News from the Friends of Coventry Cathedral
Friends Lunch, AGM and Tea

There will be a Light Lunch, being provided by the Choir Parents, in the Undercroft Lecture Room, from 12.30pm today. £5 each payable at the door.

The Friends AGM will commence at 1.30pm, in the Chapter House, when the Dean will speak. The meeting is open to all Members of the Friends.

Afterwards, there will be Tea and Cakes in the Undercroft Lecture Room.

Kennedy House Remembered
Unveiling the plaque
On Sunday, 11th October, at 2.30pm, the Dean will dedicate a plaque to commemorate Kennedy House, the Cathedral's former International Youth Centre. If you would like to be invited to the Ceremony and to the tea afterwards, please sign the sheet on the Community Table.

The High Sheriff of Warwickshire’s Legal Service – 5th October
Everyone is welcome to join the High Sheriff of Warwickshire, Janet Bell Smith, for her service to mark the start of the Legal Year. It will take place at Coventry Cathedral on Monday 5th October at 11am. If you plan to attend please aim to be seated by 10:50am. There will be light refreshments served afterwards.

A patronal festival gives us a great opportunity, not only to take stock of where we are and look to the future but also to look back and give thanks for all the good that has been done for us in the past. This is such an important part of our life that the people concerned even have their own special Latin word – they are our ‘benefactors’, our ‘do-gooders’ in the best possible sense of the word.

Our particular focus today is on those whose names are recorded on the Millennium Screen in the Chapel down the stairs by the Swedish Windows. Many of the names - both new and old – are of benefactors themselves while others are particular people whom our benefactors have asked the Cathedral to remember and celebrate in perpetuity. Which is exactly what we are doing today – celebrating and giving thanks for all the good that has been done in the past. But not just that. We also look forward to all the good that will be done in the future by the benefactors of today. People such as... well... why not you and me?

Canon David
**Dorothy Parkin**
Longstanding community members will be sad to learn of the death of Dorothy Parkin. Her funeral service will be here in the Cathedral on Wednesday 7th October at 11.00, and we remember Dorothy and her family in our prayers. *Canon Kathryn*

Lord Mayor of Coventry’s Annual Peace Lecture
Wednesday 28th October 2015, 7.30pm start (Doors open at 7pm)
The Lord Mayor of Coventry’s Annual Peace Lecture will be given by Jonathan Porritt, the writer, broadcaster and founding Director of the ‘Forum for the Future’. The lecture, which will begin at 7.30pm, is titled ‘Reshaping the Security Agenda’ and will be held in the St Mary’s Guildhall.

**St Basil’s Sleep Out**
Friday 23rd October
The charity St Basil’s (Coventry’s main gateway for youth homelessness in the city) is holding its first ever Coventry Sleep Out charity fundraising event in the Ruins on Friday 23rd October. It’s free to enter and challenges you to ‘rough it’ for a night and help raise money so that a young person doesn’t have to experience homelessness. They provide the cardboard and huge plastic bags (although you are most welcome to bring additional cardboard). If you would like to register your place and direct others to join in as well go to www.stbasils.org.uk/coventrysleepout. Myself and Asha from the Cathedrals Events team will be representing the Cathedral and taking part so any sponsorship offers would be greatly appreciated. *Rachael Kelly*

**Romania Lunch**
I have invited some of the Cathedral-sponsored volunteers to share this summer’s experiences of their work at the centre for disabled children in Sibiu, Transylvania. They are coming to the Romania Lunch on 1st November 2015 in the Lecture Hall after the 10.30 service. Come and hear a heartwarming story of work that is not only changing the lives of some of Europe’s poorest children. The cost of the meal is £5 and there is a sign-up list on the Community Table. *Jane Williams (Email: JaneMLWill@o2.com)*

**A warm welcome to our team of interns**

*Ricarda Fillhardt*  
I am from Walluf (nearby Wiesbaden), Germany, it is a small village with only 6,000 residents, so living in a city like Coventry is new and exciting for me. I have just finished my A-levels and want to gain new experiences. I am an ARSP volunteer, an organisation that sends young Germans, Polish and Ukrainians to different countries in projects that deal with reconciliation. And what project could be better for that than Coventry Cathedral, the first project of ARSP in the UK.

*Haley Jones*  
I am originally from Jackson, Mississippi, but I moved to Coventry from Boston, Massachusetts where I recently graduated from seminary at Boston University School of Theology. I am on the ordination track as a deacon in the United Methodist Church. I have a deep passion for nonviolence, dialogue, and conflict transformation. I believe that creating intentional spaces for conversation are a powerful and transformative tool for remembering the dignity and worth of every individual made in the image of God.

A warm welcome to you all and, as a Community, we hope and pray that your year with us is full of new experiences and you will make many lasting friendships.

**Harvest Celebration Sunday 4th October**

Next Sunday (4th October) gives us the opportunity once again to celebrate Harvest – the only festival in the church’s calendar that is based on the events of the current year rather than remembering happenings from the past! You’re invited to bring something which symbolises the partnership you enjoy with God in your daily life and work – which might include something by way of a traditional harvest festival offering, but might...