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Please send items for inclusion in the next edition of Cathedral Matters by end of TUESDAY 8th March 2016.
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Welcome to Coventry Cathedral – and a special welcome to mothers, and to fathers, who share in showing love to their children, near or far.

Mothering Sunday has its origins in the day to return to the Mother Church – in other words, the Cathedral, and so this is a special day in the Cathedral's calendar. It reminds those of us who are here week by week that this is home for a much wider family – the whole of the Diocese of Coventry. For us, uniquely, it's also home to a worldwide family in the Community of the Cross of Nails, for whom we often describe the Cathedral as the 'Mother Ship'. So today, in the Cathedral, we give a particularly warm greeting to any visitors from the wider Coventry family – welcome home! We pray you may know God’s love and ours as we join together in worship.

Every blessing

John Witcombe

The Very Reverend John Witcombe MA MPhil
Dean of Coventry

Canon Kathryn this morning

Canon Kathryn is away from the Cathedral this weekend as she is on Chaplaincy duties at a Shared Conversation event. Please hold her in your prayers.
## Electoral and Community Rolls. Are you on the list?

If you are not yet on the Electoral Roll now is the time to enrol. All baptised members of the Church of England who worship regularly at Coventry Cathedral are invited to join. Once you are on the Roll you will be entitled to free entry to the Cathedral and be able to vote at the Annual Meetings held in April. To enrol, simply fill in a short form to indicate your continued commitment and contribution to our life together. There is also a Community Roll for those engaged in service with the Cathedral eg voluntary work on the information desk, as a Guide etc. Forms are available every Sunday on the Community Table at both the 10.30am and 6.30pm services.

In addition, please let Jane Corrigan, the Electoral Roll Officer know if you have changed your address, telephone number or email address in the last year. She would also appreciate being informed about anyone who has died in the past year. Contact her by email: jane.corrigan45@btinternet.com or speak to any of the five Churchwardens if you would like to know more.

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David East

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### Reconciliation Lent Book Group

**Thursday 17th March**

The Reconciliation Ministry Team invites you to a book group on Thursday 17th March at 2pm in St Michael’s House. Godfrey Armitage will host the group on Paul Ede’s book *Urban Eco-mission: Healing the land in the Post-industrial City.* This is a theological-ethical reflection and practical learning booklet about community-based transformation of derelict and vacant land and how it can be transformative for those who participate. Godfrey says, ‘I particularly like it because he is one of the few authors who looks at ‘Reconciliation Ecology’ from a Christian perspective and also his work draws on that of Richard Bauckham who was a lead speaker at Reconciling a Wounded Planet.’

Haley Jones

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### ‘What lies beneath?.... The Archaeological Discoveries in the Ruins Summer 2015

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Join us for this fascinating lecture by George Demidowicz FSA, formerly City Archaeologist, who will share with us the discoveries made last summer when engineering works enabled us to lift the flagstones in the Ruins and discover what lies beneath. There will also be a presentation from Kelley Christ, the Cathedral’s Architect, on the challenges we face as we care for historic buildings. There will be a small display of the finds and the first opportunity for the public to access the Wyley Chapel.

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