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 here.

- **This week**
  The Canon Precentor is in residence this week. The Reader assisting at the Cathedral Eucharist today is Pete Ashton (St Peter’s, Kineton). Canon Sarah will present a cross of nails to St Clement Danes, the Central Church of the RAF, today.
  In other events today, the cathedral AGM takes place after the 10:30 service. Later, City Praise and Prayer takes place at The Welcome Centre, CV1 2HG, at 6:30pm.

- **Prayer Points for this month**
  April is a month for looking back, as we review 2017 at the annual meeting, and forward, as we anticipate the visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury in May. Please pray for wisdom as we discern how God has led us to this point, and reflect on where the next steps lie!

- **John Piper Exhibition at University of Warwick, Monday 30th April at 6pm**
  John Piper painted the ruined cathedral and later designed the baptistry window. The Dean is opening this exhibition of his work in the Mead Gallery, University of Warwick. Entry is free and there is a limited free bar. The exhibition opens to the public on Tuesday at 12 noon.

- **“Building Bridges” at B2 Belgrade Theatre, Wednesday 2nd May at 7:45pm**
  Doors open at 7pm for ‘Building Bridges - How can arts and culture contribute to a city of peace and reconciliation?’ This conversation, hosted by the Dean, involves the Archbishop of Canterbury and leading representatives and performing artists from Coventry’s rich cultural scene. The Cathedral Choristers (and others) will perform. Free tickets available via www.belgradetheatre.co.uk/event/building-bridges.

- **A Choral Explosion, Thursday 3rd May at 7pm (ticketed event)**
  Sons of Jubal, a truly magnificent male chorus from Georgia, USA, present an exciting programme of sacred and secular choral pops in aid of Coventry and Warwickshire NSPCC. The concert also features Coventry Cathedral Chorus and the Truett-McConnell University Chorale. Tickets are available via the Cathedral website.
• **Launch of “Together with Hope”, Friday 4th May at 10:30am**
  Together for Hope, the Cathedral’s new partnership network for inter-faith and secular peace & reconciliation organisations formally launches with a short presentation service in front of the cathedral’s west screen, when we will welcome our first partner, Faithful Friends, an interfaith initiative from Sandwell. rsvp: reconciliation@coventrycathedral.org.uk.

• **All day event with the Archbishop of Canterbury on Saturday 5th May**
  This all-day event is part of the Diocesan Centenary Celebrations and starts at 10am. There will be age-appropriate activities for all and we will also be welcoming the acclaimed Motionhouse Dance Company who will perform ‘Lost’ within the event, and again in the Ruins at about 4pm.

• **SHARE Barn Dance – Saturday 19th May at 7:30pm**
  Come and support our Barn Dance in aid of our work in Romania in St James Church Hall, Knoll Drive, Coventry CV3 5BT. Dancing to REAL EASY. Refreshments. Tickets £10 available from Jane Williams or sign up for a ticket on the Community Table. Do come! Jane Williams

• **Report on recent trip to Germany and Poland by the Girl Choristers**
  15 of the senior Girl Choristers performed in three performances of the Britten War Requiem with the German National Youth Orchestra in Cologne, Wroclaw (Poland) and Berlin 4-11 April. Their 10th April Berlin performance was broadcast live over the internet and they were mentioned in Köln press as having sung like angels. Other performers included British tenor James Gilchrist, German baritone Erik Sohn and the Cologne Chor des Bach-Verein and the Polish National Youth Choir, all under the baton of conductor Thomas Neuhoff. Kerry Beaumont

• **Bible Reading Fellowship notes**
  I have some spare copies of the May to August booklet. Please have a word with me if you are interested. Barbara Mobbs

• **New data protection laws and gift aid**
  Thank you to all who have already completed and returned the data consent form. If you haven’t yet done so, we will soon be unable to contact you. At the same time, we are also collecting new Gift Aid declarations from those for whom this is appropriate so they are all accurate and up-to-date. If you are unsure about gift aid, please ask me and I’ll be happy to explain. Dave Goodall

• **Millennium Screen**
  We have had a request to have another name etched onto the glass walls of the Millennium Chapel. If you would be interested in having a name etched as well, please contact Isabel Merrifield on 02476 521242 or by email on Isabel.merrifield@coventrycathedral.org.uk for further details. Thank you.

• **Cathedral Prayer Circle**
  In an emergency, a group of us is ready to pray for your concerns. Meg Bowen 01926 856928.

• **Website for the 100th anniversary of Coventry Diocese: www.cov100.org**
  The site will be updated throughout the year, so please remember to keep an eye on it.

Please send brief items of Cathedral news and events for the next edition of Cathedral Matters by the end of Tuesday 1st May for publication next Sunday to cathedral.matters@coventrycathedral.org.uk or phone 024 7652 1227.