WHAT’S ON MAY 2016

Monday 23rd May at 1pm: Lunchtime Organ Recital.
Michael’s House: From Extremist to Peacemaker. Based around a showing of the film The Imam and the Pastor about development of the Kaduna Interfaith Mediation Centre in northern Nigeria.
Friday 27th May at 10am in St Michael’s House: Breadmaking for Opentable.
Sunday 29th May after Eucharist: Chorister Cake Sale
Monday 30th May at 1pm: Lunchtime Organ Recital.
Monday 30th May at 7pm in St Michael’s House: From Extremist to Peacemaker. A further film about the work of the Imam and the Pastor.

A trip to Hereford Cathedral: Saturday 18th June 2016
Cost £25.00 per person, travelling by 30 seat luxury coach departing from the Cathedral steps at 9.00 am and returning at about 6.00 pm. We plan to arrive by mid-day, when we will be met by members of the Friends of Hereford Cathedral who will provide lunch and lead us on a tour of the Cathedral. It is hoped that there will be an hour or so for shopping afterwards. Pick up a leaflet today from the Community Table and return the “ Tear-off” portion, with your payment, to Jim Newton, 37 Woodfield Road, Coventry CV5 6AJ.

A visit to the Houses of Parliament: Tuesday 22nd November 2016
The Bishop, our President, has kindly invited a group from the Friends to enjoy a tour of the House of Commons, the House of Lords and Westminster Hall as his guests. It is planned that we will travel independently, and meet mid-morning at the Houses of Parliament. Bishop Christopher, who will be on duty in the House of Lords that week, very much hopes to meet us if his Parliamentary commitments allow. This tour is only available to UK residents and there will be an “ airport-type” security search at the start. Identification may also be required. Applications are on a first-come, first-served basis, and the list will close on Sunday 29th May. Reserve your place on the sign-up sheet on the Community Table today, or e-mail jimfnewton@hotmail.com

THE FRIENDS OF COVENTRY CATHEDRAL

Dear Friends      We are in the midst of one of our Reconciliation Pilgrimages. It is wonderful to welcome pilgrims from across the world into our space – to discuss, learn, share experiences, and pray together as we journey through the week. Our pilgrims this time come from India, Germany, Austria, USA, the Holy Land and the UK. We have also welcomed into parts of the Pilgrimage Pastors from France hosted by Bishop John and members of our Coventry Diocesan Mothers’ Union.

The reconciliation interns and I have just returned from Dresden, where we attended the International Youth Peace Academy and I preached in the Frauenkirche on Pentecost Sunday. Matt has written his reflections… “Spending the Pentecost weekend at the Peace Academy in Dresden was a really special experience. The Academy brought together over a hundred young people from across the world, to spend time with one another and to assess critically how we can seek to tackle some of the major issues in our world. The highlight for me was hearing the testimony of a Croatian who had fled her country in 1991, and talked about what it was like living both as a refugee in Germany and as a “returnee” to Croatia in 1997. Four others in the workshop had been refugees themselves as children from the Balkans, and to hear them talk about their experiences – both negative and positive – was incredibly humbling and moving. We talked more over dinner afterwards, and it was a really unique experience to hear first-hand accounts, from people who are my age, of what it was like living as a refugee in another country, and how it shaped their lives. It was an afternoon that I will certainly treasure.”

On this Trinity Sunday and at the end of Christian Aid week, we celebrate God’s three in one – a model for our relationships and our action in faith, indeed for all of us to join in this great pilgrimage of social justice, peace and reconciliation into which God calls us.

Every blessing      Canon Sarah

City Praise and Prayer: 6.30pm TODAY at The Welcome Centre
Bishop Christopher warmly encourages everyone to attend City Praise this evening. City Praise and Prayer is an initiative that seeks to gather Christians, regardless of denomination or stream, to lift up the name of Jesus together in praise and to pray with one voice for God’s Kingdom to come in the City of Coventry.
Cathedral Community Notices

Cathedral Action for Christian Aid Week
Community Lunch TODAY!
There will be a simple Community lunch after this morning’s Eucharist. Please come even if you haven’t signed up as there will be enough for everyone. It will be followed by a short film about the plight of Bangladeshi people who are constantly flooded which will illustrate how our fund-raising efforts will go to solve their problem. The cost of the lunch will be £5.00 or donations and all money will go to Christian Aid.

Donation Envelopes
These were included with last Sunday’s service books for our Community donations towards the work of Christian Aid. Those people who have not received one may collect an envelope from the Community table. These may be placed in the Cathedral collection plates over the next two or three weeks. Can I please remind you to fill in the gift aid slip if you are a UK taxpayer. Thank-you for your support.
Moya Horton, Christian Aid Coordinator

Readers
The Reader assisting at the Eucharist this morning is Martin Davies from St Michael Budbrooke.

Organ recital Monday 23rd May at 1pm
Today’s programme given by Cynthia Hall (Oxford) will include music by GF Handel, Olivier Messiaen and JS Bach.


Mary Rathbone
The funeral of Mary Rathbone, who died on 5th May, will be here in the Cathedral on Tuesday 31st May at 12.30pm. All are welcome. John Rathbone

Breadmaking for OPENTable: Thursday 27th May at 10am
Do you have breadmaking skills? Are you lacking in breadmaking skills but enjoy good company? No matter what your answer, we invite you to join us in the kitchen at St Michael’s House on 27 May, 22 June, and 21 July from 10:00-12:00 for fellowship and breadmaking. We will prepare the bread for OPENTable, a supper church that meets once a month in the Nave of the Cathedral.

Soup Volunteer for OPENTable
We are looking for volunteers to prepare a simple soup for OPENTable on 29 May, 26 June, and 24 July. OPENTable is a radically inclusive supper church that gathers in the Nave once a month where all have a seat at the table. We seek to embody reconciliation through our practice of gathering around the table for food, fellowship, prayer, and conversation. We need soup for approximately 30 people. We welcome both individuals and teams of people to help prepare the soup. If you would like to volunteer for this ministry, please email haley.jones@coventrycathedral.org.uk

Chorister Cake Sale
Sunday 29th May
Home-made CAKES and JAM will be on sale alongside chorister CD’s at the back of the nave after Eucharist. Clayre Coopey

From Extremist to Peacemaker: Monday 30th May at 7pm in St Michael’s House
The protagonists in last Monday’s film, Imam Ashafa and Pastor James, were invited to Kenya to mediate between tribesmen who fought each other in post-election violence in 2007. The film An African Answer captures this masterclass in mediation, in which they employ all the experience they have gained through their work in Nigeria.

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY REPORTS. 2015

Foyers
November 2015 was the start of the current Foyer groups. There are 42 people engaging in the foyer system at the moment and this is an almost equal mix of couples and singles. We currently have seven groups who have engaged in a variety of situations to enjoy food and friendship together. We have had picnics, supper at the golf club, Sunday lunch at home, tea in ‘Rising’ and any number of other situations to share together.
At the beginning of this season members were asked to think about how we could rejuvenate the idea of Foyer groups to encourage more existing cathedral members and new community members to join in. All suggestions would be very welcome. Please reply to me or Canon Kathryn.
Jane Edwards

Coventry Winter Night Shelter
The Coventry Winter Night Shelter, an operational project of Hope Coventry co-ordinated by Nobby Clarke, opens from the beginning of December and runs to the end of March, accommodating up to 18 homeless men and women in a different church hall each night. When the CWNS began at the end of 2013 we were unable to offer suitable premises at the Cathedral, so instead we teamed up with St Oswald’s Church Tile Hill (another Spence-designed building). For the last three years a Cathedral team has provided, cooked and served meals to homeless people on most Friday evenings from December to March. This winter the Cathedral has continued in partnership with St Oswald’s, with twelve members of the Cathedral community involved in providing meals, setting up camp beds and chatting or playing games with guests, mainly men and a few women, some local Coventrians and others from Eastern Europe or further afield. Through the winter Nobby works hard to move guests on into permanent accommodation.
You would be welcome to join the team next year – or, of course, to volunteer as an individual on a different evening, or overnight or for the breakfast slot at St Oswald’s or another venue.
Margaret Lloyd

Waiting On God
So much of our worship and our prayer with others is spent in talking, not listening, to God. The two (ecumenical) silent Waiting on God groups which started in June 2015 are inviting others to join them as they seek to understand where God might be taking them – and the Cathedral. They have a particular common concern to support the life of the Cathedral. Each group meets fortnightly either at the Cathedral on Wednesday afternoon or at Canon Kathryn’s house in Cheylesmore on Wednesday evening. Further details from Canon Kathryn or from me (7667 9126).
Tim Brooke

Marilyn Brown
Marilyn has been moved to Rugby hospital. She would be pleased to see any visitors.
CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY NOTICES

Reader Fellowship Evening: Thursday 16th June at St Mary Walsgrave
All are warmly invited to join Coventry East and Coventry North Deanery Readers for an evening of prayer, fellowship and sharing of ministries. For further information please call the Warden of Readers, Heidi Cartledge, on 01926 641 751 or email her at heidic14@gmail.com

The Well’s Healing Training Course - 16th & 25th June
In June Revd Anne Hibbert, Director of The Well Christian Healing Centre, will be running a Healing Training Course at St. Nicholas’ Church in Radford Semele. The sessions will focus on the biblical framework of healing prayer, combining teaching, practical demonstration, and plenty of hands-on practice. This makes the course perfect for church leaders who want to spearhead a healing ministry in their church, or those already on a prayer team who want encouragement and further training. Further information and a booking form can be found on The Well’s website www.wellhealing.org or 01926 888 003.

Master Composter Training: Saturday & Sunday 18th & 19th June at Ryton Gardens
Are you interested in learning more about composting and encouraging others to give it a go? You don’t have to be an expert, just have the enthusiasm to promote the benefits of composting in your own community to friends, family and neighbours. Garden Organic provide all the training you need Being a Master Composter is fun, rewarding and a great way to help the environment and increase recycling of biodegradable waste.
Tel: 02476 217 721
Email: knewman@gardenorganic.org.uk
Website: www.homecomposting.org.uk

Captivate: Women’s conference Saturday 18th June: 9.30 to 5.30
The Welcome Centre Parkside
Dare to be who God made you…
Dare to discover the gifts that God has placed in you…
Fan into flame everything that brings you life.
mosaicchurch.co.uk/home-2/captivate/
captivate@mosaicchurch.co.uk
Or see leaflet on the Community Table, Margaret Lloyd

Roots in Reconciliation:
Thursday & Friday 23rd & 24th June
St Michael’s House
The Reconciliation Ministry Team will host ‘Roots in Reconciliation’, a foundation course in the theory, theology, and practice of peace and reconciliation, in St Michael’s House on the 23-24 of June. The course is open to all interested in the topic—students, community members, clergy. The course will be led by the Canon for Reconciliation Ministry, Sarah Hills, and will cover a range of theories on reconciliation as well as an exploration of how reconciliation practice can be used in your community. If you would like more information, please email reconciliation@coventrycathedral.org.uk or speak to a member of the team.

Transforming your Work with LICC and Workcare: Tuesday 28 June at 7:15pm in St James, Styvechale
Life at work can be challenging for us especially as Christians. This evening will give you a flavour of how you can live the difference Jesus makes in your workplace including ideas and stories of how you can transform your workplace. Ruth Walker of the London Institute of Contemporary Christianity will speak and introduce ‘Transforming Work’. There is a suggested donation on the night of £5 and there will be light bites and pudding. paul@workcare.org

From Extremist to Peacemaker: Monday 6th June at 7pm in St Michael’s House
Assaad Chafartay was head of security of the Christian Lebanese Forces militia during the Lebanese civil war, 1975-1991. Mohieddine Shihab was one of his opposite numbers as a commander in the Mourabitoun militia. The film From War to Reconciliation shows how, after the war, they began to discover that the images they had formed of the ‘other’ were quite false. Since then they have been working together to persuade Lebanese not to go down the path they did.

Cathedral Book Group—for Sunday community, staff and volunteers
Thursday 9th June at 12.30pm
The other Thursday four of us enjoyed a fascinating sandwich-time discussion loosely based around Sara Miles’ memoir Take this Bread. For next month’s book Canon Kathryn has chosen Help. Thanks. Wow by Anne Lamott:
‘I do not know much about God and prayer, but I have come to believe, over the last twenty-five years, that there’s something to be said about keeping prayer simple. Help. Thanks. Wow.’ It is these three prayers—asking for assistance, appreciating the good we witness, and feeling awe at the world—that get us through the day and show us the way forward. In Help, Thanks, Wow, Lamott recounts how she came to these insights, explains what they have meant to her over the years and how they’ve helped, and explores how others have embraced these ideas. If you’re finding your prayer life a touch stagnant, this might be the tonic you need…

http://www.abebooks.co.uk/servlet/SearchResults?
an=lamott&sts=t&tn=Help.+Thanks.+Wow

Are you the CAT’s WHISKERS?
Find Out on Saturday 11th June at 7.30pm!
You are invited to a fun evening with CAT’S WHISKERS at a Barn Dance in Styvechale Church Hall. At the same time glow with goodness because all profit from the event supports charity work with disadvantaged children. The beneficiaries are our work in our Cross of Nails city of Sibiu, Romania and UNICEF work with children in Bulgaria. Tickets include supper and cost £10 from me by telephone 07880 500411 or by email – JaneMLWill@aol.com
Have fun! Feel good!
Jane Williams

Enthusiasm for Romania
Exciting news! This year volunteers from across the UK have come forward to offer help with the work with disabled children that has been supported by members of the Cathedral community.
We have been supporting disadvantaged people in Sibiu, Transylvania for the last twenty-two years. In the last six years we have sponsored newly qualified therapists at the end of their courses in Occupational Therapy and in Speech & Language Therapy to work for a month with severely disabled children at the “Speranta” Centre.
After their summer’s work past volunteers have come to the Cathedral to explain the impact they have seen not only on the children, but on their own lives.
The volunteers that we sponsor take with them skills that are still not taught in the same depth as in the UK. The paid workers at the centre also add to their skills as they observe new techniques.
Each volunteer pays towards their costs and the charity SHARE also contributes. I am now seeking to raise the balance of £1200 in sponsorship. Please get in touch with me if you are able to help. JaneMLWill@aol.com

CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY NOTICES
Godfrey Armitage, Stewardship Coordinator (on behalf of the Churchwardens)

Our congregational giving to the general, unrestricted funds of the Cathedral contributes to its ‘lifeblood’. This enables us to pay staff, to heat and maintain the buildings and to run much of the ministry here. Our planned giving or stewardship helps our Finance Team, who are working so hard to balance the books, to budget for the year ahead.

Our last Stewardship programme was in 2013 and it resulted in a significant number of one-off gifts which were very helpful to the ministry of the Cathedral that year and for which we were very grateful. There was also an increase in regular giving by Standing Order or Numbered Envelope, but this has fallen off slightly as we have lost members, sadly through death or through leaving the Cathedral to move elsewhere.

One-off gifts fluctuate year by year, so while the Finance Team can be fairly assured of the level of giving by Standing Order or Numbered Envelope, they cannot assume a total figure of how much they can budget year by year. We do encourage any members of our congregations, who do not already give in a planned and regular way, to join us in supporting this amazing place with its worldwide ministry of reconciliation in this way.

We are very grateful to all who have continued to maintain their pledged level of giving in a sacrificial way. It is now three years since the last Stewardship Programme, so we now encourage you to review your giving, and to join us by giving by Standing Order or by Numbered Envelope if you do not already do this.

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