Kennedy House Remembered  
Unveiling the plaque

Next Sunday, 11th October, at 2.30pm, the Dean will dedicate a plaque to commemorate Kennedy House, the Cathedral's former International Youth Centre. If you would like to be invited to the Ceremony and to the tea afterwards, please sign the sheet on the Community Table today.

The next Friendly Monday - The rise and fall of Kennedy House

The next day, on Monday 12th October, the Reverend Kenneth Woolhouse, a former Warden of Kennedy House and Cathedral Chaplain, will give a talk to the Friends, on the 'Rise and Fall of Kennedy House', at 11am in the Undercroft Lecture Room. Tea and Coffee from 10.30am. To reserve a place, for this Friendly Monday, please sign the sheet on the Community Table.

Andrew Paine, Chairman of the Friends of Coventry Cathedral

WHAT’S ON IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2015

Monday 5th October  - 11am The High Sheriff of Warwickshire’s Legal Service
Saturday 10th October - 4pm Midlands Cathedrals Girls Choir (from Derby, Leicester and Southwell joining our choir) Evensong.
Sunday 11th October - 2.30pm Unveiling of the plaque for Kennedy House.
Wednesday 14th October - 2pm Unveiling of the memorial plaque to those killed by the IRA in Coventry in 1939.

Sunday 18th October - after the morning Eucharist the CPA Cake Sale.
Sunday 7th November  - 4pm Diocesan Festival Evensong.
Tuesday 10th November - Opening of the Dresden Project exhibition and installation of Monica Petzal’s artwork ‘75/70’ in the Cathedral.
Wednesday 11th November - Rising 15 Summit begins.

CATHEDRAL MATTERS
Sunday 4th October
Trinity 18

A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Welcome to Coventry Cathedral! We hope that whether you are often in this extraordinary building, or coming to it for the first time, that you know God’s transforming love which is embodied in our architecture and story.

Today we are celebrating Harvest. That always seems quite a challenge in the midst of such an urban landscape as surrounds the Cathedral. So it’s a day to cast our hearts and minds well beyond these concrete and glass walls into the wider Diocese of Coventry, and out across the world. We pray for farmers and agricultural workers, and all involved in the growth and transport of the food that finds its way to our tables. Harvest is one of many times when we celebrate the partnership between humanity, the earth and God – a partnership which we were looking at closely just a couple of weeks ago in our ‘Reconciling the Wounded Planet’ conference. No farmer would ever take the Harvest for granted – neither should we, and neither should we take for granted the wider partnership we have with creation.

We thank God for his provision, and offer ourselves once again to him to play our part in his provision for all humankind. God will play God’s part – will we?

Every blessing,
John Witcombe

The Very Reverend John Witcombe MA MPhil
Dean of Coventry

Pilgrim

An opportunity to explore the great issues of faith through participation in a pattern of contemplation and discussion with a group of fellow travellers over 6 weeks, starting on Tuesday 20th October at 6.30. To book your place contact Canon Kathryn kathryn.fleming@coventrycathedral.org.uk
The Diocesan Readers assisting at the Eucharist today are Donald Parr from St Lawrence, Ansley and Marie Paterson from St Nicolas, Nuneaton.

News and Booze – 18s-30s edition
This group meets monthly to explore current events in the light of faith, with a drink to hand. Monday 12th October 6pm onwards in the White Friars. More details from Canon Kathryn – or just turn up on the day.

The High Sheriff of Warwickshire’s Legal Service – 5th October
Everyone is welcome to join the High Sheriff of Warwickshire, Janet Bell Smith, for her service to mark the start of the Legal Year. It will take place at Coventry Cathedral on Monday 5th October at 11am. If you plan to attend please aim to be seated by 10.50am. There will be light refreshments served afterwards. Louise Nicholls

Lord Mayor of Coventry’s Annual Peace Lecture
Wednesday 28th October 2015, 7.30pm start (Doors open at 7pm)
The Lord Mayor of Coventry’s Annual Peace Lecture will be given by Jonathan Parrett, the writer, broadcaster and founding Director of the ‘Forum for the Future’. The lecture, which will begin at 7.30pm, is titled ‘Reshaping the Security Agenda’ and will be held in the St Mary’s Guildhall.

Cheers!
Would you enjoy a drop of “Welcome White” or “Reconciliation Red”? As part of our Christmas stock, we are exploring the possibility of selling Cathedral label wine, from a good English vineyard and would love to know your thoughts about this. In particular, if you’d appreciate the possibility of ordering a case as a Christmas presents for your friends, could you contact Carla Crawley, Tourism and Visits Manager, in the Cathedral offices or via email carla.crawley@coventrycathedral.org.uk – or speak to Canon Kathryn.

Reconciliation: What is it and how do we begin?
Come and join us in St Michael’s House on the 12th and 13th October for the first of our new series of Reconciliation courses. Over two days, Canon Sarah will provide an introduction to the theology and practice of peace and reconciliation. The course fee is £200, (or a donation of £50 for members of the Cathedral community) which covers all teaching and resources, as well as refreshments and lunch on both days. For more information and to book your place, email reconciliation@coventrycathedral.org.uk, call Carly Tewkesbury-Witham on 024 7652 1284, or talk to Canon Sarah.

St Basil’s Sleep Out
Friday 23rd October
The charity St Basil’s (Coventry’s main gateway for youth homelessness in the city) is holding its first ever Coventry Sleep Out charity fundraising event in the Ruins on Friday 23rd October. It’s free to enter and challenges you to ‘rough it’ for a night and help raise money. They provide the cardboard and huge plastic bags (although you are most welcome to bring additional cardboard). If you would like to register your place and direct others to join in as well go to www.stbasils.org.uk/coventrysleeput. Myself and Asha from the Cathedrals Events team will be representing the Cathedral and taking part so any sponsorship offers would be greatly appreciated. Rachael Kelly

Romania Lunch
I have invited some of the Cathedral-sponsored volunteers to share this summer’s experiences of their work at the centre for disabled children in Sibiu, Transylvania. They are coming to the Romania Lunch on 1st November 2015 in the Lecture Hall after the 10.30 service. Come and hear a heart-warming story of work that is not only changing the lives of some of Europe’s poorest children. The cost of the meal is £5 and there is a sign-up list on the Community Table.

Jane Williams (Email: JaneMLWill@aol.com)

The ICONS network continues to grow
During the morning service today, we will be blessing the Cross of Nails which will be presented to All Saints Church of England Primary School when we welcome them to the ICONS network.

All Saints Church of England Primary School and Nursery in Nuneaton are set to become the newest addition to the International Cross of Nails’ Schools’ network. They are a Primary School committed to reconciliation, and in particular the internal reconciliation of their pupils. They seek to help the children to learn about themselves, raise their self-esteem, and value themselves and others regardless of difference. They are encouraged to think about their own personal strengths from an early age, and consider how to use these gifts to help others. They are also given workshops on how to solve their own quarrels, and deal with issues such as bullying in a way in which all are ultimately reconciled.

Another aspect of the school’s reconciliation work concerns working with their local community. The school serves an area of high deprivation, with many of their children coming from families whose lives are fractured. The Head Teacher Sally Kaminski-Gaze says that over time they has built up trusting relationships with these families, and that the school now provides a quiet place for vulnerable and insecure adults to talk, whether it be with the Learning Mentor, the school nurse, or the class teacher. They are seeking to introduce a debt management course for the local community.

The Reconciliation Team

Community Response to the Refugee Crisis
Members of our Cathedral community will be pleased to learn that I was able to send an interim cheque for £633 to the Refugee Crisis Appeal this week.

We will be drawing this appeal to a close in one week’s time and I would be grateful if those still wanting to make a contribution would do so either, by using one of the red appeal envelopes which are to be found on the boat and on the “gathering places” benches, or by placing the contributions in one of the red buckets. Very many thanks for such a splendid response!

Moya Horton (Christian Aid Coordinator)

Coventry Prayer House
Coventry Prayer House Retreat Centre opens at 5 Priory Row on Saturday 10th October with a launch day event from 10am to 6pm and a programme of free retreats on Monday 12th (10am to 4pm), Tuesday 13th (10am to 1pm), Wednesday 14th (10am to 4pm) and Friday 16th (4pm to 8pm). For details and how to book see the Community Table or events notice board. For more information about the Monday retreat ask John or Margaret Lloyd.