CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY NOTICES

Vision of Reconciliation with Sarah Snyder
Monday 28th November at 7pm in St Michael’s House
Canon Sarah Snyder, the Archbishop of Canterbury’s Advisor for Reconciliation, will give the second Coventry Cathedral Reconciliation Lecture tomorrow evening.
Vision of Reconciliation will explore the reconciliation vision of the Archbishop and the work that Sarah does with her team from Coventry Cathedral and Lambeth Palace. Sarah has a wide-ranging background in theology, peace-building, and dialogue, and she has worked for many years on faith-based reconciliation.

Volunteers’ Meet-up
Monday 5th December from 2pm in the Chapter House
We would love to celebrate International Volunteer Day with you! There will be refreshments in the Chapter House and all volunteers, no matter what role you play in the life of the Cathedral, are welcome - and the refreshments will no doubt have a Christmas theme! RSVP to me, Emma or Helen. We’d love to see as many of you as possible so please make a note in your diary.
Carla Crawley

Thank you
The Friends who invited the Dresden visitors to lunch after last week’s Eucharist would like to thank the Choir Parents for their super organisation and cooking of a splendid lunch. You really did us proud and made it very easy for us to entertain them - they were full of appreciation.
William Howard

Prayer for Christian Service
Monday 5th December 4pm-5pm in the Chapel of Unity
The first in a monthly series of prayer sessions for Christian social service across Coventry. Good Neighbours, a new project supporting older people (in partnership between Hope Coventry, Together for Change and Age UK) will be introduced by Jess Day-Pollard, Project Manager. John Lloyd, Chapel of Unity Joint Council

Bring-and-Share Welcome Lunch
Sunday 11th December after Eucharist
St Michael’s Committee invite everyone attending the Eucharist in two weeks’ time to stay and join our second bring-and-share lunch at the back of the Nave. All will be very welcome whether or not you bring food to share. We hope that this will become a monthly event in the New Year.
Tim Brooke for St Michael’s Committee

Joy to the World
Concert of Christmas Music Saturday 17th December at 6pm
Don’t miss this year’s celebration of the festive season with carols and Christmas music for all the family from the Cathedral choristers, Coventry and Warwickshire Youth Orchestra, Saint Michael’s Singers and Jaguar Land Rover Band! Christmas favourites, plenty of audience participation and a special appearance of Santa will be on offer, and all in aid of the NSPCC.

Welcome to Coventry Cathedral

Welcome to everyone! 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 the Cathedral in the next week or so.

The Dean, Canons and assisting Readers this week
Canon David is Canon in Residence this week. The Readers assisting at the Eucharist this morning are Audrey Rowberry (All Saints’ Leek Wootton) and Donald Parr.
The Cross of Nails that is being blessed today is going to Virginia Theological Seminary (VTS) in Alexandria, Virginia, USA. The Centre for Anglican Communion Studies at VTS works on three imperatives: Reconcile, Reflect, and Resource. Each of these imperatives aligns with the priorities of the CCN: healing the wounds of history, learning to live with difference and celebrate diversity, and building a culture of peace. Canon Sarah will present the cross to VTS on 2nd December at the North American Board Meeting.
The funeral of Sophie Mc Donald who was, very sadly, killed in an accident with a skip lorry in Henley Road last month at the age of seven will take place here at 1.30pm tomorrow.

The Dean’s Community Prayer Focus for December
The Dean has asked us to pray especially this month:
- for a deep spiritual response to our Christmas services, that they will speak light and peace to a troubled world, and
- for an enthusiastic response to our Investors in Hope programme, which will allow the cathedral to continue to serve as a focus for that light and peace.
Please pray especially on Thursday 1st December, and through the month as you are able, particularly if you can carry on setting aside ten minutes a day for prayer as the Dean encouraged us all to try and manage during November.

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.

Please send brief items of Cathedral news and events for the next edition of Cathedral Matters by end of TUESDAY 29th November for publication on Sunday 4th December to cathedral.matters@coventrycathedral.org.uk or phone 024 7659 4916
www.coventrycathedral.org.uk
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**Calling all Stewards!**
Would stewards please look at the special services list (by the Stewards’ Rota) to see if you can help with any of the carol services and concerts during December. Many thanks.
Barbara Mobbs

**Stalingrad Madonna Christmas Card**
Spread some ‘Light, Life and Love’ this Christmas! Coventry Cathedral is proud to present our 2016 Christmas Card, featuring the evocative image of the ‘Stalingrad Madonna’, a replica of which is on display in the Millennium Chapel within the New Cathedral. The purchase of this card helps to support the work of Coventry Cathedral, a living symbol of the power of forgiveness to overcome pain. The card is available online or at the Shop and Welcome desk priced £3 each, with a 10% discount available on orders of five or ten.
http://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/onlineshop/stalingrad-madonna-christmas-card.html

**Coventry Foodbank**
Last week I took 211 items to the Foodbank warehouse, including items bought with cash donations of £150 from 15 people: most of these were basic toiletries which the Foodbank had particularly asked for. The next Foodbank Sundays will be December 4th, January 1st and February 5th.
Richard Chamberlaine-Brothers

**Can you help with Accommodation?**
A Spanish friend of mine is coming to Coventry in January to stay for three months and improve his English language skills. A warm, friendly and committed Christian in his mid-30s, he is looking for a home to stay during his studies. If there is anyone interested and able to host him from January till the beginning of April 2017, please contact me. Thank you very much.
Bernardo Cañas, Cathedral Events Production Coordinator bernardo.canas@coventrycathedral.org.uk 07557 505 219.

**Christmas Goodies!**
Again this year the catering team hope to help local homeless people by selling our mince pies, lemon cheese/curd, and chutney. There will be a notice on the congregation table and you can sign up and collect your order every Sunday up to Christmas. If you would like a gift for someone we can provide a selection of all sorts of festive fare and can present your order in festive wrapping with a handmade gift card. Watch out M&S and Harrods!
With best wishes Pam, Brenda, Rex & Richard

**Lego Cathedral!**
If you’ve not yet seen this across the road at the Herbert, do go for a look - it’s fantastic. And it’s free!
There are lots of lovely opportunities to chat to others looking at it, too - to encourage them to come into the real thing - so don’t be shy!
The exhibition is up the stairs from the main atrium, through the main Lego exhibition and in the small room at the end just before you exit.
Dean John

**A Message from the Events Team to all Facebook Users**
We are working really hard at present to create an engaging Christmas programme that appeals to a broad range of visitors. The programme will stretch from the 7th to the 21st of December and below are posted links to some of our key events.

We need this to work, we need to generate revenue through all of this activity and we need your help to get the word out. The power of using our personal networks to market said events is huge and collectively I’m sure we can get the message out there and ensure we get the numbers we need through our doors.

This is our Christmas at Coventry Cathedral page. All of our events will be fed into here so please give us a like and a share to keep up to date. If you haven’t already please also do the same on Twitter, Instagram and our main Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/Christmas-at-Coventry-Cathedral-2151014161790367/.

This is our Coventry Cathedral Dining Club event. It’s a fab event for all the family, foodies and beyond. Please share, click to say you are going and tell all of your friends.
https://www.facebook.com/events/361881814203629/

This is the St Michael’s Singers NSPCC Concert which hasn’t been getting a great online response so if you could click and share you would help us out no end.
https://www.facebook.com/events/1132191503543313/

This is our Coventry Cathedral Dining Club event. It’s a fab event for all the family, foodies and beyond. Please share, click to say you are going and tell all of your friends.
https://www.facebook.com/events/1179880518714756/ Rachael Kelly, Events Manager

**Christmas Update from Carriers of Hope**
We are based at Hillfields Evangelical Baptist Church and work mainly with recently arrived families including refugees, asylum seekers and other migrants fleeing persecution.
Currently we are collecting Christmas-dinner-in-a-bag and hope to reach our target of being able to help 250 families by Give Away Day on Tuesday 20th December. If you are able to help with any contributions we’d love to hear from you:
You can make up a bag and bring it to Sue Sampson at 55 Garth Crescent CV3 2PP or ask for a particular family’s details so that you can ‘personalise’ your gift.
Or bring your bag to the Give Away Day on Tuesday 20th December at 9am at Hillfields Evangelical Baptist Church CV1 5JS so that you can hand it over directly to one of the families.
Or send a contribution towards the cost of making up a bag (the budget for a bag is £25) - via cheque made payable to Carriers of Hope.
Or bring items off the following list to Sue Sampson at 55 Garth Crescent CV3 2PP:
A supermarket gift card for £10 so the family can buy fresh meat, fruit and vegetables
A cake or pudding of some kind (not Christmas Pudding: they may not know what it is and probably have no microwave)
A net of tangerines, Six crackers; Biscuits; Sweets; A Christmas card from you with a personal message of support.

Carriers of Hope, Coventry Registered Charity Number: 1140583
55 Garth Crescent CV3 2PP 024 7645 6356 www.carriersofhope.org.uk/