NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF COVENTY CATHEDRAL

Physician, Musician and Precentor
A ‘Friendly Monday’ tomorrow (Monday 4th April 2016)
The Reverend Canon Dr David Stone will reveal his ‘Favourite Places’ to the Friends, on Monday 4th April, in the Undercroft Lecture Room. Coffee/Tea from 10.30am and talk at 11am.

To book a seat to hear the Precentor tell us about his varied and remarkable career, sign the sheet on the Community Table today.

David has been Precentor of Coventry Cathedral since September 2010 and the Sub-Dean since April 2014. He oversees the Cathedral’s music and worship and is responsible for all services that take place in the Cathedral.

In his mid-teens he was a Junior Exhibitioner at the Royal College of Music, studying double bass, piano and organ. He then trained as a medical doctor, and was ordained in 1988. He was Vicar of St Jude’s Church in Earls Court, and Area Dean of Chelsea, before becoming Team Rector of Newbury.

April Newsletter
Pick up your ‘hard’ copy of the Friends e bulletin from the Community Table today, if you don’t have internet access at home. Andrew Paine, Chairman of the Friends of Coventry

CATHEDRAL MATTERS

Sunday 3rd April
First Sunday after Easter

THIS WEEK

Sunday 3rd April
8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am The Cathedral Eucharist
4.00pm Choral Evensong
6.30pm Open

Sunday 10th April
8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am The Cathedral Eucharist
4.00pm Choral Evensong
6.30pm Open

A MESSAGE FROM THE CANON PRECENTOR

I don’t know about you – but I love the freshness of the Gospel accounts of what happened after the resurrection of Jesus that we focus on during the Sundays after Easter. There’s a down-to-earth reality about the way they record people like good old Thomas getting it embarrassingly and spectacularly wrong to start with – but then catching up as Jesus sorts him out and transforms his (let’s face it) perfectly reasonable doubts into firm faith.

I like the way in which the Easter story brings together the awesome power of God on the one hand and the sheer ordinariness of the disciples on the other. A faith which embraces the mish-mash of loose ends that make up real life is the only sort worth having, really, isn’t it? Faith in a God who connects with where we really are rather than where we feel we should be, which can then become the goal rather than the starting point of the journey. It’s dropping the pretence and being who we really are in the presence of God that makes for authentic and life-changing worship – so welcome to Coventry Cathedral and let’s give it a go together…

David Stone
Canon Precentor

A new member for the Community of the Cross of Nails

The Cross of Nails blessing today is for Holy Trinity Episcopal Church Gainesville, Florida, USA. Holy Trinity has been a leader in the local community in gathering unity and peace services to respond to the inflammatory actions of Gainesville’s Terry Jones and his threats to burn a Quran. Holy Trinity has also been active in reaching the CCN partners in Cuba and continuing to lay the groundwork for reconciliation between the U.S. and Cuba and our church communities. We look forward to continuing our new partnership. Haley Jones
**CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY NOTICES**

*Electoral and Community Rolls. Are you on the list?*

If you are not yet on the Electoral Roll now is the time to enrol. All baptised members of the Church of England who worship regularly at Coventry Cathedral are invited to join. Once you are on the Roll you will be entitled to free entry to the Cathedral and be able to vote at the Annual Meetings held on Sunday 24th April.

To enrol, simply fill in a short form to indicate your continued commitment and contribution to our life together. There is also a Community Roll for those engaged in service with the Cathedral eg voluntary work on the information desk, as a Guide etc. Forms are available every Sunday on the Community Table at both the 10.30am and 6.30pm services.

In addition, please let Jane Corrigan, the Electoral Roll Officer know if you have changed your address, telephone number or email address in the last year. She would also appreciate being informed about anyone who has died in the past year. Contact her by email: jancorrigan45@btinternet.com or speak to any of the five Churchwardens if you would like to know more.

**AGM 2016 and Nominations**

The Cathedral AGM will be held this year on Sunday 24th April after the morning Eucharist service. There will be a simple lunch in the Lecture Room at 12.15 pm, with the meeting following at 1 pm in the Chapter House. Please sign up for lunch on the list at the Community Table or email Angie Jones, PA to the Dean, on angie.jones@coventrycathedral.org.uk.

There is an opportunity to get involved with the life of the Cathedral and to be a representative of the Cathedral community through the roles described below, which will be elected at the AGM. If you are interested, please complete a nomination form and ensure you are on the appropriate roll. For the churchwarden posts you need to be on the Cathedral electoral roll: for membership of St. Michael’s Committee you need to be on either the electoral roll (for regular members of the cathedral congregation) or community roll (for other involvement with the cathedral such as staff and volunteers).

Please if possible submit your nomination forms in advance of the AGM, preferably by the previous Sunday 17th April 2016. Forms can be found on the congregation table or from Canon Kathryn, for the following posts:

- St. Michael’s Committee membership:
  - 3 vacancies for 3 years
  - 1 vacancy for 1 year

- Churchwardens (5 vacancies)
  Many thanks,
  *Emma Norman, Vestry Clerk*

**Mothers Union**

The Mothers Union will meet on Thursday 7th April at 10.30am in the Lecture Hall when our speaker Mrs Daphne Cook will talk about ‘Grandparenting’. All are welcome. *Evelyn Warwick*

**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

**Community of the Cross of Nails May pilgrimage**

Our partner churches and organisations across the world, and those interested in joining the Community, are encouraged to come to visit Coventry Cathedral at least once, if they can. Our twice-yearly pilgrimages are an occasion for a number of partners to do this together: to meet for prayer and contemplation, get to know others in the network, share their stories and experiences, and to be involved in the work of the Cathedral’s global Reconciliation ministry.

Our next pilgrimage is from Tuesday 17th to Friday 20th May 2016, and all partners and those wishing to join are very warmly welcomed, as also are all those across Coventry diocese with an interest in the CCN’s work.

The programme and more information is on the Pilgrimage page at www.coventrycathedralk.org.uk/ccn. Dates for the September pilgrimage are 20th-23rd September 2016. *Alice Farnhill (CCN Project Officer)*

**Thank you!**

I hope you all enjoy looking at our Easter Garden, so many people have given their time and effort to the project - it really has been a team effort. Many people not connected to the Cathedral have given their support and I would like especially to thank Tony Marlow, Build Base Kenilworth, Julie Brown from Hintsons Nursery Warwick, Peter Ward and Peter Lewis, Lyn Pirrie (Chair of Nuneaton Flower Guild) and the Salvation Army Bedworth.

On home ground a massive thanks go to Jane Corrigan, Richard Chamberlain-Brothers, Mike and Pat Stansbie, John and Liz Copas, Margaret Parker, Meg Bowen, Tim Brooke, Jon and Sue Simpson, Jain Galliford, Godfrey, Brenda, Pam and Crystal. The inspiration came from the garden on the Mount of Olives and the proximity of the Judean Desert. You are very welcome to look at the photos and drawings by the cacti. With so much thanks to all of you and anyone else who has made a contribution. Much love

*Pam Goodwin*

**The Mead Gallery, University of Warwick**

The Mead Gallery at the Arts Centre, University of Warwick would like to invite you to be involved in developing ideas for an exhibition with the gallery for 2018 based on responses to the poem The Waste Land by T.S. Eliot.

An initial meeting at The Mead to hear the poem performed, to present the basic idea, aims and objectives and to explore possible connections with the local area in this community curating project will be on Thursday 5th May, 6.30pm 'A Journey with The Waste Land in the Helen Martin Studio at Warwick Arts Centre'.

FREE but advanced booking is essential. All we ask from those who volunteer to participate is their time, a desire to work collaboratively with the local community, to offer ideas, relevant skills and knowledge whilst showing a willingness to listen with respect and to be open to exploring the themes and ideas suggested by fellow curators and T S Eliot’s poem The Waste Land.

*Karen Parker, Gallery Assistant, K.Parker.1@warwick.ac.uk*