WHAT'S ON IN JUNE AND JULY 2015

**Monday 22nd June** - 1pm Lunchtime organ concert with Kerry Beaumont.

**Tuesday 23rd June** - All day conference ‘The Allure of the Magna Carta’.

**Saturday 27th June** - 5pm Ordination service.

**Monday 29th June** - 1pm Lunchtime organ concert with Geoff Howells.

**Tuesday 30th June** - 7pm The Friends Lecture ‘The Secrets of the Great Tapestry’.

**Saturday 4th July** - 7.30pm Saint Michael’s Singers International Gala Concert.

**Monday 6th July** - 1pm Lunchtime organ concert with Alessandro Bianchi.

**Saturday 11th July** - Quiet Day at Meriden for Chaplains and those involved in prayer ministry.

**Sunday 12th July** - CPA Cake Sale.

**Sunday 20th June**

**8.00am** Holy Communion

**10.30am** The Cathedral Eucharist

**4.00pm** Choral Evensong

**6.30pm** Later: Cathedral Praise

**Sunday 21st June**

**8.00am** Holy Communion

**10.30am** The Cathedral Eucharist

**4.00pm** Choral Evensong

**6.30pm** Later: Breathing Space

A MESSAGE FROM THE CANON PASTOR

Dear Friends

I wonder if you noticed anything different last time you came into the cathedral? If not, look again! By the West Screens is a table – and not just ANY table but all 22 feet of the Coventry Table, part of an ongoing arts project ‘City Arcadia’, which we are hosting for the next four months!

The artist, Youana Krasteva, says of her work: “What better social activity do human beings partake in than the sharing of food? Food is the celebration of life and people and is an essential part of every festival. Food plays a crucial role in building communities, it should be shared with other people. Sharing food and conversation brings people together and feeds us on multiple levels. I’ve tried to design a table for people to become not only community, but family.”

As a community that gathers round another table, week by week, to share bread and wine, let’s use this new table as a catalyst to encourage us in our commitment to hospitality. That is as core to our identity as a Benedictine foundation, as it is to our vocation to reconciliation, since gathering people round the table is a fundamental part of moving the process forward. The table is there to be used, a place to talk, to share dreams, make peace and build community. Let’s welcome strangers here and make them into friends. With love and blessings, Kathryn
Summer BBQ – Change of date now 12th July at 12.30pm
All choristers, clerks, community and their families are welcome to a Summer Bring and Share BBQ on 12th July at 12.30pm in the Rose Garden (outside St Michael’s House). Please see the sign-up sheets for food and drink. Clayton Cooper

Strawberry Tea
The Mothers Union will be holding their Strawberry Tea on Wednesday 24th June in the Lecture Hall from 2.30pm-4pm. Entrance £3. Anyone is welcome to join us. Evelyn Warwick

Coventry Foodbank
Last week I took 199 packets and tins of food to the Foodbank Warehouse. These included items bought with cash gifts of £90 from 10 people. This brings the total of items to 9,522. Thank you to everyone who supports the Foodbank. The next Foodbank Sunday is on 5th July, 2nd August and 6th September. Richard Chamberlain-Brothers

New Organ Scholar appointed
Samuel Bristow has been appointed Organ Scholar at Coventry Cathedral for the academic year 2015-2016. Mr Bristow, currently Organ Scholar at Cirencester Parish Church, will be studying towards a Bachelor of Music degree at Birmingham Conservatoire whilst accompanying some services at Coventry Cathedral under the direction of Kerry Beaumont. Canon David

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

An update from Radio Plus
I’m pleased to inform you that we’ve been granted a second five-year licence by the regulator, Ofcom that will take us to December 2020. This is an opportunity to both thank God for His faithfulness to bring us to this point and to thank you for your support, prayers and input to make Radio Plus what it is, a vehicle to share the Gospel to over 13,000 homes and cars a month across Coventry, in partnership with the churches of the city.

This current season is a staging post for us, a half way point in a ten-year plan and an opportunity to reflect on where we’ve come, to thank God, pray and seek wisdom to prepare for the next season for Radio Plus over the next five years. Our target is to reach 10% of the population of Coventry by 2020, that’s 30,000 people.

I also wanted to let you know about two staff appointments. Andy Duncan, our Business Development Manager is growing the commercial side of our operations to increase advertising and sponsorship opportunities for local businesses as we continue to grow our audience. Our most recent sponsorship deal is with The WASPS rugby club.

We’ve also recently secured the services of one of our presenters, Paul Simons, who has come on board as our Ministry Development Manager. Paul will be looking to introduce himself to you in the near future with a view to expanding on the partnerships between the churches of Coventry and Radio Plus.

Off the back of success in hosting the main stage at this year’s recent Motofest, we’re looking forward to running the Community Stage again at The Godiva Festival on Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th July, so please come along to support us and all the great local performers who we’ll be featuring. Check out our website for more details as they emerge: www.radioplus.org.uk

That’s it for now…please keep us in your prayers.

Many thanks and blessings,
Tim Coleman

Conservation work in the Ruins
The work is progressing satisfactorily, the contractor and archaeologist will be excavating four trial pits in the next seven to ten days. Tony Auty, Director of Property

Coventry UK City of Culture bid

Last week the City Council announced that Coventry will enter the competition to be named UK City of Culture in 2021 and the team at the Cathedral have been part of the work so far and support the bid. The title brings huge benefits to the winning city, which will be announced in Hull’s year as City of Culture in 2017.

I am a member of the Coventry City of Culture Steering Group which has undertaken detailed feasibility work and tested support with people and organisations from across the city and wider region since November 2014. This has already stimulated progress and new investment in culture. We will work with the whole city on a vision and new cultural strategy for Coventry and strengthen the links with our neighbours. We hope that you will join us on that journey.

Dean John

Ken Sedgwick
The number of messages whether by visits, telephone, cards, letters and e-mail following the death of Ken have simply been overwhelming. I have been aware of the love and prayers of the Cathedral Community surrounding me and I thank you all. I knew my husband was special but it seems a lot of other people thought he was special too. Canon Margaret

‘The power of shared silence’
I’ve learned most of my theology from primary school children, one of whom once said to me very firmly towards the end of a morning. Isn’t it time we listened!”

Some of us have been having similar thoughts recently, so in response we would like to try a fresh approach to prayer, offering the opportunity for us to be quiet and “wait on God”. If you’d like to find out more, do join us for a taster session on Wednesday 17th June from 7.40pm – 9.30pm in St Michael’s House, or on Monday 29th June, 3pm-5pm in the Provost’s Vestry. Hope to see you there. Canon Kathryn

Thank you
I would like to say a massive thank you for all the prayers, cards and good wishes I have received during the last three months, and also for the wonderful welcome back last Sunday. Thank you all so much. Judith Hall

Prayer Ministry and Chaplaincy
The next date for your diary is Saturday 11th July when Ricarda Witcombe and Kathryn Fleming will lead a quiet day at Meriden church from mid-morning to mid-afternoon. Time for personal refreshment and for seeking God together for Hill Top. Details to follow. Margaret Lloyd