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**

Pray for the ongoing preparations for the City of Culture programme across the city and especially in the Cathedral, and particularly for the proposed Cathedral building project.

- **Today**

The Reader assisting at the Cathedral Eucharist today is Paul Thomas (St John the Baptist, Hillmorton).

- **Christian Aid Week (ends today)**

Envelopes will be distributed at the 10.30 Eucharist. They will be collected today and on the next couple of Sundays. *Moya Horton*

- **Organ Recital, Monday 20th at 1pm (admission free, retiring collection)**

This week’s half hour concert features Kerry Beaumont, our Director of Music. The scheduled music is by JS Bach (Toccata & Fugue in D minor, ‘The Dorian’, BWV 538), Olivier Messiaen (Le Banquet Celéste) and Louis Vierne (Allegro risoluto, from Symphony no 2), plus an improvisation by Kerry (always worth hearing!)

- **Coventry Cathedral Tea Dance, Tuesday 21st from 2 to 4pm**

Our first Tea Dance is an excellent way to meet new friends, learn some new dance moves with a trained professional and enjoy tea and cake whilst listening to tunes from yesteryear, performed by Miss Gloria Sunset. Taking place during Dementia Action Week, this event will also give you a chance to chat with the teams from Alzheimer’s Society and learn about support available to you and your family. Free to attend; all ages welcome.

- **Exploring Brexit through the Lens of Ruth, Tuesday 21st at 7pm**

Those who enjoyed Pádraig Ó Tuama’s visit in March will be glad to know that we’re following it up by working through the Corrymeela resource “Exploring Brexit through the Lens of Ruth” in St Michael’s House from 7.00. Future sessions are scheduled for 28th May and 4th June (plus 18th June in the Provost’s Vestry). *Canon Kathryn*
CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY NOTICES

- **Cathedral Walkers, Wednesday 22nd**
  We will walk to and around Coombe Country Park from Binley Woods and follow it with lunch in Brandon. Details are on the Community Table. Please let me know by close today if you’re coming, either to 024 7646 1946 or to dagoodall@hotmail.co.uk. Dave Goodall

- **Community Christian Aid Lunch on Sunday 26th**
  Please sign up on the Community Table for this lunch (cost £7.00), which will take place after the 10:30 Eucharist. Afterwards, we shall hear about Christian Aid in action from Anne Danks, Christian Aid Head of Region. Moya Horton

- **Vacancy (at St Francis of Assisi, Radford) for a Community Support Officer**
  St Francis Employability (a small charity) has funding for two years to work with a wide range of people facing vulnerabilities. The hours are 9am - 3pm Monday to Friday and the salary is £20,000 pa. Application form available from 07799 724908 or by email to vicar@stfrancisassisisicoventry.com. Closing date 28th May.

- **Spires Philharmonic Orchestra & Chorus, Saturday 1st June at 4:30pm**
  A concert in the cathedral – also featuring Dresden Neuer Chor – of choral and orchestral music by Bach, Brahms, Copland, Elgar, Fauré, Mozart, Rachmaninov, Spofforth and others. Tickets £12 from ticketsource.co.uk/spiresmusic, from The Herbert or on the door. Come and celebrate 60 years of friendship between the twinned cities of Coventry and Dresden.

- **Confirmation Service, Sunday 9th June at 6pm**
  This service (informal, with worship band) is for adults interested in taking this next step in faith. Canon Kathryn will be happy to talk to you about what this might mean for you and to get a group together to explore life and faith. Also contact her about separate prep being arranged for teenagers interested in being confirmed on 9th June if you haven’t yet had details. Canon Kathryn (kathryn.fleming@coventrycathedral.org.uk or 024 7652 1230)

- **Jacob Böhme (1575-1624) exhibition (now until 5th July)**
  Jacob Böhme is one of the most important German thinkers, with an impact on literature, philosophy, religion and art well beyond national borders. 100 years after the Reformation, he argued for a far-reaching philosophical and spiritual renewal. His vision of a harmonious world and creative language inspired many English poets and artists, especially William Blake.

- **Ecclesiastical Insurance “Trust 130” campaign**
  The Trust 130 campaign celebrates Ecclesiastical’s 130 years of insuring Anglican churches and cathedrals. Under it, Ecclesiastical donates £130 to a nominated Anglican church when a member of their church family (including clergy, church, volunteers or members of the congregation) takes out a home insurance policy with Ecclesiastical, quoting ‘Trust130’. The campaign remains open throughout 2019. Terms and conditions apply, available here.

- **Cathedral Prayer Circle**
  In an emergency, contact Sandra.Brownbridge2@gmail.com for prayer for your concerns.

Please send brief items of Cathedral news and events for the next edition of *Cathedral Matters* by the end of **Tuesday 21st May** for publication next Sunday to cathedral.matters@coventrycathedral.org.uk or phone 024 7652 1227.