WHAT’S ON IN OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2016

ARCHITECTURAL LEGACY AND CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE:
Coventry Cathedral at the Start of a New Century
An illustrated public lecture by Kelley Christ RIBA, the new Cathedral Architect
Thursday 10th November at 7.30pm

Coventry Cathedral is unlike any other. It combines the iconic Ruins, international symbol of peace and reconciliation, and the new Cathedral, Britain’s outstanding public building of the post-war period. How significant is its art and architecture today, and how can we ensure that it is restored, preserved and valued for future generations?
Kelley Christ, the Cathedral Architect, reflects on how the Cathedral is faring, what it will take to maintain it at a ‘plateau of good repair’, and how best the Cathedral can adapt to the demands of worshippers, pilgrims and tourists in the 21st Century.
An enthusiastic and ‘hands-on’ architect, Kelley Christ is also the Architect to Southwark Cathedral, and is passionate about the care and conservation of modern and historic buildings. To be sure of a place, sign up on the Community Table today.

Michael’s House:

Thursday 3rd November at 1pm in St Michael’s House:
Talk by Rainer Barczaitis.

Wednesday 2nd November, 6pm–8pm in St Michael’s House: Dresden: A Love Story? Talk by Rainer Barczaitis.

Thursday 3rd November: Corporate Event, Cathedral closed.

Thursday 3rd November at 1pm in St Michael’s House: Black Christmas documentary film screening and discussion.

Friday 4th November at 7pm: Cat’s Eyes.
Saturday 5th November, 10.15am–1.45pm in St Michael’s House: Project Bonhoeffer: Day Faith and Frontiers.
Sunday 6th November after Eucharist: Bring-and-share Welcome Lunch.
Monday 7th November at 5.45pm: Remember our Child monthly service in the Chapels of Unity.
Thursday 10th November in the Lady Chapel: Mothers’ Union Corporate Communion service. All welcome.
Friday 11th November at 10.45am in the Ruins: Remembrance Day service.
Saturday 12th November at 7.30pm: Saint Michael’s Singers, Jaguar Land Rover Band. Includes Jenkins’ The Armed Man.

Houses of Parliament Visit, Tuesday 22nd November
Four places have become available for this tour. Travel by coach departing from the Cathedral at 7am (£22.00 return) or make your own way to meet at the visitors’ entrance at 10.30am.
To reserve your place, sign up on the Community Table today.

Martin Williams, Chairman of the Friends of Coventry Cathedral

Please send items for the next edition of Cathedral Matters by end of TUESDAY 25th October for publication on Sunday 30th October to cathedral.matters@coventrycathedral.org.uk or phone 024 7659 4916
www.coventrycathedral.org.uk

GOD’S PRESENCE IN PEACE AND RECONCILIATION

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Graham Warren

Next Sunday 10.30am & 4pm

Next Sunday there will be a special collection after Eucharist for the Haiti Hurricane Appeal. The 4pm service is a Eucharist for All Souls, sung to Fauré’s Requiem; if you would like to add a loved one’s name to the list of those to be especially commemorated please arrive before 3.40pm; and don’t forget that the clocks go back on Saturday night.

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Cathedral Stewardship
To address the pressing and various needs of the Cathedral a Stewardship Group has been formed comprising John Copas, Dave Goodall, Deryck Horton and myself. Over the next week or so we shall be sending out letters, which, in order to save costs, you will find on the Community Table. Please take your own correspondence and if you are able to assist by helping to deliver to any members of the Community who are currently unwell or absent for other reasons please do so. If you are unable to find your own letter please speak to one of us and we shall correct the oversight as quickly as possible. Many Thanks David East, Senior Church Warden

Cathedral Community Monthly Prayer Focus
‘Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God’ Philippians 4:6

The afternoon Waiting on God group has suggested that to help us have a sense of praying together as a community for our Cathedral and in support of the Dean and Canons and the Cathedral chapter, we should make the first day of each month a day when we have an agreed prayer focus for the Cathedral; whether we pray alone or gather together, we are united in our prayer on that day. Accordingly, the Dean has agreed to give us a focus for our thanksgiving and prayer for November and future months. These will appear in Cathedral Matters before and during each month to act as a reminder.

Tim Brooke, Gill Evans, John & Margaret Lloyd, Margaret Parker

Prayer Focus for November

The Dean’s suggested prayer points for November are:
Thanksgiving for the Cathedral’s Reconciliation ministry, and the work of our six Canons for Reconciliation over the past 40 years, and
Prayer for a positive response to the Dean’s 10-minute challenge (please see his letter on the front page of this Cathedral Matters), for each member of the Cathedral community to set aside (at least) 10 minutes a day for prayer - whatever form that prayer might take.

Schools’ Team Member Needed

Hours as required during term time: £7.20 per hour

Each year around 14,000 children visit the Cathedral as part of their school experience. We offer a wide range of tours, workshops and events covering history, maths, religious studies and art, to name but a few. We are particularly looking for someone with experience of working with secondary school-aged children in an education environment.

If you are interested in joining us in the continued development of our education work and enthusiastic about teaching children in the Cathedral context, enabling them to discover its wonders and the excitement of reconciliation, and you can be available between 9.30 and 2.30 in term time, please visit the website for an application form. The successful applicant will need a DBS disclosure and we ask that you have sympathy with our Christian ethos.

www.coventrycathedral.org.uk
louise.nicholls@coventrycathedral.org.uk
024 7652 1200

If you wish to return the application form by post please send to:
Louise Nicholls, Coventry Cathedral, 1 Hill Top, Coventry, CV1 5AB

100 Retreats for 100 Years
Wednesday 26th October at Holy Trinity Attleborough
A Quiet Day in preparation for the Diocesan Centenary, led by Bishop Christopher. Refreshments will be provided from 9.30am (for a 10am start) and at lunchtime; please bring a packed lunch.
Cost £20 by cheque or BACS. Contact mary.crameri@btinternet.com.

Dresden: A Love Story?
Wednesday 2nd November, 6pm-8pm in St Michael’s House
A talk by Rainer Barczaitis (Dresden Anglo-German Association) on the findings of the project British Traces in Dresden. The associated display of 14 banners will be shown in St Michael’s House forecourt from Wednesday 2nd-Monday 14th November, 9am-5pm. Organised by Dresden Anglo-German Association in collaboration with Coventry Dresden Arts Exchange.

Cat’s Eyes play Treasure House
Friday 4th November at 7pm
Cat’s Eyes are an alternative pop duo formed in early 2011 by vocalist Faris Badwan (known for his work with English indie rock band the Horrors) and Italian-Canadian soprano, composer and multi-instrumentalist Rachel Zeffira. Among their recent work is the soundtrack for Peter Strickland’s 2014 film The Duke of Burgundy, for which they won the European Film Award for Best Composer.

Treasure House is their new second album. www.tickettailor.com/checkout/view-event/id/61768/chk/0006/

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.

Choir Parents Association
Bags 4 School Collection
Wednesday 9th November

The CPA exists to provide bursaries for Choir tours and trips so that no chorister is unable to go because of cost, and to support the musical education of the choristers.

Please bring any good quality clean clothing and paired shoes (no household linens or bedding) before Wednesday 9th November and leave in the Choir Vestry in the blue bags you’ll find there.

Lou Fellingham in Concert
Friday 11th November at 7.30pm
Meredith Road Baptist Church, Coventry CV2 5JH

Join Lou Fellingham of Phatfish fame for an evening of music and worship. Featured on Songs of Praise, she has sung alongside artists such as Stuart Townend and Matt Redman. Ticket prices £12 adults, £8 under 17s. Tickets are available from the church office 024 7645 3976 or from meredithroadbc@homecall.co.uk

RISING Global Peace Forum
Tuesday & Wednesday 15th &16th November from 11.30am


Coventry Foodbank
Thank you to everyone who brought food on the first Sunday of this month; it really was a festive Harvest! Last week I took 285 items to the Foodbank warehouse, including items bought with cash donations of £170 from 17 people: many of these were toothpaste & brushes and soap which I’d been told were badly needed.

The next Foodbank Sundays will be November 6th, December 4th and January 1st. Richard Chamberlaine-Brothers
**CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY NOTICES**

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**Reconciliation: Reflections on Coventry’s Role**

The film premiere ten days ago played in the Cathedral nave to an audience of around 90 people and was very well received. ‘The most extraordinary and moving evening I’ve ever been to at the Cathedral’ was one person’s view, and ‘brilliant’ and ‘was blown away’ were others. We were really pleased to have four of the six Canons for Reconciliation interviewed in the film with us for the premiere, and to take part in the discussion afterwards, which inevitably took rather a sombre tone with its focus on the enormous reconciliation challenges presented by Brexit and the wider global environment.

The full 47-minute film is available for anyone to view via the Cathedral website at www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/reconciliationreflections and is very highly recommended to anyone connected with or interested in the Cathedral and its wider mission work. We would be very pleased to hold further viewings and discussion for groups during the daytime in St Michael’s House - please contact the Reconciliation team if you would like to consider this for your group. The film is also available on request on a memory stick at a cost of £10.

With our sincere thanks to Canons Kenyon Wright, Paul Oestreicher and David Porter who travelled to be with us on Friday, and to the Cathedral Catering Team who worked so hard to present us with a wonderful spread of nibbles on the evening!

*Alice Farnhill, CCN Project Officer*

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**Thankyou**

Many thanks to the Catering Team and helpers for the delicious canapés last Friday at the Reconciliation film première. Several people commented on the excellent food!

*Barbara Mobbs*

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**A CCN Pilgrimage**

We have been really pleased to welcome a group of thirteen pilgrims from Neuendettelsau in Germany on a Community of the Cross of Nails pilgrimage this week. Among our more usual pilgrimage tours and discussions, the group visited the bellringing chamber during the ringers’ weekly practice and saw this fine English custom for themselves at first hand! With our very grateful thanks to all those who have helped to make this such a successful visit.

*Alice Farnhill, CCN Project Officer*

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**100 Retreats for 100 Years**

**Quiet days in preparation for the Diocesan Centenary 2018**

- **26th October** at Holy Trinity Attleborough, led by Bishop Christopher.
- **17th November** at St Mary’s Walsgrave, led by the Revd Penny Hughes: *Brother Lawrence and the practice of the Presence of God.*
- **6th December** at St Margaret’s Wolston, led by Bishop John.

All days run from 10am to 4pm; refreshments will be provided from 9.30am and at lunche time; please bring a packed lunch.

Cost £20 per day by cheque or BACS. Contact mary.crameri@btinternet.com.

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**Readers’ Sunday**

This morning we welcome as delegates four of the ten Readers who were admitted and licensed by the Bishop of Warwick in September; Paul Thomas (St. John the Baptist, Hillmorton), Fiona Trewick (St. Nicholas, Warwick), Margaret Robinson (St. Mary Magdalene with the Risen Christ, Wyken) and Peter Wrigley (All Saints, Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton & St. Mary the Virgin, Astley). We also welcome Heidi Cartledge, Warden of Readers, a position she has held for the last five years and which she will be relinquishing next month. Readers have greatly appreciated her support and they made a presentation to her at the service in September. Also joining us is a regular Diocesan Reader, Donald Parr, who we hope will be joining the Cathedral permanently in the near future. The Cathedral is enormously grateful to the Readers who assist us at the Sunday Eucharist throughout the year.

Readers are theoretically trained and licensed by the Bishop and are normally based in a parish church, leading services and preaching. There are about 9,000 Readers in the Church of England. This year we celebrated the 150th anniversary of Reader ministry.

A recent national report summed up the work of Readers: "Readers undertake a wide range of tasks ranging from mission co-ordinator to working with people with dementia, chaplaincy in prison and a juvenile secure unit, hospital and hospice, nursery, school and higher education including international student ministry, Air Training Corps, Scouts, British Legion, St. John Ambulance, shopping mall, night shelter, cathedral and chaplain to the mayor. Many lead home groups; others are involved in care for the elderly, prayer coordination, website, hymn writing, Bishop’s adviser for ecumenical affairs, pastoral responsibility for a daughter church and for developing a Saxon church as a base for spirituality and pilgrimage, community radio, overseas link, interpreter for the deaf, healing ministry, involvement in synods and Churches Together, Reader newsletter editor, parish magazine editor, church historian, interment of ashes and even the co-ordinator of the clergy fraternal!"

In this Diocese the way to Reader ministry is to complete the Bishop’s Certificate in Discipleship and be commended to the Vocations Team by your clergy. When the Vocation process is complete you are recommended to the Warden of Readers for selection and, if successful, for training.

*Canon Margaret Sedgwick*

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**Support the Cathedral Whenever you Shop Online!**

Did you know that the Cathedral is registered with Give as you Live to receive donations from many companies that we might shop with online? Marks & Spencer, Asda, Boots, Holland & Barrett are just a few examples and it’s simple to do once you have registered through www.giveasyoulive.com by clicking on their website and then through to whichever store you want to use. The website will tell you what percentage of your spend (or sometimes a flat fee) the Cathedral will receive and you will receive email confirmation of the amount donated. The system is based on commission payments from the stores to Give as you Live who then pass on at least 50% to the Cathedral, having taken out their costs etc.

Although one purchase may not raise very much the more of us who do our online shopping this way the more we can help the Cathedral as Christmas approaches.
CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY NOTICES

Working in Romania: Saturday 29th October at St Michael’s House
Sunday 30th October Community Lunch in the Lecture Hall
You are invited to share the experiences of some of the volunteers who were sponsored by members of the congregation to work at the Speranta Centre for disabled children in Sibiu, Romania during this summer.
Volunteers will be speaking in St Michael’s House at 11.30am on Saturday 29th October (at the AGM of the charity SHARE, which is open to everyone).
If you cannot make Saturday there will be another chance to hear from volunteers the next day at a Romania Lunch in the Cathedral Lecture Hall following the Sunday morning service. The cost is £5 for a simple lunch and a heart-warming experience is assured - please sign up on the booking list at the Community table.
Jane Williams JaneMLWill@aol.com

Black Christmas with Canon Sarah
Thursday 3rd November at 1pm
St Michael’s House will host a screening of the documentary film Black Christmas. The film shows a perpetrator’s journey of transformation and his expression of remorse for the racially motivated 1996 Christmas Eve bombing in Worcester (South Africa). It digs deep into the complexity of forgiveness and leaves viewers thinking about the possibility of reconciliation. The screening will be followed by a discussion with Canon Sarah who journeyed to Pretoria Prison with victims and survivors of the bombing to visit the perpetrator. If you are planning to come please sign the sheet on the community table.

Cathedral Bring-and-Share Welcome Lunch
Sunday 6th November
St Michael’s Committee invite all members of the congregation and visitors attending the Eucharist on 6th November (two weeks today) to stay and join us for a bring-and-share lunch at the back of the Nave after the service. Everyone will be very welcome whether or not you can bring food to share - we are confident there will be plenty!
Tim Brooke for St Michael’s Committee

Cathedral Servers
Many of you reading this will probably think a server is something to do with the internet. Servers are also 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 to ensure that the bread and wine and other essential items are in the right place at the right time so that the worship enjoyed by the community runs smoothly and with dignity.
The Servers’ Team is open to either gender and has people of all ages and from all walks of life. In donning the robes we become one team, not just individuals but parts of the whole.
We are looking for new volunteers to join us in this important and often varied role. If you are interested, please speak to me or any of the servers 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

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Faith and Frontiers: Project Bonhoeffer Day
Saturday 5th November, 10.15am-4.15pm in St Michael’s House
A Day Conference organised by the Project Bonhoeffer Trust (www.projectbonhoeffer.org.uk) on the theme of faith and frontiers. The event is open to anyone who is interested in Bonhoeffer, the theology of nationhood and borders, or refugees. The keynote speakers will be Professor Esther Reed from the University of Exeter, whose subject will be Bonhoeffer and the limits of responsibility in a global age, and Ben Bano, coordinator of the refugee support organisation ‘Seeking Sanctuary’, a Kent-based organisation which seeks to raise awareness of the plight of migrants and refugees in the Calais ‘Jungle’ and in other camps in Northern France and also organises goods and supplies for them from the UK. He will speak on Discipleship with migrants and refugees – the legacy of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. The cost of the conference is £5 including lunch.
www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/faith-and-frontiers-today-tickets-25948472580

Saint Michael’s Singers Annual Remembrance Concert
Saturday November 12th at 7.30pm
This year’s concert will be part of the City of Coventry’s Peace Festival. Jaguar Land Rover Band will join Saint Michael’s Singers in a concert of poignant music for band and choir featuring Karl Jenkins’ The Armed Man in the uniquely powerful version for choir and brass band. The concert will also include John Williams’ Hymn to the Fallen and Jonathan Rathbone’s moving setting of Abide with Me. Tickets are available online from www.ticketweb.co.uk, 0844 477 1000 and from the cathedral shop (please note that discounted tickets for Friends of the Cathedral must be purchased in advance from Jill Pacey on 01676 332436).

Bishop’s Certificate in Discipleship & Mission: November Modules
Registration is now open at www.dioceseofcoventry.org/BCDMregister for BCDM modules beginning in the first half of November (all starting at 7pm):
Paul’s Life, Mission and Letters looks at the life of the apostle in his context in the first Century world, and the letters that he wrote, focusing especially on 1 and 2 Corinthians. You will gain an understanding of what motivated Paul, what his opponents said, and find ways of reading his letters so that they make sense!
St Mary’s Leamington, St. Mary’s Road, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, CV31 1JW; Monday evenings at 7pm from 7th November - 5th December.
Music explores how God’s invitation to Praise and Lament through music is an invitation to journey to a place of healing. Expect to find connections between music and the Psalms, to be challenged to listen to new styles, discuss your musical tastes, and to hear some great tunes!
Holy Trinity Stratford, Old Town, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 6BG; Wednesday evenings from 9th November - 7th December.
Advent: What’s the point of Advent? Is it just the run up to Christmas or is there more? Come and join us this Advent as we rediscover the deep wisdom of this season and how themes of coming, waiting and expectation are presented in the Bible. Uncover the true meaning of Advent and how it characterises our life throughout the year.
St Mary’s Walsgrave, Hall Lane, Coventry, CV2 2AW; Monday evenings from 14th November - 12th December.