NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF COVENTRY CATHEDRAL

‘Building a Cathedral’
Monday 15th February 2016, at 11am

Sign up today on the Community Table to book a seat for the showing of the newly digitised film of the ‘Construction of Coventry Cathedral’, made by Laing the Builders in 1962.

This first Friends Meeting of the new year is on Monday 15th February at 11am in the Undercroft Lecture Hall, with Tea and Coffee from 10.30am. It promises to be both fascinating, nostalgic and a unique experience – then and now.

Andrew Paine, Chairman of the Friends of Coventry Cathedral

WHAT’S ON IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2016

Thursday 4th February -
7.30pm: The Sixteen - Handel, Dixit Dominus.
Saturday 6th February -
10am-4pm: Quiet Day: Encountering God’s Love at the Coventry Prayer House.
Sunday 7th February - Foodbank Sunday
Ash Wednesday 10th February - Liturgy at noon (West Screen) and 7.30pm.
Friday 12th February - 5.30pm: A celebration of the life of Jimmy Hill.
Monday 15th February -
11am: Friends event ‘Building a Cathedral’
Thursday 18th February -
2.30pm: ‘Radical Welcome’ course begins.
Monday 22nd February at 7pm -
Reconciliation Ministry Lenten Lecture: - ‘The Problem of Sacred Violence’.
Friday 26th February 8pm-11pm: - Contra in the Cathedral! - part of Inter-Varsity Folk Dance Festival 2016 (for tickets visit www.warwickfolk.co.uk/ivfdf).
Tuesday 1st March at 7pm: Reconciliation Ministry Lenten Lecture: - ‘Dramas of Origin: the notion of ‘Founding Murder’.
Thursday 3rd March at 2.30pm: Radical Welcome continues (Lecture Hall).
Tuesday 8th March at 7pm: Reconciliation Ministry Lenten Lecture: - ‘Violence, the archaic Sacred and Judaeo-Christian Revelation’.

Please send items for inclusion in the next edition of Cathedral Matters by end of TUESDAY 2nd February 2016.
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CATHEDRAL MATTERS

Sunday 31st January
The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

THIS WEEK

Sunday 31st January
8.00am Holy Communion (Holy Trinity)
10.30am The Cathedral Eucharist
4.00pm Choral Evensong
6.30pm Open: Eucharist for Candlemas

Sunday 7th February
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10.30am The Cathedral Eucharist
4.00pm Choral Evensong
6.30pm Open: Breathing Space - Preparing for Lent

A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Welcome to Coventry Cathedral!
This greeting comes to you from Cape Town, in South Africa, where Canon Sarah Hills and I are meeting with our reconciliation partners in South Africa as well as representatives from the United States, Germany and Easter Europe. It is very moving to discover how strongly the Cathedral continues to inspire people to work for peace and reconciliation in their local context, and the power of our international network.

I am delighted to announce today the appointment of a new Cathedral Business Manager. Isabel Merrifield has a wealth of experience from senior roles in Coventry City Council, the Civil Service and the Royal Mail. Isabel will lead the commercial team which includes the heads of tourism, visitor experience, events, PR and marketing, fundraising, HR, administration and maintenance, with the main focus being on the Cathedral finances both now and in the future. Isabel knows the cathedral well through her membership of Saint Michael’s Singers. She worships at St John’s Westwood Heath and is married to Dave and has 19 year old twins. We look forward to her joining us on 10th February.

Isabel Merrifield comments:
“I am really excited to be appointed as the Business Manager for Coventry Cathedral. The Cathedral and its ministry in peace and reconciliation is known throughout the world which brings fantastic opportunities as well as some challenges. I’m looking forward to taking up the role on the 10th February.”

Please keep Isabel, and the meeting in South Africa, in your prayers this week.

Every blessing, The Very Reverend John Witcombe MA MPhil, Dean of Coventry

The Dean and Canons this Sunday….

Dean John and Canon Sarah are on reconciliation duties in South Africa. Sarah will return this week with John remaining until Wednesday 10th February. Please hold them and our Community of the Cross of Nails (CCN) partners in South Africa in your prayers.
Flowers Today
The flowers are in memory of John and Pat Holmes, who worshipped in the Cathedral for many years and were present at the consecration. They loved the building and all the friends that they made, being part of the Cathedral community. Lizzie, David Holmes and Jane Holmes (David’s wife)

Two new members to the Community of the Cross of Nails (CCN)
During the Cathedral Eucharist this morning we will bless two Cross of Nails. One will be presented by Canon Sarah to the Protestant Church Community of Deventer (Netherlands) and their ‘Coventry-group’, is an ecumenical prayer group. The other is for the Antoniterkirche in Cologne which will be presented by Bishop John. Both organisations will be welcomed into the CCN on the 21st February. We will include more information next week. Anita Duda and Ricarda Filhardt.

Coventry Foodbank
Last week I took 265 tins and packets of food to the Foodbank Warehouse. These included items bought with cash donations from 13 people totalling £140 together with money raised from the Big Christmas Card and a proportion of sales from the Catering Group’s stall in December. I spent most of the money on coffee, UHT milk, sugar and rice having heard from the warehouse that they were particularly short of these items. The next Foodbank Sundays are 7th February, 6th March and 3rd April.
Richard Chamberlaine-Brothers.

The Sixteen return to Coventry - Thursday 4th February 2016 at 7.30pm
The Sixteen choir and orchestra devote an entire evening to the glorious music of Handel, including his virtuosic Dixit Dominus. Tickets: £30 - £15 National Box Office: 01904 651485 / www.ncem.co.uk. Local Box Office: Cathedral shop 024 7652 1210. Rachael Kelly

A message from Canon Stephen Fielding
Angela and I want very much to thank everyone who so generously donated to our leaving present and have sent expressions of good wishes. We have been really overwhelmed by this. It was also such a pleasure that so many of you were able to come to my final service which had a wonderful feel for us.
We would also like to record our thanks to the wonderful catering team for putting on such a marvellous lunch. It was really appreciated. With warmest wishes and every possible encouragement to the Cathedral in the future. Canon Stephen

Flowers Today
Thank you for all your loving messages and kind thoughts for my 80th birthday.
Christine McCorkell

More thank yous!
I would like to thank everyone who came on Saturday 16th January to help me celebrate my 80th birthday. To the Dean, Precentor and Paul for the music and, of course, the catering team for the excellent buffet. It was a very happy occasion. Thank you too for the many cards, donations and presents. I hope to be donating £300 to Myton Hospice and £300 to the music department at the Cathedral. So thank you all! Barbara Mobbs.

An update from the Choir Parents Association:
Sunday 7th Feb - Chorister Cake Sale:
There will be a table top sale which will include cakes, homemade jam and chorister CD’s before and after morning service at the main entrance. We hope to sell brand new donated items (perhaps unwanted Christmas or birthday presents) in a bid to raise desperately needed funds to support chorister tours in 2016. A collection box has been left in the music school or items can be left at reception for choir parents to collect. Please leave donations ASAP.

Bags for School Collection: Please note that curtains, bedding, towels and corporate work wear are no longer accepted by Bags for School. Please leave donations in the blue plastic bags provided in the vestry or at the Community Table before Friday 26th February. Clayre Coopey

Saturday 12th March 10am – 2pm Passiontide Quiet Day – a date for your diary
All are welcome to join me for a reflective walk through the events of the first Holy Week using “Experience Easter” stations. Canon Kathryn

Quiet Day: Encountering God’s Love Saturday 6th February.
We are leading a quiet day at Coventry Prayer House Day Retreat Centre (5 Lychgate Cottages) on Saturday 6th February from 10am to 4pm. Give yourself time and space to encounter God’s love through meditation and contemplative prayer with scripture. More details, and information about other events at the Prayer House, on the Community Table and the Events noticeboard. To book contact: coventryprayerhouse@gmail.com or 07928 835133. John and Margaret Lloyd

Mothers Union
The Mothers Union will hold their Annual General Meeting on Thursday 4th February at 10.30am. Because the Lecture Hall is not available we will meet in the Board Room at 7 Priory Row. Please meet me outside at 10.15am. All welcome. Evelyn Warwick

We’re introducing a new monthly service ‘Open Table’ which includes prayer and conversation around supper – Sunday 14th February at 6.30pm
Last week we let you know about the change of name for our 6.30pm Sunday service from ‘Later’ to ‘Open’. We thought you might like to know more about one of the new monthly services called ‘Open Table’.

All of the ‘Open’ services are a more informal style of worship and the ‘Open Table’ is no different – it is simply a supper with prayer and conversation and we hope that the idea will inspire many to explore worshipping with us.

Fellowship with food is a familiar story in the gospels. During ‘Open Table’ at Coventry Cathedral, we hope to capture the essence of Jesus’ ministry of inclusivity—all are welcome at the table. Despite what you have done or have not done, what you have said or have failed to say, who you love or have forgotten to love, you are welcome to the table.

Through supper, prayer, and conversation around the table, we practise reconciliation and participate in the building of God’s kingdom. Please support this service and spread the word.
Canon Kathryn and Haley Jones