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.

- **Prayer points for this month**
  As we enter a new year, we pray for the wisdom and courage to make good decisions about the next 12 months, and to follow those through – both for one another, for those who need to get their lives back on track, and for all in responsibility, especially our new government.

- **Today**
  We are extremely honoured to be blessing Crosses of Nails today for three major partners joining the Community of the Cross of Nails over the next few weeks, and also to be able to welcome senior representatives from two of them, Southwark Cathedral and Bergen Cathedral Congregation in Norway, here today. The third Cross to be blessed is for the Pro-Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, Brussels. Please pray for them, and for our future partnership, as we bless their Crosses together. **Alice Farnhill**

- **Annual service for Christian Unity, at 2pm today**
  The service will take place in the Chapel of Unity. The address will be by Neil Le Tissier, whose theme will be “Unusual Kindness”. **Ann Farr**

- **Contemporary Music Concert, Friday 24th at 7:30pm (doors open at 7pm)**
  Birmingham Contemporary Music Group (BCMG) and Royal Birmingham Conservatoire have joined forces to offer NEXT, a new 1-year training programme for those looking for a career as performers of contemporary music. This year’s NEXT musicians will give a concert of new music specially selected to celebrate the Cathedral’s rich architectural heritage. Audience members are encouraged to move around the space as music is performed in different parts of the building. From works inspired by the vivid colours in John Piper’s stunning stained-glass windows, to music which makes use of spatial distance, Sound Structures explores the relationship between music and materials. Tickets (from £8) from the BCMG website, [www.bcmg.org.uk/Event/sound-structures](http://www.bcmg.org.uk/Event/sound-structures).
CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY NOTICES

- **Holocaust Memorial Commemoration, Sunday 26th from 5-6pm**
  People of all faiths and none are invited to gather for a special commemoration to be attended by the Mayor of the West Midlands, Andy Street.

- **Candlemas Bring & Share Welcome Lunch, Sunday 2nd February**
  The next Lunch will be at the back of the Cathedral after the 10 30 service. Please bring food to share if you can. Even if you can't, you are still welcome! St Michael's Committee

- **75th anniversary of the bombing of Dresden, Tuesday 4th February, 6:30 - 7:30**
  Between 13th & 15th February 1945, the Allies obliterated Dresden. An estimated 25,000 people were killed. Was Dresden a legitimate military target, or was the bombing a last act of atavistic mass murder in a war already won, to wreak revenge for the bombing of Coventry? We welcome historian Dan Snow and author Sinclair McKay, whose book, *Dresden - The Fire and The Darkness*, explores the stories behind the bombing. Single ticket £12; Single ticket with discounted book £25; Double ticket with one discounted book £32, available from [https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/priory-st/coventry-cathedral](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/priory-st/coventry-cathedral)
  We have a very limited amount of free tickets available to the community on a first come first serve basis, from Cara.pickering@coventrycathedral.org.uk.

- **Death of a former cathedral drama director**
  Martin Williams has received notice of the death of Robert Prior Pitt, who was on the cathedral staff as drama director in the 1960s. The only information he has is that Robert lived in a remote part of Scotland and died on the 2nd January after a long illness.

- **Planned Giving Envelopes for 2020**
  Packs of envelopes are now available for collection on the Community Table. Please pick up your own, and it would be very useful if you could collect and deliver for anyone unable to do so themselves. Please contact me for any further information. Thank you, Deryck Horton

- **Donations for the Cathedral Community Christmas Card**
  The amount raised was £121.43, which has been given to the Coventry Winter Night Shelter. Thanks to everyone who participated. Jane Williams & Margaret Lloyd

- **Parish Giving Scheme**
  We encourage regular givers to the Cathedral to join the Parish Giving Scheme, which is being adopted by churches across the diocese and beyond. Regular giving helps Chapter to plan, and helps givers maintain that regularity if they are unable to attend in person for any reason. PGS do all the admin, including gift aid if appropriate, reducing the load on our finance staff at no cost to the cathedral (all costs are covered by the diocese). If you do not yet give regularly, please consider joining the scheme. Information packs and forms are available at the back of the cathedral, or talk to Jim Newton, David East or Dave Goodall.

- **Cathedral Prayer Circle**
  For emergency prayer, contact David Ogden on m: 0780 939 9793, e: david@ogden.me.uk.

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