The Friends of Coventry Cathedral

MEETING OUR NEIGHBOURS: A Multi-faith Walk in Coventry City Centre
On Tuesday, 10 May 2016, Eleanor Nesbitt will lead a small group of Friends on a walking tour to explore and experience the diversity of religious worship in the heart of Coventry. The walk will start at 10.30 am at Holy Trinity Church and will also visit the Hindu Shree Krishna Temple and the Muslim Jamia Mosque before enjoying traditional vegetarian hospitality at the Sikh Guru Nanak Parkash Gurdwara.

Participants should be reasonably fit and be prepared to take off their shoes and sit on the floor, as a mark of respect, and in accordance with tradition.

Sign up on the Community Table today. Places are limited and there will be a waiting list.

WHAT’S ON APRIL AND MAY 2016

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Foodbank Sunday.

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free public lecture in the Nave ‘Europe’s “other” Faith? Islam in German History and its Implications for Britain Today,’ Dr James Hodkinson.

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Sunday 15th May at 10.30am:
Pentecost Eucharist.
Refreshments in the Ruins from 4pm.

Sunday 15th-16th May:
Christian Aid Week

The Dean and Canons this week...

Today Canon David is at the Kreuzkirche in Dresden.

A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Welcome to Coventry Cathedral today. We warmly welcome all visitors and pilgrims to the Cathedral, as well as those who are regularly part of this worshipping community here in Coventry.

Today is our Cathedral Annual Meeting – a chance to look back at the past year, to see how we have been doing and where God has been leading us, and to lay out our hopes for coming year. It is an important opportunity for the Community to raise questions and to recommit themselves to our shared task under God – a task which here in Coventry means being Ministers of Reconciliation (2 Cor 5.18).

As many of you know, I have recently been in the United States for a week or so, sharing with North American Deans in their conference, meeting with supporters of the work here, and welcoming a new partner in the Community of the Cross of Nails. It was a lovely reminder of the worldwide significance of our story and ongoing ministry. It’s a privilege – but also a challenge – to work here together, and we thank God for his equipping, and offer ourselves afresh to him.

Every blessing

John

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Spiritual Formation Course taster at St John’s Church Centre, Berkswell. 01676 529 123.

Thursday 5th May at 7.30pm:
Ascension Day Liturgy.

Friday 6th May:

Friday 6th May at 5pm:
DUSK City Arts and Music Festival in the Ruins.
www.bandsintown.com/event/11836634

Friday 6th May at 7pm:
Coventry Winter Night Shelter Charity Ball at the Village Hotel coventrywinternightshelter@gmail.com

Monday 9th May at 1pm:
Lunchtime Organ Recital

Tuesday 10th May at 2pm:
Faith and Peaceful Relations Forum at Coventry University. charlotte.martini@coventry.ac.uk

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Refreshments in the Ruins from 4pm.

Sunday 15th-Saturday 21st May:
Christian Aid Week

Monday 16th May at 1pm:
Summer organ lunchtime concert.

Please send items for inclusion in the next edition of Cathedral Matters by end of TUESDAY 26th April 2016 to cathedral.matters@coventrycathedral.org.uk, phone 024 7652 1200 or Margaret Parker.
Website address: www.coventrycathedral.org.uk
CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Cathedral Annual Meetings**

The Cathedral Annual Meetings will take place after the morning service today. There will be a simple lunch in the Lecture Room at 12.15 pm followed by the meetings at 1 pm in the Chapter House. If you are not yet on the Electoral Roll there is still time to enrol. All baptised members of the Church of England who worship regularly at Coventry Cathedral are invited to join. Once you are on the Roll you will be entitled to free entry to the Cathedral and be able to vote at today’s Annual Meetings.

To enrol, simply fill in a short form to indicate your continued commitment and contribution to our life together. There is also a Community Roll for those engaged in service with the Cathedral eg voluntary work on the information desk, as a Guide etc. Forms are available every Sunday on the Community Table at both the 10.30am and 6.30pm services.

In addition, please let Jane Corrigan, the Electoral Roll Officer know if you have changed your address, telephone number or email address in the last year. She would also appreciate being informed about anyone who has died in the past year. Contact her by email: jcorrigan@btinternet.com or speak to any of the five Churchwardens if you would like to know more.

**Annual Meeting Nominations**

There is an opportunity to get involved with the life of the Cathedral and to be a representative of the Cathedral community through the roles described below, which will be elected at the AGM. If you are interested, please complete a nomination form and ensure you are on the appropriate roll. For the churchwarden posts you need to be on the Cathedral electoral roll: for membership of St. Michael’s Committee you need to be on either the electoral roll (for regular members of the cathedral congregation) or community roll (for other involvement with the cathedral such as staff and volunteers).

Please if possible submit your nomination forms BEFORE the AGM! Forms can be found on the Community table or from Canon Kathryn, for the following posts:

- St. Michael’s Committee membership:
  - 3 vacancies for 3 years
  - 1 vacancy for 1 year

- Churchwardens (5 vacancies)

Many thanks,

*Emma Norman, Vestry Clerk*

**Lent Book Swap – ‘Don’t Forgive Too Soon’**

Canon Kathryn intended borrowers and lenders to be able to talk together about books borrowed in the Lent Book Swap. Sorry I didn’t get to the table soon enough to meet whoever borrowed the Linns’ book ‘Don’t Forgive Too Soon’ - hope you enjoyed reading it and would love to chat about it if you have finished it!

*Margaret Lloyd (02476 413004)*

**Spiritual Formation Course**

“*A place to feed the mind, heart and soul that enables us to live more Christ-centred lives.*”

Tasters for anyone interested Thursdays May 5th and 19th 2.15 to 4.15 or 7.30 to 9.30 at St John’s Church Centre, Berkswell.

For more information see the website: [www.passionatespirituality.org.uk](http://www.passionatespirituality.org.uk)

or email: Passionatespirituality@live.co.uk

Or see Passionate Spirituality leaflets on the Community Table and events board.

*Canon Kathryn*

**Could you become a foster family for one of our choristers?**

Wenyu, a pupil at Bablake, is 14. She loves reading, playing the violin, skating and swimming, and works very hard at school. She joined the Girls’ Choir last year. Her mother, an academic who teaches Mandarin, is applying for jobs to enable her to stay in the UK but is making contingency plans to enable Wenyu to complete her education at Bablake in case her parents are unable to remain in the UK. Their faith is hugely important to them and they are confident that the opportunities their daughter enjoys here are part of God’s plan for her life, so they hope that a Christian family might be willing to welcome Wenyu as a foster child.

If you, or anyone you know, can help, please either speak to Canon Kathryn or contact Wenyu’s mother, Yanming Lu, directly by email whx@hotmail.co.uk.

If you can’t offer hospitality, please do pray for a solution for this family. As you can imagine, this is an anxious time for them all.

*Canon Kathryn*

**Digbeth Dining Club comes to Coventry Cathedral 8th May 2016**

DDC and Coventry Cathedral are very excited to join together for the collaboration of an iconic site and award winning street food! On 8th May DDC takes over the ruins of Coventry Cathedral to turn it into a festival of street food, street art, music and more!

On the day we have joining us:

Baked In Brick  
The English Indian  
Spectacular Goat  
Canoodle  
Smoqued  
Bournville Waffle Company  
Open Sesame  
Flying Cows  
Big Daddies Diner  
Café Horchata

With DDC resident DJs supplying the beats we also have City Of Colours Street Art Festival showcasing what to expect come June 18th in Digbeth! With more to come, keep tuned for what’s to be a great day in Coventry!

Entry on the day will be £3, students £2, kids free!


**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.
Faith and Peaceful Relations Forum

Tuesday 10th May, 14:00 – 16:00

The Coventry University Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations would like to invite you to join us for the first meeting of our Faith and Peaceful Relations Forum, to be held at the University Campus.

At our initial meeting Revd Dr Sarah Hills, Canon of Reconciliation, Coventry Cathedral and Professor Mike Hardy, Director of the Centre, will share their reflections on the theme of ‘Building a Peaceful City’.

The aim of the Forum is provide an opportunity for all those involved with faith and community groups in Coventry and the wider region to come together to explore key issues and their experience of working in the community in an open and inclusive environment.

For more information or to discuss the Forum further please contact Chris Shannahan at chris.shannahan@coventry.ac.uk

Or to register your free place please contact Charlotte Martin at charlotte.martin@coventry.ac.uk

An Evening of Thanksgiving and Celebration for Langley House Trust and the Kainos Community

Sunday 24th April 2016, 6.30pm-8.30pm in the Cathedral

Langley House Trust was established more than 50 years ago to provide support and accommodation for ex-offenders who had been released from prison into the community. The charity was founded by a group of Christians who were committed to seeing the lives of offenders changed for the better. To this day, they have retained their Christian ethos and principles, although their services are open to people of any faith or indeed no faith.

Langley House Trust is a national offender rehabilitation charity working across England to provide support and care for men and women who have offended and those who are at risk of offending enabling them to live crime free lives. Every day they see lives transformed, addictions broken and families restored. They are committed to helping men and women live crime-free and positively impacting their communities for a safer and better future.

Transformation is at the heart of their work. Since 1968, their Coventry project, Murray Lodge, has been serving the people of Coventry and the greater West Midlands area, providing accommodation and support to those coming out of prison who otherwise would be at risk of homelessness and/or reoffending.

They pride themselves on never turning their back on anyone and often work with those who are deemed ‘hard to place’. Langley House Trust has an exceptional track record in rehabilitation. They have a reconviction rate of just 2.6% while people are with the Trust. The national average reoffending rate is over 50% within the first year.

You are invited to come and join them in thanking God:

- For His provision and protection for Langley and Kainos
- For the men and women whose lives have been radically changed and who are now living crime-free
- For all those who have supported them, given to them and prayed for them, without whom their work would not be possible.

Canon David

Cathedral Action for Christian Aid Week : 15th May to 22nd May

Please can I urge you to consider helping sometime during this week when we consider our Global “neighbours”

Take one of the Global Climate Change leaflets.

Sign up for the Community Christian Aid Lunch on 22nd May

Consider volunteering for an hour or two with your help for:

bucket collections in the Shopping Precinct
bucket collections at Tesco’s Supermarket
or take a few envelopes to collect among work colleagues, friends and family or in the street where you live.

You can sign up on the Community Table.

For more information either come and talk to me or a member of the Saint Michael’s Committee or phone me on 024 7671 1210 or 07962 149236

Moya (Horton) Cathedral Christian Aid Coordinator
Winter Night Shelter – Charity Ball!

We want to celebrate what has been achieved over the last three winters and have some fun at the same time and so are holding our first charity ball on Friday 6th May from 7pm until late at The Village Hotel, Dolomite Ave, Coventry, CV4 9GZ.

It will include a hot buffet dinner and live entertainment (made up of local talent), a disco and a celebration of all we have achieved so far! Tickets are £30 per person and we are limited to 160 people in total. If you want tickets, please email us at: coventrywinternightshelter@gmail.com

Nobby Clarke, Project Coordinator, Coventry Winter Night Shelter

Leaving Gift for Canon David Porter

The Churchwardens invite you to join us in signing a card for David and Fran and in contributing to a farewell gift for David as he takes on his new responsibilities for Lambeth; please visit the Community Table at the end of the service.

Godfrey Armitage, Churchwarden

A Letter from Jimmy Lawrence

Dear Coventry Cathedral Church,

From 2011-2013 I worked at Coventry Cathedral as the Pastoral Assistant. During that time I learnt a lot from the staff and congregation. The ministry of reconciliation, the cathedral building and ruins, and its impact around the world had a profound effect on me.

I think of my time in Coventry with much fondness.

Recent events around the world continue to show us that the ministry of reconciliation is desperately needed. Christians have a unique part to play in the healing of the nations as we proclaim "Father Forgive" in word and deed.

This summer I will be getting ordained as a deacon and beginning my curacy in Otley Parish Church, Yorkshire. I am sending this letter to let you know that my ordination will be in Wakefield Cathedral on July 2nd and to ask you to pray.

In recognition of the importance of the ministry of reconciliation in my own life and ministry I am having a Cross of Nails embroidered into my stole. My prayer is that reconciliation will be a central element in my ministry.

Thanks and God Bless,

Jimmy

More Music Success!

Our chorister, Caitlin Hickingbotham, will be one of sixty chorister representatives of different cathedrals across the nation singing in a concert at St Paul’s Cathedral on 27 April at 7.30pm celebrating fifty years of The Diamond Fund For Choristers organised by the Friends of Cathedral Music. Tickets for “An Evening with the Cathedral Choristers of Britain” can be purchased from www.ticketmaster.co.uk/choristersconcert

Blake Williams (one of our bass Choral Scholars, who was Head Chorister three years ago) has scored 50 out of 50 in his A-Level Singing Recital.

Kerry Beaumont, Director of Music

The Road to Emmaus: an evening with Bishop John

Dear Coventry North Lay representatives.

Just a quick reminder to you all that Bishop John is coming to the deanery next Wednesday-

Details are -

Date: Wed 27th April
Time: 7pm-9pm- starting with coffee/tea (so no need to arrive before 7pm!)
Venue: St George’s Church, Barker Butts Lane, Coundon
Theme: The road to Emmaus--- The night will involve the opportunity for a journey based round this story as well as sharing in the breaking of bread.
Please do encourage members of your church to come - the evening should be a really good opportunity for us to meet together as a deanery with Bishop John and have time to reflect on the Emmaus Road story. I’d love to have a full church!

Ann Weitzel, Secretary, Coventry N Deanery

Allen Edwards

The burial of Allen Edwards’ ashes will take place on Wednesday 27th April. There will be the usual 8am ecumenical service in the Chapel of Unity after which Allen’s ashes will be buried, with Mary, in Unity Lawn. This will be followed by a simple breakfast in the Lecture Hall.
Everyone is welcome. For numbers please let Ann Farr know if you hope to stay for breakfast annfarr@phonecoop.coop