Welcome to everyone, especially if you are visiting or new to us! We’re delighted that you’re worshipping with us today. In this leaflet and on the Community Table (at the back of the Nave near the Baptistery) you’ll find more about what is happening in and around here.

- **Prayer points for this month**

Please pray for the light of the gospel to touch the lives of all those thousands of visitors to the Cathedral in December who attend our Christmas services and other events, including the various events on New Year’s Eve.

- **Sunday 22nd**

The Reader assisting at the Cathedral Eucharist today is Jonathan Broom (St Botolph’s, Newbold-on-Avon & St John’s, Long Lawford).

We say thank you and farewell to Paul & Sheila Leddington-Wright this morning.

**Anniversary Flowers and Cake**: The Christmas Flowers in the Nave have been donated by Moya and Deryck Horton for a thanksgiving and celebration of 50 wonderful years together. Please join them for some celebratory cake after the 10:30 Eucharist.

**Bi-lingual German Lutheran Advent service** at 2pm in the Chapel of Unity, followed by light refreshments. Palestinian goods will be on sale before and after the service. Ann Farr.

**Blue Christmas service** at 4pm. A quiet and reflective service of Holy Communion for those who, for whatever reason, struggle to find joy and hope during the festive season.

- **3 events on Tuesday 24th**

3pm: Journey to Bethlehem. Join us on a journey round the cathedral in our family service for Christmas Eve. Come dressed as a character from the story of the birth of Jesus!

7pm: Form of a Servant. The Cathedral's distinctive service for Christmas Eve, celebrating the God who comes among us as the Word made flesh.

11pm: Midnight Eucharist; all are welcome.

- **Christmas Day Eucharist, with the Bishop, Wednesday 25th at 10:30am**

Our special service for Christmas Day, with inspiring liturgy and preaching together with music from the organ and choir.
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- **Organ recital: La Nativité du Seigneur, Sunday 29th at 5:10pm**
  Our Director of Music Kerry Beaumont plays Olivier Messiaen’s Christmas masterpiece.

- **3 events on Tuesday 31st (fuller details on Cathedral website via What's On)**
  2-4pm (ticketed): Big Fish Little Fish Family Rave
  From 5:30pm (part-ticketed): Talking Birds presents Tightrope Replay
  From 7:30pm: Open Projections Digital Art Exhibition

- **New Year's Day: Cathedral Walkers walk (10:30) and lunch (12:00)**
  Why not start the new year with a gentle walk from the Burnt Post (access the car park from Kenpas Highway) round the Memorial Park, followed by New Year’s Day lunch at the Burnt Post. Please let Diane Bell (dcb@thezulu.co.uk or 024 7650 4247) know if you’re coming. All welcome to walk, lunch or both, whether or not you’re a regular. *Dave Goodall*

- **Gwyneth Darby’s funeral, Monday 6th January at 10:45am**
  This will take place in the Charter Chapel at Canley Crematorium.

- **Christmas Communions**
  If you know of anyone in the cathedral family who is currently housebound and would value receiving Communion at some point over the Christmas season, please do get in touch with Canon Kathryn or Margaret Sedgwick and they will try to arrange this.

- **Community Christmas Card**
  This is available for people to sign until Christmas Day. Donations will be given to the Winter Night Shelter. *Jane Williams*

- **Planned Giving Envelopes for 2020**
  Packs of envelopes are now available for collection on the Community Table. Please pick up your own, and it would be very useful if you could collect and deliver for anyone unable to do so themselves. Please contact me for any further information. Thank you, *Deryck Horton*

- **Parish Giving Scheme**
  We are encouraging those who give regularly to the Cathedral to join the Parish Giving Scheme, which is being adopted by churches across the diocese and beyond. If you do not yet give regularly, please consider joining the scheme. Information packs and forms are available at the back of the cathedral. Do talk to Jim Newton, David East or Dave Goodall.

- **Sincere thanks from Dave & Alison Goodall**
  We want to say how grateful we’ve been for all the prayer, emotional support and practical help from so many at the Cathedral and at Westwood. Bless you all!

- **Cathedral Prayer Circle**
  For emergency prayer, contact David Ogden on m: 0780 939 9793, e: david@ogden.me.uk.

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Please send brief items of Cathedral news and events for the next edition of *Cathedral Matters* by the end of **Tuesday 31st December** for publication next Sunday to cathedral.matters@coventrycathedral.org.uk or phone 024 7652 1227.