WHAT'S ON MARCH AND APRIL 2016

Natural Church Development - First survey results

Last month a group of congregation members from across the Cathedral's range of services completed the “Natural Church Development” survey, measuring our performance in the eight essential qualities of healthy growing churches, and now the results are in! It will be no surprise to learn that our highest score goes to inspiring worship. After all, our liturgy and music is often what first brings people to the Cathedral — and it would be more than disappointing if those attending regularly did not find it uplifting and transformative. In fact, our score here was one of the highest our mentor Martin Saxby has encountered.

Next in line was gift-based ministry. It seems we are good at recognising and drawing on people’s talents, and that most people involved in ministry of any kind are seen as round pegs in round holes. Splendid! Holistic small groups also netted a respectable score, but then things began to go downhill. Passionate spirituality, empowering leadership, and effective structures were all decidedly average — while we were in the very bottom range in terms of loving relationships and need-oriented evangelism. None of this is perhaps surprising. There is no such thing as a perfect church, and getting a snapshot of our reality here and now is a really valuable tool in helping us move forward.

The NCD steering group is currently exploring possible responses that might help us to address our areas of current weakness, and this will be a continuing agenda item for St Michael’s Committee in the coming months. More news at the AGM but in the meantime thoughts, questions and inspiration will be warmly welcomed by any of the steering group or me, Canon Kathryn.

Monday 21st March at 7.30pm: Cricket on the river
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Tuesday 22nd March at 7.30pm: Cricket on the river
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Wednesday 23rd March at 7.30pm: Cricket on the river
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Thursday 24th March at 10.30am: Cricket on the river
Chriis Eucharist
Thursday 24th March at 7.30pm: Cricket on the river
Maundy Liturgy and Watch
Friday 25th March at 9am: Cricket on the river
Good Friday Liturgy
Friday 25th March at 2pm: Stations of the Cross

CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY NOTICES

A MESSAGE FROM THE CANON FOR RECONCILIATION

Welcome to Coventry Cathedral on this Palm Sunday. We are about to enter Holy Week, walking with Jesus towards the events of Good Friday and Easter Day. Throughout the week, there are opportunities to come together here to pray, to reflect, to listen, to experience though word, music and the sacraments our life with Jesus at this most precious of times. Please take time to enter into this journey in this place, where our buildings beautifully embody the themes of Holy Week and Easter as we move from the ruins into the new Cathedral – from despair to hope; from conflict to reconciliation; from crucifixion to resurrection. We do this as a community of God’s children – the ‘body of Christ’. This community is for all – those who are here today for the first time, and those who have been coming for many years.

The Dean wrote last week of David Porter’s new role as Chief of Staff and Strategy at Lambeth Palace, and thus his departure from ministry here in Coventry. We thank David enormously for his work here, and his journey with us, and wish him many congratulations and all the best as he moves. His last service with us will be on May 1st. I hope that David, and all who come to this place of peace and reconciliation, know that they are always welcome here... to worship the God who gave us his Son, in order that we might live...

Let us keep a good Holy Week together. Canon Sarah

Deans and Canons today
This morning Canon David is at St Lawrence Napton and the Reverend Sasha is presiding at the Church of the Holy Ascension Mappleborough Green.

Please send items for inclusion in the next edition of Cathedral Matters by end of TUESDAY 22nd March 2016.

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CATHEDRAL MATTERS

Sunday 20th March
Palm Sunday

Sunday 27th March
Farewell to David

This week

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This photo shows Canon David at the former concentration camp at Dachau when he welcomed them into the Community of the Cross of Nails. In a recent interview he mentioned that this was one of his most memorable experiences during his time at Coventry.
OPEN Table:
Tonight at 6.30pm
OPEN Table is a simple supper church that brings people together around the table for food, prayer, and conversation. All are welcome at the table—no matter your skin colour, your gender identity, your age, or who you love. A place has been set for everyone at the table and all have an invitation. Through this practice at table we learn to engage with our neighbour, remember their inherent dignity, and celebrate the gift of diversity.
Haley Jones

The Sacrament of Reconciliation
Though we know that God forgives us whenever we turn to him in penitence and faith, it is sometimes helpful to engage with a more intensive process of self-examination and to hear God’s forgiveness spoken aloud, knowing that our own specific failures have been forgiven. In a place with reconciliation at its heart, it makes sense to enjoy the full riches of the sacraments that Christ has entrusted to his Church. There will be a priest ready to hear confessions in the Chapel of Unity any day from Monday 21st March onwards, if they are very heavy the Duty Verger should have a sack truck available and the nearest parking is outside the Chapel. There will be pieces of wood to put the plants on and please could you put them back against the window out of the way. There will also be hessian available.
We still need some potting compost, silver sand and any large stones.
Please would some of you volunteer to look after the garden, only a minor task, during the Easter period.
Finally, several people who are not connected with the Cathedral have been kind in giving or lending items, please can you give me their details so I can thank them. Lots of love, you have helped it happen.
Pam Goodwin

It is helpful to know in advance that we have volunteers but if you are unable to let us know please come forward at that point in the liturgy if you see a vacant chair amongst the twelve.
Canon Kathryn

Flowers for Easter
A small flowery jug will be located on the Community Table on Sunday 20th March for donations for Easter flowers. All contributions will be gratefully received. Many thanks.
David East

To all Easter gardeners
Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help in any way. Plans have changed slightly.
If you have offered plants please take them to the Chapel of Unity any day from Monday 21st March onwards, if they are very heavy the Duty Verger should have a sack truck available and the nearest parking is outside the Chapel. There will be pieces of wood to put the plants on and please could you put them back against the window out of the way. There will also be hessian available.
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Maundy Thursday Liturgy 7.30pm
Holy Trinity will be joining us for this very special service and they will be providing six people for the foot-washing. This means that we need to provide the other six. Those who have offered before know that this is a profound experience recalling the event described in John’s Gospel when Jesus washed his disciples’ feet. Please remember that your feet are not expected to be perfect specimens!

Community of the Cross of Nails evening
Tuesday 29th March at 7pm in Saint Michael’s House
This time we will focus on The Krzyżowa Foundation for Mutual Understanding in Europe. Krzyżowa  (Poland) is the place where the PM of Poland, Tadeusz Mazowiecki, and the Chancellor of Germany, Helmut Kohl, exchanged the sign of peace which became the symbol of Polish-German reconciliation.
Today, in its work, the Foundation aims to build bridges between the past and the present, between Western and Eastern Europe, and promote dialogue between generations.
Anita Duda (Intern)

‘The Pentateuch Project’ - Kathrin Kiss-Elder
‘The Pentateuch Project’ is a photographic exhibition produced by Kathrin based on her project to illustrate the Pentateuch, the five books of Moses, the Jewish Torah and is currently on display in the Cathedral. Already exhibited in Cologne, Kathrin brings her work to Coventry for the first time. Working around interfaith dialogue it is hoped that many communities will be interested in this exhibition.

The Pentateuch-Project is part of a long-term project with the goal of developing photographic art work by exploring the poetic and narrative quality of the Bible. The project is developed with mentors of many monotheistic religions: the Muslim and Jewish Community, the Catholic, Anglican, Protestant and Baptist Churches.
The Pentateuch Project consists of 60 photographic multi-layer compositions inspired by quotations from the five books of Moses. The words are inspired by several editions of the Old Testament, including a number of English and French editions and the Torah, as well as some references to the Qu’ran.

The pictures were constructed as digitised multi-layer pictures. They meet the highest standards of picture sensibility of monotheist religions as Kathrin has proved through dialogue with Jews, Muslims and Christians, believers, non-believers, leaders, scientists and visitors. The goal is to create opportunities for inter-religious dialogue, to deepen our understanding of each other which she feels is so important for our world at this time and place in history. Kathrin hopes that her work can contribute to this.

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A message from Canon David Porter
As you may now have heard I take up a new job as Chief of Staff and Strategy to Archbishop Justin on the 3rd May. I am looking forward very much to the opportunities and challenges involved. It will be interesting work and a privilege to be engaged on a different level with the life of the Church of England. The downside is that it brings to an end my working association with Coventry Cathedral. A successor to my current post will be appointed in due course, again working out of Coventry. My last official Sunday will be the 1st May before the focus moves to Lambeth.

Fran and I are deeply grateful for our time at Coventry Cathedral. Your welcome and friendship has been special and it has been a real privilege to weave our story into the story of Coventry over the last eight years. The people and place will always have a special place in our hearts and prayers. Canon David (the Irish one!)

From the Community of the Cross of Nails archive Reflections from Martin Williams' trip to Cottbus in 2015
“Cottbus has been a name in Coventry Cathedral prayers for the last 31 years – ever since it was awarded a Coventry Cross of Nails. On 15th February 2015 I represented the Cathedral as the Cross of Nails passed from its original church, the Schlosskirche, to its new home in the Oberkirche.

“The Schlosskirche is still a place of worship, but it is now a synagogue, replacing a building that was burned down in November 1938 during Kristallnacht. The new Torah is secured in a wooden shrine, and the cross of nails is mounted on wood from the same silver birch tree. The town of Cottbus is a 90 minute drive east of Dresden. It was one of the towns where US planes off-loaded any bombs that remained after their bombing run over Dresden. The weekend was also time to remember the bombing.

“Before the ceremony I spoke to members of both churches at a church meeting. The Community of the Cross of Nails was represented by Rev Oliver Schuegraf and by Jost Hasselhorn.

“During both the Nazi era and the German Democratic Republic era political prisoners were detained in a large prison in the town. That prison was subsequently purchased by a group of former political prisoners and today it operates as an educational exhibition about the importance of human rights. It tells the life stories of political prisoners from each of the decades in which it housed them, and uses their personal lives to illustrate details of the abuses of human rights during both eras.

“The pastor of the Oberkirche, Ulrike Menzel, looks forward with reinvigorated enthusiasm to extend the ministry of reconciliation in Cottbus. Each Friday members of the congregation will join with Coventry in the words of the Litany of Reconciliation.”

Martin Williams

A personal message from the Dean
John and Ricarda would like to express their thanks for the kind words and support during recent weeks. If you would like to know more about Ricarda’s treatment you can find it in her blog
http://ricardawitcombe.wordpress.com
Dean John

‘Electoral and Community Rolls. Are you on the list?’
If you are not yet on the Electoral Roll now is the time to enrol. All baptised members of the Church of England who worship regularly at Coventry Cathedral are invited to join. Once you are on the Roll you will be entitled to free entry to the Cathedral and be able to vote at the Annual Meetings held on Sunday 24th April.

To enrol, simply fill in a short form to indicate your continued commitment and contribution to our life together. There is also a Community Roll for those engaged in service with the Cathedral eg voluntary work on the information desk, as a Guide etc.

Forms are available every Sunday on the Community Table at both the 10.30am and 6.30pm services.

In addition, please let Jane Corrigan, the Electoral Roll Officer know if you have changed your address, telephone number or email address in the last year. She would also appreciate being informed about anyone who has died in the past year. Contact her by email: janeccorrian45@btinternet.com or speak to any of the five Churchwardens if you would like to know more.

AGM 2016 and Nominations
The Cathedral AGM will be held this year on Sunday 24th April after the morning Eucharist service. There will be a simple lunch in the Lecture Room at 12.15 pm, with the meeting following at 1pm in the Chapter House. Please sign up for lunch on the list at the Community Table or email Angie Jones, PA to the Dean, on angie.jones@coventrycathedral.org.uk.

There is an opportunity to get involved with the life of the Cathedral and to be a representative of the Cathedral community through the roles described below, which will be elected at the AGM. If you are interested, please complete a nomination form and ensure you are on the appropriate role. For the churchwardens posts you need to be on the Cathedral electoral roll: for membership of St. Michael’s Committee you need to be on either the electoral roll (for regular members of the cathedral congregation) or community roll (for other involvement with the cathedral such as staff and volunteers).

It would be helpful if nomination forms could be submitted in advance of the AGM, preferably by the previous Sunday 17th April 2016. Forms can be found on the congregation table or from Canon Kathryn, for the following posts:

* St. Michael’s Committee membership:
- 3 vacancies for 3 years
- 1 vacancy for 1 year

* Churchwardens (5 vacancies)
Many thanks,
Emma Norman, Vestry Clerk
Ascension to Pentecost
5th - 15th May 2016

The ten days between Ascension and Pentecost have often been regarded as a time for prayer and waiting for the Holy Spirit. This year Bishop Christopher and Bishop John are also calling Christians throughout Warwickshire and Coventry to come together for fellowship, witness and celebration.

Five different strands are being woven into the period from 5th to 15th May:

Pilgrimage of Prayer. Our bishops are calling everyone in the diocese to pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit and to meditate on scripture. They will be providing a booklet of prayers, reflections and other resources.

Pilgrimage Walk - Cloud and Fire. Everyone is also encouraged to spend time walking with one of our bishops on a physical pilgrimage. There is a choice of five routes in the north, south, east, west and centre of the diocese.

Launch of the Diocesan Centenary. The Pilgrimage of Prayer and the Pilgrimage Walk are both being used to launch the preparations for the Diocesan Centenary which takes place in two years’ time.

Thy Kingdom Come. The Archbishops of Canterbury and York are inviting the whole Church of England to join them “in a week of prayer for the evangelisation of our nation”.

Pentecost Beacon Event. All the above will culminate in a special event at Coventry Cathedral at 5pm on Pentecost (15th May). This will include a live video link with the Archbishop of Canterbury and sung worship led by Noel Richards.

Further details about each of these strands are available on the diocesan website. Please encourage one another to participate as fully as possible, while together we wait expectantly for the Holy Spirit this Pentecost.

Volunteer Opportunity – working as an Intern within our Reconciliation Ministry Team

The Volunteer Reconciliation Internship at Coventry Cathedral is for those seeking to develop their understanding of reconciliation and peace building as part of a Christian mission community.

It offers the opportunity to:
- Gain experience in a working environment;
- Develop skills in project management, research and group facilitation;
- Learn and explore a range of issues in relation to the theology, practice and spirituality of reconciliation.

All interns will contribute to the successful delivery and development of the Reconciliation Ministry at the Cathedral. As such they will be expected to already have relevant learning and skills to offer. At present there are four intern posts as part of the team: three of the posts are sponsored by partners in Germany, Poland and the United States and are reserved for nationals from these countries. The fourth post is open to all.

Eligibility: To be eligible for an internship prospective interns should:
- Normally be over 21 years of age at the time the internship commences.
- Preferably be a graduate, with a degree in an appropriate discipline (e.g. International Relations, Politics, Public Policy, Peace Studies, Development Studies, Theology)
- Be a practising Christian.

Core Duties: Interns will be allocated to a specific development area within the team but can be flexible in sharing tasks as needs arise. An intern will be based in the offices for at least 40 but no more than 48 hours, usually during the Cathedral Offices business hours. Weekend and evening serving opportunities will be available.

Application process: Applications in the first instance are by CV and covering letter setting out the applicant’s expectations of an internship to the P.A. to the Canon for Reconciliation Ministry: email carly.tewkesbury-witham@coventrycathedral.org.uk

Key Dates:
Closing Date for Applications: Wednesday 13th April 5pm
Interview Dates: Thursday 21st April