WHAT’S ON IN MAY 2015

Monday 4th May - 1pm Lunchtime organ concert. Paul LEDDINGTON WRIGHT (Coventry Cathedral)
Tuesday 5th May - 3pm Licensing of University Chaplains.
Sunday 10th May - 2.45pm Ringing of the bells to celebrate the 70th anniversary of VE Day.
Sunday 10th May - 4pm Remember Our Child Annual Service.
Sunday 10th May to Saturday 16th May - Christian Aid Week activities
Monday 11th May - 1pm Lunchtime organ concert. SEBASTIAN THOMSON (Bloxham School)

CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY NOTICES

Community Appeal: Only One More Week to Go!

We are still in need of a few more volunteers to join in our Cathedral effort for Christian Aid. Can you spare just two hours to join a group collecting either in the Coventry Precinct or at Sainsbury’s supermarket? If you want more information please come and see me or ask at the community table or phone me on 02476711210.

If you can help please put your name and contact number on the sign-up sheet which you will find on our community table. I will then contact you to give further details and arrangements.

Thank you on behalf of our global neighbours whose lives are being transformed by the work of Christian Aid.

Moya Horton, Cathedral Christian Aid Coordinator

Thank you
To everyone who sponsored me for the Glow in the City event for the Myton Hospices. I raised just over £400.
Barbara Mobbs

Flowers in the Cathedral

Ascension Day and Pentecost are fast approaching, so may I request that donations for flowers be made in the flowery little jug which you will find sitting on the Community Table on Sunday 10th May. With grateful thanks.
David East

Prayer Ministry and Chaplaincy

The next date for your diary is Saturday 11th July when Ricarda Witcombe and Kathryn Fleming will lead a quiet day at Meriden church from mid-morning to mid-afternoon. Time for personal refreshment and for seeking God together for Hill Top. Details to follow.
Margaret Lloyd

CATHEDRAL MATTERS

3rd May 2015
Easter 5

THIS WEEK

Sunday 3rd May
8.00am Holy Communion (Holy Trinity)
10.30am The Cathedral Eucharist
4.00pm Choral Evensong
6.30pm Later: Cathedral Praise

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CANON PASTOR

On Wednesday, we were privileged to host a rather special conference. “Essential Blessing”, organised by the Children and Cathedrals group, brought together a wide range of people engaged with children in so many different ways. We heard from a singing development officer, who shared her stories of community outreach and had us singing in three parts...from education officers, including our own Emma Griffiths, about the wonderful ways in which cathedrals can engage school groups in faith, art, maths (anyone for Pi?) and history ...from youth officers and Canon Pastors....all passionate about bringing children to cathedrals and faith to children. We were encouraged to allow our buildings to work and to leave space for children to experience, feel, observe, be still and respond to our heart lifting “sursum cordas in stone”.

At the end of the day we were tasked with creating an action plan to ensure that we didn’t lose track of all we had learned. Emma and I plan to meet regularly as we seek ways forward. Please pray that our hopes and dreams may become reality as we try to enlarge our Cathedral ministry to celebrate and encourage the essential blessing of children in our midst.

Love and prayers, Kathryn

Remember Our Child Annual Service
A service for bereaved parents and their families

Our Annual Service will be held on Sunday 10th May 2015 at 4pm here in the Cathedral. We are delighted to have as our guest speaker this year, the Reverend Dorothy Moore Brooks, Deputy Senior Chaplain at Great Ormond Street Children’s Hospital. As always, the names of all the children for whom we have records will be remembered at this Service; there will also be opportunity for names to be added to the lists immediately prior to the start of the Service.

For more information, or for details of the continued work of Remember Our Child please contact Jan and Chris Bottomley on roc@rose-isle.net or the Reverend Canon Kathryn Fleming on kathryn.fleming@coventrycathedral.org.uk or 0247 652 1200.
The Diocesan Readers assisting at the Eucharist today are Marie Paterson from St Nicolas Nuneaton, Donald Parr from St Lawrence Ansley and Gwyneth Hickman Arley and Ansley

An hour of prayer for the Christian Service Centre
Thursday May 14th 12.10 to 1pm
This hour of prayer will be led by Greg Bartlem, Urban Hope, in the Cathedral Chapel of Christ the Servant following the noon Litany of Reconciliation. This prayer opportunity is held on the second Thursday of the month.

All are welcome to join us in seeking God for Bardsley Work Club, the first initiative of the CSC, and for future projects, through which the Cathedral, Queens Road Baptist Church, Methodist Central Hall, Warwick Road URC, Urban Hope and Mosaic church seek to work together to provide a Christian service for the people of Coventry according to need as a sign of God's love in their midst.

John Witcombe, Keith Parr, Adam Sanders, Yvonne Stane, Greg Bartlem, Helen Spicer, Gavin Kibble, Kathryn Fleming, Jean Fargher, Margaret Lloyd.

Supporting our CCN partner in Sibiu

For over 20 years members of the Cathedral Community have been supporting work amongst the poorest areas of Transylvania, based on the city of Sibiu where there is a Cross of Nails link. For the last 6 years we have sponsored university students from Coventry and Birmingham to spend their summer vacations using their skills in occupational therapy and in speech and language therapy to support disabled children at the Speranta Centre in Sibiu.

This year there are 18 volunteers who have offered their services. They pay their own living expenses, and the UK charity SHARE subsidises the travel costs. I am now seeking to raise £1,000 towards the cost of their flights. The work improves the life chances of the children by providing skilled help that they would otherwise not receive. It has also changed the lives of many of our volunteers.

If you are able to help the work with a donation, please get in touch either with me, Jane Williams (email: janemlwill@aol.com) or with Jean Alesbury (SHARE treasurer) 38 Westbrook Court, Coventry CV5 7RB. Between us we are making a difference. Jane Williams

Job Opportunity - PA to the Canon for Reconciliation Ministry
17 ½ hours a week, £9,097 per annum
We are seeking to appoint a Personal Assistant who will support the Canon for Reconciliation Ministry, in her role delivering the Reconciliation Ministry objectives, through the efficient organisation and management of administrative and logistical tasks.

You will need to be reliable and have excellent organisational and communication skills. 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@coventycathedral.org.uk or 02476 521200).

The closing date for applications is Friday 15th May 2015 with interviews being held on Thursday 11th June 2015. Louise Nicholls

Excursion to Lichfield and the National Memorial Arboretum
Saturday 5th September 2015
The Friends are organizing an all day excursion to the National Memorial Arboretum and Lichfield Cathedral on Saturday 5th September.

The coach will leave Coventry Cathedral at 9am for the National Memorial Arboretum at Alrewas, Staffordshire. During the morning, there will be a guided tour of the Arboretum and then free time to explore the memorials, the shopping and catering facilities.

The coach will arrive in Lichfield about 1pm. The Cathedral has been a place of pilgrimage, prayer and worship for 1300 years, including strong links with our own Diocese. After a guided tour and free time to visit the souvenir shop and “Chapters - The Café in the Close”, the party will return to Coventry, arriving at the Cathedral at about 6pm. Pick up a booking form today from the Community Table. There are just 30 places and bookings are open now. Andrew Paine, Chairman

Ascension Day - Thursday 14th May
At 7.30pm there will be a special sung Evensong for Ascension Day. All are welcome to join us. Canon David

Affirming Women within the People of God
Saturday 9th May 10.30am - 3.30pm at Methodist Central Hall Coventry CV1 2HA
Do whatever Jesus tells you! You are welcome to join a one day conference for women focusing on receptive ecumenism in practice with Janet Ward and Jean Newland, Louisa Hopkins and Jenny Jones. Cost £10 includes lunch. Welcome, tea/coffee 10am - the Central Hall is on the corner of New Union Street and Warwick Road in Coventry.

To reserve your place and for any other details contact coventynbcw@gmail.com, call 02476 675216. John Lloyd

The Churches of Ansley and Arley
This morning we welcome the Reverend Peter Allan and members of his congregations some of whom are taking part in the Sunday Eucharist. Donald Parr and Gwyneth Hickman, Diocesan Readers, regularly assist us during the year in the administration of communion. Peter has written the following:

“The churches of St. Laurence’s Ansley with St. John’s Ansley Common and St. Wilfred’s Arley with St. Michael Gun Hill are delighted to join you in worship today. The united benefice situated in the north east of the diocese has a total population of 5,000. The small but committed congregations give generously of their energy, time and money to be the light of Christ where they live and worship – supporting community entertainment, delivering Christmas hampers and running adult literacy classes, a weekly youth club and groups for the elderly. The two largest villages in each parish are mining areas and among the poorest villages in the diocese. In each, the church owns community premises which host a regular act of worship. Ansley Common has a lay led church plant. New Arley runs Messy Church. We are not as rich as many benefits but we have much to celebrate! The Easter confirmation service at the Cathedral is always a highlight of the year!” Canon Margaret Sedgwick

A Celebration of the Restoration of the Ruins and the book launch
Tuesday 19th May at 6.30pm
If you are joining us for this event, today is the last opportunity to sign your name on the sheet on the Community Table. Thank you. Christine Doyle