CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY NOTICES

A happy ending – and a fresh challenge!

If you noticed the request some weeks ago for a foster-family to host Wenyu-Ming, and thus enable her to continue her education in this country, you’ll be happy to know that she is currently living with one of her fellow choristers.

Wenyu-Ming’s mum has been given a place on a PGCE course at University College London, which will increase her chances of obtaining work in the UK and so being close to her daughter – but is anxious about the visa application process. She has asked if we know of an immigration lawyer who would be willing to help her with her application – and also for the continued prayers of the cathedral family as she tries to give her daughter the very best opportunities that she can.

If you can help with the immigration process, please contact Canon Kathryn. If you’ve been praying, thank you – and please continue!

Canon Kathryn

WHAT’S ON IN AUGUST 2016

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Monday 1st August at 1pm: Music of Jean Andrews in the Chapter House.
Monday 1st August at 5pm: The Revenant screening.
Tuesday 2nd August at 2pm: Coventry Prayer House reopens after holidays.
Thursday 4th August at 9.20pm in the Ruins: a showing of Grease.
Friday 5th August at 9.20pm in the Ruins: a showing of The Revenant.
Saturday 6th August at 9.20pm in the Ruins: a showing of The Goonies.
Saturday 7th August: Road Closures for Sky Ride

Monday 1st August at 4pm: Kyle of Westmorland, Canon Groves, speaks to the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.
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Tuesday 2nd August at 8.30pm: Friday Night film screening

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Sunday 31st July
Trinity 10

THIS WEEK

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8.00am Holy Communion (Holy Trinity)
10.30am The Cathedral Eucharist
4.00pm Choral Evensong

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A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Dear Friends

I am very pleased to announce the appointment of Sarah Snyder as the Archbishop of Canterbury’s new Adviser for Reconciliation, to succeed Canon David Porter following his move to a new role as Chief of Staff and Strategy at Lambeth Palace. Sarah’s passion for Reconciliation has been the focus of her life and work for many years, and her commitment and experience in the field will bring a huge contribution to the work of the Cathedral, and the Archbishop. We are very pleased that we will now have two Sarahs equally committed to serving Reconciliation through this place, and in the wider world. Sarah knows the cathedral well and has visited us several times. I have got to know her through the Cambridge interfaith leaders’ programme.

Sarah will join the team on Monday 5 September following her Installation and welcome by the Bishop during Choral Evensong on Sunday 4 September. I am sure you will all wish to make her very welcome.

Every blessing
John

The Dean and Canons this week
The Dean is Canon in Residence this week.

Readers
The Reader assisting at the Eucharist this morning is Gemma North (All Saints Harbury).

Sunday 7th August: Road Closures for Sky Ride

Please be aware that next Sunday most streets around the Cathedral will be closed and the Ring Road will be open in a clockwise direction only. You are advised to use the Sports Centre (Cox Street), West Orchards or Barracks car park; Grove Street, Whitefriars Street and Gosford Street car parks will be closed.

For access to the upper car park or disabled parking you will need a pass. Please contact Louise Nicholls in good time as numbers will be limited (024 7652 1247).
We are delighted to welcome Sarah Snyder to the reconciliation team at the Cathedral on her appointment by the Archbishop of Canterbury as his new Adviser for Reconciliation. The Archbishop of Canterbury has chosen Reconciliation as a primary focus for his work, and has chosen to base this ministry in Coventry Cathedral, a place he knows well from his time here from 2002 to 2007 as Canon for Reconciliation. The new adviser and her team will be based here, and Sarah will be licensed as an Honorary Canon of the Cathedral. Sarah will work alongside the Cathedral’s own reconciliation team led by Canon Dr Sarah Hills and will bring her substantial experience to the ministry of reconciliation here while supporting Archbishop Justin in his priority of reconciliation.

Coventry Cathedral is a World Centre for Peace and Reconciliation, inspiring partners and others across the globe in working for a better future for all. Recent events in the Cathedral have included an Iftar for the local Muslim community, Listening Circles for those on either side of the post-referendum debate, and spaces for prayer or reflection following the tragic events in Orlando, and in Nice. Our worldwide Community of the Cross of Nails, with 200 centres across thirty countries and networks, inspires local peace building initiatives in places as diverse as Mostar in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cape Town and Durban in South Africa, New York, Jerusalem and the West Bank, and more than sixty locations in Germany. With our three priorities of Healing the Wounds of History, Learning to Live with Difference and Celebrate Diversity, and Building a Culture of Peace, we are making a real difference to a hurting world.

Sarah is currently Director of Partnerships with Religions for Peace International (a United Nations-affiliated organization supporting religious communities in collaborating across traditional boundaries to transform conflict) and Director of the Cambridge International Summer Schools for faith leaders from conflict zones. She has trained as an anthropologist and a theologian. As a faith-based mediator, Sarah has worked with numerous conflicted communities to overcome suspicion and fear and discover a better quality of disagreement – living and working together despite deep-rooted differences, for the sake of the wider community. She chairs a Cambridge-based Bible think tank called the Jubilee Centre, and is Vice-chair of Christian Solidarity Worldwide, supporting and advocating on behalf of persecuted religious minorities. She is married to John, with four (young adult!) children, and lives in the Lake District.

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**Letter from Transylvania**

The first group of volunteers sponsored by members of the Cathedral congregation arrived safely in Sibiu earlier in the month and has started work at the Speranta Centre for disabled children. Martin and I came the 1600 miles by car to bring clothes and toys for the children. The journey included the Cross of Nails centre of Würzburg, though we only visited the Ford dealer when our car broke down on the autobahn! On Friday we thought of home when we joined the Coventry Litany at the Sibiu cross of nails. The volunteers were greeted warmly by the Centre staff, and they were pleased to see that the continuation of their work has helped the children make real progress.

Thank you for all your support upon which the work depends.

Jane Williams. JaneMLWill@aol.com

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**What does Coventry Cathedral mean to you?**

We are looking for tales about how Coventry Cathedral impacts people, and we would love to hear from you! If you would like to share a few words about what the Cathedral means to you, why you choose to volunteer here, or even if you have a tale of how you have witnessed it impact our visitors we would love to hear from you. There is no limit on the length or content, all submissions will be welcome. Please email your contributions to me or hand them in to me or one of the Welcome Team in person.

carla.crawley@coventrycathedral.org.uk

**Revised Guidebook – thank you to those who helped**

A few months ago we began the process to revise and refresh our visitor guidebook and there are a few people I would like to thank. Firstly, I brought together a small group of community members whose combined knowledge of the Cathedral is amazing and very thorough – Richard Chamberlaine-Brothers, Mike Stansbie, Shirley Willis and Dianne Morris to suggest changes and make amendments. Later as the project progressed we received additional help from John Brasington and Mary Viner.

Our strategic vision is to place reconciliation at the heart of everything we do and this follows through with our communications and the guidebook is no exception. We made small changes to the pagination to enable a double page spread dedicated to our reconciliation work and so I would also like to thank the reconciliation team for their help and support.

Finally, so many were involved in the proof-reading and approval process – Carla Crawley, Isabel Merrifield, Canon David, Canon Kathryn, Canon Sarah and the Dean. We hope you like it too.

Christine Doyle

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**A Retreat in Daily Life this Autumn**

We may long to deepen our relationship with Jesus, but just can’t set aside time to retreat away from our normal life. This retreat is a tried and true way of taking time to pay attention, to pray and to reflect.

**How does it work?**

A gathering of pilgrims and prayer guides gets us started; You spend half an hour privately each day reflecting on a Bible passage or with other prayer material; Once a week you meet for 30-40 minutes with your prayer guide reflecting on what happens in your prayer; A concluding gathering draws the ‘retreat’ to an end, as individuals and as a praying community; Note: You choose the time and place of your private prayer, and negotiate a time and place to meet weekly with your prayer guide.

**What’s a prayer guide?**

A prayer guide is experienced in the art of listening with another to the Spirit’s direction. A prayer guide is not a counsellor, but does hold in confidence whatever they hear. Prayer guides are trained and supervised through the local Diocese.

Your prayer guide will listen to you and with you as you reflect on what happens (or doesn’t happen) in your prayer and life each day. She or he may suggest Scripture passages for meditation, or tell you about an approach to prayer you might like to explore.

These six weeks of retreat in everyday life will be run from Holy Trinity Coventry this autumn and experienced prayer guides are available to offer this in your parish. The opening and closing gatherings will be on Sundays 25th September and 13th November.

For more information please look for flyers on the Community table or email RetreatinDailyLife@holytrinitycoventry.org.uk
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Summer Organ Recital:
Monday 1st August at 1pm
This week's programme, given by Jillian Gardner (New York), will include music by JS Bach, Alexandre Guilmant, Charles Ives, Max Reger and Louis Vierne.

Interfaith Work in South Africa
Tuesday 2nd August at 3pm
In St Michael's House
A short presentation by Raymond Perrier about the interfaith work that he does in Durban, followed by a discussion with interfaith groups here in the city, an exchange of ideas and an opportunity to learn from one another. Raymond Perrier is Director of the Denis Hurley Centre in Durban, which seeks to serve the needs of the poorest people in Durban through a partnership between members of different faiths.
(www.denishurleycentre.org/) (07979 915983)

Mothers' Union
Thursday 4th August at 10.30am
in the Lecture Hall
Our speaker this month will be the Head Verger Mr Jon Simpson. All are welcome.
Evelyn Warwick.

Fundraiser for Bethlehem Icon Centre
Saturday 13th August from 2.30pm to 5pm in Haseley
Come and enjoy a sumptuous afternoon tea at Ivy Cottage, Five Ways, Birmingham Road, Haseley, CV35 7HD.
A unique opportunity to meet with Ian Knowles, Director of the Centre, and some of his students. Learn about living in the Holy Land today, share hospitality and friendship and discover more about this ancient art.
Tickets £5.00 from Di Hibbs or on the door. di.hibbs@btinternet.com 07979 915983

A Quiet Day at the Monastery
Saturday 17th September
Do you feel the need for “time out” to think, relax, meditate, pray? Time to find yourself again? Are you just curious to try out an ancient spirituality?
I am organising a quiet day at Turvey Abbey on Saturday 17th September (departing at 8am from Bablake School carpark and returning at 6pm, or flexible if you use your own transport).
Turvey Abbey is located in the village of Turvey near Bedford. Historically, Turvey Abbey was a country house and family home. It now belongs to the ‘Priory of Our Lady of Peace,’ a Benedictine order of nuns and The ‘Monastery of Christ our Saviour’, a Benedictine order of monks.
We will start the day just before 10 am with a short introduction from me and then the day is yours to spend in the retreat house, the extensive gardens, chapels, library, exploring the area or walking in silence. You are welcome to attend the Eucharist/Mass and other services if you wish. We will share lunch together (not included and not silent) and return to silence afterwards. The cost for the day is £15. If you are interested, please sign the sheet on the community table by Sunday 11th September at the latest.
Thank-you, Fr. Sacha
For pictures: www.turveyabbey.org.uk

Flowers
The flowers in the Chapel of Gethsemane from Wednesday 3rd August are in loving memory of my mother, Marjorie Viner,..
Mary Viner

News of Friends
Mollie Jones and Duncan & Linsley Withers have all moved to Dorset. I have news, addresses and phone numbers for anyone who would like to be in touch.
Heather Wallace

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Chapel of Unity Repairs
We are very pleased to announce that the Cathedral has been awarded £870,000 from the WW1 Centenary Cathedral Repairs Fund to complete this project. This is the largest grant in this round of awards.
Work on site will recommence on 8th August when Midland Conservation Ltd will return to complete the bay which is currently scaffolded. We will be tendering the contract to repair the other nine bays and expect that work will commence on site early in the new year and be completed by the end of 2017.
The grant does not cover VAT so we still need to fund £35,000 (the balance of the VAT can be reclaimed through the Listed Places of Worship Scheme). If anyone can assist with funding we will be pleased to hear from you.
Tony Auty, Director of Property and Fabric

The Chapel of Unity is a unique space within the Cathedral. Following the destruction of the old cathedral in 1940, a new ground-breaking Chapel of Unity for all Christian denominations was established in the crypts. These spaces have recently been made watertight as a result of another generous grant and it seems fitting now to move to the repair of the newer equivalent as the next major project. The Chapel of Unity was designed as a meeting place for all denominations and has been consistently so used for more than fifty years.
Now that Christian denominations are working even more closely together, we look forward to sharing the spirit of unity it embodies across all faith groups. We continue to stand for the peace and reconciliation of which the Chapel of Unity is a tangible symbol.
Sir Basil Spence’s new Cathedral is now over 50 years old, and in common with many other modern listed buildings, some focused repair and regeneration is now essential. The failure of the fixings to the slate cladding the Chapel of Unity has been a problem since 1962, and although there have been various repair campaigns, none has effectively solved the problems. The purpose of this project is to repair and rehabilitate the external envelope of the chapel, ensuring the fabric is secured for the next 100 years. It’s essential that we don’t have to revisit this part of the building sooner than that as there is much other work to be done!
Following on from this significant project, we are keen to implement our emerging development plan which encapsulates our vision for reinvigorating all of the Cathedral area and all we do here. The funding for this essential conservation and repair project is invaluable and we are very grateful to the First World War Centenary Cathedral Repairs Fund for their generous award.
The Chapel of Unity is ‘a place of intercession for the World Church’, and was a new and radical idea when the new Cathedral was built. It is a space where Christianity’s many denominations could meet to seek unity and reconciliation. Sir Basil Spence saw this process as a spiritual journey and designed a structure which would complement that journey; circular in plan, representing unity; its shape ‘like a Crusader’s tent’. The space was enclosed by twenty radiating buttresses with panels of glass between. The marble floor (a gift from the people of Sweden) is dished in shape, with a star pattern radiating from a central mosaic dove. It is a popular space with our Schools’ team who love to show the pupils how a golf ball rolls to the centre, symbolising people coming together in unity and peace.
The Bishop’s Certificate in Discipleship and Mission
The first year of the revamped BCDM has been a great success; modules are now open to everyone who would like to learn about one or more of the topics and over 150 people have taken part in at least one of the many interactive modules that have been held in various parishes across the diocese.
These modules are being offered in September, weekly at 7pm for five sessions:
   A: Mission-Shaped God (at Westwood, 13th Sept - 11th Oct)
   B: Jesus and the Gospels (St Nicolas Nuneaton, 12th Sept - 10th Oct)
   C: Understanding Loss (Claverdon, 13th Sept - 11th Oct)
   D: The Bible in Five Acts (Harbury, 14th Sept - 12th Oct)
Modules planned for November include Paul’s Life, Mission and Letters (at St Mary’s Leamington), Music (Holy Trinity Stratford), and Advent (St Mary’s Walsgrave).
What participants have said about BCDM modules:
   “I feel much stronger in faith having attended this particular module.”
   “I have found new ways to understand the Bible.”
   “I had one spine tingling light-bulb moment which gave me a totally unexpected insight into who Jesus was and is. I don’t have to read the subtitles anymore!”
   “Found the module totally absorbing and inspiring. Gained so much from discussions with other participants as well.”
   “One of the best courses I’ve attended. It has more than met my expectations and has been a revelation. I will continue to read the gospels differently and learn much more than I already had learned. Wonderful!”
   “This was an extremely enjoyable module and I am only disappointed that it was not longer! It was very well balanced with explanation and interactive learning. Thank you.”
   “It has made me so much more aware of the immensity of God’s transcendent glory.”
www.dioceseofcoventry.org/BCDM

Coventry Prayer House
The Prayer House is now closed until 15th August inclusive (except for bookings which have already been made). Happy holidays!!

PLEASE PRAY FOR COVENTRY PRAYER HOUSE: we have an important meeting coming up about our bid to purchase the lease for our building from the city council, for which we would value your prayers. Decisions will soon be made regarding the future of the Prayer House and the Lychgate cottages, our current location. We have been here for six years now and we’d like to stay for at least the next 150! Please join us in praying for the future of the Prayer House and Retreat centre - may God’s will for us prevail.

Jean Andrews
Jean’s funeral will take place on Monday 1st August at 12.45 p.m. at Canley Crematorium. Canon Margaret Sedgwick

Coventry strengthens ties with Japan to commemorate the bombing of Hiroshima: Saturday 6th August at 2pm
On the 2016 anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima, The Lord Mayor of Coventry, Cllr Lindsley Harvard, and the Rev Kathryn Fleming, Canon of Coventry Cathedral will welcome to the city Bruce Kent (honorary vice-president of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament) and Mr Katsumi and Mrs Kyoko Takahashi (Envoys for the Mayor of Hiroshima), other dignitaries and members of the public for a service to remember the impact of the atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima on the 6th August 1945 and Nagasaki three days later. The service, which is for people of all faiths and of none, will be led by Canon Kathryn and Bruce Kent will speak.

The service will begin beside the Statue of Reconciliation in the Ruins. Following a fanfare, welcome by Canon Kathryn and a dance interpretation of the Statue of Reconciliation, everybody will walk into the New Cathedral and gather around the Chapel of Unity steps to Recall, Remember and Reflect on the dropping of the bomb on the people of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. A message of greeting from the Mayor of Hiroshima will be given and our Lord Mayor will reply. This year is the 70th Anniversary of the Coventry-Hiroshima Club in Hiroshima and a special commemoration booklet will be presented to our Lord Mayor. There will be prose readings and reflective silence and the congregation will join together to make Japanese origami cranes of peace. After the service there will be soft drink refreshments and a chance to talk to those present. We hope that there will be a stall of Palestinian goods and an exhibition about Hiroshima in the Chapel of Unity.

Bruce Kent, guest speaker for this year’s service, said “I come to Coventry to remember the awful events of August 6th and 9th 1945, which cost the lives of so many tens of thousands of men, women and children, and also to support and pray for all those, here in so many countries, who are working to make sure that such calamities, whether by accident or design, never happen again.”

The service is organized by the Lord Mayor of Coventry’s Committee of Peace and Reconciliation – contact davidfishcf@msn.com or 07779 784786 for further details.

Heritage at Risk Register
In recognition of all the repair work undertaken in the Ruins over the last few years Historic England have agreed to remove the Ruins from the Heritage at Risk Register 2016. The Ruins were placed on the Register in 2012 ‘due to the poor condition of parts of the exposed freestanding walls and the condition of the crypt chapels’.

Car Parks
Repairs have been undertaken in both car parks and the space marking reinforced. Everyone is reminded that the spaces allocated to residents must not be used and that if the visitor spaces are required these must be booked in advance through Louise Nicholls.
Tony Auty, Director of Property and Fabric

Peter Isherwood
Peter’s funeral will be at the Cathedral at 2pm on Wednesday 3rd August.