WHAT’S ON IN APRIL - MAY 2015

Hidden Houses of Prayer
The 2015 gathering for those drawn to discover and deepen the practice of contemplative, creative and intercessory prayer in their own homes will be held here in the Lecture Hall on Saturday 23rd May, 9.45am – 3.45pm.

We’re meeting at Pentecost-tide in the extraordinary context of Coventry Cathedral to enjoy three presentations plus time for stillness, prayer, reflective chant and sharing of stories. There is a suggested donation £15, coffee and tea provided. Please bring your own lunch.

To book, please send cheque payable to ‘Hidden Houses of Prayer’ along with your name, email and address to: Hidden Houses of Prayer, 2 Embankment Road, Sheffield S10 1EZ. If you are interested in this ministry and/or would like a booking receipt, please enclose an SAE or send an email to: hiddenhousesofprayer@hotmail.co.uk
Canon Kathryn and Margaret Lloyd

‘Journeys’ Saturday 11th April
National Youth Training Choirs to give concert entitled ‘Journeys’ at Coventry Cathedral on 11th April 2015 at 7.30pm. The programme features music in five languages by an international range of composers on themes of adventure, dreams and discovery.

Tickets (£12, £10 concessions, £5 for under-25s) are available from NYCGB’s online shop at https://www.nycgb.org.uk/shop
Angie Jones

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Monday 6th April - 6pm Remember Our Child.
Saturday 11th April - 7.30pm ‘Journeys’ concert by the National Youth Training Choir.
Monday 13th April - 2.30pm Volunteer Monday: Paul Maddox (Charterhouse Priory)
Wednesday 15th April - Cathedral closed for Coventry University graduations.
Saturday 25th April - 4pm ANZAC Gallipoli Centenary service.
Wednesday 29th April - Association of English Cathedrals ‘Children in Cathedrals’ conference. Open to the public but not tours.
Monday 4th May - 1pm Lunchtime organ concert. Details TBC.
Tuesday 5th May - 3pm Licensing of University Chaplains.
Sunday 10th May - 4pm Remember Our Child Annual Service.
Monday 11th May - 1pm Lunchtime organ concert. Details TBC.
Monday 11th May - 2.30pm Volunteer Monday: David McCory on the Guildhall
Wednesday 13th - Friday 15th May - CCN Pilgrimage.
Monday 18th May - 1pm Lunchtime organ concert. Details TBC.
Tuesday 19th May - 6.30pm Celebration for the restoration of the ruins and book launch.

A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!

Our Easter greeting sweeps through the cathedral this morning – first proclaimed at dawn in the ruins, and then in the new cathedral throughout the day, and out into the city. It is a greeting which speaks hope into a troubled world, and into lives which may find themselves in brokenness and pain, or joy and celebration. It is a greeting that makes all things new.

If you are a visitor in the cathedral today, we wish you a very warm welcome, and we pray that you may know the presence of Jesus, risen from the dead, in your life this Easter. We share in his joy and victory in our community today, and pray that the honesty, healing and hope embodied in our buildings may be true in our own lives, and in the life of our cathedral, and in the churches of this city – and indeed, across the world. Our international community of churches and other partners in the work of peace and reconciliation takes its strength from the events of the week we have just shared together – we join in the work of God as he leads the whole world from death to life.

My we all know the presence of the risen Christ with us in this season and in this coming year, and make his love and hope known in the world.

Happy Easter!

John Witcombe

The Very Reverend John Witcombe MA MPhil
Dean of Coventry
CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY NOTICES

Rising from the Rubble Café now open
The Café opens to the public on Saturday 4th April. The team from Betel UK Ltd have worked hard to create a unique 1940s ambiance - we hope you take time to enjoy the delights of their menu. The Café can be accessed either through St Michael’s Gallery or via the North Terrace entrance.
Christine Doyle

An update on the tapestry
The first phase of the cleaning of the tapestry is now complete. The eagle-eyed among you may have noticed that there are small white and blue squares on it. These are part of a 12 month environmental project to monitor airflow around the tapestry and the effect of light upon the fabric. Christine Doyle

FAMILIES FIRST on Easter Sunday.
36 Easter chickens have hidden around the west end of the Cathedral. Children are invited to find them (yes, even during the quiet bits!) and exchange them for an Easter egg from Canon Kathryn after the service. There are also Easter fun sheets available from the welcome. Please do take one. Canon Kathryn

AGM 2015 and Nominations
The Cathedral AGM will be held this year on Sunday 19th April after the morning Eucharist service, with full details to follow. There is an opportunity to get involved with the life of the Cathedral and to be a representative of the Cathedral community through the below roles, which will be elected at the AGM. If you are interested please complete a nomination form and ensure you are on the electoral roll. We require nomination forms by the morning of 12th April 2015 at the very latest. Please give some thought to this and forms can be found on the congregation table for the following posts:
* St. Michael’s Committee membership:
  - 3 vacancies for 3 years
  - 2 vacancies for 2 years
  - 1 vacancy for 1 year
* Chairman of St. Michael’s Committee (including membership of Chapter)
* Congregation nominees to the Cathedral Council (4 vacancies)
* Churchwardens (5 vacancies)
Many thanks, Emma Norman (Vestry Clerk)

Coventry Cathedral Council: Changes to the Constitution and Statutes.
Please see the amendments that are at the back of the Cathedral near to the West Screen. If you have any objections you would like to raise you need to do so before the end of March 2015 and send them to Jane Corrigan, Clerk to the Cathedral Council.

An hour of prayer for the Christian Service Centre
Thursday 9th April 9th 12.10 to 1pm
This hour of prayer will be led by John Witcombe or Kathryn Fleming in the Cathedral Chapel of Christ the Servant following the noon Litany of Reconciliation.
It is held on the second Thursday of the month – on Thursday 14th May it will be led by Greg Bartlem from Urban Hope.
All are welcome to join us in seeking God for the needs of the world.

An update on the work of the Joe Homan Charity
In January this year, my friend Norma and I travelled to India to visit the Joe Homan charity project in Tamil Nadu in southern India. People in the Cathedral have supported this charity for many years. This year I sent £500 which was used for much needed repairs to hygiene facilities in one of the village’s main buildings. The villages provide accommodation, clothes, food and education to otherwise homeless children.

We stayed in a guest house in Tiramangalam where we were able to visit schools and villages. The accommodation was basic concrete, one storey rooms each sleeping 20 children. They had a straw mat and blanket and a box for their possessions (about the size of a shoe box). Whilst we were there we wanted to take something for each child, Gopi (the manager) suggested toothbrushes as you can see in the photo – lots of smiling faces.

We also wanted to send something to the girl’s town where my sponsored child lives (140 girls 12-16 years). Again Gopi suggested pants – some girls only had one pair! In the picture below Norma and I did some ‘quality control’ on the ‘inner wear’ – very good quality and only 40p per pair.

This is just a small insight into what the Joe Homan charity does for destitute children and I hope you will continue to support our fund raising efforts. Thank you so much for what you have donated so far. With love Pam Goodwin and Norma Elston.

Cathedral Walkers, Wednesday 15th April
We’re back to our normal schedule and details of the next walk are on the Community Table. Please let me know by close Sunday 12th if you are coming, whether to walk, for lunch or both. You can do so in person, by phone (024 7646 1946) or by email (davegoodall@hotmail.co.uk). Dave Goodall

Date for your diary
Prayer Ministry Training Morning Saturday 18th April in St Michael’s House For all who are involved in prayer ministry in the Cathedral and Holy Trinity and any who are interested in finding out more. More details to follow. Margaret Lloyd

Farewell collection for Jenny Thurston
Jenny has left us after serving as Head Verger since 2011. We are very grateful to her for her dedicated and expert work and invite you to join us in contributing to a farewell collection and signing a card for her. The collection box and card will be on the Community Desk on Sunday 12th and Sunday 19th April.
Godfrey Armitage for the Churchwardens

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