - 1pm Lunchtime organ concert. Sebastian Thomson (Bloxham School)
Monday 11th May - 2.30pm Volunteer Monday: David McCory on the Guildhall
Wednesday 13th - Friday 15th May - CCN Pilgrimage.
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.

Please send items for inclusion in the next edition of Cathedral Matters by end of TUESDAY 21st April 2015.
Tel: 02476 521200 or email: cathedral.matters@coventrycathedral.org.uk
Website address: www.coventrycathedral.org.uk

CATHEDRAL MATTERS
19th April 2015
Easter 3

THIS WEEK

Sunday 19th April
8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am The Cathedral Eucharist
4.00pm Choral Evensong
6.30pm Later: Breathing Space

Sunday 26th April
8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am The Cathedral Eucharist
4.00pm Choral Evensong
6.30pm Later: Cathedral Praise

A MESSAGE FROM THE CANON PASTOR

Dear Friends

Thanks to the peculiarities of the liturgical year, though it’s not yet 52 weeks since I said “Goodbye” to my previous parish, I left there on Low Sunday – so that the past couple of weeks have been full of “This time last year” thoughts and feelings, a season of stock-taking brought into even sharper focus by today's AGM.

By the time we go home this afternoon, we should all have a very clear sense of our journey together over the past 12 months – and a vision of where we might be heading too. I wonder, though, whether this might also be a good time for a spot of personal stock-taking: a chance to reflect on the practices of faith that sustain us, the concerns that challenge us (collectively and individually), perhaps even a moment of recommittal to our common life here in this place.

My biggest personal reflection was that at the moment our Sunday worship is perhaps the only evidence of the Cathedral community which a visitor would notice. Wouldn’t it be wonderful if, by next year, it was obvious that it was only the tip of the iceberg? Perhaps as we listen to God together that might even come to pass.

With love and prayers
Canon Kathryn
The Diocesan Reader assisting at the Eucharist today is Lisle Sharp from St James, Alveston.

Looking For Sponsors
Barbara Mobbs is taking part in the ‘Glow in the City’ event for the Myton Hospices on Saturday 25th April. If you feel able to sponsor her, please see her today. Thank you.

More volunteers needed at Bardsley Work Club
Do you have a couple of hours to spare on a Wednesday morning to offer a welcome at Bardsley Work Club? Could you help with access to computers, CV writing, job applications or just by offering a friendly listening ear and a cuppa? Please speak to Canon Kathryn if you are interested.

Margaret Lloyd

News from the Friends of Coventry Cathedral
Pick up your eBulletin
Members of the Friends, without Internet access, are invited to take a hard copy of the Friends Easter e bulletin from the Community Table, this morning. You can read the latest Diocesan news and book your place on the day excursion to the National Memorial Arboretum and Lichfield Cathedral on 5th September 2015.

Andrew Paine, Chairman

Christian Aid Week 10th - 16th May
Can I urge you to make a note of this upcoming important event in your diaries. The command of Jesus to love our neighbours includes our global neighbours too.

Last year our Cathedral Community raised the magnificent sum of £2,100 during Christian Aid Week through bucket collections in the Precinct and at Sainsbury’s supermarket. We hope to try and exceed this in May!

Could you spare a couple of hours to join with a group of collectors in this single biggest act of Christian witness in Britain? Those of us who did it last year found it very rewarding and surprisingly enjoyable!

If “shaking” a bucket is not quite your thing, how about delivering envelopes in your own street or amongst a group of your friends? 75% of the vital money raised during Christian Aid Week in 2014 is actually from house to house collecting. Last year this raised a staggering £8m. Some people feel much happier collecting from friendly neighbours. (I can check if your own road is included, please let Christine Doyle know if you wish to join us or sign the form on the Community Table.

Dean John

Cathedral Security
There have been further thefts and other security incidents over the last few weeks therefore I need to ask you all to be more vigilant about securing the external doors and windows and those doors inside which should be kept secure.

The door from the lower car park/north terrace should be kept locked at all times other than when the Café is open to customers. The external doors next to the Chapter House must always be locked. If they are being used by coach parties or the like then whoever is receiving the visitors should ensure the door is not left unattended unless it is locked. The internal coded doors should always be locked with the exception of the pair from the Café to Saint Michael’s Hall when the Café is open to allow customers to access from the Hall.

We have also noticed that the main Nave doors are sometimes left unattended and unlocked during the set up times for evening events or other occasions when deliveries or work are taking place. This allows unauthorised persons to enter without being challenged. It is the responsibility of the manager of each ‘activity’ to ensure that the main doors are ‘controlled’ to deter unauthorised entry at such times.

Finally, do not leave valuables unattended, use the lockers in the Under Croft corridor. These can be locked by use of a £1 coin which is returned after use. If you are using rooms like the Lecture Hall, Chapter House, Provost Vestry or Song School to store equipment or valuables during an event these rooms should be locked when unattended.

Thanks for your co-operation.

Tony Auty, Director of Property and Fabric

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Farewell collection for Jenny Thurston
Jenny has left us after serving as Head Verger since 2011. We are very grateful to her for her dedicated and expert work and invite you to join us in contributing to a farewell collection and signing a card for her. The collection box and card will be on the Community Desk on Sunday 12th and Sunday 19th April.

Godfrey Armitage for the Churchwardens

Remembering the centenary of the Gallipoli Campaign
Sunday 25th April – 4pm

All are welcome to join us as we mark the centenary of one of the most well-known battles of World War One, the Gallipoli Campaign, on Saturday 25th April at 4pm. Representatives of the Allied and Turkish forces who fought at Gallipoli along with local dignitaries, including the Lord Lieutenants of both Warwickshire and the West Midlands will attend the service. The Right Reverend Andrew W Curnow, the Bishop of Bendigo, will deliver the address.

The Lancashire Fusiliers, who were awarded six Victoria Crosses at the initial landings, will be represented by the Band of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, Warwickshire. The band, which is directed by Barney Barnes, will play before and after the service. Members of the Ansty and Shilton Women’s Institute, who are also celebrating their centenary, will bake ANZAC Biscuits which they will serve to those present, following the service. We hope to see you there.

Canon David

A Celebration of the Restoration of the Ruins and the book launch for ‘St Michael’s Coventry: The Rise and Fall of the Old Cathedral’.
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