NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF COVENTY CATHEDRAL

Physician, Musician and Precentor
The Reverend Canon Dr David Stone will reveal his ‘Favourite Places’ to the Friends, on Monday 4th April, in the Undercroft Lecture Room. Coffee/Tea from 10.30am and talk at 11am.

To book a seat to hear the Precentor tell us about his varied and remarkable career, sign the sheet on the Community Table today.

David has been Precentor of Coventry Cathedral since September 2010 and the Sub-Dean since April 2014. He oversees the Cathedral’s music and worship and is responsible for all services that take place in the Cathedral.

In his mid-teens he was a Junior Exhibitioner at the Royal College of Music, studying double bass, piano and organ. He then trained as a medical doctor, and was ordained in 1988. He was Vicar of St Jude’s Church in Earls Court, and Area Dean of Chelsea, before becoming Team Rector of Newbury.

Andrew Paine, Chairman of the Friends of Coventry Cathedral

WHAT’S ON APRIL AND MAY 2016

Wednesday 13th April: Cathedral closed all day for Coventry University graduations.
Friday 15th April at 7pm: GAPS concert
http://gapsmusic.tumblr.com/
Sunday 24th April after the morning service: Annual General Meeting
Sunday 1st May: Foodbank Sunday
Monday 2nd May at 1pm: First of the summer series of lunchtime organ recitals.
Wednesday 4th May at 7pm: Dr James Hodkinson is giving a free public lecture in the Nave entitled: ‘Europe’s “other” Faith? Islam in German History and its Implications’ for Britain Today.’
Thursday 5th May at 7.30pm: Ascension Day Liturgy.
Saturday 14th May at 7.30pm: St Michael’s Singers: Entente Musicale.
Sunday 15th May at 10.30am: Pentecost Eucharist.
Tuesday 17th May: CCN Pilgrimage begins

Please send items for inclusion in the next edition of Cathedral Matters by end of TUESDAY 29th March 2016.
Tel: 02476 521200 or email: cathedral.matters@coventrycathedral.org.uk
Website address: www.coventrycathedral.org.uk
Easter Flowers
This year the flowers are also in memory of David Lepine, the first Director of Music in the new Cathedral and founder of the St Michael's Singers, who died on the 24th March 1972. David East

Today – Chorister Cake Sale
There is cake alongside chorister CD's and homemade jam before and after morning service at the main entrance. There will also be a gift table, with what’s left of Jenny’s jewellery and other marvellous goodies to buy. Clayre Coopey

*Electoral and Community Rolls. Are you on the list?*
If you are not yet on the Electoral Roll now is the 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 the Annual Meetings held on Sunday 24th April.

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: janecorrigan45@btinternet.com or speak to any of the five Churchwardens if you would like to know more.

AGM 2016 and Nominations
The Cathedral AGM will be held this year on Sunday 24th April after the morning Eucharist service. There will be a simple lunch in the Lecture Room at 12.15 pm, with the meeting following at 1pm in the Chapter House. Please sign up for lunch on the list at the Community Table or email Angie Jones, PA to the Dean, on angie.jones@coventrycathedral.org.uk.

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).

If possible submit your nomination forms in advance of the AGM, preferably by the previous Sunday 17th April 2016. Forms can be found on the congregation 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

Work is underway at the Chapel of Unity to protect its unique and colourful exterior

Scaffolding is currently erected in one of the bays of the Chapel of Unity. The Chapel was consecrated in 1962 and since then has become an iconic building due to the aqua/grey colour of the stone it’s clad in. In recent years the slates have become loose and the challenge that we have now is to find a solution to safely fix the stone slates to the concrete exterior, make sure that this restoration work is not visible and locate similar coloured stone to replace slates that are too damaged to be rehung.

It is a complex project and we are working in partnership with the Cathedral Fabric Commission for England (CFCE) and our funders Churchcare, to ensure that the final solution is one which will provide stability for the slates in the long-term.

The project is funded by a grant from the World War One initiative funded by the DMCS and administered via Churchcare. Initially it was hoped that the grant would cover the restoration cost but the extent of the project was soon revealed to be much larger than originally expected. Churchcare agreed that their funding could be used to explore the options to find a long-term solution.

Once this project is complete, we will have a conservation plan which will outline the way forward and budget required to protect the building in the long term.

Tony Auty, Director of Property and Fabric

This photo shows a section of the building where the slates have been removed. You can see where previous attempts have been made to attach the stone slates to the concrete.
Ascension to Pentecost
5th - 15th May 2016

The ten days between Ascension and Pentecost have often been regarded as a time for prayer and waiting for the Holy Spirit. This year Bishop Christopher and Bishop John are also calling Christians throughout Warwickshire and Coventry to come together for fellowship, witness and celebration.

Five different strands are being woven into the period from 5th to 15th May:

Pilgrimage of Prayer. Our bishops are calling everyone in the diocese to pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit and to meditate on scripture. They will be providing a booklet of prayers, reflections and other resources.

Pilgrimage Walk - Cloud and Fire. Everyone is also encouraged to spend time walking with one of our bishops on a physical pilgrimage. There is a choice of five routes in the north, south, east, west and centre of the diocese.

Launch of the Diocesan Centenary. The Pilgrimage of Prayer and the Pilgrimage Walk are both being used to launch the preparations for the Diocesan Centenary which takes place in two years’ time.

Thy Kingdom Come. The Archbishops of Canterbury and York are inviting the whole Church of England to join them “in a week of prayer for the evangelisation of our nation”.

Pentecost Beacon Event. All the above will culminate in a special event at Coventry Cathedral at 5pm on Pentecost (15th May). This will include a live video link with the Archbishop of Canterbury and sung worship led by Noel Richards.

Further details about each of these strands are available on the diocesan website. Please encourage one another to participate as fully as possible, while together we wait expectantly for the Holy Spirit this Pentecost.  http://www.dioceseofcoventry.org/
Volunteer Opportunity – working as an Intern within our Reconciliation Ministry Team

The Volunteer Reconciliation Internship at Coventry Cathedral is for those seeking to develop their understanding of reconciliation and peace building as part of a Christian mission community.

It offers the opportunity to:
- Gain experience in a working environment;
- Develop skills in project management, research and group facilitation;
- Learn and explore a range of issues in relation to the theology, practice and spirituality of reconciliation.

All interns will contribute to the successful delivery and development of the Reconciliation Ministry at the Cathedral. As such they will be expected to already have relevant learning and skills to offer. At present there are four intern posts as part of the team: three of the posts are sponsored by partners in Germany, Poland and the United States and are reserved for nationals from these countries. The fourth post is open to all.

Eligibility: To be eligible for an internship prospective interns should:
- Normally be over 21 years of age at the time the internship commences.
- Preferably be a graduate, with a degree in an appropriate discipline (e.g. International Relations, Politics, Public Policy, Peace Studies, Development Studies, Theology)
- Be a practising Christian.

Core Duties: Interns will be allocated to a specific development area within the team but can be flexible in sharing tasks as needs arise. An intern will be based in the offices for at least 40 but no more than 48 hours, usually during the Cathedral Offices business hours. Weekend and evening serving opportunities will be available.

Application process: Applications in the first instance are by CV and covering letter setting out the applicant’s expectations of an internship to the P.A. to the Canon for Reconciliation Ministry: email carly.tewkesbury-witham@coventrycathedral.org.uk

Key Dates:
- Closing Date for Applications: Wednesday 13th April 5pm
- Interview Dates: Thursday 21st April