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A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Dear Friends
We are delighted to be welcoming Sarah Snyder to the Reconciliation Team at Coventry Cathedral. Sarah has a distinguished background in the work of peace and reconciliation, bringing people together in service of a shared future under God, and she will bring joy and experience to our work here.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, has identified Reconciliation as one of three personal priority areas for his ministry. Coventry Cathedral has been tasked to provide support for the development and implementation of this priority, which it does through a dedicated team within its wider reconciliation ministry. Under the leadership of the Adviser for Reconciliation the Archbishop’s Reconciliation Ministry (ARM) at the Cathedral is responsible for all aspects of this ministry, initiating and resourcing a range of programmes and projects and providing information, support and advice to the Archbishop and the senior leadership team at Lambeth Palace. The relationship with the Cathedral provides both a location for ARM and the context for its long-term legacy to be developed.

The first three years of ARM focussed on reconciliation within the Church of England and the Anglican Communion in relation to deeply-held differences. A number of initiatives were also developed within this broader strategy to support Anglicans throughout the communion who live in situations of conflict or in post-conflict societies. From now on the primary focus will be on active peacebuilding in situations of conflict, supporting local Anglicans in sustaining an effective witness and ministry of reconciliation.

Here in the Cathedral we are looking forward to working closely with Sarah and the Archbishop in our calling as ambassadors for Christ in his ministry of Reconciliation in the world. We will be praying for her and the whole of Archbishop Justin’s team in their many challenges, and are privileged to be able to play our own part in seeking to meet those for the sake of the Kingdom, both here in Coventry and across the world. Sarah will be working physically from Coventry for part of each week, and will be present with us in worship on those days and on a regular basis on Sundays – please do make her welcome, if you are part of the community here, as she makes this place home.

John Witcombe
CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY NOTICES

Lunch for Kerry & Leslie Beaumont
Sunday 18th September at 12.15pm - £15
We start at 12.15pm with drinks and tapas in the Chapter House before moving to the Lecture Hall for the puddings (hot & cold) and cheese. There will be speeches and a raffle with excellent prizes. We only have a dozen more places so please sign up asap! We hope to raise £1500 for the choirs and music and with your support will get there. The Catering Team: Pam Goodwin, Brenda Stokes, Rex Satchwell, Richard Chamberlain-Brothers

Canon Sarah Snyder
Honorary Canon Sarah has left her role as Director of Partnerships with Religions for Peace International, a UN-affiliated organization supporting religious communities in collaborating across traditional boundaries to transform conflict, to become Archbishop Justin’s Adviser for Reconciliation Ministry.
Sarah is a theologian from the University of Cambridge where she directs the Cambridge International Summer Schools for faith leaders from conflict zones. She has previously worked with nomadic communities all over the world before joining the Cambridge Interfaith Programme which brings together religious communities to articulate and understand their differences rather than seeking common ground. She is the founding Director of the Rose Castle Foundation (based at the former palace of the Bishops of Carlisle), an international centre of peace and reconciliation working to transform conflict within and between faith communities.
As a faith-based mediator, Sarah has worked with conflicted communities to overcome suspicion and fear and discover a better quality of disagreement; living together despite deep-rooted differences, for God’s sake and that of the wider community. She is Vice-chair of Christian Solidarity Worldwide, supporting and advocating on behalf of persecuted religious minorities. She is married to John, with four children, and lives in Cumbria.

Pilgrim
We resume our exploration of the Christian faith through reflective Bible reading (Lectio Divina) and discussion, considering what it means to turn to Christ. Though this unit is particularly suitable for those preparing for Confirmation, previous units have revealed plenty to keep life-long Christians engaged and learning. Pilgrim begins on Tuesday 20th September at 7pm. Sign up on the Community table or contact me. Canon Kathryn

The Joy of the Gospel
One of the themes that emerged from the Cathedral’s survey of our Eight Essential Qualities was our perceived weakness in sharing our faith, even with our fellow Christians here week by week. If it’s a prospect that fills you not with joy but with panic, this six-week course, written by Paula Goeder and drawing on Pope Francis’s much-acclaimed writing on mission and evangelism, might just be the answer. With space to reflect on how we can share our faith with integrity as individuals and as a community, and exploring themes that include BEING good news as well as sharing it, I’m hoping this might provide the kind of spring-board we need to renew our confidence as good news people. If you’re interested in being part of a group, please sign up on the Community table. We will meet on Monday afternoons, beginning on 26th September at 2.30pm, and I’m really happy to add an evening group if there’s enough demand, so do say which time would suit you. Because all group members will need a book, we do need you to commit in advance . . . any questions, do please speak to me. Canon Kathryn

CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY NOTICES

Coventry SleepOut 2016
Friday 9th September from 7pm in the Ruins
This event in support of St Basils’ work with young people in Coventry will be taking place in one of the most atmospheric venues possible for a sleepout under the stars! It’s free to take part, all we ask is that you try to raise as much as possible in sponsorship. The sleepout is a sponsored challenge to sleep overnight with just a cardboard box and plastic sheeting. Participants are required to wear warm weatherproof clothes and bring outdoor sleeping bags. There are toilets on site as well as security throughout the event and hot food and drinks will be on sale. All money raised will go towards supporting our services in Coventry, working in partnership with the City Council to operate services aimed at helping young people in crisis with advice, assessments, practical assistance and temporary accommodation.
So if you want to ensure young people aged 16-25 in Coventry get the support they need to avoid losing their homes or to find safe haven when they do, please consider taking part in this event.
www.stbasils.org.uk/help-us/sleepouts/coventry-sleepout/

Faith and Peaceful Relations Forum
Wednesday 21st September at 2pm
Coventry University
The aim of the Forum is to provide an opportunity for all those involved with faith and community groups in and around Coventry to come together to explore key issues and their experience of working in the community in an inclusive environment. For more information please contact Chris Shannahan chris.stannahan@coventry.ac.uk To register for your free place please contact charlotte.martin@coventry.ac.uk

Is Peace Possible?

Wednesday 21st September at 7pm in the Nave
Coventry Peace Day
Terry Waite was the Archbishop of Canterbury’s Assistant for Anglican Communion Affairs in the 1980s. As an envoy for the Church of England, he travelled to Lebanon to try to secure the release of four hostages, including the journalist John McCarthy. He was himself kidnapped and held captive from 1987 to 1991. He will share part of his narrative and his thoughts on peace and reconciliation.
Join us for this talk offered by Coventry Cathedral and the Reconciliation Ministry on International Day of Peace. There is a £5 suggested donation for the continued work of peace and reconciliation.
For news of more events planned for Coventry Peace Day please look at coventrycityofpeace.uk/events/cov-day-of-peace-2016/

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There are only a dozen places left so reserve yours now at the Community table! Details on page two of Cathedral Matters.

Good Home Needed
I need to find a loving home for my two beautiful cats, Cindy Lou (tabby princess), and Bertie (black and white tomboy). They have been living with my parents for the last couple of years but due to a change in circumstances they cannot now look after them, and I can’t take them in as David has allergies. They are both spayed, up-to-date with their injections and chipped. They are 8 years old and have only ever lived with adults so would suit a retired couple who are usually at home.
For more information call 07737 055 937.
Angie Jones, PA to The Dean
Celebrate Dame Goodyver's Daye
Friday 9th September, 10.30-13.00
Godiva Trust celebrates the rich diversity of our city with music, dance and food from a variety of Coventry's communities. Come and commemorate the 1,000th anniversary of the birth of Coventry through a programme of dance, music and storytelling. We will walk through the key events of the last 1000 years of Coventry's history and a tapestry capturing the history of Coventry will be unveiled. Inspired and created by hundreds of local people, this hand-crafted work of art incorporates multi-faith intergenerational work by schools and communities. At 10.30am Lady Godiva, Godiva Sisters, schools and communities will join in a procession of music and colour from Broadgate to the Cathedral. Artistic performances of music, dance and drama will begin at 11am in the Cathedral, telling the story of 1000 years of Coventry's history, and the tapestry will be presented. From noon there will be refreshments and music. 
http://www.godiva.uk.com/2016/08/24/mogwai-play-atomic-
Wednesday 14th September at 7.30pm
The Scottish (mainly) instrumental band Mogwai play Atomic - a film screening and live performance. Seventy years ago the bombing of Hiroshima showed the appalling destructive power of the atomic bomb. Mark Cousins' film Atomic: Living in Dread and Promise looks at life and death in the atomic age. Using only archive film Cousins shows us an impressionistic kaleidoscope of our nuclear times - protest marches, Cold War sabre-rattling, Chernobyl and Fukushima – as well as the sublime beauty of the atomic world, and how x-rays and MRI scans have improved human lives.
https://www.tickettailor.com/checkout/view-event/id/51781/chk/f0e8/
Black Christmas
Thursday 15th September at 3pm
St Michael's House will host a screening of the documentary film Black Christmas with special guest the film’s producer Professor Pumla Gobodo-Madikizela. The film shows a perpetrator’s journey of transformation and his expression of remorse for the racially motivated 1996 Christmas Eve bombing in Worcester (South Africa). The screening will be followed by a discussion.
A Quiet Day at the Monastery
Saturday 17th September
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, near Bedford, on Saturday 17th September (departing at 8am from Bablake School carpark and returning at 6pm, or flexible if you use your own transport).
We will start the day just before 10am with a short introduction from me and then the time 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 afterwards. The cost for the day is £15.
Please sign the sheet on the community table by Sunday 11th September at the latest. Thank-you, Fr. Sacha
For pictures : www.turveyabbey.org.uk
A House Move
Mavis Spiers has moved to The Old Vicarage, Ford St, Wigmore, Leominster HR6 9UW
Barbara Mobbs
You don’t have to turn cartwheels but it will help!
Head Verger
42 Hours a week
£18,900 per annum, plus accommodation
Owing to career progression we are looking for someone special to take on the challenging role of Head Verger of Coventry Cathedral.
Voted the nation’s favourite twentieth century building, Coventry Cathedral is recognised throughout the world as an inspiring symbol of reconciliation. It serves as the mother church of the Diocese of Coventry and welcomes a rich variety of pilgrims, tourists and other visitors to its many services and events.
You will need to have a heart for the traditions of Christian worship, demonstrable leadership skills, maturity and reliability as well as excellent organisational skills.
Cartwheels are not compulsory but you need to demonstrate you are fit, can work under pressure and bring something special to the team.
The closing date for receipt of applications is noon on Friday 16th September 2016 and interviews will take place at our offices on Wednesday 28th September. Shortlisted candidates will be informed by Tuesday 20th September.
The job pack and application form can be downloaded from the Cathedral website: www.coventrycathedral.org.uk or obtained via email from: louise.nicholls@coventrycathedral.org.uk haley.jones@coventrycathedral.org.uk
If you wish to return the application form by post please send it to:}

Relections of an Intern
I’ve absolutely loved my time here working for the Reconciliation Team and facilitating the on-going reconciliation ministry of the Cathedral. The highlight of the year for me has been the development of the Cathedral’s relationship with Eagle Street Mosque, and the three inter-faith events that we have held with them, culminating in the Iftar during Ramadan. One of the core values of Coventry Cathedral is “to learn to live with difference and celebrate diversity,” and the chance to learn from and joyfully share fellowship with our Muslim brothers and sisters was a wonderful example of this.
I won’t be moving far in September: about three doors down from where I am at the moment, to the Coventry Diocesan office! I will be working with Jet Jones and John Scouller on the Transforming Communities team, assisting churches in the Diocese to take a lead welcoming people from different cultures and celebrating the rich cultural diversity in our Diocese. Thanks so much for all of your support this year, it’s been wonderful getting to know so many members of the Cathedral community here, and I’ve felt so welcomed.
Matt Robinson
Haley Jones will remain on the Reconciliation Team for one more year as she prepares for ordination interviews and possible commissioning as a deacon in the United Methodist Church in June 2017. She is grateful for the opportunity that Coventry Cathedral has given her to continue working in the field of reconciliation and conflict transformation.
CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY NOTICES

**A Retreat in Daily Life this Autumn**

We may long to deepen our relationship with Jesus, but just can’t set aside time to retreat away from our normal life. This retreat is a tried and true way to pay attention, to pray and to reflect.

**How does it work?**

A gathering of pilgrims and prayer guides gets us started; You spend half an hour privately each day reflecting on a Bible passage or with other prayer material; Once a week you meet for 30-40 minutes with your prayer guide reflecting on what happens in your prayer; A concluding gathering draws the ‘retreat’ to an end, as individuals and as a praying community;

Note: You choose the time and place of your private prayer, and negotiate a time and place to meet weekly with your prayer guide.

**Who is a prayer guide?**

A prayer guide is someone experienced in the art of listening with another to the Spirit’s direction. A prayer guide is not a counsellor, but does hold in confidence whatever they hear. Prayer guides are trained and supervised through the Diocese.

Your prayer guide will listen to you and with you as you reflect on what happens (or doesn’t happen) in your prayer and life each day. She or he may suggest Scripture passages for meditation, or tell you about an approach to prayer you might like to explore.

These six weeks of retreat in everyday life will be run from Holy Trinity Coventry this autumn and experienced prayer guides are available to offer this in your parish. The opening and closing gatherings will be on Sundays 25th September and 13th November and the closing date for applications is Tuesday 13th September (next week!)

For more information email RetreatinDailyLife@holytrinitycoventry.org.uk

**Chapel of Unity cladding project update**

Midland Conservation Ltd have been back on site for two weeks and are making good progress on the trial bay which is scheduled for completion in mid-October, when the scaffolding will be removed.

We are in the process of appointing the necessary consultants to deal with the remaining nine bays. Three quantity surveyors have been interviewed of whom one will be appointed to work with the Cathedral Architect and Engineer to deliver the project. These are consultants, not employees, and their fees will be fully funded by the WW1 Commemoration Fund grant. The grant can only be spent on the Chapel and comes with several conditions including that it has to be claimed by July, 2018 against architects’ certificates that the work has been completed according to approved specifications.

The next stage is for the consultants to prepare the documents to enable us to invite tenders from up to five contractors and secure the necessary technical approval from the Cathedral Fabric Commission to undertake the work. The Commission of course have already approved the work on the trial bay, so this should be a formality!

The main work will probably recommence next March and be completed by the end of October, 2017, though we are discussing the pro’s and con’s of removing the slates from one or two more bays before Christmas.

Tony Auty, Director of Property and Fabric

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**CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**The Bishop’s Certificate in Discipleship and Mission**

The first year of the revamped BCDM has been a great success; sessions are now open to everyone who would like to learn about one or more of the topics and more than 150 people have taken part in at least one of the many interactive modules that have been held in various parishes across the diocese. www.dioceseofcoventry.org/BCDM

These modules are being offered in September, weekly at 7pm, for five sessions each:

A: Mission-Shaped God (at Westwood, 13th Sept - 11th Oct)
B: Jesus and the Gospels (St Nicolas Nuneaton, 12th Sept - 10th Oct)
C: Understanding Loss (Claverdon, 13th Sept - 11th Oct)
D: The Bible in Five Acts (Harbury, 14th Sept - 12th Oct)

Modules planned for November include Paul’s Life, Mission and Letters (at St Mary’s Leamington), Music (Holy Trinity Stratford), and Advent (St Mary’s Walsgrave).

**Tell me a story!**

That was the constant cry of my children, and countless others – and story remains perhaps the easiest way of learning, engaging, sharing. . For most of us it’s how we received our faith – and it’s the way that we can best hope to pass it on to others. Carla, our Tourism and Visits Manager, is still hoping to hear your “Coventry Cathedral stories” and I am looking for the “God stories” that we all have within us. In the coming weeks, I’d like to gather those stories to produce our own version of the “Gospel according to Everyone”, so please get thinking – and get in touch! It’s not about writing beautiful prose - “your story, your words” seems like a good starting point – and if you’re anxious that you might not have anything to share, let’s have a chat together and see what there might be by way of buried treasure. And yes, I’ll tell you a story in exchange. That’s only fair.

Canon Kathryn

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**The Tidal Zone**

This is a new novel by Sarah Moss which is partly about the story of the rebuilding of our Cathedral. Here’s a review from Canon Margaret Sedgwick:

‘The narrator of this absorbing novel is Adam, an underemployed academic, who has been charged with writing a script for a “geolocative media app” for Coventry Cathedral. He is also the chief carer for his chronically stressed GP wife and their two daughters. Turmoil for the family begins when 15 year old Miriam’s heart stops while she is at school and although she recovers the doctors struggle to find the cause and the family is left in limbo.

Three narratives run in parallel - Miriam’s condition, Adam’s father’s unconventional background and the history of the rebuilding of the cathedral. Despite the uncertainty over Miriam’s future there are some amusing and recognisable pictures of family life. I was somewhat taken aback by the author’s description of the cathedral as an Arts and Crafts building but later in the book she justifies this as she describes Basil Spence’s vision of the new cathedral.’

Canon Kathryn has suggested a meeting to discuss The Tidal Zone on Thursday 22nd September at 2.30pm – a day when the girls’ choir are singing Evensong later – which gives us all plenty of time to buy the book and read it. It’s also available from the city library. . www.abebooks.co.uk/servlet/SearchResults?an=sarah+moss&sts=t&tn=the+tidal+zone