WELCOME TO COVENTRY CATHEDRAL

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**
  
  This month we give thanks for God’s provision in the past, and pray for the Cathedral’s role in promoting good stewardship of the earth for ours and our children’s future.

• **Today**
  
  Today is Food Bank Sunday. Donations welcome, as always. *Richard Chamberlaine Brothers*

  Bring & Share Welcome Lunch at the back of the cathedral at noon today. Everyone is invited to join in. *St Michael's Committee*

• **Prayer for Christian Service, Monday 7th in Chapel of Unity at 4pm**
  
  After a longer interval than expected, this session features Matt Robinson, Fresh Start Coordinator, Together for Change, who will update us on their ministry of seeking to work with churches and other organisations in Coventry to offer a warm and welcoming environment to refugees, asylum seekers and migrants. Please take this opportunity to find out more, and support by prayer, this valuable work of "welcoming the strange". *John Lloyd*

• **Funeral of Harry Wilkinson, Wednesday 9th at 12:30pm**
  
  Canon Kathryn will take this service.

• **Service for Babyloss Awareness Week: Sunday 13th at 2pm**
  
  This is a special service for anyone who has ever been affected by pregnancy loss or the death of a baby. It’s an informal, short service followed by tea and cake. Children are welcome too. This year the service is based around the children’s book ‘Guess how much I love you’ and includes some beautiful reflective stations for adults and children to enjoy around the cathedral. For more information contact *kathryn.fleming@coventrycathedral.org.uk* or *Ricarda.witcombe@geh.nhs.uk*

• **Making Space for Hope Project: plans available on Sunday 13th**
  
  The plans for the layout of the new pavilion annexe will be available for the congregation to see after the morning service. *Isabel Merrifield*
**Difference: the power of faith in a conflicted world, Thursday 17th, 10:00-4:30**

A training day in St Michael’s House provided by Reconciling Leaders Network (RLN) for churches who would like to learn how to run a new 5-session course called ‘difference’, developed by the Archbishop’s Reconciliation Ministry. It is to help us discover how our faith can make a positive impact, exploring the values that form our God-given identity and the habits that help us model it in our everyday contexts. In a time where our world feels messy and divided, it explores what it means to follow Jesus in the face of human conflict and difference. The day will be interactive and is a great chance to experience the course material and meet others who’ll be running it. Contact: luke.stewart@lambethpalace.org.uk.

**15 minute concert by our visiting choir, The Singers; Sunday 20th at 2:30pm**

Vita Hominum (The Life of Man) was written for The Singers by Birmingham-based composer, Edmund Hunt. It sets words by Bede and its novel use of all parts of the building provides an immersive and moving experience for singer and listener alike. Rachel Mahon

**The Millennium Chapel of the Stalingrad Madonna**

The Millennium Screen Appeal has been re-opened for 2 more weeks to allow people to come forward with additional names to be engraved onto the glass screens. To find out more please contact me on 024 7652 1226 or email matt.feeley@coventrycathedral.org.uk. I will be happy to talk through all the details regarding this special opportunity. Matt Feeley

**ICONS (International Cross of Nails Schools) update**

Three new ICONS applications have been recently approved: Brailes CE Primary School, St Mary’s Catholic Primary School (Studley) and Cardinal Newman Catholic Secondary School. We will soon present a Cross of Nails to Bury CE High School, our 50th ICON School.

**Thanks from Mary Dale**

Sincere thanks to everyone for their kind farewell messages. The Cash's card showing both the old and new parts of the Cathedral was very appropriate, as I started worshipping at the Cathedral in the West Crypt, in 1946. A special "Thank You" to Evelyn for the cakes, which were a lovely surprise. Mary Dale

**Cathedral Walkers Christmas Lunch, Wednesday 11th December**

This will be at Finham Golf Club. If you would like to join us contact Heather on heather@hwallace1.plus.com or ring 02476 716016.

**“I stand here as a moderate drunkard!”**

Rev Everard Digby was appointed curate at St Michael’s Church in 1907. The story of this unconventional priest was told at the AGM of the Friends of Coventry Cathedral. The gym in the church; a fundraising exhibition match by the World Wrestling Champion; smoking conferences before the service; a citizen’s petition to the Bishop in his support. A small number of leaflets on the community table describe them all. Martin R Williams

**Cathedral Prayer Circle**

In an emergency, contact Sandra.Brownbridge2@gmail.com for prayer for your concerns.

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