Welcome to everyone, especially if you are visiting or new to us! 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.

● The Dean, Canons and assisting Readers this week
The Dean is in residence this week. The Reader assisting at the Cathedral Eucharist is Gwyneth Hickman (St Laurence, Ansley).

● In Memoriam
We heard last week that Pamela Williams, the widow of former Provost Bill Williams, died at the age of 97 on 12th May. Her funeral will take place at St Leonard’s, Ryton on Thursday 1st June at 12 noon. All are welcome. We give thanks for all that Pamela contributed to the life of the Cathedral and pray that she may rest in peace and rise in glory. Canon David

● Saturday 10th June: a Quiet Day at Turvey Abbey
Do you feel the need for “time out” to think, relax, meditate, pray, to find yourself again? After a short introduction you will be free to spend time in the buildings and gardens, exploring the area or walking in silence (you are welcome to attend the Eucharist and other services). The cost for the day is £15 (including travel but not lunch). More information on the Community table - please sign the sheet to show your interest. Fr Sacha Slavic

● Cathedral Prayer Circle
In an emergency, a group of us are ready to pray for your concerns. Meg Bowen 01926 856928.
‘Thy Kingdom Come’ is a global prayer movement which the Archbishop of Canterbury is inviting people around the world to join. He is calling on Christians to pray that people might know Jesus Christ during a focused time between Ascension and Pentecost from 25th May – 4th June 2017.

“In praying ‘Thy Kingdom Come’ we all commit to playing our part in the renewal of the nations and the transformation of communities.” Archbishop Justin Welby

Canon Kathryn writes:

Once again, our Archbishops have invited us to use these days between Ascension and Pentecost to pray for our country, and especially that we may live as effective witnesses to the gospel in all its beauty and truth. As part of this initiative, there are some prayer stations around the west end of the Cathedral and this coming Wednesday there will be the opportunity to spend time before the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel of Christ in Gethsemane, with resources to help you to focus your prayers.

Meanwhile, may we encourage you to use these prayers as we travel through this season together

Gracious God,
We thank you that you have brought us
to know and recognise you through our Lord Jesus Christ.
We thank you for those who shared the Gospel of Jesus with us.
We ask that in turn we may pass the Good News on to others.
Give us confidence to speak of you,
sensitivity to walk with others on their journey,
and love to inspire us to reach out to others.
Most of all, give us a passion to see your Kingdom come,
That we might take risky steps to be your witnesses to your world.
Through your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
You have called us to pray daily for the parishes of this diocese,
for our bishop and all who serve you in this place.
Hear us as we pray to you for the anointing of your Spirit
That every church and every Christian may in word and deed bear witness
To your reconciling work in Jesus Christ
So that all may see and hear and give you glory.
In Jesus’ name we pray,
Amen.
‘Thy Kingdom Come’ will culminate in Beacon Events – celebration services on the day of Pentecost – in Cathedrals and other venues in this country and beyond. On Pentecost afternoon, Sunday 4th June 2017, everyone is invited to join us in the ruins of Coventry Cathedral for a festival of Prayer and Worship called ‘Rise Coventry’.

This free event will start at 2pm and will include:
- A bring-and-share picnic in the Cathedral ruins - bring cakes, food, picnic chairs and rugs to share with your church, family or group. There will be some limited seating available within the cathedral ruins itself.
- Live music by local Christians artists.
- Interactive prayer stations around the Cathedral walls hosted by Coventry Prayer House. Come and pray for the different areas and spheres of influence in our city and beyond.
- Bouncy Castles for younger children to enjoy on the grass adjacent to the Cathedral shop.
- Free tea & coffee will be provided.

From 4pm - 5.30pm, the Bishop of Coventry will lead us as we move into an informal service of prayer and praise in the ruins:
- Worship will be led by a band who are part of the Warwick 20s-30s Acceler8 project.
- Stories of lives changed by Jesus followed by baptisms and confirmations right in the heart of the Cathedral ruins. If you would like to get baptised or confirmed at this service, please talk to your parish priest.
- Pentecost led prayer for Coventry, Warwickshire, the churches and the nations.
- There will be a chance to receive prayer - especially for those who are starting new things or are sensing a new opportunity lies ahead.

What you need to know:
- Rise Coventry is free and no tickets are required.
- It is open to everyone - please invite your friends, family and church.
- If you can, bring a picnic and chairs/rugs and we recommend you arrive early if you are coming with a larger group and want a good view.
- Bring sunscreen /umbrellas and plenty of water to drink.
- In the event of serious weather preventing the event from taking place in the ruins, we will move indoors into the new Cathedral.
**CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY NOTICES**

- **Art, Conflict & Remembering: the murals of the Bogside Artists**

  With its long history and ministry of reconciliation, Coventry Cathedral is pleased to host this exhibition Art, Conflict and Remembering: the murals of the Bogside Artists. The murals depict key moments from this period as they affected ordinary residents from the Bogside neighbourhood in Derry/Londonderry. They are distinctly non-sectarian and contain strong critiques of violence from all sides. The murals serve as commemorative talking points to help people process traumatic experiences as a means to working towards reconciliation. The exhibition consists of photographs of the murals juxtaposed with historic photographs of the Bogside during The Troubles, taken by local people as well as professional press photographers.

  The exhibition is open to the public from Thursday 25th May to Friday 30th June. Normal Cathedral entrance fees apply.


- **Pentecost Course**

  While we worship God as Trinity, some church communities seem more at home with one or another person of the Trinity. Often, Church of England congregations find the Holy Spirit particularly perplexing. In these five sessions in the weeks after Pentecost Dean John will explore the role of the Holy Spirit in the story of God’s people from earliest times to the present. Tuesdays at 7pm in St Michael’s House.

  30th May: The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament  
  13th June: The Holy Spirit in the Early Church *(venue to be confirmed)*  
  20th June: “Fall afresh on me” – a prayer journey around the Cathedral  
  27th June: The Holy Spirit in the 20th century

- **Invitation to Celebratory Lunch on 9th July**

  Members of the Cathedral Community are warmly invited to share with members of my family my 80th birthday on Sunday 9th July. Please sign the list on the Community Table by 25th June. No gifts please but a voluntary contribution to Cathedral funds would be welcome. *Canon Margaret Sedgwick*

- **Next Sunday morning**

  Several speakers of languages other than English are needed to help with next Sunday morning’s reading... Please email precentor@coventrycathedral.org.uk or leave a message on 024 7652 1225 if you’d like to take part.

Please send brief items of Cathedral news and events for the next edition of *Cathedral Matters* by the end of **Tuesday 30th May** for publication next Sunday to cathedral.matters@coventrycathedral.org.uk or phone 024 7652 1227.