Welcome to everyone, especially if you are visiting or new to us! We’re delighted that you’re worshipping with us today. In this leaflet and on the Community Table (at the back of the Nave near the Baptistery) you’ll find more about what is happening in and around here.

- **Prayer Points for this month**

  As we start this year, please pray for the Dean, away on sabbatical from January to March, and for all the continuing preparations for the City of Culture in 2021. We pray too for Canon Sarah starting her new ministry in Holy Island, for the family, and for Mark Simmons and the Reconciliation team here in Coventry working in new ways through 2019.

- **This week**

  Today is Foodbank Sunday.

- **Retreat in Daily Life, January to March 2019**

  This weekend is the last opportunity to book your place on the Cathedral Retreat in Daily Life beginning on Sunday 20th. Details on the Community Table, from Canon Kathryn or Margaret Lloyd.

- **Neon presents Sunrise, from this evening (in the Ruins)**

  Performances of Sunrise last about 20 mins each and take us through the transition from darkness to light. Expect to bathe in waves of graduating colours brought to life by specially commissioned music “Sunrise Sonata”. From today until Sunday 13th, a recorded version of Sunrise will be repeated daily at 5pm, 6pm, 7pm, 8pm and 9pm. These events are free.

- **Pam Rossiter’s funeral, Monday 7th at 12:00 noon**

  Pam’s funeral will take place in the cathedral as noted above.

- **Prayer for Christian Service, Monday 7th at 4pm in Chapel of Unity**

  Come and hear about Embrace, which works with women who are disadvantaged or marginalised by circumstance and background, many of whom will also struggle with life-controlling issues. Introduced by Karissa Coley, Project Manager. 

### WELCOME TO COVENTRY CATHEDRAL

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*WELCOME + WORSHIP + RECONCILIATION*
• **Reconciliation and the Cross of Nails, from Tuesday 15th at 7:30pm**

Join us in St Michael’s House for a gentle introduction to reconciliation on 5 consecutive Tuesday evenings: Jan 15th - Reconciliation - Coventry's Gift; 22nd - Healing the Wounds of History; 29th - Learning to Live with Difference & Celebrate Diversity; Feb 5th - Building a Culture of Peace; 12th - Responding to Reconciliation. To book a place or for more info, contact reconciliation@coventrycathedral.org.uk or 024 7652 1284. The course costs £50.

• **Cathedral Walkers lunch with optional walk, Wednesday 16th**

New format for the this year’s winter season: a lunch preceded by an optional walk. Details are on the Community Table; please let me know if you are coming to 024 7646 1946 or dagoodall@hotmail.co.uk by close on Sunday 13th. Dave Goodall

• **Annual service for Christian Unity, Saturday 19th at 1pm in Chapel of Unity**

“Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue” (Deuteronomy 16 vv 18-20). The speaker will be Revd Dr Gabrielle Thomas. All welcome. Ann Farr

• **Succession planning for the Cathedral’s reconciliation ministry**

Mark Simmons will be working with the team as Dean’s Advisor for Reconciliation Ministry for one day a week throughout 2019, both managing the team and sharing in representing it, and the Cathedral, externally. Mark is well known to the team as CEO of the Friends of Ibba Girls’ School (FIGS) in South Sudan, shortly to join the CCN. We are grateful to the FIGS trustees for agreeing to this secondment. Mark has recently taken on the Chair of the UK Board of the CCN, is a trained mediator and negotiator and an experienced strategic leader, and we all look forward to working with him in 2019! Lou Nicholls

• **Licensing of Revd Sarah Bourne in Banbury on Wednesday 6th February**

The Bishop of Dorchester in the Diocese of Oxford will be licensing the Revd Sarah Bourne as Associate Priest and Chaplain for the Arts at St Mary’s Parish Church, Banbury on Wed 6th Feb at 7.30 pm. The church (opposite the cinema) will welcome all who wish to attend. For printing & catering purposes, please email Sarah.Bourne@CovLec.org if you or others would like to come. Sarah will continue to live near Shipston-on-Stour and to hold the Bishop of Coventry’s Permission to Officiate in Coventry Diocese. Canon David

• **Stephen Verney Memorial Concert, Tuesday 16th April at 7pm (in London)**

Stephen Verney was on the staff of Coventry Cathedral from 1958 and Canon from 1964-70. This is a performance of Bach’s St Matthew Passion in St Clement Danes, Strand, WC2R 1DH on what would have been Stephen’s 100th birthday. More details nearer the time, but to reserve seats please email sevstjohn@gamil.com. The Verney family

• **Cathedral Prayer Circle**

In an emergency, a group of us is ready to pray for your concerns. Meg Bowen 01926 856928.

Please send brief items of Cathedral news and events for the next edition of Cathedral Matters by the end of **Tuesday 8th January** for publication next Sunday to cathedral.matters@coventrycathedral.org.uk or phone 024 7652 1227.