CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY NOTICES

A quick update on the project in the Ruins

It’s been an exciting couple of weeks with coverage for the ruins project on ITV Central, BBC Midlands Today and the BBC Radio 4 Today programme. We’ve also held two talks for the public, one talk for volunteers and another for staff.

Since our last update, more of the 1250 exterior wall and the later extension in 1350 has been revealed. Medieval glass has been found along with some coins from the same time.

Bringing the Ruins project into the 20th century, in 1968 a cement lorry was in the ruins and the weight of it collapsed through the floor into a vault beneath. After this incident cement was placed over the top of that vault and this concrete is visible at the moment.

The archaeology will only be visible for about another week before it is covered by the new membrane. Christine Doyle

Monday 27th July - 1pm Lunchtime organ concert with Kerry Beaumont.
Sunday 2nd August - Foodbank Sunday
Monday 3rd August - 1pm Lunchtime organ concert with Paul Carr.
Monday 10th August - 1pm Lunchtime organ concert with Hartwig Barte-Hanssen.
Wednesday 12th August - 11am-2pm Patchwork Craft school holiday family activities.
Saturday 15th August - 7.30pm The Really Big Chorus; Brahms Requiem
Monday 17th August - 1pm Lunchtime organ concert with Charles Maxtone Smith.
Wednesday 19th August - 11am-2pm Patchwork Craft school holiday family activities.
Monday 24th August - 1pm Lunchtime organ concert with Justin Vickery.
Wednesday 26th August - 11am-2pm Patchwork Craft school holiday family activities.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CANON PASTOR

Dear Friends

After recent discussion of the need for 24/7 health care, I’ve been thinking a lot about the whole 24/7 culture which we inhabit, its benefits and its costs. Of course, it seems a no-brainer that as people can’t control when they fall ill, there should be the best possible medical help available, seven days a week…but equally, it seems a no-brainer that doctors, nurses and carers should be allowed a normal family life, with down-time to spend together.

Incompatible demands! I fear so, which made me realise once again how much else we lost when we lost sight of the commandment to keep Sunday special. I’m not writing as a petulant priest, annoyed that there are fewer people joining us for worship now that they can choose to visit the supermarket or garden centre instead, but from concern that we’ve lost sight of the principle of a “Sabbath” – a rest day, set aside to enable the recreation which we need if we’re to flourish.

God rested after creating the world...how much more do his children need that space to focus on something beyond the Monday to Friday routines of staying alive. That need not involve jetting off to foreign parts…we need to find ways to build Sabbath into our lives at home, so, this summer, can I encourage you to carve out time for a holiday…a holy day….right where you are. Remember that we’re human BEINGS, not human DOINGS – Canon Kathryn

Today after the Cathedral Eucharist.....

The archaeology in the Ruins will not be visible for much longer. At 12 noon today, in the Ruins, I will be giving an update on the project so far and interpreting the archaeology with the history of the medieval building. I hope you can join me. Christine Doyle

Please send items for inclusion in the next edition of Cathedral Matters by end of TUESDAY 28th July 2015.
Tel: 02476 521200 or email: cathedral.matters@coventrycathedral.org.uk
Website address: www.coventrycathedral.org.uk
The Diocesan Reader assisting at the Eucharist today is Pat Newbold from St Mary Magdalen, Aline.

**Ken Sedgwick**
On behalf of the Sedgwick family I wish to thank everyone who contributed to such a glorious celebration of Ken’s life, to Canon David for officiating, for the supportive presence of the Dean and Canon Kathryn, to Chris and his team of Servers, the Vergers, Stewards and Churchwardens. I am also aware that some of our Cathedral Choristers were part of the magnificent choir and I want to thank them for their willingness to be involved. The Catering Team lived up to their reputation of providing wonderful refreshments and we wish to thank them for their hard work that day. Then of course, there is our own professional and compassionate Funeral Director, Muriel, who ensured everything was just right. Thank you everyone. Canon Margaret

**A date for your diary – Sunday 2nd August**
On 2nd August please stay for coffee if you possibly can, the Dean would like to update the whole Cathedral family on our current situation, and will talk to us after the 10.30am Eucharist. We hope to see you. Canon Kathryn

**Reconciling a Wounded Planet**
Do join us at this exciting and challenging conference at the Cathedral on 18th-19th September. With a number of top speakers and contributors from the world of environmental science and theology, we will come together to consider ‘stories of hope’ in the midst of the growing environmental crisis that the world is experiencing. This is not a conference aimed at activists but at all who seek to understand the message of reconciliation, that God was in Christ reconciling all things to himself by the blood of the cross and how this provides the motivation for us all to care for God’s creation. Pick up a brochure and buy your ticket from the Welcome desk soon at the Early Bird price. Otherwise, if you would like to help as a volunteer, please see me. Godfrey Armitage, Vice Chairman, www.reconcilingawoundedplanet.com.

**School Holiday Family Fun**
Please help spread the word that there are lots of activities for children during the summer holidays. On the 12th, 19th and 26th August 11am-2pm Patchwork Craft will be running crafty workshops based upon stained glass and weaving. Throughout the six weeks, we’ll have a variety of family trails on offer and the children’s window will be installed at the back of the Nave. Canon Kathryn

**Waiting on God**
Two groups of community members will be meeting again on Wednesday 29th July at 3.30pm in the Provost’s Vestry and at 7.30pm at Canon Kathryn’s home (18 Ranulf Croft, Chelyesmore, CV3 5FB). If you would value making a regular commitment to listening to God in silence together, and would like to join either group you would be most welcome. Canon Kathryn

**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. Meg Bowen

**School Holiday Family Fun**
Following a guided tour of The Arboretum there will be free time to explore the memorials and the shopping and catering facilities.

**Arriving at Lichfield Cathedral at 1pm, there will be a guided tour and time to visit to The Café in the Close. The coach will return to Coventry arriving at the Cathedral at about 6pm.**

**Waiting on God**
Pick up a booking form today from the Community Table today, and send it with your cheque, and a stamped-addressed envelope, to Friends Excursion, Jim Newton, 37 Woodfield Road, Coventry CV5 6AJ.

**Teaching and discussion is facilitated by the Rev Dr Sarah Hills, Canon of Reconciliation.**

For further information, and to book your place, please contact ccn@coventrycathedral.org.uk. We hope to hear from you. Canon Sarah

**Really Big Chorus: Brahms Requiem Saturday 15th August at 7.30pm**
On Saturday 15th August there will be a rare opportunity to hear The Really Big Chorus away from its UK home at The Royal Albert Hall following its second UK Summer School, in a concert at Coventry Cathedral at 7.30 pm. TRBC Principal Conductor, Brian Kay leads the chorus in Brahms’ Ein deutsches Requiem. Written by the composer in his thirties, his Requiem was intended as a comfort for those who mourn the loss of others. He himself had only recently lost his mother, setting biblical texts rather than the more commonly used liturgical Latin.

The English Symphony Orchestra will accompany the choir with soloists soprano, Mary Bevan and baritone Gareth Brynmor John. Tickets are available from Coventry Cathedral Tel: 024 7652 1210 or in person from the Gift Shop. Rachael Kelly

**Cathedral Prayer Circle**
As members of the Cathedral community, you already know about Coventry’s calling to be a world centre for reconciliation.

CCN pilgrimages give you the opportunity to explore the extraordinary power of Coventry as a place, as well as to deepen your involvement with reconciliation, build links with other partners and, most importantly, take some time away with God. The pilgrimage is hosted by the Reconciliation Ministry Team with support from members of the Cathedral community. Teaching and discussion is facilitated by the Rev Dr Sarah Hills, Canon of Reconciliation.

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**Blessed are those whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.”**

Psalm 84.5

Come and be a part of the on-going Community of the Cross of Nails story by joining the CCN Pilgrimage, September 22nd-25th 2015.