AND FINALLY…. THE JIMMY HILL CELEBRATION

On Friday 12th February the Cathedral was packed as family, friends, football legends and fans came together to celebrate the life of Jimmy Hill. We thought you’d like to see a photo.

WHAT’S ON IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2016

Monday 22nd February at 7pm - Reconciliation Ministry Lenten Lecture: - ‘The Problem of Sacred Violence’.

Friday 26th February 8pm-11pm: - Contra in the Cathedral! - part of Inter-Varsity Folk Dance Festival 2016 (for tickets visit www.warwickfolk.co.uk/ivfdf).

Tuesday 1st March at 7pm: Reconciliation Ministry Lenten Lecture: - ‘Dramas of Origin: the notion of ‘Founding Murder’”.

Wednesday 2nd March at 7pm: ‘Dealing with Painful History to build Peaceful Relationship in Northeast Asia’.

Thursday 3rd March at 2.30pm: Radical Welcome continues (Lecture Hall).

Friday 4th March at 11am - Women’s World Day of Prayer at the Central Methodist Hall.

Tuesday 8th March at 7pm: Reconciliation Ministry Lenten Lecture: - ‘Violence, the archaic Sacred and Judaeo-Christian Revelation’.

Thursday 10th March at 2.30pm: Radical Welcome continues (Lecture Hall)

Thursday 10th March 6.30pm for 7pm - ‘What lies beneath’…. The archaeological discoveries in the Ruins during the engineering project last summer.

Saturday 12th March 10am-2pm: Passiontide quiet morning – a space for reflection.

WHAT’S ON IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2016

Sunday 21st February

8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am The Cathedral Eucharist
4.00pm Choral Evensong
6.30pm Open: Cathedral Praise Eucharist

Sunday 28th February

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10.30am The Cathedral Eucharist
4.00pm Choral Evensong
6.30pm Open: Cathedral Praise

A MESSAGE FROM THE CANON PRECENTOR

A couple of weeks ago, those anticipating the delights of Choral Evensong on a Sunday afternoon were in for a pleasant surprise! We interrupted our usual pattern of worship in order to host a one-off 75th Anniversary Parade Service for the Warwickshire and Birmingham Wing of the Air Training Corps. Some 700 air cadets, together with officers, family members and special guests, gathered to celebrate the founding of the ATC in 1941 by King George VI.

As the service booklet explained, “You have come to Coventry Cathedral today to gathered thank God for the Air Training Corps and for your part in it. You have come to pray for your country and for the world, for peace and friendship amongst all races, nations and peoples. And you have come to offer yourselves, believing that God will show you the kind of men and women he wants you to be, and will give you strength to follow that vision.”

For many, it was the first time they had ever been in the Cathedral, described by the Wing Chaplain as “a marvellous occasion, truly fitting for the 75th anniversary of the Corps”. I was particularly taken by the specially-written prayer said by everyone towards the end of the service – something for us all to echo, both for the members of the ATC during this anniversary year and for ourselves:

Almighty God, who through the years has inspired in your people all that is true, courageous and loyal, we thank you for the seventy five years of the Air Training Corps.

Bless, we pray, those who serve in our own day.

We give thanks for those who have served as cadets, staff and supporters.

We pray that we may build on the foundations they have laid – serving you and our neighbours to the best of our abilities. Teach us to serve you as our Master, learning to accept the responsibilities of leadership and service, and may all that is good and true continue to prosper among us.

In your name we pray. Amen.

Canon David, (Precentor – and Chaplain-designate, 8F Squadron)

The Dean and Canons this week

This morning Canon David is at St Lawrence, Napton.
CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY NOTICES

Women's World Day of Prayer
The annual ecumenical Women's World Day of Prayer Service is taking place at the Methodist Central Hall on Friday 4th March at 11am. The service has been compiled by a group of ladies from Cuba this year. Please speak to Sandra Brownbridge or email: sandra.brownbridge2@gmail.com for further information.

Saturday 12th March 10am – 2pm
Passiontide Quiet Day
All are welcome to join me for a reflective walk through the events of the first Holy Week using “Experience Easter” stations. Canon Kathryn

Radical Welcome
If you are hoping to come to the workshop day on Radical Welcome on Saturday 27th February, Please tell Canon Kathryn by Wednesday of this week…preferably by phone or email as Sunday conversations tend to get overlaid by life. Thank you.

Coventry Diocese Eco Church launch
23 February 8pm at St Peter's Wellesbourne
I invite you to join us to for this event introducing Eco Church (http://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk) from 8pm–9.30pm (refreshments from 7.30pm) to hear how churches can join this programme, which was launched by the Christian conservation group A Rocha last month. Following several short presentations, there will be time for discussion, networking and registering of interest. Following our Reconciling a Wounded Planet conference last September, how might we at Coventry Cathedral respond to the challenge of caring better for God’s world, a mandate given to all Christians, not just activists or Creation Care Champions?
Godfrey Armitage, Chairman, Coventry Diocesan Environment Group.

‘What lies beneath?…. The Archaeological Discoveries in the Ruins Summer 2015
Thursday 10th March 6.30pm for 7pm
Join us for this fascinating lecture by George Demidowicz FSA, formerly City Archaeologist, who will share with us the discoveries made last summer when engineering works enabled us to lift the flagstones in the Ruins and discover what lies beneath. There will also be a presentation from Kelley Christ, the Cathedral’s Architect, on the challenges we face as we care for historic buildings. There will be a small display of the finds and the first opportunity for the public to access the Wyley Chapel.
Tickets: £10 per person or £8 per person for members of the Cathedral Community or the Friends of Coventry Cathedral. Tickets are available online or at the Cathedral Gift Shop. Christine Doyle

‘Dealing with Painful History to build peaceful relationship in Northeast Asia’
Wednesday 2nd March at 7pm
The reconciliation team have invited Kevin Clements to speak about the reconciliation process in northeast Asia. The talk will look at the ways in which economic integration, political summits, and numerous Japanese apologies have not managed to assuage Chinese and Korean feelings of humiliation, marginalisation and oppression. It will then consider what processes might enable deeper co-existence and even reconciliation. For more information visit www.coventrycathedral.org.uk. Haley Jones

STORIES FROM THE RECONCILIATION ARCHIVE

As we commemorate 75 years of peace building we’ve been collecting stories of reconciliation which have either been inspired by the Coventry story or from our work directly; some stories are recent, others from our history which you may have heard before and, perhaps, forgotten.

For those members of our Cathedral community who are not online, we will be distributing stories via Cathedral Matters. Some stories are just a paragraph while others have been given to us in detail. We hope you find them interesting.

"Lisa Stevens (Intern) and I visited Tuzla in north-east Bosnia Hercegovina to officially launch the ‘Schools for Peace – Skola za Mir’ project. This project links schools in Serbia, Bosnia Hercegovina and the UK.

We were very generously hosted by the school and were the guests of honour at the school celebration event in the Cultural Centar, attended by the Minister for Education. The objective of this project is to encourage the schools to work on shared projects which look at identity and peace building.

As part of our ICONS network we will help promote and support each of the partner schools in all three countries with educational activities which enable young people to remember past events in ways which encourage understanding of and co-operation in the present. This means demonstrating that our similarities and our differences are both pathways to partnership.

The final few days were spend in Sarajevo at the Peace Conference, where we attended a seminar run by one our CCN Partners – Community for Reconciliation: Footprints who work in Vukova and Osijek, Croatia.

On Monday Lisa, Anne (a colleague from Clinton Primary School, Kenilworth) and I stood on the corner where Gavrilo Princip shot Franz Ferdinand on 28th June 1914, which is said to have sparked World War I. We sat together and said the Litany of Reconciliation.

“"The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class, the covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own, these phrases took on a new perspective and resonance. Father Forgive!”" Emma Griffiths, Associate Director of Reconciliation

Post script: Since Emma wrote this in 2014 there have been changes in the Department for Education resulting in many of our relationships at a senior level needing to be renewed. However, we are hopeful that our support, resource materials and shared ideas at the grass-roots level with the teachers will ensure the work continues. Please hold this project in your prayers.
NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF COVENTRY CATHEDRAL

St Matthew Passion
Saint Michael Singers will perform the St. Matthew Passion in the Cathedral from 6pm, on Good Friday, 25th March 2016.

Members of the Friends are offered up to four tickets, in any price category, at the discounted price of £3 off (i.e. £22, £17 or £12). Extra tickets will be at full price.

There will, as usual, be reserved seats for Members of the Friends. Friends tickets must be bought direct from Jill Pacey – they cannot be bought at the special price on-line, or through the Cathedral.

Jill Pacey, 6 Clive Road, Balsall Common, Coventry CV7 7DW Telephone: 01676 532436 jill.pacey@btinternet.com Cheques payable to Saint Michael’s Singers and please enclose a stamped addressed envelope.

What Lies Beneath?
A public lecture in the Cathedral, ‘What Lies Beneath?’, on Thursday 10th March 2016, will focus on the archaeological findings and historical discoveries in the ruins, which were made last summer during the restoration project.

The speakers will be George Demidowicz, reporting on the findings of the excavations, and Kelley Christ, our new Cathedral Architect, who will share some of the challenges of conserving and restoring historic buildings.

Friends are offered tickets to the Lecture at the reduced rate of £8, available from the Welcome Desk and the Shop.

Everyday Benefits
Members of the Friends receive a 10% reduction on food and drink in the Cathedral Café, and a 10% reduction in the Cathedral Shop (when they spend over £10).

If you aren’t already a Friend, complete an application form today, available from the Community Table, and begin to enjoy the many benefits.

CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY NOTICES

Cathedral Servers
Many of you reading this will probably think a server is something to do with the internet.

Servers are the people who assist the clergy in leading the worship offered by the Cathedral. The Servers not only lead the clergy and choir in procession using the Cross and Candles, but carry out a practical role, they ensure that the bread and wine and other essential items are in the right place at the right time so the worship enjoyed by the community runs smoothly and with dignity.

The Servers’ Team is open to both sexes and has people of all ages and from all walks of life. In donning the robes we become one team, not just an individual but part of the whole.

The Team are looking for new volunteers to join them in this important and often varied rôle. If you are interested, please speak to me or any of the servers at the Cathedral or contact me on mail@cmcliffe.co.uk or (024) 7650 2127. No previous experience is needed and all training will be provided. Chris Cliffe, Head Server.

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 in 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 janecorrigan45@btinternet.com or speak to any of the five Churchwardens if you would like to know more.

Dates for your diary from the Choir Parents Association
Friday 26th February – Chorister Fundraising
Bags 4 School: Please note that curtains, bedding, towels and corporate school and work wear are no longer accepted by Bags for School. Please leave donations for collection (in the Blue plastic bags provided) in the vestry or at the information table.

Sunday 28th February – Chorister Fundraising
Bric à Brac Table: books, toys etc., alongside chorister CD’s and homemade jam before and after morning service at the main entrance.

Thank you
Thank you so much for your support at the Chorister fundraising cake sale and ‘Unwanted Presents’ stalls on Sunday 7th February. Both tables raised much needed funding towards Cathedral Choristers tours and their musical education. Clayre Coopey
The reconciliation team’s Lent Lectures begin on Monday 22nd February
The reconciliation team are holding four lectures which will explore the subject of ‘sacred violence’ – i.e. violence committed in the name of God. The four lectures will be presented by Professor Paul Gifford.

Sacred violence refers to the argument that some acts of violence are committed in the name of God, which is not a foreign concept in the Hebrew Bible text. This understanding of violence is often difficult to place in relationship with a God of love. During this season of Lent and through these lectures, we hope to explore acts of ‘sacred violence’ as a means of facing our ultimate call to reconciliation.

The reconciliation team are encouraging different generations to talk more
With the UK experiencing one of the highest rates of family breakdown in the Western world, the Reconciliation Ministry Team at Coventry Cathedral is encouraging people from different generations to come together for a weekend workshop to look at how to improve communications.

We believe that this will help to create an atmosphere of dialogue, honest conversation and problem-solving. The two day workshop, which will be held in Saint Michael’s House, will enable older and younger generations to express their concerns to each other in constructive and creative ways and arrive at consensus on how to deal with them.

The workshop weekend will be held on Saturday 27th (10am-4pm) and Sunday 28th February (11am-4pm) and is free of charge.

Please help spread the word – and if anyone is interested please contact David Williams at david.williams@coventrycathedral.org.uk or call 024 7652 1287.

Peace begins at home – our reconciliation team are encouraging different generations to talk more

As some plants will be in John’s garden we need some people who would move them to Unity steps on the Saturday. Does anyone have a plant mover (one of those contraptions that have a piece of wood and castors on four sides)? – if so, we’d love to borrow it. I’ve had a look again at the images Kathryn sent us and have done some drawings of ones I think would be helpful. I shall be around on Sunday so if you have any ideas or would like to see these other gardens do let me know. I think this is a very exciting project that can involve many of us. Pam Goodwin

Reconciliation Lent Book Group Thursday 17th March
The Reconciliation Ministry Team invites you to a book group on Thursday 17th March at 2pm in St Michael’s House. Godfrey Armitage will host the group on Paul Ede’s book Urban Eco-mission: healing the land in the Post-industrial city. This is a theological-ethical reflection and practical learning booklet about community-based transformation of derelict and vacant land and how it can be transformative for those who participate in this. Godfrey says, ‘I particularly like it because he is one of the few authors who looks at ‘Reconciliation Ecology’ from a Christian perspective and also his work draws on that of Richard Bauckham who was a lead speaker at RaWP.’ Haley Jones

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. Meg Bowen

**Christ in the Precinct**
**Good Friday – 25th March 2016**
**Coventry Churches Witness in Holy Week…..**
Come and share in all or part of the activities happening across the city on Good Friday:

9.45am: Shelton Square: Programme of Witness (Speaker: The Rev Steve Faber, Moderator of the URC West Midlands)

10am: Ecumenical service Warwick Road URC

10.45am: Walk of Witness from Dresden Place

11am: Open air service in Shelton Square

11.30am: Walk of Witness to Holy Trinity Church

12noon to 3pm: Vigil in Holy Trinity Church

10.30am to 3pm: Shelton Square Programme

….. And in the Cathedral

9am: Liturgy of Good Friday

12 noon: Litany of Reconciliation & Holy Communion

2pm: Stations of the Cross

5.15pm: Evening Prayer

6pm: St Matthew Passion

**Easter Garden**
It’s a bit dormant at present, but things are taking shape! If you have any suitable potted plants to lend us, John the verger has said we can put them in his garden, otherwise they can be brought to the Cathedral on Easter Eve (Saturday) after 9.30am. So that I know what we have available can you let me know type of plant and size. We also want a few other items. We need some silver sand, some potting compost, stones, small rocks, pebbles and anything you think would add to our special garden.

**A date for your diary**
**Coventry Street Pastors Commissioning**
Everyone is invited to a service of commissioning for the Street Pastors on Saturday 12th March (4pm-6pm) in Trinity Square (outside Holy Trinity Church)

**Zoe Bell**

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