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**Wednesday 26th August** - 11am-2pm Patchwork Craft school holiday family activities.
**Sunday 6th September** - Foodbank Sunday.
**Monday 7th September** - 1pm Lunchtime organ concert with Andy Von Oppenkowski.
**Saturday 12th September** - Heritage Open Weekend.
**Sunday 13th September** - Heritage Open Weekend.
**Monday 14th September** - 1pm Lunchtime organ concert with Daniel Cook.
**Thursday 17th September** - 7pm Scarred Lands and Wounded Lives: the Environmental Footprint of War.
**Friday 18th - Saturday 19th September** - ‘Reconciling a Wounded Planet’ two-day conference.
**Monday 21st September** - 1pm Lunchtime organ concert with Paul Leddington Wright.
**Monday 21st September** - International Day of Peace.

Over the last couple of weeks, I’ve been reflecting on Paul’s prayer at the end of Ephesians 3.

What he asks for – that we ‘may be filled with all the fullness of God’ – is pretty amazing, to put it mildly! But Paul knows that the One to whom he prays is both willing and able.

Here’s how he expresses it here in verse 20: ‘Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine...’

There are seven stages here:

- First, God is able.
- Secondly, God is able to accomplish what we can put into words and ask.
- Thirdly, he is also able to do what we can’t put into words but only imagine.
- Fourthly, he is able to do all that we can ask or imagine.
- Fifthly, he is able to do more than all we ask or imagine.
- Sixthly, he is able to do far more than all we ask or imagine.
- Finally, he is able to do abundantly far more than all we ask or imagine.

How? ...‘by the power at work within us’. The wiring is, as it were, already installed. All we have to do is plug in and switch on. Or, to change the analogy slightly, the pipework is already there. All we have to do is turn on the taps. To put into practice what we know to be his will for us – in our praise, in our prayer, in our daily life of love and service in his name.

No wonder Paul ends as he does in verse 21: ‘...to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.’
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RISING Global Peace Forum 2015
‘A Hard Road to Hope’, 11-13 November 2015
Coventry, UK

RISING, a new global peace forum in Coventry, UK, was launched last week, with a specially filmed message to the world from Archbishop Desmond Tutu (which you can see via the Cathedral’s Facebook page). Speakers confirmed for the first annual event include Rt Hon Gordon Brown, Terry Waite CBE, and Cardinal Onaiyekan, Roman Catholic Cardinal Archbishop of Abuja, Nigeria.

With the theme ‘A Hard Road to Hope’, the inaugural RISING 15 will see global statesmen, business leaders, peace advocates and members of the public meet in the city from 11 - 13 November 2015. Together they will push forward new ways of thinking about peace and conflict in our turbulent world.

Tickets go on sale today and it expected that up to 400 people from around the world will attend.

RISING 15 is a partnership between Coventry City Council, Coventry University and Coventry Cathedral. Coinciding with Armistice Day and the 75th anniversary of the bombing of Coventry on 14 November 1940, it will take place in buildings surrounding the Cathedral Ruins.

Archbishop of Tanzania’s visit
We are delighted to be hosting the Archbishop of Tanzania and his wife for a week from September 14th to 20th. They will be attending the Wounded Planet Conference and the Archbishop will be engaged with the Reconciliation Team. We are looking for someone to provide accommodation for them during this time. If you are able to help, please let Canon Sarah know. I would be very grateful for any offers. Thank you - Canon Sarah

Heritage Open Day
12th and 13th September

It’s that time of year again when we take part in Heritage Open Days. We would like to open the Haigh Chapel, Cappers Chapel, show the medieval glass store (with some boxes open) and, if it’s still visible, talk about the archaeology throughout the day. To do all this and make sure we welcome as many people as possible on the day we need volunteers to help – if you can, please let Emma Price know. Emma’s email is emma.price@coventrycathedral.org.uk and she is a member of the Visitor Services team.

Christine Doyle

Nokia Disability and Inclusion Awards
The Nokia Disability and Inclusion Awards will take place in London on November 5th. Recognising the achievements of individuals and organisations working to improve the lives of people with disabilities and disadvantages, the Awards are open to nominees from across the political, educational, business, charitable, arts, sport and entertainment sectors. The winners are chosen by a panel of judges and will be announced at a gala dinner in London. For more information, visit: http://www.nokia.com/disability-awards

Railings outside the West Screen

The observant of you will have noticed that the missing bronze railings have been replaced and the whole installation repaired and levelled. The contractor, Ipswich based Bronzework, has done an excellent job of matching the appearance of the new sections with the old and security bolts have been fitted to reduce the risk of further thefts. Our Insurers met most of the £12,000 cost but the Cathedral has had to fund c£1,750 to cover the policy excess and the cost of the security bolts which the Insurance company would not cover. We are very grateful for a £500 donation towards the excess from a member of the community. Tony Auty.

Accommodation needed for the end of August to the beginning of September
Accommodation needed for one week from 30th August - 6th September for one or two Japanese visitors. They are here to on a study tour to find out more about multiculturalism in Coventry and would need bed and breakfast and a friendly face around occasionally. If you could provide an evening meal on two or three of the nights - that would be a bonus but is not required. A fee of £100 per person is available plus extra for any other meals provided. If you are able to help please contact Heath Parker on 07808 002005 or email her on heather.parker@coventry.ac.uk - thanks.

Baked Alaska: Time to change the temperature.

A new play by the Riding Lights Theatre Company at Coventry Cathedral 7.30pm Friday 18th September. Free to Reconciling a Wounded Planet delegates; otherwise tickets £12 / £9 concessions / £7.50 (under 18s in groups of 8+). Tickets available Either from: 01904 613000 / 07717 778853 / ridinglights.org/baked-alaska OR from Coventry Cathedral Welcome Desk.