What's On in June 2016:

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Chorus and Young People's Symphony.
performed by the University of Warwick
Friday 24th June at 8pm:
Zazai
Chapter House:
Thursday 23rd June at 7pm in the
(The Handlebards).

Ruins:
Thursday 23rd June at 6pm in the
aid of Mothers' Union Summer Appeal.
Lecture Hall:
Thursday 23rd June at 2.30pm in the
Reconciliation Course.

Thursday & Friday 23rd & 24th June at
Arcadia Summer Festival opening event.

Wednesday 22nd June at 12.45pm:
Breadmaking for OPENTable.
in St Michael's House:
Wednesday 22nd June at 10am
Organ Recital.
Monday 20th June at 1pm:
Cake Sale in aid of Chorister Funds.
KATHEDRAL COMMUNITY NOTICES.
Coventry Cathedral seeks Chaplains for our visitors
Are you secure in your faith and ready to be an ambassador?
Are you a good listener, comfortable with sharing faith or keeping silence?
Do you enjoy meeting people from all round the world and hearing their stories?
Are you discreet, able to respect boundaries and to work in a team?
Are you committed to the core values of peace and reconciliation and interested in playing a part in living this ministry at our Cathedral Church?

If this sounds like you and you have some spare time on your hands, why not become part of Coventry Cathedral's volunteer Chaplaincy team? We’re a group of Christians from different churches and some from well beyond the city boundaries, who give a few hours each month to provide a ministry of welcome, prayer and listening to visitors. Training and support is available.
Rvd Kathryn Fleming, Canon Pastor at the Cathedral 02476521230 or 07985 234901
kathryn.fleming@coventrycathedral.org.uk

CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY NOTICES.
Please send items for the next edition of Cathedral Matters by end of TUES 21st June and for July editions asap to cathedral.matters@coventrycathedral.org.uk
phone 024 7652 1200 or Margaret Parker. www.coventrycathedral.org.uk

Today! after Eucharist:
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Saturday 25th June 10am-1.30pm in St Laurence Meriden: Quiet Morning For the Beauty of the Earth.
Saturday & Sunday 25th & 26th June
Noon-5.30pm: Baginton Parish Church Flower Festival and Open Gardens.
Sunday 26th June 11am-5pm in the
Ruins: Coventry Cathedral Dining Club.
Sunday 26th June at 6.30pm in
Warwick Arts Centre Cinema Foyer: the Spirituals from Tippett’s A Child of our Time performed in celebration of LB (Connor Sparrowhawk).
Monday 27th June at 1pm: Summer Organ Recital.
Tuesday 28th June at 7.15pm in St James’ Styvechale: Transforming Your Work (Ruth Walker - London Institute for Contemporary Christianity).
Friday 1st July at St Columba's URC:
Funeral of Jim Morrison.
Sunday 3rd July at 4pm: Choral Evensong in commemoration of the Battle of the Somme.

Welcome to Coventry Cathedral! A very warm welcome to our visitors and our regular community. I send you these greetings from Würzburg in Germany where I will be celebrating the 15th anniversary of the ‘walking cross of nails’.

We share with many others today in prayer for the people of Orlando, and especially the LGBTI community both there and across the world. As our Archbishops have said, “After Sunday's attack in Orlando, as Christians we must speak out in support of LGBTI people, who have become the latest group to be so brutally targeted by the forces of evil. We must pray, weep with those affected, support the bereaved, and love without qualification. The obligation to object to these acts of persecution, and to support those LGBTI people who are wickedly and cruelly killed and wounded, bereaved and traumatised, whether in Orlando or elsewhere, is an absolute call on our Christian discipleship. It arises from the unshakeable certainty of the gracious love of God for every human being. Now, in this time of heartbeat and grief, is a time for solidarity. May God our Father give grace and comfort to all who mourn, and divine compassion to us all.”

It is a sad irony that this event came in the week when many cities in the UK, including Coventry, were welcoming Pride events. We ourselves offered hospitality to the Coventry Pride Parade which gathered in the Cathedral ruins yesterday morning. Our original announcement is doubly important in the light of what happened in Orlando: “We are very pleased to be offering hospitality for the start of the Coventry Pride Walk in the ruins of the old Cathedral. The Coventry story of reconciliation is testament to the power of bringing people together and the Ruins are a natural meeting point in the city centre. We at the Cathedral are committed to healing the wounds of history, learning to live with difference, celebrating diversity and building a culture of peace, and so we are very happy that the Pride Walk will be gathering in the Ruins.”

We also pray this week for the Referendum on Thursday: sharing with the people of Europe has always been important to this Cathedral, so we hope that everyone will take part.

Ever blessing
John
The PENTECOST 2016 Stewardship programme final week: ‘My giving to Coventry Cathedral’

Our congregational giving to the general, unrestricted funds of the Cathedral contributes to its ‘lifeblood’. This enables us to pay staff, to heat and maintain the buildings and to run much of the ministry here. Our Stewardship (i.e. planned giving) helps our Finance Team, who are working so hard to balance the books, to budget for the year ahead.

We are very grateful to all who have continued to maintain their pledged level of giving in a sacrificial way. In the first four months of this year, this has amounted to £28.5k from a total of just under 60 pledges from individuals or couples. Nevertheless, our giving has fallen short of what we anticipated from previous years, largely as people have moved on, and we really need to look to an increase in regular, planned giving across all of our congregations totalling £1000 a week, achieved not only in increased amounts given per head but in more people committing themselves to give regularly.

If you do not already give by Standing Order or Numbered Envelope, please may we encourage you to fill in the pink form and, if you are a taxpayer, the Gift Aid declaration. It is now three years since the last Stewardship Programme, so if you did respond to that then, may we thank you for your continued support for this amazing place with its worldwide ministry of reconciliation, but also encourage you to review your current level of giving by responding on the pink form.

Thank you to those who have already responded.

Godfrey Armitage, Stewardship Coordinator 2009-2016 (on behalf of the Churchwardens)

Würzburg: the ‘walking Cross of Nails’
The Bavarian city of Würzburg was almost totally destroyed in a bombing raid in March 1945. Since 2001, when it joined the CCN, Würzburg has played a key part in the CCN in Germany through its Ecumenical Cross of Nails Initiative, a network of parishes and institutions across the city (a large group of whom visited the Cathedral last month). The Cross of Nails itself, in a unique practice across the CCN, stays at one place in the network for a year and then is passed on to the next: the ‘walking’ Cross of Nails. The Dean is preaching at Würzburg this weekend at the 15th anniversary celebrations of the Ecumenical Cross of Nails Initiative’s coming into being.

Readers

The Readers assisting at the Eucharist this morning are Margaret East from Christ Church Cheylesmore and John Hitchcock from St Nicolas Nuneaton.

Holiday Cathedral Matters

During July CM will be printed fortnightly. It will be a big help to those looking after it if you can send in as many as possible of your items for July this week. Thankyou.

Margaret Parker cathedral.matters@coventrycathedral.org.uk

Update from Christian Aid!
The total amount raised for Bangladesh flood relief – rebuilding and raising homes above the flood plain – has now risen to £2550 (augmented by a further £240 Gift Aid). A very big thankyou again to everyone who contributed in any way to this magnificent effort.

Moya Horton

Archbishop of Canterbury’s Adviser for Reconciliation

The Archbishop of Canterbury, along with the Dean and Chapter of Coventry, seek to appoint an Adviser for Reconciliation to work with them to lead and develop the Archbishop’s priority of Reconciliation, nationally and internationally. The post is based in Coventry, rooted in the Reconciliation Ministry of Coventry Cathedral, and part of the wider Cathedral team, but will involve extensive travel both to London as part of the Archbishop’s leadership team in Lambeth Palace, and internationally, with or on behalf of the Archbishop. An office and dedicated administrative support will be provided in Coventry.

This is a senior managerial appointment open to ordained and non-ordained candidates, offering an excellent opportunity for a person with significant expertise and skills with a heart for this key ministry. If ordained, and with the necessary experience, the Adviser for Reconciliation will be appointed as a Canon of Coventry Cathedral.

Further details and an application form can be downloaded from the cathedral website: www.coventrycathedral.org.uk

Completed application forms should be returned to:

Recruitment

Coventry Cathedral
1 Hill Top,
COVENTRY
CV1 5AB

Email: louise.nicholls@coventrycathedral.org.uk

Closing date: 9 a.m. Tuesday 21 June 2016

Interviews: 5 July 2016 (in Coventry) with a potential follow-up interview 6 July (in London). Candidates must have the right to work in the UK or be able to apply for a visa to allow this. Enhanced DBS and medical clearance will be required for this post.

For The Beauty Of The Earth

25th June, 10am – 1.30pm (tea/coffee at 9.30am)

St. Laurence Church, Church Lane, Meriden CV7 7HX

Have we lost the wonder of what we see every day? Have we lost the magic in the beauty of the life teeming around us? Or do we take God’s awesome creation for granted? Come and join us on this very quiet morning to explore how we can worship God and bring His peace into our lives in simple contemplation of what He can do.

Norrie Moore & Pam Reid

Pam is a Methodist Local Preacher and is on the executive of “Reflect” (the Methodist Retreat and Spirituality Network). Norrie is Lay Reader in the Churches of Arden and a member of the Passionate Spirituality team at Meriden.

BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW at http://www.passionatespirituality.org.uk

Cash donations welcome
**LB’s Justice Quilt**

In 2013, Connor Sparrowhawk (known to family and friends as ‘LB’) died whilst a patient in a specialist treatment unit. A network of people grew up through social media and elsewhere to support LB’s family. Members of the support group organised a project to produce ‘LB’s Justice Quilt’ to honour Connor and mourn him. The quilt has been made from hundreds of fragments of cloth contributed by children and adults in the UK, and from seven other countries, who embroidered, appliquéd, felt-tipped, crocheted and knitted their designs which were then incorporated into an arresting, moving and colourful work of art.

The quilt will be hung from the Czech Cross fixing in the Nave from 11 May until 25 June.

**A Child Of Our Time: Sunday 26th June at 6.30pm in Warwick Arts Centre**

There will be a FREE performance of the Spirituals from Sir Michael Tippett’s oratorio in celebration of LB in the Cinema Foyer. Join the University of Warwick Chamber Choir as audience or participant.

**Bell Ringing for the Queen’s Birthday**

Those coming to the special evensong last Sunday will not have been surprised to hear some light refreshments afterwards in the Nave. Richard Chamberlaine-Brothers

**Coventry Foodbank**

Last week I took 120 packets and tins of food (and also toothpaste) to the Foodbank warehouse. This includes items bought with your cash gifts of £100. This is the smallest quantity for nearly four years but I hope we will be able to reach a total of 13,000 items next month.

The next Foodbank Sundays are 3rd July, 7th August and 4th September.

Richard Chamberlaine-Brothers

**Sunday 18th September**

We will be putting on a lunch to celebrate 10 years of Kerry & Leslie Beaumont’s service to the musical life of the Cathedral. We will reprise the successful ‘Desserts are Us’ recipe – a modest main course followed by a glorious array of puddings – at £15 per head to raise money for the choir. There will be space for 90 people and a sign-up sheet will be on the Community Table from the beginning of July. We hope that members of the choir and choir parents as well as the Cathedral congregations will be able to come. All the food and drink for the meal is being donated so that all the ticket money can go to choir funds.

The Catering Team: Pam Goodwin, Brenda Stokes, Rex Satchwell, Richard Chamberlaine-Brothers

**Cathedral Wedding**

On Saturday 8th October we will be getting married here in the Cathedral at 1pm! We would be delighted to see our Cathedral friends on this special day and would like the Cathedral community to know that you are very welcome to the service and to stay for some light refreshments afterwards in the nave.

We are really grateful for the Cathedral family’s love and support at this special time.

**Emma Norman and Thomas Beynon**

**Romania – we are nearly there!**

Since 1994 members of the Cathedral congregation have supported some of Europe’s poorest people who live in Sibiu, Transylvania. After WW II Romania endured 25 years of dictatorship under President Ceausescu, and even today ordinary Romanians struggle to cope with the consequences of his social engineering.

In the last six years the congregation has sponsored newly-qualified graduate therapists at the end of their courses in Occupational Therapy and Speech & Language Therapy to work for the summer with severely disabled children at the “Speranta” Centre. Many volunteers are from Coventry University. At the end of the summer they come to the Cathedral and talk of the lasting benefits of their work not only for the children, but on their own lives.

Our volunteers take with them skills that are not taught in Romania. The children benefit from modern techniques and the Romanian staff also learn and add to their own skills. This summer 18 volunteers have applied to help the project. Each volunteer pays £500 towards their own costs and the UK charity SHARE also contributes. A few weeks ago I launched an appeal to raise £1200 in sponsorship to enable the work to continue. I am pleased to say that we are already more than half way towards the total.

There is £550 left to raise. Are you able to help?

“Speranta” is Romanian for HOPE – together that is what we can give to those children. Please get in touch with me: Jane Williams, 63 Daventry Road, Coventry CV3 5DH

JaneMLWill@aol.com

**Refugee week in Coventry Cathedral 20th-26th June**

During Refugee Week we focus our prayers on refugees displaced around the world. Join us for Morning Prayer (8.30am) and Evening Prayer (5.15pm).

In the Cathedral during the week you will also find a prayer station. Do come in, light a candle, pray and share your support for refugees world wide.

**Organ recital Monday 20th June at 1pm**

This week’s programme, given by our Organ Scholar Samuel Bristow, will include music by Dietrich Buxtehude, Leonce de Saint- Martin and Sigfrid Karg-Elert.


**Breadmaking for OPENTable Wednesday 22nd June at 10am**

Do you have breadmaking skills? Are you lacking in breadmaking skills but enjoy good company? No matter what your answer, we invite you to join us in the kitchen at St Michael’s House for fellowship and breadmaking. We will prepare the bread for the OPENTable supper church meeting on Sunday 26th June at 6.30pm in the Nave.

**Mothers’ Union Afternoon Tea Thursday 23rd June at 2.30pm**

Tea, cakes, and a Bring & Buy Sale in the Lecture Hall to raise money for the Mothers Union Summer Appeal. Entrance £4. Join with others up and down the country to help an illiterate person learn to read, a survivor of gender based violence find healing, a family facing difficulty and so much more.

Evelyn Warwick

**Prayer Ministry Training Morning Saturday 9th July 10am - 1pm**

St Michael’s House

For Chaplains, Prayer Ministers and anyone interested in learning more.

Details to follow. Canon Kathryn
CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY NOTICES

City Arcadia Festival Opening Event
Wednesday 22nd June at 12.45pm
The Festival is the final event of a two year project bringing together a collection of innovative work by talented British artists from Coventry and beyond and inviting audiences to explore particular sites and features of our city’s experience. It encourages us to share and re-evaluate perceptions of our unique and special post-war story and to discuss the future.

The opening event is in the nave of Coventry Cathedral when Rob Hamp’s piece A Silent Ska will be launched with a short talk from the artist. This project, supported by the Rugby based company Subscan Technology, has involved the innovative use of ground penetrating radar to create a new audio piece straight from the innovative and iconic Coventry ring road, dedicated to the late Brian Redknapp, the City Engineer who did so much to develop and build the ring road.

Coventry Artspace Partnerships is grateful to many organisations for their support of the City Arcadia Festival, including particularly The Albany Theatre and The Tin Music and Arts Centre, Coventry Cathedral, Arts Council England and Coventry City Council. 
https://city-arcadia.co.uk/city-arcadia-festival-summer-16/

Cyrille Regis and Sabir Zabai: an Interview
Thursday 23rd June at 7pm
Cathedral Chapter House

The first in a series of St Mike’s House public lectures will be with Cyrille Regis, Trustee of Christians in Sport and former Coventry City footballer, and Sabir Zazai, Director of the Coventry Refugee and Migrant Centre. Canon for Reconciliation Ministry, Sarah Hills will host an interview that explores the topic of learning to live with difference and celebrate diversity. Space is limited. To book your place please email reconciliation@coventrycathedral.org.uk

Much Ado About Nothing: Thursday 23rd June at 6pm in the Ruins
Described by Sir Ian McKellen as “uproariously funny”, the four-strong all-male HandleBards present Shakespeare’s plays as you’ve never seen them before - fast-paced, irreverent and bicycle-powered. Since 2013, the HandleBards have pedalled over 5000 miles across the world, carrying all their gear, props and costumes on just four bicycles. On Thursday 23rd they’re stopping off in the Ruins to perform their rib-tickling production of Shakespeare’s joyous comedy (there are no deaths whatsoever!). Expect a gloriously eccentric and very, very funny” (The Stage, on A Midsummer Night’s Dream) night, delivered on eight very sore legs. The HandleBards will be accompanied by live music from a local musician. 
https://www.tickettailor.com/checkout/view-event/id/55831/chk/ed8a/

Jim Morrison’s funeral will be on Friday 1st July at 3:30pm in St. Columbia’s URC.

Roots in Reconciliation: Thursday & Friday 23rd & 24th June
St Michael’s House
‘Roots in Reconciliation’ is a foundation course in the theory, theology, and practice of peace and reconciliation, hosted by the Reconciliation Ministry Team and led by the Canon for Reconciliation Ministry, Sarah Hills. It will cover a range of theories on reconciliation as well as an exploration of how reconciliation practice can be used in your community. For more information, reconciliation@coventrycathedral.org.uk or speak to a member of the team.

* a few members of the community took part in this course last autumn: two days of discussion and workshop sessions including a pilgrimage of Hill Top and the Cathedrals.

We all found it very worthwhile and would highly recommend it to anyone.
Margaret Parker

Cathedral Prayer Circle
In an emergency, a group of us is 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.

Cathedral Community Notices

Carmina Burana Friday 24th June at 8pm
Performed by the University of Warwick Chorus with California’s oldest youth orchestra, the Young People’s Symphony, and their conductor David Ramirezoff. 
https://www.tickettailor.com/checkout/view-event/id/54670/chk/7113/

An opportunity to hear about Amasango School, South Africa
Saturday 25th June in Wellesbourne and Kenilworth
Come and meet Linda Ngamlana, the Principal of Amasango School, a Christian school for street children in Grahamstown South Africa. She will be at St Peter’s Church Wellesbourne from 10.30am-noon and at The Tree House Bookshop, Kenilworth from 2.30 -4.00pm. There will be cake and conversation, and Linda will speak about the school.

St Peter’s Wellesbourne has a close relationship with Amasango through volunteering, prayer and financial support. The school would welcome partnership with other churches and individuals.
www.amasango.org.uk

Transforming your Work with LICC and Workcare: Tuesday 28th June at 7:15pm in St James, Styvechale
Life at work can be challenging for us especially as Christians. This evening will give you a flavour of how you can live the difference Jesus makes in your workplace including ideas and stories of how you can transform your workplace.

Ruth Walker of the London Institute for Contemporary Christianity will speak and introduce ‘Transforming Work’.

There is a suggested donation on the night of £5 and there will be light bites and pudding. For more information or to book a place email paul@workcare.org

Coventry Cathedral Dining Club
Sunday 26th June, 11am-6pm
Back by popular demand, with food from Low & Slow, Platinum Pancakes, Original Patty Men, Café Horchata, Bournville Waffle Company, Jabberwocky, English Indian, Shake That Ting, Street Souvlaki, Big Daddies, Smoovd.
Family Event Street Food Bar Bakery Cakes DJs Live Music £3 entry, students £2, kids free

Baginton Open Gardens: Saturday & Sunday 25th & 26th June Noon-5.30pm
12 beautiful village gardens will be open to the public and there is a flower festival in the 12th century church.
Admission £5 per adult (free for children under 15 with an adult). Ploughman’s lunches, tea, coffee and homemade cakes. All proceeds from the weekend will go to the upkeep of St John the Baptist Church.

Soup Volunteers for OPENTable
We are looking for volunteers to prepare a simple soup for OPENTable on 26th June and 24th July. OPENTable is a radically inclusive supper church that gathers in the Nave once a month where all have a seat at the table. We seek to embody reconciliation through our practice of gathering around the table for food, fellowship, prayer, and conversation. We need soup for approximately 30 people. We welcome both individuals and teams of people to help prepare the soup. If you would like to volunteer for this ministry, please email haley.jones@coventrycathedral.org.uk

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