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 come for Christmas services and other events, culminating in the Ruins spectacular on New Year’s Eve.

- **If you would like see some flowers in the Cathedral for Christmas …**

A small flowery jug on the Community Table awaits your contributions. The Churchwardens

- **German Lutheran Advent Service, today at 2pm in the Chapel of Unity**

The service will be bi-lingual and will be followed by light refreshments. Palestinian Goods will be on sale before and after the service, to which everyone is welcome.

- **Handel’s Messiah by candlelight, today at 4pm**

Performed by Coventry Cathedral Chorus, Orchestra Pro Anima and 4 international soloists. Tickets £22/£15 (students and children half-price) from [www.ticketweb.co.uk](http://www.ticketweb.co.uk), 0844 477 1000 or [www.coventrycathedralchorus.com](http://www.coventrycathedralchorus.com). Concessions for Cathedral Friends and Choir Patrons via [tickets@coventrycathedralchorus.com](mailto:tickets@coventrycathedralchorus.com) or 01676 532436. Pam Norman

- **Services and events on Christmas Eve, Monday 24th**

1. Journey to Bethlehem at 3pm; a service for all the family to share.
2. Form of a Servant at 7pm; the Cathedral’s distinctive service for Christmas Eve.
3. Midnight Eucharist at 11pm; shared with, and taking place in, Holy Trinity.

- **Christmas Day Eucharist, Tuesday 25th at 10:30am**

With the Bishop of Coventry, and with music from the organ and choir.

- **Mary Barber: Funeral service on Thursday 27th at 11am**

Mary’s funeral will take place as above. Because we recognise that this may not be the easiest date for her Cathedral friends, we will also include elements of thanksgiving for her life in the Cathedral Eucharist on Sunday 23rd. Canon Kathryn
- **Cathedral of Culture, Saturday 29th at 6:30pm (free; doors open at 6pm)**

  Come and celebrate Coventry Cathedral’s cultural history with a newly-restored recording of the television programme Celebration, Duke Ellington and his Orchestra performing the European premiere of their First Concert of Sacred Music here in February 1966.

- **La Nativité du Seigneur, Sunday 30th at 5pm**

  Come and hear the Cathedral’s Director of Music, Kerry Beaumont play this masterpiece by Olivier Messiaen. Free entry; retiring collection.

- **Neon presents Sunrise, Monday 31st at 6pm, 9pm and midnight (in the Ruins)**

  3 premiere performances of Sunrise (about 20 mins each) take us through the transition from darkness to light. Expect to bathe in waves of graduating colours brought to life by “Sunrise Sonata”, specially commissioned and performed live at the New Years Eve Premieres. Tickets from [https://goo.gl/Dn1FkA](https://goo.gl/Dn1FkA). From 1-13 January, Sunrise will be repeated daily at 5pm, 6pm, 7pm, 8pm and 9pm with recorded music (these events are free).

- **Cathedral Walkers lunch and optional walk on New Year’s Day, 1st January**

  Why not start the new year with lunch at The Elms, Birmingham Rd, Allesley at 12:30, with the option of a short walk round Allesley Park beforehand starting at 11:00. Details are on the Community Table; please let me know by close Sunday 30th if you are walking, coming for lunch or both to dagoodall@hotmail.co.uk or 024 7646 1946. Dave Goodall

- **Two cards on the Community Table to sign**

  1. The Big Christmas Card Campaign for Peace in Yemen will be sent, with cards from churches throughout the land, to be presented by former Archbishop Rowan Williams to the British Government. *Moya Horton*

  2. Community Christmas Card, to sign and make a donation towards the homeless at Christmas. *St Michael’s Committee*

- **Chorister fundraising**

  The total raised during the Autumn School Term for Boy gift tables and Girl cake tables is £299. Thank you so much to the congregation for their support. *Clayre Coopey*

- **Planned Giving Envelopes for 2019**

  Envelope packs are now available on the Community Table for current users. Those unable to collect theirs personally will be grateful if you can deliver it. To join the scheme, please either speak to me at the Cathedral or phone me at home: (024) 7671 1210. *Deryck Horton*

- **Retreat in Daily Life, January to March 2019**

  Please pick up from the Community Table a leaflet about the 2019 Cathedral retreat and a letter from Canon Kathryn commending it to the congregation. *Margaret Lloyd*

- **Reconciliation and the Cross of Nails, Tuesdays from 15th January at 7:30pm**

  A 5 week course; more details in January (or via reconciliation@coventrycathedral.org.uk).

Please send brief items of Cathedral news and events for the next edition of Cathedral Matters by the end of Tuesday 1st January for publication next Sunday to cathedral.matters@coventrycathedral.org.uk or phone 024 7652 1227.