**WHAT’S ON IN JUNE 2015**

**CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY NEWS**

**The railings outside the West Screen**

Many people are asking what has happened to the bronze railings. For those that do not know two sections were stolen a few weeks ago. Unfortunately the Police have not been able to recover the railings or identify the culprits. Our insurance company require three quotes before they will cover the cost of replacement. You will appreciate there are not many local businesses who specialise in this sort of work, so firms from Lincoln, Northampton and the south of England have been to site to measure up. Once the insurance company give the go ahead it will be 8-10 weeks before the new railings are installed. Until then, the galvanised barriers will remain in-situ to deter people from pressing against the west screen. The Cathedral will have to find £1,000 to cover insurance policy excess.

**Crypts project**

Subject to finalising contracts, this project is likely to commence mid-June and run for 24 weeks. The plan is to stop the water penetration into the Wyley Chapel and the Chapel of the Cross and remove the masonry from the so called third crypt. This entails the contractor a large section of paving on the north side Ruins (ie nearest the new Cathedral), breaking through the slab over the third crypt under the supervision of an archaeologist. A new waterproof membrane and land drain will be laid and the paving reinstated. It will be necessary to create a large contractor compound to accommodate the paving and material excavated from the third crypt. The gates at the top of the Queens Steps will also have to be closed to provide a safe working area. Pedestrian access to the Ruins will remain from Bayley Lane and through the Tower gate.

The planting beds along the north wall will need to be removed so the membrane can be laid up to the north wall. We are aware that caskets and/or ashes may have been placed in these planters. If anyone has any specific information on this issue please contact me. Tony Auty, Director of Property and Fabric

**Thank you**

This is a very special ‘thank you’ to the team who catered for the Service of Thanksgiving on 19th May. We had one or two problems but the team soldiered on and provided a wonderful buffet. Many people commented on how lovely the food was. So thank you again for your hard work and creativity. Much love Pam and Brenda.

**CATHEDRAL MATTERS**

31st May 2015
Trinity Sunday

**THIS WEEK**

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**A MESSAGE FROM THE CANON PASTOR**

**Welcome to Ordinary Time…**

As Kermit would say “It’s not easy being green” but as we enter this period in the church’s year when feasts and celebrations vanish from the scene, and we have week after unremarkable week of “Sundays after Pentecost”, all is not lost. The rhythm of the liturgical seasons reflects the rhythm of life — with celebrations of anniversaries and its seasons of quiet. The “Godly Play” tradition talks of the “green and growing season” — when we can send roots deep down, focussing on our relationship with God with no other agenda than growing in knowledge and love of him. And of course, “ordinary” in this context does not mean dull, or mundane — rather “ordered”, or “numbered” time…There is nothing in the least mundane about a season of growth and hope. As one Catholic writer put it “If the faithful are to mature in the spiritual life and increase in faith, they must descend the great mountain peaks of Easter and Christmas in order to “pasture” in the vast verdant meadows of tempus per annum, or Ordinary Time.” So — enjoy your green and growing weeks. Love and blessings Canon Kathryn

**New Architect appointed**

We are delighted to be welcoming Kelley Christ as our new Architect to the Cathedral team. She brings with her a wealth of experience of restoring not only ancient buildings but also modern structures such as Southwark Cathedral where she has managed three significant grants for fabric repair. We have some unique challenges ahead of us such as exploring a use for the medieval crypts to the repair and restoration of the contemporary chapels where the exterior concrete is failing, so there is a great deal of work to be done. Tony Auty, Director of Property and Fabric

**Monday 1st June** - 1pm Lunchtime organ concert with Nicholas Haigh.

**Thursday 4th June** - Friends of Coventry Cathedral - new members event.

**Sunday 7th June** - Foodbank Sunday and CPA Cake Sale.

**Monday 8th June** - 1pm Lunchtime organ concert with Nicholas Wearne.

**Thursday 11th June** - 12.05pm hour of prayer for the Christian Service Centre.

**Saturday 13th June** - 7.30pm The Sixteen Choral.

**Saturday 13th June** - 7.30pm Bardsley Youth Project Fundraising Dinner

Please send items for inclusion in the next edition of Cathedral Matters by end of TUESDAY 2nd June 2015.

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CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY NOTICES

The Magna Carta conference
Tuesday 23rd June
As part of the 800th anniversary activities for the Magna Carta, Bishop Christopher and Dean John are hosting a one day conference on the allure of this ancient document and why it is still relevant in the 21st century.

Speaking at the conference ‘The Allure of Magna Carta: Freedom, Democracy and Reconciliation’, are David Carpenter, Professor of Medieval History at King’s College London, John McEldowney, Professor of Constitutional Law at the University of Warwick, the Reverend Robin Griffith-Jones, Master of the Temple, London, Chris Bryant, M.P., author of Parliament: The Biography (Doubleday, 2014) and Professor Neil Renwick who is Professor of Global Security at the University of Coventry.

The Conference will be held in St. Michael’s House starting at 10.30am and ending with Evensong in the Cathedral at 5.15pm.
Tickets are £25 and available from the Cathedral Gift Shop or online at www.coventrycathedral.org.uk. Christine Doyle

Our regular giving
A few weeks ago, Canon Stephen preached on the importance of growth to the cathedral. He particularly mentioned the need for growth in our Cathedral income. He asked us the question: how can each of us help the cathedral to grow? We are so grateful to all of you who have continued to maintain your level of giving this year, whether by standing order or by numbered envelope. The Cathedral depends very much on your generosity for its lifeblood. What you give enables us to pay staff, to heat and maintain the buildings and to run much of the ministry here.

Congregational giving totalled £174,000 in 2013, but fell to £139,500 last year. Early projections indicate a lower result by the end of 2015 if we continue at current levels. Much of the reduction is due to people dying or leaving Coventry. You will appreciate that this situation is urgent and important. How can we reverse this trend?

I would like to make two suggestions. The first is addressed to all of you who currently contribute. Would you be kind enough to review your level of giving? (It is two years since we had a stewardship review of this kind). If having done so you conclude that your level of giving is precisely right for you, then please take no further action. On the other hand, if you find that there is scope to increase your giving, may I invite you to do so?

The second suggestion is to those of you who are not part of any regular or planned programme of giving to the Cathedral. Could I ask you please to consider giving regularly by standing order?

Giving regularly is a really valuable way of supporting this amazing place and its worldwide ministry of reconciliation, and I should love to hear further from you. Please do speak to me or Canon Stephen after the Service.
Godfrey Armitage

Breathing Space Taizé service – 7th June and 12th July
Following requests from members of the Cathedral Community the ’Later’ service on 7th June and 12th July is a Breathing Space Taizé service. I hope that you can join us. Canon Kathryn

CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY NOTICES

Bardsley Youth Project Fundraising Dinner
A date for your diary – Saturday 13th June, 7pm for 7.30pm Bardsley House, Hill Top With stories and entertainment from Bardsley Youth. Bring your own drinks. Tickets £7.50 (or more) from Beks@bardsleyyouth.org (07891 173011). Margaret Lloyd

Volunteer Mondays
Monday 1st June – 2.30pm
Life as the Museum’s Archaeologist
Paul Thompson is the Museum Archaeologist at Culture Coventry. At this Volunteer Monday, he will share with us what his role includes and some fascinating history of some finds. He has promised to bring some objects for us to look at. Christine Doyle

Mothers Union
The Mothers Union will meet on Thursday 4th June in the Lecture Hall at 10.30am when our Canon Pastor Kathryn Fleming will be the speaker. We are very much looking forward to hearing about Kathryn’s experiences in India, and a warm welcome is extended to all. Evelyn Warwick, Branch Leader

‘The power of shared silence’
I’ve learned most of my theology from primary school children, one of whom once said to me very firmly towards the end of a service “We’ve been talking TO God all morning. Isn’t it time we listened?”

Some of us have been having similar thoughts recently, so in response we would like to try a fresh approach to prayer, offering the opportunity for us to be quiet and “wait on God”. This is a way for interested people to listen and discover what the Spirit might be leading them (or us) to do or be. If you’d like to find out more, do join us for a taster session on Wednesday 17th June from 7.40pm

 Prayer for the Christian Service Centre
Thursday 11th June 12.10 to 12.40pm
You are welcome to join us for an hour of prayer for the Christian Service Centre. This monthly prayer meeting will be led by the Reverend Yvonne Stone, Warwick Road URC in the Cathedral Chapel of Christ the Servant following the noon Litany of Reconciliation. This prayer meeting is held on the second Thursday of each month; in July it will be led by Cathedral Canon Kathryn Fleming.

All are welcome to join us in seeking God for the social outreach projects through which the churches in and around the city centre seek to serve the city, including the Bardsley Work Club, Coffee Tots, Bardsley Youth Project, Cherished and the Foodbank.

John Witcombe, Keith Parr, Adam Sanders, Yvonne Stone, Greg Bartlemy, Helen Spicer, Gavin Kibble, Kathryn Fleming, Jean Faragher, Margaret Lloyd.

The CPA exists to raise funds to provide bursaries for the Choir tours and trips so that no chorister feels that they are not able to go because of cost. We exist also to provide support for furthering the musical education of the choristers. We are collecting for the Bags 4 Schools initiative, the deadline for which is the 17th July 2015

Please note that curtains, bedding, towels and corporate school and work wear are no longer accepted by Bags for School. Please leave donations in the Blue plastic bags, provided in the vestry or on the community table before the Eucharist for collection. Clare Coopey

Margaret