Good news from Radio Plus
We have been granted a second five-year licence to continue broadcasting and making a difference in the city. This marks the halfway point in our ten-year strategy to reach 10% of Coventry’s population; 30,000 listeners by 2020. We have a range of amazing volunteers who produce and present all our live shows, and a growing number of Friends of Radio Plus who faithfully support us.

These are individuals who regularly give a minimum of £5 per month, the price of just a couple of coffees. Alongside our increasing advertising revenue, we aim to have 200 Friends of Radio Plus in order to become sustainable. We are continuing to develop links with key partners in the city, so watch this space as we move into our new season.

Tim Coleman

Really Big Chorus: Brahms Requiem
Saturday 15th August at 7.30pm
On Saturday 15th August there will be a rare opportunity to hear The Really Big Chorus away from its UK home at The Royal Albert Hall following its second UK Summer School, in a concert at Coventry Cathedral at 7.30 pm. TRBC Principal Conductor, Brian Kay leads the chorus in Brahms’ Ein deutsches Requiem. Written by the composer in his thirties, his Requiem was intended as a comfort for those who mourn the loss of others. He himself had only recently lost his mother, setting biblical texts rather than the more commonly used liturgical Latin. The English Symphony Orchestra will accompany the choir with soloists soprano, Mary Bevan and baritone Gareth Brynmor John. Tickets are available from Coventry Cathedral Tel: 024 7652 1210 or in person from the Gift Shop.

Rachael Kelly

WHAT'S ON IN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2015

| Monday 3rd August | 1pm Lunchtime organ concert with Paul Carr. |
| Monday 10th August | 1pm Lunchtime organ concert with Hartwig Barte-Hanssen. |
| Wednesday 12th August | 11am-2pm Patchwork Craft school holiday family activities. |
| Saturday 15th August | 7.30pm The Really Big Chorus: Brahms Requiem |
| Monday 17th August | 1pm Lunchtime organ concert with Charles Maxtone Smith. |
| Wednesday 19th August | 11am-2pm Patchwork Craft school holiday family activities. |
| Monday 24th August | 1pm Lunchtime organ concert with Justin Vickery. |
| Wednesday 26th August | 11am-2pm Patchwork Craft school holiday family activities. |
| Sunday 5th September | Foodbank Sunday. |
| Monday 7th September | 1pm Lunchtime organ concert with Andy Von Oppenkowski. |
| Saturday 11th September | Heritage Open Weekend. |
| Sunday 12th September | Heritage Open Weekend. |

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A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

We warmly welcome all our visitors to the Cathedral today. We pray that you will know God’s reconciling love surrounding you as you worship here, and find yourselves inspired and equipped to witness to that love in the wider world.

For the Cathedral Community, we are inviting members for a short meeting after coffee, in the Chapel of Unity, to give an update on our Vision and Resources. We have a very clear sense of our vision and calling as a Cathedral, expressed through our core priorities of Welcome, Worship and Reconciliation. We believe that we are called by God into this work, and that he will inspire and direct us – but we also know that we all need to play our part, as we put in place the fourth of our priorities, Resources. We do have a real challenge in our present financial position, and I will say more about this, and our approach to tackling it, when we meet.

You may be interested to know that the front cover of our service sheet last week, quoted by Canon Kathryn, has been reposted widely around the world of social media, to great appreciation. Its words of welcome to all who make their way here, for whatever reason and from whatever background, express a hugely important part of our mission – and challenge us to put them into practice!

May God Bless us as we offer ourselves to him, for his work in the world -

John

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

The Diocesan Reader assisting at the Eucharist today is Donald Parr from St Lawrence, Ansley.

Flowers Today
The flowers in the Chapel of Gethsemane are in loving memory of my mother, Marjorie Viner. Mary Viner

Reconciling a Wounded Planet
Do join us at this exciting and challenging conference at the Cathedral on 18th-19th September. With a number of top speakers and contributors from the world of environmental science and theology, we will come together to consider ‘stories of hope’ in the midst of the growing environmental crisis that the world is experiencing. This is not a conference aimed at activists but at all who seek to understand the message of reconciliation, that God was in Christ reconciling all things to himself by the blood of the cross and how this provides the motivation for us all to care for God’s creation. Pick up a brochure and buy your ticket from the Welcome desk soon at the Early Bird price. Otherwise, if you would like to help as a volunteer, please see me. Godfrey Armitage, Vice Chairman, www.reconcilingawoundedplanet.com.

School Holiday Family Fun
Please help spread the word that there are lots of activities for children during the summer holidays. On the 12th, 19th and 26th August 11am-2pm Patchwork Craft will be running crafty workshops based upon stained glass and weaving.
Throughout the six weeks, we’ll have a variety of family trails on offer and the children’s window will be installed at the back of the Nave. Canon Kathryn

News from the Friends of Coventry Cathedral - Friends Day Trip Saturday 5th September 2015
There is still chance to book your place on the Friends Summer outing.
The coach will leave the Cathedral at 9am on Saturday 5th September, for the National Memorial Arboretum at Alrewas, Staffordshire.
Following a guided tour of The Arboretum there will be free time to explore the memorials and the shopping and catering facilities.
Arriving at Lichfield Cathedral at 1pm, there will be guided tour and time to visit to The Café in the Close. The coach will return to Coventry arriving at the Cathedral at about 6pm.
Pick up a booking form today from the Community Table today, and send it with your cheque, and a stamped-addressed envelope, to Friends Excursion, Jim Newton, 37 Woodfield Road, Coventry CV5 6AJ.
Andrew Paine, Chairman

Thank you!
On the 17th July the Bags for Schools collection was counted up and we received 300lbs of goods which resulted in a £120 donation. Thank you to all those who donated items. Clare Coopey

Muriel Stubbins
Muriel’s funeral will take place on Wednesday 12th August at 12.30pm at Laurence Saunders Road Baptist Church followed by committal at Canley. Canon Margaret Sedgwick

CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY NOTICES

“Blessed are those whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.”
Psalm 84.5
Come and be a part of the on-going Community of the Cross of Nails story by joining the CCN Pilgrimage, September 22nd-25th 2015.
As members of the Cathedral community, you already know about Coventry’s calling to be a world centre for reconciliation.
CCN pilgrimages give you the opportunity to explore the extraordinary power of Coventry as a place, as well as to deepen your involvement with reconciliation, build links with other partners and, most importantly, take some time away with God. The pilgrimage is hosted by the Reconciliation Ministry Team with support from members of the Cathedral community. Teaching and discussion is facilitated by the Rev Dr Sarah Hills, Canon of Reconciliation.
For further information, and to book your place, please contact ccn@coventrycathedral.org.uk. We hope to hear from you. Canon Sarah

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

Mothers Union
The Mothers Union will meet on Thursday 6th August at 10.30am in the Lecture Hall when our new Head Verger Jon will speak to us. We are very much looking forward to this and anyone is very welcome to join us. Evelyn Warwick

Farewell service for Michael Sadgrove
Many of the Cathedral Community will remember Michael Sadgrove from his time here at Coventry. His 40 years of stipendiary public ministry is coming to a close and his farewell service will be held at Durham Cathedral on 27th September at 3.30pm. All are welcome to attend. Canon Sarah

This week on Facebook and Twitter
An image taken of the front cover of Cathedral Matters last week has gone viral on Facebook! Now over 12,000 people have seen the photograph which summarised beautifully who we welcome to join us to worship at the Cathedral.
We also shared on Facebook an article from the Church Times featuring Archbishop Justin talking about the need to talk face to face to take action and he refers to the Community of the Cross of Nails. To follow us on Facebook search for www.facebook.com/coventrycathedral and on Twitter look for #covcathedral. Christine Doyle

Coventry strengthens ties with Japan to remember the 70th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima
On the 70th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima, The Lord Mayor of Coventry, Cllr Michael Hammon and I will welcome to the city Minister Motohiko Kato, the Deputy Ambassador of Japan.
Minister Motohiko Kato will join with other dignitaries and members of the public at the Chapel of Unity for a brief service to remember the impact of the atomic bombs. All are welcome to join us on Thursday 6th August at 6pm in the Chapel of Unity.
Dean John