**COMMUNITY OF THE CROSS OF NAILS**

We are very happy to welcome to our CCN network a new partner from Netherlands, Ecumenical Coventry Prayer Deventer. Last Sunday Canon Sarah Hills joined them for the Cross of Nails presentation service.

The Protestant Church Community of Deveter and Ecumenical Coventry Prayer group organize prayers, lectures and other events focused on peace and reconciliation. Please be praying for them as they continue their work in Deventer.

**WHAT’S ON IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2016**

**Monday 29th February at 7pm:** The CCN in the UK - 70 years on - What next?
**Tuesday 1st March at 7pm:** Reconciliation Ministry Lenten Lecture: - ‘Dramas of Origin: the notion of ‘Founding Murder’.
**Wednesday 2nd March at 7pm:** ‘Dealing with Painful History to build Peaceful Relationship in Northeast Asia’.
**Thursday 3rd March at 2.30pm:** Radical Welcome continues (Lecture Hall).
**Friday 4th March at 11am:** Women’s World Day of Prayer at the Central Methodist Hall.
**Sunday 6th March:** Foodbank Sunday
**Tuesday 8th March at 7pm:** Reconciliation Ministry Lenten Lecture: - ‘Violence, the archaic Sacred and Judaeo-Christian Revelation’.

**Thursday 10th March at 2.30pm:** Radical Welcome continues (Lecture Hall)
**Thursday 10th March 6.30pm for 7pm:** ‘What lies beneath?’…. The archaeological discoveries in the Ruins during the engineering project last summer.
**Saturday 12th March 10am-2pm:** Passiontide quiet morning – a space for reflection.
**Monday 21st March at 7.30pm:** Compline
**Tuesday 22nd March at 7.30pm:** Compline
**Wednesday 23rd March at 7.30pm:** Compline
**Thursday 24th March at 10.30am:** Chrism Eucharist

**A MESSAGE FROM THE CANON PASTOR**

Dear Friends

Earlier this week a group of 30 members from across the Cathedral’s congregations completed our first Natural Church Development survey – a snapshot of the Cathedral’s health when judged against the eight Essential Qualities of Healthy Growing Churches…Not all of the questions felt like a perfect “fit” for Cathedral life, but nonetheless, I’m confident that we will benefit hugely from this process of taking our temperature annually.

So – having done the survey, what next? Results will be shared with the steering group (Wardens and Readers) next week and then taken to St Michael’s Committee, who will begin the process of planning what we can actually DO to make things better.

By the time we get to the AGM at the end of April, I’m confident that we will have some positive steps in place to strengthen the weaker areas of our life and ministry as we look forward to the future. If you want to know more in the meantime, do feel free to ask…this is a shared journey as we consider how to become the Church that God wants us to be.

With love and blessings
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
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Haley Jones

Richard Bauckham who was a lead speaker at perspective and also his work draws on that of 'Reconciliation Ecology' from a Christian one of the few authors who looks at Godfrey says, 'transformative for those who participate. derelict and vacant land and how it can be about community industrial city. Eco will host the group on Paul Ede's book 2pm in St Michael's House. Godfrey Armitage The Reconciliation Ministry Team invites you to access the Wyley Chapel. Tickets: £10 per person (£8 for members of the Cathedral Community or the Friends of Coventry Cathedral. Tickets are available online or at the Cathedral Gift Shop. Christine Doyle ‘Dealing with Painful History to build peaceful relationship in Northeast Asia’ Wednesday 2nd March at 7pm The reconciliation team have invited Kevin Clements to speak about the reconciliation process in northeast Asia. The talk will look at the ways in which economic integration, political summits, and numerous Japanese apologies have not managed to assuage Chinese and Korean feelings of humiliation, marginalisation and oppression. It will then consider what processes might enable deeper co-existence, even reconciliation. More at www.coventrycathedral.org.uk. Haley Jones

Women’s World Day of Prayer
The annual ecumenical Women’s World Day of Prayer Service is taking place at the Methodist Central Hall on Friday 4th March at 11am. The service has been compiled by a group of ladies from Cuba this year. Please speak to Sandra Brownbridge or email: sandra.brownbridge2@gmail.com for further information.

Saturday 12th March 10am – 2pm Passiontide Quiet Day
All are welcome to join me for a reflective walk through the events of the first Holy Week using “Experience Easter” stations. Canon Kathryn

Reconciliation Lent Book Group
Thursday 17th March
The Reconciliation Ministry Team invites you to a book group on Thursday 17th March at 2pm in St Michael’s House. Godfrey Armitage will host the group on Paul Ede’s book Urban Eco-mission: healing the land in the Post-industrial city. This is a theological-ethical reflection and practical learning booklet about community-based transformation of derelict and vacant land and how it can be transformative for those who participate. Godfrey says, ‘I particularly like it because he is one of the few authors who looks at ‘Reconciliation Ecology’ from a Christian perspective and also his work draws on that of Richard Bauckham who was a lead speaker at RaWP.’ Haley Jones

‘What lies beneath?.... The Archaeological Discoveries in the Ruins Summer 2015 Thursday 10th March 6.30pm for 7pm Join us for this fascinating lecture by George Demidowicz FSA, formerly City Archaeologist, who will share with us the discoveries made last summer when engineering works enabled us to lift the flagstones in the Ruins and discover what lies beneath.

There will also be a presentation from Kelley Christ, the Cathedral’s Architect, on the challenges we face as we care for historic buildings. There will be a small display of the finds and the first opportunity for the public to access the Wyley Chapel.

Tickets: £10 per person (£8 for members of the Cathedral Community or the Friends of Coventry Cathedral. Tickets are available online or at the Cathedral Gift Shop. Christine Doyle

What Lies Beneath?
A public lecture in the Cathedral, ‘What Lies Beneath’, on Thursday 10th March 2016 at 7pm, will focus on the archaeological findings and historical discoveries in the ruins, which were made last summer during the restoration project.

The speakers will be George Demidowicz, reporting on the findings of the excavations, and Kelley Christ, our new Cathedral Architect, who will share some of the challenges of conserving and restoring historic buildings.

Friends are offered tickets to the Lecture at the reduced rate of £8, available from the Welcome Desk and the Shop.

Everyday Benefits
Friends are welcome to visit the Cathedral at any time without needing to pay an entrance fee. They may also bring a guest at no charge.

In addition, Members of the Friends receive a 10% reduction on food and drink in the Cathedral Café, and a 10% reduction in the Cathedral Shop when they spend over £10).

Read all about it
The Friends Spring Newsletter will be published next Sunday, 6th March, when copies will be available to pick up from the Community Table. Read a specially commissioned article by Canon Sarah Hills, exclusive interviews with this year’s Interns and discover ‘Our Favourite Things’ in the Cathedral.

If you aren’t already a Friend, complete an application form today, available from the Community Table, and begin to enjoy the many benefits.

NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF COVENTRY CATHEDRAL

The benefits of becoming a Friend
There are great benefits (apart from supporting the Cathedral) from being a card-carrying Member of the Friends of Coventry Cathedral.

St Matthew Passion
Saint Michael’s Singers will perform JS Bach’s St. Matthew Passion in the Cathedral from 6pm, on Good Friday, 25th March 2016

Members of the Friends are offered up to four tickets, in any price category, at the discounted price of £3 off (i.e. £22, £17 or £12). Extra tickets will be at full price. There will, as usual, be reserved seats for Members of the Friends. Friends tickets must be bought direct from Jill Pacey – they cannot be bought at the special price on-line, or through the Cathedral. Jill Pacey, 6 Clive Road, Balsall Common, Coventry CV7 7DW (jill.pacey@btinternet.com, 01676 532436). Cheques payable to Saint Michael’s Singers and please enclose a stamped addressed envelope.

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CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY NOTICES

Cathedral Servers
Many of you reading this will probably think a server is something to do with the internet. Servers are the people who assist the clergy in leading the worship offered by the Cathedral. The Servers not only lead the clergy and choir in procession using the Cross and Candles, but carry out a practical role to ensure that the bread and wine and other essential items are in the right place at the right time so the worship enjoyed by the community runs smoothly and with dignity.

The team are looking for new volunteers to join them in this important and often varied role. If you are interested, please speak contact me on mail@cmcliffe.co.uk or 024 7650 2127. Chris Cliffe, Head Server.

Out of a Dark Wood - An introduction to Dante
I am repeating my workshop on Dante at St John’s Church Berkswell on Saturday 19th March. I will look at how Dante's pilgrimage from Inferno to Paradise in the Divine Comedy can contribute to 21st century spirituality. The day runs from 9.30am to 3.30pm and costs £10 payable on arrival (bring your own lunch). More information call Tim (024 7667 9126), bookings to Janet Roberts: office@berkswellchurch.org.uk (01676 52913).

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 in 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: jane corrigan45@btinternet.com or speak to any of the five Churchwardens if you would like to know more.

Coventry Foodbank
Last week I took 180 tins and packets of food to the Foodbank Warehouse. These included items bought with cash donations from 15 people totalling £180. In response to requests from the warehouse I spent part of the funds on toothpaste and tooth brushes as well as the usual food items. The next Foodbank Sundays are 6th March, 3rd April and 1st May. Richard Chamberlaine-Brothers

Coventry Street Pastors
Coventry Street Pastors are looking for prayer support. In addition to the team out on the streets on Friday nights, they rely heavily on the ministry of Prayer Pastors, who pray specifically for the teams while they are out in the city…though there is no obligation to stay awake praying until the Clubs close at 4am. It’s a wonderful way of supporting something that could have a hugely positive impact on our city so if you feel that you might be able to help, please contact Coventry@streetpastors.org.uk or telephone 07770 160909 for more information. Canon Kathryn

The CCN in the UK: 70 Years On — What Next?
Monday, February 29th, 2016
19:00
St Michael’s House @ Coventry Cathedral

Coventry’s work of reconciliation began 75 years ago, with Provost Howard’s call of “Father, Forgive” in response to the destruction of the city, and his subsequent attempts to build bridges with Germany.

However, over 70 years have now passed since the end of the war, and the question must be asked — what next? What is the purpose of the Community of the Cross of Nails here in the UK in the 21st Century?

This is the purpose of this evening: to explore the work of the CCN in the UK today, and the ways in which the “Coventry Story” is continuing to shape and influence Britain to be, in Howard’s words, “a kinder, more Christ-like world.”

If you have any questions, please contact us at: ccn@coventrycathedral.org.uk
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An update on the Easter Garden
Thank you to everyone who has offered help of all sorts for the Easter Garden - things are going well. We now need a couple of trees approx six feet high, some potted palms, driftwood, large stones, shells, terracotta pots and anything that will help to enhance our Easter Garden. We also need some silver sand and a small amount of potting compost, and “saucers” to go under pots. If you lend us anything please ensure your items are named. If you are planning to help on Easter Eve (Saturday) morning please bring gloves and tools. I shall be around this Sunday morning if anyone has any queries.

Pam Goodwin

Mothers Union
Thursday 3rd March
The Mothers Union will meet in the Lecture Hall at 10.30am on Thursday 3rd March when our very own verger Marlon will tell us about his journey to the Cathedral. All are welcome - we would love to see you.

Evelyn Warwick

Change the world in your pyjamas!
Fair Trade Fortnight 29th February - 13th March
Stand up for farmers, sit down for breakfast
By the time you finish breakfast each day, you’ve depended on more than half the world! Why not make it count for fairness and justice by choosing fair trade ingredients during this fortnight?
Fair Trading at the Coventry Cathedral Gift Shop have made it easy to join in the national campaign by offering a £2 take-out breakfast of fair trade food and drink, from 10am, Mon-Sat during fair trade fortnight 29th Feb - 13th Mar 2016. Come in your pyjamas if you like!

It’ll be simple, cereals, some fruit and either fruit juice, tea or coffee - all our products are fair trade so that makes it easy! Examples of fair trade breakfast foods: coffee from Kenya, tea from India, oranges from Brazil, sugar from Malawi and many more, also specialist cereals from Traidcraft and Palestinian breakfast ingredients from Zaytoun all available from Fair Trading.

The people who grow the food we take for granted can’t always feed their own families. We can support farmers and workers to put food on their own tables for their families by harnessing the power of a Fairtrade breakfast.

Despite our dependence on farmers and workers for the foods, drinks and products that we love, about 795 million people are undernourished globally. Not all foods are fair. When people are paid a fairer price, they can have more control over their lives and are able to a basic human need – to put enough food on the table for the people they care about, all year round.

Pam Cavendish, Fairtrade Manager

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Cathedral outreach to local needs
How are we involved as a Cathedral community in face-to-face response to those in our city suffering poverty, unemployment, homelessness? Cathedral teams are currently involved in the Coventry Winter Night Shelter (CWNS) and at Bardsley Work Club.

For the last three years a Cathedral team has provided, cooked and served meals to homeless people on most Friday evenings during the December to March opening of the night shelter. When the CWNS began at the end of 2013 we were unable to offer suitable premises at the Cathedral, so instead we teamed up with St Oswald’s in Tile Hill (another Spence designed building). This winter thirteen members of the Cathedral community are involved at St Oswald’s in providing meals, setting up camp beds and chatting or playing games with guests, mainly men and a few women, some local Coventrians and others from Eastern Europe or further afield.

In October 2014 we opened Bardsley Work Club on Wednesday mornings, in Bardsley House next to the Cathedral, offering support to unemployed people with Internet access for job searches, help with CVs and job applications and a sympathetic listening ear over a cuppa to those who have become isolated and lost confidence. We opened in response to needs for support with digital access and employability skills identified by the local strategic Coventry Partnership as the government introduces Universal Credit in place of existing welfare benefits. Now that Universal Credit is being introduced in Coventry we want to offer support with on-line claims and also to more explicitly offer a “listening cafe” drop-in alongside the work club for those who currently are not ready to seek work. We are also seeking grant funding to offer free of charge to the unemployed a short motivational and confidence-building course, Reboot & Release.

We began with volunteers from a number of different churches but currently the work club is staffed only by volunteers from the Cathedral community along with our paid sessional manager Ros Johnson. It would be helpful to have a few more volunteers so please ask for a job description if you are interested. We have been funded by grants, principally the Church Urban Fund, and church donations, but currently urgently need around £2,500 to enable us to continue to pay our work club manager this year and a further £1,500 as a contribution to the costs of using Bardsley House, a Cathedral-owned building. If you can support the project financially we will be very grateful.

Jesus announced his mission as “to bring good news to the poor”. We now collectively as the body of Christ continue God’s mission to share His practical love with the homeless and unemployed in Coventry through these projects. This is my personal motivation in liaising on behalf of the Cathedral community with the CWNS and serving as secretary of the Bardsley Work Club management group.

Margaret Lloyd, margaretclloyd7@gmail.com