WHAT'S ON MAY 2016

Monday 2nd May at 1pm: First of the summer series of lunchtime organ recitals.

Wednesday 4th May at 7pm: free public lecture in the Nave ‘Europe’s “other” Faith? Islam in German History and its Implications for Britain Today,’ Dr James Hodkinson.

Thursday 5th May at 2.15pm: Spiritual Formation Course taster at St John’s Church Centre, Berkswell. 01676 529 123.

Thursday 5th May at 7.30pm: Ascension Day Liturgy


Friday 6th May at 5pm: DUSK City Arts and Music Festival in the Ruins. www.bandsintown.com/event/11836634

Friday 6th May at 7pm: Coventry Winter Night Shelter Charity Ball at the Village Hotel coventrywinternightshelter@gmail.com

Sunday 8th May 11am: Coventry Cathedral Dining Club in the Ruins.

Sunday 8th May at 10.30am: The Cathedral Eucharist

Monday 9th May at 1pm: Lunchtime Organ Recital (Hugh Morris)

Tuesday 10th May at 2pm: Faith and Peaceful Relations Forum at Coventry University. charlotte.martin@coventry.ac.uk

Saturday 14th May at 7.30pm: St Michael’s Singers: Entente Musicale.

Sunday 15th May at 10.30am: Pentecost Eucharist.

Sunday 15th May at 5pm: Pentecost Celebration with Bishop Christopher. Refreshments in the Ruins from 4pm.

Sunday 15th-Saturday 21st May: Christian Aid Week

Monday 16th May at 1pm: Summer organ lunchtime concert.

Monday 16th May at 7pm: From Extremist to Peacemaker. Based around a showing of the film For the Love of Tomorrow about French Resistance fighter Irène Laure.

Tuesday 17th May: CCN Pilgrimage begins

Thursday 19th May at 7.30pm: Reimagining Europe: Bishop Christopher and Caroline Spelman MP in conversation. http://www.reimaginingeurope.co.uk/

Dear Friends

My favourite way of thinking about reconciliation is that it’s about turning enemies into friends. I like it because it’s a simple and straightforward way of describing what Coventry Cathedral has stood for ever since Provost Howard stood in the ruins of his beloved Cathedral and declared that when the war was over he would work with those who had been enemies “to build a kinder, more Christ-child-like world.”

I experienced the fruits of that passion for friendship last weekend on a visit to Dresden, devastated during the war to an even greater extent than Coventry. I was there to represent the Cathedral at the Dresden Kreuzkirche’s celebration of its 800 years of partnership with the world-famous Kreuzchor (choir) and the Kreuzgymnasium (school). A magnificent performance of Beethoven’s Missa Solemnis on Saturday was followed by a special ecumenical service on Sunday morning. I am so grateful for the warmth of welcome and generosity of hospitality that I received.

For me personally, perhaps the most moving aspect of the service was their decision to sing the hymn I wrote for the 75th anniversary of the bombing of Coventry last November.

What a place to be singing it in – just imagine!

God, who feels with us our sadness at the pain our forebears knew, in your mercy, come, sustain us, inner strength and peace renew; as with sorrow we remember landscapes ravaged, skies alight, homes and lives destroyed for ever on that fateful moonlit night.

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**Leaving Gift for Canon David Porter**
If you have not already managed to do so, the Churchwardens invite you to join them in signing a card for David and Fran and in contributing to a farewell gift for David as he takes on his new responsibilities for Lambeth; please visit the Community Table at the end of the service.

*Godfrey Armitage, pp the Churchwardens*

**The Easter Garden**
Dear Gardeners, It’s sad but inevitable that the garden has to go! Plans are we will remove everything on Friday morning 6th May. So much thanks goes to you all for your generosity & talents. If you cannot make this date please arrange with someone who can help. Jon has been so good and helpful that I don’t want anything left for him to do. He has agreed to store certain items (not plants!). Unfortunately I’m on holiday so in my absence could someone wield a broom? The venture has been a wonderful success thanks to our small number of talented helpers. With much love to you all

*Pam Goodwin*

**Winter Night Shelter – Charity Ball!**
We want to celebrate what has been achieved over the last three winters and have some fun at the same time and so are holding our first charity ball on Friday 6th May from 7pm until late at The Village Hotel, Dolomite Ave, Coventry, CV4 9GZ.

It will include a hot buffet dinner and live entertainment (made up of local talent), a disco and a celebration of all we have achieved so far! Tickets are £30 per person and we are limited to 160 people in total. If you want tickets, please email us at: coventrywinternighshelter@gmail.com

*Nobby Clarke, Project Coordinator, Coventry Winter Night Shelter*

**Organ recital Monday 2nd May**
Welcome to Coventry Cathedral’s Lunchtime Organ Music series for 2016. We are delighted to offer a wonderful variety of music and musicians for you to enjoy, blending some of the finest young talent with renowned concert artists. With our magnificent organ’s vast range of sounds and a wide musical repertoire, there is truly something for everybody.

Concerts begin at 1 pm and last just over half an hour. If you can stay for the whole concert then we suggest you sit in the Chancel – a great place from which to hear the organ. Bring a friend or a colleague from work and join us for a brief moment of inspiration and joy at the start of each week.

Do feel free to applaud between items if you wish. Admission is free, so we rely heavily on gifts from sponsors and supporters. A suggested gift of £3 is requested for each concert you attend and this can be placed in the retiring collection.

Today’s recital by David Newsholme (Canterbury Cathedral) includes music by JS Bach, Jehan Alain, Percy Whitlock and Max Reger.

Next Monday afternoon Hugh Morris (Derby Cathedral) will perform music by JS Bach, Dieterich Buxtehude, Hendrik Andriessen, Edward Bairstow and Henri Mulet.


*Kerry Beaumont, Director of Music*

**Readers**
The Reader assisting at the Eucharist this morning is Donald Parr from St. Lawrence Ansley.

**Spiritual Formation Course**
"A place to feed the mind, heart and soul that enables us to live more Christ-centred lives."

Tasters for anyone interested are on Thursdays May 5th and 19th from 2.15 to 4.15 or 7.30 to 9.30 at St John’s Church Centre, Berkswell.

For more information see the website- www.passionatespirituality.org.uk or email- Passionatespirituality@live.co.uk

Or see Passionate Spirituality leaflets on the Community Table and events board.

*Canon Kathryn*

**Could you become a foster family for one of our choristers?**
Wenyu, a pupil at Bablake, is 14. She loves reading, playing the violin, skating and swimming, and works very hard at school. She joined the Girls’ Choir last year. Her mother, an academic who teaches Mandarin, is applying for jobs to enable her to stay in the UK but is making contingency plans to enable Wenyu to complete her education at Bablake in case her parents are unable to remain in the UK. Their faith is hugely important to them and they are confident that the opportunities their daughter enjoys here are part of God’s plan for her life, so they hope that a Christian family might be willing to welcome Wenyu as a foster child.

If you, or anyone you know, can help, please either speak to Canon Kathryn or contact Wenyu’s mother, Yanning Lu, directly by email whx@hotmail.co.uk.

If you can’t offer hospitality, please do pray for a solution for this family. As you can imagine, this is an anxious time for them all.

*Canon Kathryn*

**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.
FROM EXTREMIST TO PEACEMAKER
Four Monday evening discussions drawing lessons from documentary films about ‘extremists’ who became peacemakers

Peter Riddell, a National Coordinator of Initiatives of Change, will be the facilitator. He has, or has had, personal connections with all those portrayed in the films.

St Michael’s House, 11 Priory Row, Coventry CV1 5EX

7pm Monday 16th May
French socialist leader Irène Laure fought in the resistance in the Second World War, and hated the Germans so much that she wished to see Germany ‘totally destroyed’. She later played a significant rôle in the reconciliation of France and Germany. The film For the Love of Tomorrow gives insights on how she made that transition.

7pm Monday 23rd May
Imam Muhammad Ashafa and Pastor James Wuye fought each other in defending their communities in Northern Nigeria in the early ‘90s. Ashafa’s spiritual teacher was killed in the struggle and Wuye lost his hand. In the film The Imam and the Pastor they tell how they went on to become co-directors of the Kaduna Interfaith Mediation Centre, training teams of pastors and imams to be mediators in flashpoints across Nigeria and beyond.

7pm Monday 30th May
The protagonists in the previous session’s film, Imam Ashafa and Pastor James, were invited to Kenya to mediate between tribesmen who fought each other in post-election violence in 2007. The film An African Answer captures this masterclass in mediation, in which they employ all the experience they have gained through their work in Nigeria.

7pm Monday 6th June
Assaad Chaftari was head of security of the Christian Lebanese Forces militia during the Lebanese civil war, 1975-1991. Mohieddine Shihab was one of his opposite numbers as a commander in the Mourabitoun militia. The film From War to Reconciliation shows how, after the war, they began to discover that the images they had formed of the ‘other’ were quite false. Since then they have been working together to persuade other Lebanese not to go down the path they did.

CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY NOTICES

The Friends of Coventry Cathedral
MEETING OUR NEIGHBOURS: A Multi-faith Walk in Coventry City Centre

On Tuesday, 10 May 2016, Eleanor Nesbitt will lead a small group of Friends on a walking tour to explore and experience the diversity of religious worship in the heart of Coventry. The walk will start at 10.30 am at Holy Trinity Church and will also visit the Hindu Shree Krishna Temple and the Muslim Jamia Mosque before enjoying traditional vegetarian hospitality at the Sikh Guru Nanak Parkash Gurdwara.

Participants should be reasonably fit and be prepared to take off their shoes and sit on the floor, as a mark of respect, and in accordance with tradition.

Sign up on the Community Table today.
Places are limited and there will be a waiting list.

Copies of the Friends e-Bulletin for May are available to collect from the Community Table today, for those who don’t have Internet access. The Bulletin contains a report on the Cathedral AGM last Sunday and the latest news on our House of Lords visit in November.

Andrew Paine, Chair of the Friends

Lent Book Swap – ‘Don’t Forgive Too Soon’

Canon Kathryn intended borrowers and lenders to be able to talk together about books borrowed in the Lent Book Swap. Sorry I didn’t get to the table soon enough to meet whoever borrowed the Linns’ book ‘Don’t Forgive Too Soon’ - hope you enjoyed reading it and would love to chat about it if you have finished it!

Margaret Lloyd (02476 413004)
Reimagining Europe

‘Reimagining Europe’ is a conversation taking place between Bishop Christopher and Caroline Spelman MP in Coventry Cathedral on Thursday May 19th at 7.30 pm. As the ‘Reimagining Europe’ website says, the ‘central aim is to create a space for Christian reflection and debate on Britain’s future relationship with Europe ahead of the forthcoming referendum on whether Britain should remain a member of the EU.’

Those behind ‘Reimagining Europe’ do not take a particular line beyond a commitment to communicating Christian reflection and commentary in ways that enhance public understanding on an issue that many find both confusing and divisive. To this end, and as part of the exercise of encouraging ‘good disagreement’ on the EU, ‘Reimagining Europe’ contains a broad variety of views from across the political and theological continuum.

The event here on May 19th is just one of a continuum. The forum has engaged an executive group from across the UK, and has been supplemented by public talks and events in Coventry, Boston, and Exeter. Everyone is welcome.

To find out more, please visit: http://www.reimaginingeurope.co.uk/

Calling all Foreign Language Speakers!

I am currently updating the foreign language leaflets which we give out to those visitors for whom English isn’t their first language. Cathedral Guide Martina Thielmann has done a great job on the German leaflet for me, but it now puts the others to shame, so I am looking for anyone who may be able to help with translating into other languages. If you can offer a language please let me know, either in person or via email at carla.crawley@coventrycathedral.org.uk

Coventry Cathedral to host Peter Marlow’s photographs of all 42 Anglican Cathedrals.

The English Cathedral is a collection of stunning photographs created by the late Peter Marlow (1952–2016) which will be on display in the Chapel of Christ the Servant until 5th September.

It is the first time this exhibition has been displayed since Peter’s untimely death earlier this year and also the first time it will be displayed outside London. The display is a continuation of Coventry Cathedral’s tradition of, and commitment to, exhibiting work by contemporary British artists.

Marlow developed the strategy of shooting a majority of the cathedrals from the same position: looking east towards the altar as the natural light of dawn broke through the main window. Each shoot was devoid of artificial lighting creating a representation of each cathedral removed from the modern age.

This viewpoint and lighting added depth to the visual experience of the building, and the discipline of this strict approach allowed the power of the spaces to unfold in the dark. Each cathedral was shot on large format film, bringing into sharp relief the splendour of the architectural, regardless of the style.

‘The Chapel of Christ the Servant, with its forty two huge vertical window niches, is serendipitously perfect for the collection of the forty two English cathedrals I photographed. In so many ways Sir Basil Spence’s architecture captured the spirit of a new age after the war, and I feel very honoured to be able to take over the whole chapel in the company of the many artists Spence commissioned, who are now rightly seen as key practitioners of the British modern movement.’

Peter Marlow (1952–2016) / Magnum Photos

DUSK
- City Arts and Music Festival -
- Under The Stars -
- Coventry Cathedral Ruins -

On Friday 6th May we invite you to the launch event of our open-air summer programme, kicking off with an eclectic mix of music, arts, performance, food and great drinks all amidst the beautiful ruins of Coventry’s old Cathedral.

We’re starting the summer as we mean to go on with a diverse mix of city talent in a setting like no other, where we’ll be bringing in a full-scale production and all the amenities of a live music venue.

MUSICAL LINE-UP:
Charles Dexter Ward and the Imagineers
Hula Girls
Those Amongst Us Are Wolves
Jahhana
GRACE
Luna and the Moonhounds

Limited tickets £10 from www.tickettailor.com/checkout/view-event/id/51832/chk/1e78.

Women’s World Day of Prayer

The Women’s World Day of Prayer services in Coventry in March raised £550, which will be distributed, along with all the other money raised nationally, to a wide variety of charities.

The service next March will be arranged by ladies from the Philippines. It would be great to see a few more people there from the Cathedral (men are very welcome to attend too).

Sandra Brownbridge

Cathedral Action for Christian Aid

Week : 15th May to 22nd May

Please can I urge you to consider helping sometime during this week when we consider our global “neighbours”

Take one of the Global Climate Change leaflets.
Sign up for the Community Christian Aid Lunch on 22nd May.
Consider volunteering for an hour or two with your help for; bucket collections in the Shopping Precinct.

For more information either come and talk to me or a member of the Saint Michael’s Committee or phone me on 024 7671 1210 or 07962 149236
Moya (Horton) Cathedral Christian Aid Coordinator

Entente Cordiale: Saturday May 14th at 7.30 pm.

A concert featuring St Michael’s Singers and Choeur Josquin des Prez with soloist Nadine Benjamin and the Warwickshire Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Paul Leddington Wright.

Poulenc: Gloria
Elgar: Pomp & Circumstance March No. I
Walton: Crown Imperial
Elgar: Te Deum and Benedictus
Wagner: ‘Prelude and Liebestod’ from Tristan und Isolde

http://www.saintmichaelssingers.org/