CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY NOTICES

Christian Aid Week 10th - 16th May
Can I urge you to make a note of this upcoming important event in your diaries. The command of Jesus to love our neighbours includes our global neighbours too.

Last year our Cathedral Community raised the magnificent sum of £2,100 during Christian Aid Week through bucket collections in the Precinct and at Sainsbury's supermarket. We hope to try and exceed this in May!
Could you spare a couple of hours to join with a group of collectors in this single biggest act of Christian witness in Britain?
Those of us who did it last year found it very rewarding and surprisingly enjoyable!
If "shaking" a bucket is not quite your thing, how about delivering envelopes in your own street or amongst a group of your friends?
75% of the vital money raised during Christian Aid Week in 2014 is actually from house to house collecting. Last year this raised a staggering £8m. Some people feel much happier collecting from friendly neighbours. (I can check if your own road is covered or not). You will find a sign-up sheet on the Community Table in which you can express an interest in either street collection or house to house (or small group at work).

If you can help or if you would like more information, please come and talk to me or contact me on 02476711210 or mobile 07962149236.
Moya Horton, Cathedral Christian Aid Coordinator

Fair Trade Café (in the Gift Shop)
Enjoy a fair trade tea/coffee and wrapped cookie/snack for £2.00 at the Fair Trade café in the Cathedral Gift Shop. Remember, you're supporting farmers and workers to trade their way out of poverty. Pam Cavendish

WHAT'S ON IN APRIL  - MAY 2015

Wednesday 29th April - Association of English Cathedrals ‘Children in Cathedrals’ conference. Cathedral open to the public.
Monday 4th May - 1pm Lunchtime organ concert. Paul Leddington Wright (Coventry Cathedral)
Tuesday 5th May - 3pm Licensing of University Chaplains.
Sunday 10th May - 2.45pm Ringing of the bells to celebrate the 70th anniversary of VE Day.
Sunday 10th May - 4pm Remember Our Child Annual Service.
Sunday 10th May to Saturday 16th May - Christian Aid Week activities
Monday 11th May - 1pm Lunchtime organ concert. Sebastian Thomson (Bloxham School)
Monday 11th May - 2.30pm Volunteer Monday: David McCory on the Guildhall
Wednesday 13th - Friday 15th May - CCN Pilgrimage.
Monday 18th May - 1pm Lunchtime organ concert. Ben Bloor (Royal College of Organists Recital Award Winner 2013-2014).
Tuesday 19th May - 6.30pm Celebration for the restoration of the ruins and book launch.

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THIS WEEK

Sunday 26th April
8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am The Cathedral Eucharist
4.00pm Choral Evensong
6.30pm Later: Cathedral Praise

Sunday 3rd May
8.00am Holy Communion (Holy Trinity)
10.30am The Cathedral Eucharist
4.00pm Choral Evensong
6.30pm Later: Cathedral Praise

A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Welcome to Coventry Cathedral today. We pray that you will know and share God's presence and blessing as you worship here, and be renewed to serve him in the world he loves.

I am now in Jerusalem for a few days, helping lead an ecumenical 'Journey of Reconciliation' through the ancient sites and contemporary politics of the Holy Land. It's a hard place to be, as we all know, caught in apparently intractable conflict. Yet we believe that Jesus was God's reconciliation for all people, and so we continue to search and pray for his peace to flower here.

May I add my thanks to those expressed inside to all the members of the Cathedral community who joined the Annual Meeting last Sunday - it was a really encouraging and positive time.

Shalom, John

The Very Reverend John Witcombe, Dean of Coventry

Community Contribution to Christian Aid: A Note for your Diaries

There will be a Community Lunch on 17th May following the Eucharist. This will take the form of a "Hunger Lunch" which will certainly not leave us hungry but will enable us to send the proceeds as part of our joint contribution to Christian Aid. It also provides another opportunity to enjoy some good Christian fellowship! This will be held in the Lecture Hall and will be followed by a short film which showcases Christian Aid's work in Ethiopia.

Please come and join us on this Christian Aid's 70th Anniversary - Look for a sign-up sheet on the Community Table. Moya Horton

Please send items for inclusion in the next edition of Cathedral Matters by end of TUESDAY 28th April 2015.
Tel: 02476 521200 or email: cathedral.matters@coventrycathedral.org.uk
Website address: www.coventrycathedral.org.uk
A Celebration of the Restoration of the Ruins and the book launch for ‘St Michael’s Coventry: The Rise and Fall of the Old Cathedral’
Tuesday 19th May at 6.30pm
Your invitation to the event above was included in Cathedral Matters last week. If you wish to join us or sign the form on the Community Table. Dean John

Volunteer Information Assistant Re-Start Project (based a Foodbank centres)
Coventry Foodbank in partnership with Coventry Citizens Advice Bureau are now offering advice services at Foodbank centres around the city. They are beginning to offer help and advice to clients who have a welfare benefits issue, struggling with rent arrears or bed room tax, debt issues.

They are looking for Volunteer Information Assistant who will act as one of the first points of contact for clients seeking help from the Foodbank/CAB. All application is to be made by CV via email to Adeyemi Bakare yeminfoodbank@gmail.com. Contact 07523121122. Canon Kathryn

Remember Our Child Annual Service
A service for bereaved parents and their families
Our Annual Service will be held on Sunday 10th May 2015 at 4pm here in the Cathedral. We are delighted to have as our guest speaker this year, the Reverend Dorothy Moore Brooks, Deputy Senior Chaplain at Great Ormond Street Children’s Hospital. As always, the names of all of the children for whom we have records will be remembered at this Service; there will also be opportunity for names to be added to the lists immediately prior to the start of the Service.

Year by year, new families join us, and it is a particular feature of this Service that we share a common experience and are able to strengthen and support one another, simply by being together. We hope that you will be able to join us as, in the context of music by the Cathedral Choir, we remember, give thanks and light candles for all of our children.

For more information, or for details of the continued work of Remember Our Child please contact Jan and Chris Bottomley on roc@rose-isle.net or the Reverend Canon Kathryn Fleming on kathryn.fleming@coventrycathedral.org.uk or 0247 652 1200.

Celebrating the 70th Anniversary of VE Day
On Sunday 10th May from 2.45pm-4pm there will be a special ringing of the bells to mark the 70th Anniversary of VE Day. This is being done on the Sunday as some of our bell ringers are required in their parish churches on the Saturday. Canon David

Coventry Foodbank
Last week I took 351 packets and tins of food to the Foodbank warehouse. These included items bought with cash donations of £175 from 16 people. The total number of food items delivered to the Foodbank since we started in April 2012 is 9,002. Thank you to everyone who has made this possible and in doing so has helped to feed hundreds of people in Coventry. I hope that we will pass the 10,000 mark by August. The next Foodbank Sundays are 3rd May, 7th June and 5th July. Richard Chamberlain-Brothers

A service for bereaved parents and their families

AGM
Many thanks to those who attended the AGM last Sunday, to our leadership for their reports, for the lovely Community lunch and for those who have taken on one of the below roles. Those elected are as follows:-

- Churchwardens: Godfrey Armitage, David East, Oluseye Falope, Brenda Williams, Gillian Shorthose
- Cathedral Council Members from the community: Margaret Sedgwick, Margaret Parker, Richard Chamberlain-Brothers, David Williams
- Community Representative on Chapter/Chair of St Michael’s Committee: Graham Warren
- St Michael’s Committee: Tony Darragh, Moya Horton, Margaret Sedgwick, David Williams, Tim Brooke
- Emma Norman, Vestry Clerk

Excursion to Lichfield and the National Memorial Arboretum
Saturday 5th September 2015
The Friends are organizing an all day excursion to the National Memorial Arboretum and Lichfield Cathedral on Saturday 5th September.

The coach will leave Coventry Cathedral at 9am for the National Memorial Arboretum at Alrewas, Staffordshire. Since planting began in 1997, the National Memorial Arboretum has become a special place to honour those who have served the nation. During the morning, there will be a guided tour of the Arboretum and then free time to explore the memorials and the shopping and catering facilities.

The coach will arrive in Lichfield about 1pm. The Cathedral has been a place of pilgrimage, prayer and worship for 1300 years, including strong links with our own Diocese. After a guided tour and free time to visit the souvenir shop and “Chapters - The Café in the Close”, the party will return to Coventry, arriving at the Cathedral at about 6pm.

Pick up a booking form today from the Community Table. There are just 30 places and bookings are open now. Andrew Paine, Chairman

Prayer Ministry and Chaplaincy
Eleven Cathedral prayer ministers/chaplains joined a similar number from Holy Trinity for a training morning in St Michael’s House on Saturday with teaching, demonstration, discussion and opportunity to pray for each other. Predictably with a group with such varied experience responses to the teaching element ranged from “too long” to “wonderful” but it was a significant time for many and ended with sharing a picnic on Unity lawn helping to build relationships on Hill Top.

The next date for your diary is Saturday 11th July when Ricardo Witcombe and Kathryn Fleming will lead a quiet day at Meriden church from mid-morning to mid-afternoon. Time for personal refreshment and for seeking God together for Hill Top. Details to follow. Margaret Lloyd

More volunteers needed at Bardsley Work Club
Do you have a couple of hours to spare on a Wednesday morning to offer a welcome at Bardsley Work Club? Could you help with access to computers, CV writing, job applications or just by offering a friendly listening ear and a cuppa? Please speak to Canon Kathryn if you are interested. Margaret Lloyd