WHAT'S ON IN SEPTEMBER 2015

Tuesday Group
The Tuesday Group begins again on 8th September. We meet weekly from 7.30 - 9.00pm at the home of Derek and Moya Horton, 8 Styleyehale Avenue, Earlsdon (02476 711210) for bible/ book study. We are starting this term with a study of the book ‘I believe’ by Alister McGrath exploring the Apostles creed. Do get in touch if you would like to join us.
Heather Wallace

London Bridges Walk - Saturday 19th September 2015 10am
Our congregation has been invited to join a seven-mile (fairly leisurely) walk across London to raise funds for the fight against modern slavery. For further details see: www.inneeds.org.uk/london-bridges-walk or pick up an information card from the Community Table. Graham Warren

National Justice and Peace Network - Open Networking Day
Join us on Saturday 19th September 2015 at Warwick Road URC, 10 Warwick Row, Coventry CV1 1EX, 10.30am-4pm where the theme will be ‘Francis Economics: The Saint, the Pope and the Economy of Enough’.
The speaker, Paul Bodenham (Chair of Green Christian), will be looking at economics in the light of Franciscan spirituality and the papal encyclical on the environment. There will also be an opportunity to hear about justice and peace activities from groups around the country. Representatives of Catholic/ Christian Agencies will report on their work involved in campaigning for social justice. Tea and coffee will be provided, bring your own lunch. To find out more contact Ann Kelly on 020 7901 4864 or email admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk. Dean John

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Monday 7th September - 1pm Lunchtime organ concert with Andy Von Oppenkowski.
Wednesday 9th September - 5.15pm Choral Evensong to celebrate HM The Queen becoming the longest-reigning monarch in British History.
Saturday 12th September - Heritage Open Weekend.
Sunday 13th September - Heritage Open Weekend.
Monday 14th September - 1pm Lunchtime organ concert with Daniel Cook.
Thursday 17th September - 7pm Scarred Lands and Wounded Lives: the Environmental Footprint of War.
Friday 18th - Saturday 19th September - ‘Reconciling a Wounded Planet’ two-day conference.
Monday 21st September - 1pm Lunchtime organ concert with Paul Leddington Wright.
Monday 21st September - International Day of Peace.
Tuesday 22nd to Saturday 26th September - Community of the Cross of Nails Pilgrimage

Please send items for inclusion in the next edition of Cathedral Matters by end of TUESDAY 8th September 2015. Tel: 02476 521200 or email: cathedral.matters@coventrycathedral.org.uk Website address: www.coventrycathedral.org.uk

A MESSAGE FROM THE CANON PASTOR

Last weekend I was part of a Eucharist in a very different context – sitting in a not yet muddy field with 5,000 assorted Christians gathered for Greenbelt. As always I came home encouraged, challenged and energised, and with a particular sense of our interconnection with one another and with creation too.

This has been reinforced as I’ve listened with growing incredulity to accounts of “appalling experiences” in Calais. Incredibly “appalling” was used to describe not the ordeal of those seeking sanctuary, but of those Eurostar passengers whose homeward journey was disrupted by desperate people on the tracks. I think those passengers had forgotten that their inconvenience was nothing to do with the familiar “leaves on the line...” Outside their carriages were frantic, fearful people. Our brothers and our sisters. Human beings, bearing God’s image – not some different species, class “migrant”. I cannot imagine the desperation that has driven families to leave their homes and seek refuge in a country that is so publicly set against welcoming them and I’m finding it hard to engage with those who are intent on turning them away. As so often, John Donne says it best “No man is an island, entire of himself. Any man’s death diminishes me because I am involved in mankind. Therefore send not to ask for whom the bell tolls. It tolls for thee”. Canon Kathryn

CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY NOTICES

CATHEDRAL MATTERS
Sunday 6th September
Trinity 14

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8.00am Holy Communion (Holy Trinity)
10.30am The Cathedral Eucharist
4.00pm Choral Evensong
6.30pm Later

Sunday 13th September
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10.30am The Cathedral Eucharist
4.00pm Choral Evensong
6.30pm Later

75 stories of reconciliation

As we get closer to the 75th anniversary of the bombing of Coventry and the start of our reconciliation ministry I’m eager that we have a wide range of stories of reconciliation where Coventry inspired the process or we were involved. I’m now beginning to collate these and I would like to hear your stories. I’m eager to talk to the volunteers who spoke to the Luftwaffe Pilot who came here a few years ago. I’m eager to show that, while the Coventry story began 75 years ago, it is as relevant today as it was then. Christine Doyle
The Diocesan Readers assisting at the Eucharist today are Kemble Everitt and Donald Parr from St Lawrence Ansley.

A request from the Canon Treasurer – Millennium Screen names
I am delighted to report fresh names to be added to the Millennium Screen. It will be lovely to see parents honoured in this way. It follows a request earlier in the summer for a name of a Coventry cross country champion to be added. This of course prompts me to ask - are there other sporting heroes whose names could be added? We have many decades to choose from! Or of course other prominent figures who have meant a lot to you or people you know?

Besides the honouring of that person, in this very special chapel, there is the huge value to the Cathedral that a gift of £2,500 brings. Can you help us and the Cathedral find a few more individuals whose names could be engraved and so contribute to the much-needed revenue that sustains our Cathedral and its vital work. It is one of the most important and urgent requests I am making this year. Canon Stephen

Reconciling a Wounded Planet
Do join us at this exciting conference at the Cathedral on 18th-19th September. Speakers and contributors from the world of environmental science and theology include Sir Ghillean Prance, Reverend Margot Hodson, Professor Richard Bauckham and Bishop James Jones. With them, we will come together to consider ‘stories of hope’ in the midst of the growing environmental crisis that the world is experiencing. This is not a conference aimed at activists but at all who seek to understand the message of reconciliation, that God was in Christ reconciling all things to himself by the blood of the cross and how this provides the motivation for us all to care for God’s creation. Do pick up a brochure and buy your ticket from the welcome desk or on line at the website. Otherwise, if you would like to help as a volunteer, please see me. Godfrey Armitage, Vice Chairman, www.reconcilingawoundedplanet.com.

Scared Lands and Wounded Lives: the Environmental Footprint of War
This film is being shown on Thursday 17th September for those who wish to come early for the Reconciling a Wounded Planet conference. The programme starts at 7pm and there will be a panel discussion with Lord Dannatt, former CGS, Dr Alan Storkey and Canon Dr Sarah Hills after the film. Admission FREE.

Baked Alaska: Time to change the temperature
A new play by the Riding Lights Theatre Company at Coventry Cathedral 7.30pm Friday 18th September; do join us for this entertaining and challenging evening. Free to Reconciling a Wounded Planet delegates; otherwise tickets £12 / £9 concessions / £7.50 (under 18s in groups of 8+). Tickets available EITHER from: 01904 613000 / 07717 778853 / ridinglights.org/baked-alaska OR from Coventry Cathedral welcome desk.

Cathedral Walkers
Wednesday 16th September
Our next walk and/or lunch is soon due. Details on the Community Table or from me; do let me know if you intend to come (024 7646 1946). Dave Goodall

The return of ‘Roots’
“Also ‘Roots’ – the Cathedral children’s programme returns for the new year today, when Canon Sarah will be leading Families First. Meet her by the Table at the back of the nave after the Collect. Canon Kathryn

Heritage Open Day and Volunteer Fayre
12th and 13th September
Calling all volunteers – and that means ANYONE who gives of their time and energy to the life of the Cathedral…including (I suspect) YOU! During Heritage Open Weekend, 12th and 13th September we are planning a mini “Volunteer Fayre”, with a display from our many volunteer groups, to promote volunteering at the Cathedral to visitors. We hope to have pictures and information about all the groups so if you give of your time in any way, please do think about how we could represent this. Many many thanks. Canon Kathryn

Reconciliation: What is it and how do we begin?
Come and join St Michael’s House on the 12th and 13th October for the first of our new series of Reconciliation courses. Over two days, Canon Sarah will provide an introduction to the theology and practice of peace and reconciliation. The course fee is £200, which covers all teaching and resources, as well as refreshments and lunch on both days. For more information and to book your place, email reconciliation@coventrycathedral.org.uk, call Carly Tewkesbury-Witham on 024 7652 1284, or talk to Canon Sarah. The Reconciliation Ministry Team

Cake Sale
On Sunday 18th October and Sunday 15th November there will be a cake sale after the morning service. Please can the choir parents supply amazing homemade cakes to sell! If so, please leave in the choir vestry on Saturday or Sunday morning. Claire Coopey

Update from the Maintenance team
The work in the Ruins is progressing with the archaeological recording now complete. The process of protecting the archaeology, backfilling, reinstating the lighting installation, waterproofing and finally relaying the paving will proceed. This will take circa two months depending on the weather!

A plaque has been erected in Hill Top to mark the former site of John F. Kennedy House which was demolished in 1999 to make way for the Phoenix Project and ultimately Youell House. The building was designed by Basil Spence and reputedly cost £32,000 in the 1960’s. Thousands of young people stayed there on service and study programmes until for the last few years it was used by the Council’s Youth Service. A formal unveiling of the plaque is planned in the autumn.

Finally, the Maintenance Team were faced with a very smelly problem last week. The ladies WC’s located the café were blocked and when the manhole was lifted it was found to be full to the brim with you know what and sanitary towels. We had to call in a drainage company to clear the blockage and jet the drains. Tony Auty, Director of Fabric and Property

“Everybody Welcome? An Inclusive Church taster event.
On Wednesday 23rd September, from 7-9.30pm at St Mary Magdalene Church, Chapelfields, CV5 8DR. The evening will start with curry and conversation, an opportunity to learn more about Inclusive Church, with Bob Callaghan, National Co-ordinator, Inclusive Church. To book your free ticket www.everybodywelcome.eventbrite.co.uk For more information contact the Reverend Sarah Edmonds sarah_edmonds@btconnect.com