**Community Response to the Refugee Crisis Appeal**

"Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth"  
1 John 3:18

In order to facilitate our desire to respond to the plight of so many desperate people we placed some envelopes in our service booklets last Sunday and, in addition, placed collecting buckets by the boat.

A number of people have queried what the envelopes were for and were unsure what to do. Over the next week or two we will be collecting donations in the red envelopes which should be placed on the normal collecting passes are limited. For further information please visit http://www.coventry.gov.uk/skyride. Thank you for your co-operation.  
Louise Nicholls

**Sky Ride 27th September**

A free public event is taking place on Sunday 27th September 11am-3pm with thousands of cyclists riding along traffic free roads in the city centre. This may cause you disruption if you are attending the 10.30am Eucharist on this day. Information regarding diversion routes plus access passes have been placed on the Community table. Please only take an access pass if you definitely require it, as passes are limited. For further information please visit http://www.coventry.gov.uk/skyride. Thank you for your co-operation.  
Louise Nicholls

**WHAT’S ON IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2015**

**Monday 21st September** - 1pm
Lunchtime organ concert with Paul Leddington Wright.

**Monday 21st September** - International Day of Peace.

**Tuesday 22nd to Saturday 26th September** - Community of the Cross of Nails Pilgrimage

**Saturday 26th September** - 6pm Peace Vigil

**Sunday 27th September** - 12.30pm
Friends of Coventry Cathedral lunch and AGM.

**Monday 28th September** - 1pm
Lunchtime organ concert with Andrew Kirk.

**Sunday 4th October** - Foodbank Sunday.

**Monday 5th October** - 11am Service for the High Sherriff of Warwickshire.

**Saturday 10th October** - 4pm Midlands Cathedrals Girls Choir (from Derby, Leicester and Southwell joining our choir) Evensong.

**Sunday 11th October** - 2.30pm Unveiling of the plaque for Kennedy House.

**Wednesday 14th October** - 2pm
Unveiling of the memorial plaque to those killed by the IRA in Coventry in 1939.

Dear Friends

As I looked at my diary at the beginning of this “term”, two events loomed large. The first was the “Reconciling a Wounded Planet” conference, already behind us by the time you read this. The second is the 75th anniversary of the blitz, and all that city and Cathedral are planning to help us to focus on the lessons of history. The thing is that both events lead us to look both back and forward. The figures that chart our unthinking destruction of the earth’s resources and our carelessness with the fragile balance of life on this earth are evidence of a past to repent of, but behind the conference must surely lie the hope that reconciliation IS possible, that we may learn from the past in order to change the future. If you want to measure your own impact on our world’s resources, pour a strong drink and then visit http://footprint.wwf.org.uk/ to discover just how many earths you need to sustain your current lifestyle (the UK average is 3.5, so I’m heartened that I’m “only” demanding 2.2…but nonetheless, there is only 1 available) and then spend some time thinking about ways in which you might shrink your own footprint. It’s as much about learning from history as are the events we’ll recall in November. As we know, the legacy of the blitz could have been quite different, but for Provost Howard’s commitment to live out the gospel in all the pain and mess of a war-torn world. In that we are his heirs, and we need to practise active reconciliation – with one another, of course, but with our planet too. Time to switch off some lights and maybe even get back on my bike, I think… Love and blessings, Canon Kathryn

**Join us at the peace vigil on Saturday 26th September from 6pm to 7pm**

We will be holding a peace vigil on Saturday 26th September from 6pm for one hour. The vigil will take place under the porch that links the ruined medieval Cathedral with the modern building on the Queen’s Steps.

Many people have been affected by the recent refugee crisis, not to mention the long running conflicts in places such as Israel Palestine and central Africa, and this is an opportunity for people from all faiths or none to come together to light a candle, pause for reflection and say a prayer. Canon Sarah
**CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**The Diocesan Readers assisting at the Eucharist today are Lisle Sharp from St James Alverstoke and John Hitchcock from St Nicolas Nuneaton.**

*Lord Mayor of Coventry’s Annual Peace Lecture*

**Wednesday 28th October 2015, 7.30pm (Doors open at 7pm)**

The Lord Mayor of Coventry’s Annual Peace Lecture will be given by Jonathan Porritt, the writer, broadcaster and founding Director of the ‘Forum for the Future’. The lecture, which will begin at 7.30pm, is titled ‘Reshaping the Security Agenda’ and will be held in the St Mary’s Guildhall.

**Reconciliation: What is it and how do we begin?**

Come and join us in St Michael’s House on the 12th and 13th October for the first of our new series of Reconciliation courses. Over two days, Canon Sarah will provide an introduction to the theology and practice of peace and reconciliation. The course fee is £200, which covers all teaching and resources, as well as refreshments and lunch on both days. For more information and to book your place, email reconciliation@coventrycathedral.org.uk, call Carly Tewkesbury-Witham on 024 7652 1284, or talk to Canon Sarah. The Reconciliation Ministry Team

**St Basil’s Sleep Out**

**Friday 23rd October**

The charity St Basil’s (Coventry’s main gateway for youth homelessness in the city) is holding its first ever Coventry SleepOut charity fundraising event in the Ruins on Friday 23rd October.

It’s free to enter and challenges you to ‘rough it’ for a night and help raise money so that a young person doesn’t have to experience homelessness. They provide the cardboard and huge plastic bags (although you are most welcome to bring additional cardboard) and there is a prize for the ‘best dwelling’ judged on the night. If you would like to register your place and direct others to join in as well, go to www.stbasils.org.uk/coventrysleeput

Myself and Asha from the Cathedral’s Events team will be representing the Cathedral and taking part so any sponsorship offers would be greatly appreciated. Rachael Kelly

**Romanian Summer – a date for your diary**

The Cathedral-sponsored volunteers have now returned from working at the centre for disabled children in Sibiu, Transylvania and they have exciting news of the progress they made this summer. If you would like to share some of these experiences, email me and I will be pleased to send you copies. On Sunday 1st November 2015 there will be an opportunity to hear some of the volunteers at a Romania Lunch in the Cathedral lecture hall after the Sunday morning service. Jane Williams (telephone 024 7650 2349 or email JaneMLWill@aol.com)

“Everybody Welcome? An Inclusive Church taster event.”

On Wednesday 23rd September, from 7-9.30pm at St Mary Magdalene Church, Chapelfields, CV5 8DR. The evening will start with curry and conversation, an opportunity to learn more about Inclusive Church, with Bob Callaghan, National Coordinator, Inclusive Church. To book your free ticket www.everybodywelcome.eventbrite.co.uk For more information contact the Reverend Sarah Edmonds sarah_edmonds@btconnect.com

**Service for the High Sheriff of Warwickshire – 5th October**

Everyone is welcome to join the High Sheriff of Warwickshire, Janet Bell Smith, for her service to mark the start of the Legal Year. It will take place at Coventry Cathedral on Monday 5th October at 11am. If you plan on attending please aim to be seated by 10.50am. There will be light refreshments served afterwards.

The High Sheriff is the Queen’s representative in the county for all matters legal and in October, at the start of the legal year, a church service is traditionally held to celebrate and remember the work done by all those who serve our legal system throughout the county. Louise Nicholls

**News from the Friends of Coventry Cathedral**

**Friends Lunch, AGM and Tea**

Please use the sign-up sheet on the Community Table today, to book your place for the light Lunch, being provided by the Choir Parents, in the Lecture Room, from 12.30pm on Sunday 27th September prior to our AGM. The Friends AGM will commence at 1.30pm, in the Chapter House, when the Dean will speak. The meeting is open to all Members of the Friends. Afterwards there will be tea and cakes in the Undercroft Lecture Room. The cost of the lunch and tea is just £5 - payable on the day

**Friends Annual Report and Accounts 2014**

Copies of the Friends Annual Report and Accounts 2014 and Minutes of the last AGM, are available on the Community Table today, for Members who would like to study them in advance of the Annual General Meeting.

**CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**Autumn Newsletter**

The Friends Autumn Newsletter has been mailed out this week - copies for Members of the Cathedral Community are available for collection from the Community Table. Please pick up your copy to save the postage.

**Future Leaders**

At the AGM, next Sunday, there’s the opportunity to ensure the healthy future of the Friends, by standing for the Council. Nomination Forms are available from the Community Table. We now have over 550 Members and in the last 12 months we have given more than £25,000, to support the work and fabric of the Cathedral. If you feel that you have the time and the skills to become more involved with what the Friends are doing, please have a word with me. This is your opportunity to become more involved. We particularly require people prepared to help us with our communications and to organize our events.

**Kennedy House Remembered**

On Sunday 11th October at 2.30 pm, the Dean will dedicate a plaque to commemorate Kennedy House, the Cathedral’s former International Youth Centre. If you would like to be invited to the Ceremony and to the tea afterwards, please sign the sheet on the Community Table.

The next day, on Monday 12th October, the Reverend Kenneth Woolhouse, a former Warden of Kennedy House and Cathedral Chaplain, will give an illustrated talk to the Friends on the ‘Rise and Fall of Kennedy House’, at 11am in the Undercroft Lecture Room. To reserve a place, for this Friendly Monday, please sign the sheet on the Community Table.

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