Last Easter I was very struck by the fact that, apart from the Paschal candle, there was absolutely nothing in the Cathedral to help visitors grasp that this was an important season for Christians, no way for them to learn anything about the events that are at the heart of our faith. As a result, with encouragement from the Cathedral Liturgical Committee, we are going to have an Easter Garden. So… artists, craftspeople, designers, jobbing builders, gardeners – your Cathedral needs you. PLEASE get in touch if you would like to be part of making something beautiful this Easter. Thank you. Canon Kathryn

Please don’t laugh but…EASTER IS COMING (and it’s early this year)!

WHAT’S ON IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2016

Sunday 3rd January - Foodbank Sunday
Monday 4th January -
6pm: Remember Our Child Service
Saturday 9th January -
1pm-5pm: Peace Circle for the Women of Coventry (Saint Michael’s House)
Sunday 10th January -
4pm: A special Choral Evensong to give thanks for the work of our Volunteers and Cathedral Parish Partners. This service will be followed by light refreshments in the Lecture Hall. More information to follow.
Monday 11th January -
7pm: Joint Christian/Muslim evening in the Chapter House.
Wednesday 13th January -
7pm: Opening event of ‘Germany’s Confrontation with the Holocaust in a Global Context’ in St Michael’s Gallery
Sunday 24th January -
12 noon: Farewell Lunch for Canon Stephen and Angela Fielding.
Monday 18th to Friday 29th January
‘Germany’s Confrontation with the Holocaust in a Global Context’
Saturday 30th January -
1pm-5pm: Peace Circle for the Women of Coventry (Saint Michael’s House)
Saturday 30th January -
6pm: ‘Discovering the Classics’ with Warwickshire Symphony Orchestra - a concert made up of works included on GCSE and A Level curricula, aimed primarily at students but of universal appeal.
Thursday 4th February -
7.30pm: The Sixteen - Handel, Dixit Dominus.
Sunday 7th February - Foodbank Sunday
Wednesday 10th February - Ash Wednesday Liturgy at 12noon (West Screen) and 7.30pm.

Sunday 10th January -
8.00am Holy Communion (Holy Trinity)
10.30am The Cathedral Eucharist
4.00pm Choral Evensong
6.30pm Later

A MESSAGE FROM THE CANON PASTOR

Dear Friends

Happy New Year and Happy Epiphany!

January, named for the Roman god, Janus, whose two faces look both backward to the past and forward to the future, is a month that encourages stock-taking – both as individuals and as a community. Always there are things to be learned from the past and things that we might want to do differently, or new ideas to explore in the coming months.

As you’ll know, I’m passionate to create a truly welcoming community – and as a starter for 10, can I encourage you today to speak to at least one person whom you don’t actually know, find out what has brought them here, share one thing that makes you glad to be here this morning. Then do it again next week… And the week after…And before we turn round twice, we have made a New Year’s resolution for the whole community. Don’t forget, as St Benedict told his monks, in welcoming the stranger, we welcome Christ himself.

With love and New Year blessings
Canon Kathryn

Please send items for inclusion in the next edition of Cathedral Matters by end of TUESDAY 5th January 2016.
Tel: 02476 521200 or email: cathedral.matters@coventrycathedral.org.uk
Website address: www.coventrycathedral.org.uk
**Christian/Muslim joint evening**

*Monday 11th January at 7pm in the Chapter House*

With “religion” rarely out of our news, Coventry’s Cathedral and Eagle St Mosque are hosting a joint-event exploring what the true hearts of our two faiths really are, and what our religious texts actually teach.

The Cathedral’s Dean John Witcombe, and the Mosque’s Imam Usman Qureshi, will each open with a short talk about their faith. We will then have an extended time for Q&A, and want to stress that any and all questions are welcome. For more information, contact:
matt.robinson@coventrycathedral.org.uk
Matt Robinson (RMT Intern)

**A quiet day at the monastery**

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 23rd January 2016, (departure at 8am from Bablake School car park return 6pm or flexible if you use your own transport). Turvey Abbey is an abbey located in the village of Turvey in the English county of Bedfordshire. 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 10am 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 after lunch. The cost for the day is £15. If you are interested, let me know by signing the sheet on the Community Table by Sunday 3rd January at the latest. For pictures: www.turveyabbey.org.uk. Thank you, Sacha Slavic

**Spiritual Formation Course 2016**

Archbishop Justin, when asked what must be the number one priority of the church, replied ‘Spirituality’. If you are looking for ways to grow deeper in God, this Diocesan course could be the next step for you.

Choose afternoons or evenings - alternate Thursdays 2.15pm to 4.15pm or 7.30pm to 9.30pm from Thursday 7th January at St John’s Centre, Berkswell. More information on the Community Table or email passionatespirituality@live.co.uk. Margaret Lloyd

**Saturday 12th March 10am onwards**

*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

**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

**Peace Circles for the Women of Coventry**

St Michael’s House is partnering with Creators of Peace, a programme of the organisation Initiatives of Change, to offer peace circles for women in Coventry. These circles will be a training in discovering new tools for enhancing our own inner peace and exploring new skills to enable us to become effective creators of peace in the world. Women can play a significant role in creating a stable society at home and abroad, so we hope you will partner with us on the journey of discovery. We are offering circles on Saturday 9th January and Saturday 30th January from 1pm-5pm. If you are interested in joining one or both of the peace circles, please email smh@coventrycathedral.org.uk. Haley Jones, Reconciliation Ministry Team

**Job Opportunity**

*Project Officer Community of the Cross of Nails*

17.5 hours a week
£11,000 per annum

We are seeking to appoint a Project Officer who will support the Canon for Reconciliation Ministry in the development, maintenance and promotion of the Community of the Cross of Nails.

You will need to be an excellent communicator with first class presentation and engagement skills. Flexibility and willingness to travel are key to this position. This is an extremely important role within the ministry, worship and community life of the Cathedral. If you think you fit the bill for this demanding, yet rewarding role and would like a job pack then please email or phone Louise Nicholls

Louise.nicholls@coventrycathedral.org.uk
02476 521200

The closing date for applications is Tuesday 5th January 2016 with interviews being held on Thursday 14th January 2016.

**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

**‘Germany’s Confrontation with the Holocaust in a Global Context’ exhibition opening evening**

*13th January at 7pm*

*St Michael’s Gallery*

‘Germany’s Confrontation with the Holocaust in a Global Context’ is an outreach project led by Professor Stuart Taberner from the German Department at the University of Leeds, with the South African Holocaust and Genocide Foundation and the National Holocaust Centre and Museum.

The exhibition explores Germany’s response to the Holocaust since 1945 and draws parallels to other global contexts. It explores how nations and individuals confront traumatic histories, asking why and how we remember.

On Wednesday 13th January at 7pm, Professor Taberner will present a tour of the exhibition and answer questions. The exhibition will be on display at from 13th January until 1st February.

Anita Duda (RMT Intern)