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.

- **Prayer Points for this month**
  Please pray for the light of the gospel to touch the lives of all those thousands of visitors to the Cathedral in December who come for Christmas services and other events, culminating in the Ruins spectacular on New Year’s Eve.

- **This week**
  The Canon Pastor is in residence this week. The Readers assisting at the Cathedral Eucharist today are Richard Spicer (St Mary’s, Cubbington) and Audrey Rowberry (All Saints, Leek Wootton).

- **Blessing of a Cross of Nails, during this morning’s service**
  Today we bless a Cross of Nails for presenting to the Parish of Abbeydale and Millhouses, Sheffield, next Sunday. This is Canon Sarah’s former parish, and therefore a very fitting final new CCN partner (our 17th this year!) just before she moves on. Alice Farnhill

- **Advent Bring & Share Welcome Lunch, after the service this morning**
  Everyone is invited to join in the lunch at the back of the Cathedral - whether you have brought food or not. St Michael’s Committee

- **Prayer for Christian Service, Monday 3rd at 4pm**
  We shall have an update on the work of the Coventry Foodbank, courtesy of our guest speaker Hugh McNeill. John Lloyd

- **Viennese Christmas by Candlelight, Thursday 13th at 7:30pm**
  A festive concert featuring work by Strauss, Tchaikovsky and Brahms, with London Concertante, one of the finest chamber ensembles in the country, its players brought together through a shared passion for chamber music. Tickets are available from [www.londonconcertante.com/concerts.html](http://www.londonconcertante.com/concerts.html).
The Departure of Canon Sarah and Richard Hills to Holy Island
Canon Sarah’s last Sunday in the Cathedral will be 16th December. If you would like to contribute to a farewell gift and to sign a card there will be opportunities at the Community Table over the coming Sunday mornings. The Churchwardens

Canon Sarah Hills’ Leaving Party, Friday 14th from 6pm to 8pm
On behalf of Coventry Cathedral Reconciliation Ministry, please accept our invitation to say farewell and thank you to Canon Sarah in St Michael’s House before she leaves to become vicar of Holy Island. RSVP to reconciliation@coventrycathedral.org.uk by Monday 10th. If you would like to contribute to a leaving gift and will not be at a Sunday morning service, please call in at St Michael’s House during the week. Alex Albans

Coventry Cathedral Chorus, Saturday 15th at 2:30 and 6pm
Please support us as we present Christmas Concerts in aid of the NSPCC Coventry and Warwickshire Business Board, with Jaguar Land Rover Band in the afternoon and the Coventry & Warwickshire Youth Orchestra in the evening, plus the cathedral choristers and local schools at both performances. Tickets from www.ticketweb.co.uk, 0844 477 1000 or www.coventrycathedralchorus.com, £15 (concessions available), £40 family tickets (2 adults, 2 children). Concessionary tickets for Friends of Coventry Cathedral and Choir Patrons must be obtained from Jill Pacey via tickets@coventrycathedralchorus.com or by phone 01676 532436. Thank you. Pam Norman

Volunteers’ Christmas Lunch, Monday 17th at 1pm
A number of spaces have been reserved at Rising Café specifically for Cathedral volunteers to celebrate together. It would be great to have as many volunteers from all our different sections. If you would like to attend the price is £19.50 for 2 courses. Please leave your name and your menu choice at the sign-up sheet on the Welcome Desk. Book your place from louise.nicholls@coventrycathedral.org.uk by Tuesday 11th. Happy Christmas! Lou

Calling all stewards
Will you please look at the special services’ list on the board by the stewards’ rota to see if you are able to help with any of the services and concerts between now and Christmas. Please sign up as you are able. Thank you. Barbara Mobbs

Retreat in Daily Life, January to March 2019
Please pick up from the Community Table a leaflet about the 2019 Cathedral retreat and a letter from Canon Kathryn commending it to the congregation. Margaret Lloyd

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

Please send brief items of Cathedral news and events for the next edition of Cathedral Matters by the end of Tuesday 4th December for publication next Sunday to cathedral.matters@coventrycathedral.org.uk or phone 024 7652 1227.