WHAT’S ON IN MARCH — APRIL 2015

Until Good Friday - Exhibition for Lent ‘Stations of the Holocaust’. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week (30th March to 1st April).
8.30am Morning Prayer.
12 noon The Litany followed by the Eucharist.
5.15pm Evening Prayer.
7.30pm Compline and Address.
Maundy Thursday 2nd April at 10.30am - Chrism Eucharist.
Maundy Thursday 2nd April - 7.30pm The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday followed by the Vigil of Gethsemane until midnight.
Good Friday 3rd April - 9am The Liturgy of Good Friday.
Good Friday 3rd April - 2pm Stations of the Cross.
Good Friday 3rd April - 6pm Bach St John Passion.
Holy Saturday - 12 noon the Litany of Reconciliation.
Holy Saturday - 4pm Evening Prayer.
Easter Sunday 5th April - Easter Day and Foodbank Sunday.
- 5.30am Dawn Eucharist with Baptism and Confirmation.
Other services are at their usual times.
Please note there is no ‘Later’ on Easter Day.

Bach St John Passion
Friday 3rd April at 6pm
Saint Michael’s Singers and English Symphony Orchestra return to Coventry Cathedral for their annual Bach Passion. This year features the unbridled and raw emotion of the St. John Passion, Bach’s oldest surviving Passion.
Tickets: Adult £20 (£15), Concessions £18 (£13), Children and Students half price. Available from the Cathedral Shop.

CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY NOTICES

Job Vacancy
Head Verger, 42 hours a week, £18,800 per annum, plus accommodation
We are looking for someone special to take on the challenging role of Head Verger of Coventry Cathedral. You will need to have a heart for the traditions of Christian worship, demonstrable leadership skills, great maturity and reliability as well as excellent organisational skills.

This is an extremely important role within the ministry, worship and community life of the Cathedral. You need to demonstrate you are fit, can work under pressure and bring something special to the team. If you think you fit the bill, we would very much like to hear from you. The closing date for receipt of applications is noon on Friday 27th March 2015 and interviews will take place at our offices on Thursday 9th April. Shortlisted candidates will be informed by Tuesday 31st March. The job pack and application form can be downloaded from www.coventrycathedral.org.uk or obtained via email from: louise.nicholls@coventrycathedral.org.uk. If you wish to return the application form by post please send it to Louise Nicholls, HR Dept, Coventry Cathedral, 1 Hill Top, Coventry, CV1 5AB. Tel: 024 7652 1247.

A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

We warmly welcome visitors and community members to our Palm Sunday services, as we join with one another in the journey through Holy Week. This week marks the heart of our faith, as Christ joins us in the darkest corners of the world’s suffering, and sees it transformed from a place of isolation and death in to a place for salvation.

This is the last week that you will be able to spend time with the extraordinary Stations of the Holocaust that have accompanied us through Lent. We will be able to use them in prayer in our service of the Stations of the Cross on Friday at 2pm. They are searing images, provocative and troubling, but which help us connect with the depth of suffering in the world and in our Lord. There is no where that is beyond the reach of his saving love. We share in prayer for all who are wracked by suffering, asking that they may know themselves held and loved even in the worst of times, and praying that we may know how to witness to that love.

We wish you a blessed Holy Week and Easter
John

The Very Reverend John Witcombe MA MPhil
Dean of Coventry
**CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY NOTICES**

The Diocesan Reader assisting at the Eucharist today is Malcolm Aldridge from St John the Baptist, Henley-in-Arden.

£81,000 Grant Success
We have been awarded £81,000 from the First World War Centenary Cathedral Repairs Fund towards the repairs to the cladding on the Chapel of Unity.

We have had to cover the building in netting for the past three years due to the loose stone cladding and so we are all at this news. We will let you know about plans for the work in due course.

Canon Stephen

**AGM 2015 and Nominations**
The Cathedral AGM will be held this year on Sunday 19th April after the morning Eucharist, with full details to follow. There is an opportunity to get involved with the life of the Cathedral and to be a representative of the Cathedral community through the below roles, which will be elected at the AGM. If you are interested please complete a nomination form and ensure you are on the Cathedral’s mailing list.

If members of the Community would like to be an AGM participant please let me know.

More details to follow. Margaret Lloyd

**Date for your diary**

Prayer Ministry Training Morning Saturday 18th April in St Michael’s House For all who are involved in prayer ministry in the Cathedral and Holy Trinity and any who are interested in finding out more. More details to follow. Margaret Lloyd

**Cathedral Fun Quiz**

Many thanks to all who helped with or took part in the Quiz on 8 March. We are delighted that it raised £40 to go to the Bardsley House Youth Project. If anyone can think of any other social events they would like to see, please let me know - brooke@care4free.net.

Tim Brooke

**Families First - Easter**

While Families First will not take place in its usual form on Easter Sunday, there WILL be an Easter egg hunt at the 10.30 Eucharist...Please tell your children, grandchildren and the little ones next door that we need their help to celebrate our God of surprises. Canon Kathryn

**Flowers for Easter**

If members of the Community would like to be flowers in the Cathedral at Easter, may I request that donations be put in the flowery little jug which you will find sitting on the Community Table. With grateful thanks. David East

**Coventry Cathedral Council: Changes to the Constitution and Statutes.**

Please see the amendments that are at the back of the Cathedral near to the West Screen. If you have any objections you would like to raise you need to do so before the end of March 2015 and send them to Jane Corrigan, Clerk to the Cathedral Council.

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**Easter Cards and Eggs in the Cathedral Gift Shop**

The Cathedral Gift Shop is now full of Easter Eggs which we’ve purchased from the Meaningful Chocolate Company. There are also cards and other gifts ideal for Easter. Plus all the Lent reading recommendations from the Bishop, Dean and Canons are available. As a member of the Cathedral Community, if you spend over £10, you receive 10% off.

Christine Doyle

**Foot-washing on Maundy Thursday**

As usual the Maundy Thursday Liturgy on 2nd April at 7.30 pm will include the highly symbolic act of the washing of feet, following the example of Jesus washing the feet of his disciples at the Last Supper. Former participants have said they found it a most moving and uplifting experience. Please consider taking part in one of the most important services of the Christian year and sign up on the Community Table or contact John Brassington or Margaret Sedgwick.

**Christ in the Precinct Good Friday 3rd April 2015**

The details for ‘Christ in the Precinct’ are as follows:

10am - Ecumenical Service at the Methodist Central Hall.
11am - Silent Walk of Witness from Dresden Place to Holy Trinity Church through Bull Yard, Shelton Square, Smithford Way, Upper Precinct and Broadgate.
12 noon - ‘Three Hours at the Cross’ Service at Holy Trinity Church. Canon David

Jean Andrews

Happy birthday to Jean who celebrates her 90th birthday today. Unfortunately she is still in hospital in Rugby and we continue to remember her in our prayers. Canon Margaret Sedgwick

**An update on the Tapestry**

We thought you may enjoy a picture taken from the top of the scaffolding.

When we uploaded this image onto our Facebook site it went viral and was seen by 25,000 people! Christine Doyle

**Hello and Goodbye!**

There have been a few changes in the Cathedral team recently. Jenny Thurston has moved onto pastures new (although you may still see her about as she prepares to move by the end of April), I would like to thank her for amazing work that she’s done here over the past few years. Last week we welcomed Rachael Kelly into the role of Events Manager and we look forward to getting to know her in the coming months. Dean John