WHAT'S ON IN AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2016

**THE FRIENDS OF COVENTRY CATHEDRAL**

**Holiday Reading!**
The August Issue of the Friends' bulletin is now available in hard copy, free from the Community Table, for those who do not have access to the Internet.

**The Friends' AGM**
**Saturday 24th September 12.00 noon**
The AGM of the Friends of Coventry Cathedral will be held on Saturday 24th September at 12 noon in the Chapter House. It will be followed by a light lunch in the Lecture Room and a Public Lecture in the Chapter House, concluding with tea and cake.

**John Piper and the Church**
**Saturday 24th September 2.30 pm**
The Friends are proud to sponsor an important lecture on John Piper, one of England's outstanding late 20th century artists. His reputation is inextricably linked with the Cathedral through his two 'morning after' paintings of the ruined Cathedral and his incomparable Baptistry Window.

The lecturer is Frances Spalding, the leading authority on John Piper. She is an art historian, biographer and critic, who is also a specialist on twentieth-century British art, and the author of John Piper, Myfanwy Piper: Lives in Art.

Formerly Professor of Art History at Newcastle University, she is the Editor of the Burlington Magazine, one of the world's leading art journals.

**Friday 19th August at 9.20pm in the Ruins:**
**Saturday 18th August at 9.20pm in the Cathedral Walkers:**
**Wednesday 17th August at 10am:** Organ Recital.
**Monday 15th August at 1pm:**

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**Monday 8th August at 1pm:** Summer Organ Recital.

**Thursday 11th August at 10.15am in the Chapel of Unity:** Mothers' Union Corporate Communion

**Saturday 13th August from 2.30pm to 5pm in Haseley:** afternoon tea in aid of the Bethlehem Icon Centre.

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**Friday 19th August at 9.20pm in the Ruins:** a showing of The Revenant.

**Saturday 20th August at 9.20pm in the Ruins:** a showing of Grease.

**Saturday, Sunday & Monday 27th, 28th & 29th August at St Laurence Church Ansley:** “God’s Creation” Flower Festival.
www.ansleychurch.org

**Sunday 28th August, 11am-6pm:** Coventry Cathedral Dining Club in the ruins. (The last for this year.)

**Sunday 4th September at 4pm:** Choral Evensong and Licensing of Sarah Snyder.

**Saturday 17th September:** Quiet Day at Turvey Abbey.

**Wednesday 20th September at 7pm:** first meeting of the Associate Programme.

**Thursday 21st September at 7pm:** Is Peace Possible? Public Lecture by Terry Waite for International Day of Peace.

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**A MESSAGE FROM THE RECONCILIATION TEAM**

We are delighted to announce that two new partners will be joining the Community of the Cross of Nails this month, both from Grahamstown in South Africa.

The first organisation is an Anglican Training College, the College of Transfiguration, Grahamstown, which is a leading centre for training Anglican clergy for ministry across the entire continent of Africa. Reconciliation is at the heart of their training, as they seek to equip Anglican vicars for the often-difficult task of promoting social cohesion in divided communities. Please keep them, and their Dean Vicentia Kgobe, in your prayers at this time as they seek to expand their ministry of reconciliation as a partner in the CCN.

The second partner is a school, and will be joining our International Cross of Nails Schools (ICONS) network. Amasango Career School is a specialist school for severely socially-marginalised children, many of whom have been abandoned by their families and live on the streets. They offer a combination of academic and vocational courses as they seek to equip these children for integration into society. Violence amongst the students is quite common, with many suffering from post-traumatic stress; yet despite these enormous challenges, many students progress to further education or to work in manual jobs around Grahamstown. Under such extraordinary circumstances, we thank God for the work of Mrs Linda Ngamila the School Principal, and all those who work there.

**Coventry Cathedral and St Michael’s House Associate Programme 2016-2017**

A series of six evenings designed for managers in the private, public or voluntary sector in Coventry to meet and reflect on the meaning of reconciliation. If you know anybody who may be interested please show them the flyer on page three of this leaflet.

**The Dean and Canons this week**

Canon Kathryn is Canon in Residence this week. Canon Sarah is in South Africa where she will be presenting Crosses of Nails to Amasango Career School and the College of Transfiguration in Grahamstown.

**Readers**
The Reader assisting at the Eucharist this morning is Donald Parr (St Lawrence Ansley).
Appointment of the Archbishop’s Adviser for Reconciliation

I am delighted to welcome Sarah Snyder to the reconciliation team at the Cathedral on her appointment by the Archbishop of Canterbury as his new Adviser for Reconciliation.

Sarah’s passion for Reconciliation has been the focus of her life and work for many years, and her commitment and experience in the field will bring a huge contribution to the work of the Cathedral, and the Archbishop. We are very pleased that we will now have two Sarahs equally committed to serving Reconciliation through this place, and in the wider world. Sarah knows the cathedral well and has visited us several times. I have got to know her through the Cambridge interfaith leaders’ programme.

Sarah will join the team on Monday 5th September following her Licensing and welcome by the Bishop during Choral Evensong on Sunday 4th September. I am sure you will all wish to make her very welcome.

Sarah is currently Director of Partnerships with Religions for Peace International (a United Nations-affiliated organization supporting religious communities in collaborating across traditional boundaries to transform conflict) and Director of the Cambridge International Summer Schools for faith leaders from conflict zones. She has trained as an anthropologist and a theologian. As a faith-based mediator, Sarah has worked with numerous conflicted communities to overcome suspicion and fear and discover a better quality of disagreement, living and working together despite deep-rooted differences, for the sake of the wider community. She chairs a Cambridge-based thinktank called the Jubilee Centre, and is Vice-chair of Christian Solidarity Worldwide, supporting and advocating on behalf of persecuted religious minorities. She is married to John, with four (young adult!) children, and lives in the Lake District.

John Witcombe

Chapel of Unity Repairs

We are very pleased to announce that the Cathedral has been awarded £870,000 from the WW1 Centenary Cathedral Repairs Fund to complete this project. This is the largest grant in this round of awards.

Work on site will recommence on 8th August when Midland Conservation Ltd will return to complete the bay which is currently scaffolded. They will be tendering the contract to repair the other nine bays and expect that work will commence on site early in the new year and be completed by the end of 2017.

The grant does not cover VAT so we still need to fund £35,000 (the balance of the VAT can be claimed back through the Listed Places of Worship Scheme). If anyone can assist with

What does Coventry Cathedral mean to you?

We are looking for tales about how Coventry Cathedral impacts people, and we would love to hear from you! If you would like to share a few words about what the Cathedral means to you, why you choose to volunteer here, or even if you have a tale of how you have witnessed it impact our visitors we would love to hear from you.

There is no limit on the length or content; all submissions will be welcome. Please email your contributions to me or hand them in to me or one of the Welcome Team in person.

carla.crawley@coventrycathedral.org.uk

A Public Lecture given by Terry Waite: Is Peace Possible?

Wednesday 21st September at 7pm in the Nave

Terry Waite was the Archbishop of Canterbury’s Assistant for Anglican Communion Affairs in the 1980s. As an envoy for the Church of England, he travelled to Lebanon to try to secure the release of four hostages, including the journalist John McCarthy. He was himself kidnapped and held captive from 1987 to 1991. He will share part of his narrative and his thoughts on peace and reconciliation.

Join us for this talk offered by Coventry Cathedral and the Reconciliation Ministry on International Day of Peace. There is a £5 suggested donation for the continued work of peace and reconciliation in Coventry and around the globe.

The Prayer of Stillness

Mondays 17th & 24th October, 9.30am to 3.15pm

Purley Chase Centre (near Atherstone)

CV9 2RQ

‘sYou have the words of eternal life’

The contemplative life has to do with the desire to seek stillness amid the rush of life; to find silence amid noise; to listen amid the clamour to speak; to deepen the internal amid the purely external; to search for God amid busy-ness. Contemplative prayer is the expression of that desire. God says: ‘Be still and know that I am God’. Words like these help us to open our hearts and minds to God in a fresh way. We don’t need to speak every time we pray – we can just listen!

The Autumn Quiet Days arranged by The Fellowship of Contemplative Prayer provide an opportunity to enter into this creative stillness and silence. You will be welcome at either or both.

Contact the Revd Canon Martin Tunnicliffe tunnicliffe@tmartin7.orangehome.co.uk or 0121 745 6522.
**Summar Organ Recital:**
**Monday 8th August at 1pm**
This week’s programme, given by Paul Dewhurst (Pontefract), will include music by Alexandre Boëly, Nicolaus Bruhns, Alfred Hollins, Arthur Sullivan and Ralph Vaughan Williams. 

**Fundraiser for Bethlehem Icon Centre**
**Saturday 13th August from 2.30pm to 5pm in Haseley**
Come and enjoy a sumptuous afternoon tea at Ivy Cottage, Five Ways, Birmingham Road, Haseley, CV35 7HD.
A unique opportunity to meet with Ian Knowles, Director of the Centre, and some of his students. Learn about living in the Holy Land today, share hospitality and friendship and discover more about this ancient art.
Tickets £5.00 from Di Hibbs or on the door. 
di.hibbs@btinternet.com 07979 915983

**Cathedral Walkers**
**Wednesday 17th August**
Why not join us for this month’s walk in the summer sunshine (well, I can hope!), or just for lunch afterwards? Details are on the Community Table. Please let me know if you’re coming by close Sunday 14th to dagoodall@hotmail.co.uk, 02476461946, or in person.
Dave Goodall

**At Home With Shakespeare**
**26th-28th August at Holland House, Cropthorne, Nr Pershore, WR10 3NB**
A residential retreat of poetry and prayer hosted by CARM (Creative Arts Retreat Movement) to celebrate Shakespeare’s Quatercentenary. The retreat will be led by Diana Walls and the Revd Clive Harper.

01386 860330 enquiries@hollandhouse.org
www.hollandhouse.org

**A Quiet Day at the Monastery**
**Saturday 17th September**
Do you feel the need for “time out” to think, relax, meditate, pray? Time to find yourself again? Are you just curious to try out an ancient spirituality?
I am organising a quiet day at Turvey Abbey on Saturday 17th September (departing at 8am from Bablake School carpark and returning at 6pm, or flexible if you use your own transport).
Turey Abbey is located in the village of Turvey near Bedford. Historically, Turvey Abbey was a country house and family home. It now belongs to the ‘Priory of Our Lady of Peace,’ a Benedictine order of nuns and The ‘Monastery of Christ our Saviour’, a Benedictine order of monks.
We will start the day just before 10 am with a short introduction from me and then the day is yours to spend in the retreat house, the extensive gardens, chapels, library, exploring the area or walking in silence. You are welcome to attend the Eucharist/Mass and other services if you wish. We will share lunch together (not included and not silent) and return to silence afterwards. The cost for the day is £15. If you are interested, please sign the sheet on the community table by Sunday 11th September at the latest.
Thank-you, Fr. Sacha
For pictures: www.turveyabbey.org.uk

**Flowers**
The flowers in the Chapel of Gethsemane from Wednesday 3rd August are in loving memory of my mother, Marjorie Viner.
Mary Viner

The flowers at the pulpit are in loving memory of Kathleen Isherwood who died at this time in 1997 and for her husband, Peter, who died recently. They are given by their sons, Mark and Andrew.

Coventry is known around the world as a City of Peace and Reconciliation – but what does that mean to the city, to the organisations that base themselves here and to you?

Are you a manager in the Private, Public or Voluntary sector in Coventry? If so, you’re invited to spend six evenings with us here at St Michael’s House to think about these questions.

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**Programme Timetable**
7.00pm-9.00pm

September 20th: Reconciliation and Coventry’s Story (private tour of the Cathedral)
October 18th: Reconciliation and Disagreeing Well with Stephen Rudd QC
November 22nd: Reconciliation and Public Service with Prof Simon Brake
January 17th: Reconciliation and Community Cohesion with Canon Christopher Lamb
February 28th: Reconciliation and the Economy with Prof Jane Godsell, University of Warwick
March TBA: Group Reflection and “Graduation”

Limited space available
To register or for more information contact David Williams at david.williams@coventrycathedral.org.uk or 024 7652 1287
The Bishop's Certificate in Discipleship and Mission

The first year of the revamped BCDM has been a great success; modules are now open to everyone who would like to learn about one or more of the topics and over 150 people have taken part in at least one of the many interactive modules that have been held in various parishes across the diocese.

These modules are being offered in September, weekly at 7pm, for five sessions each:
A: Mission-Shaped God (at Westwood, 13th Sept - 11th Oct)
B: Jesus and the Gospels (St Nicolas Nuneaton, 12th Sept - 10th Oct)
C: Understanding Loss (Claverdon, 13th Sept - 11th Oct)
D: The Bible in Five Acts (Harbury, 14th Sept - 12th Oct)

Modules planned for November include Paul's Life, Mission and Letters (at St Mary's Leamington), Music (Holy Trinity Stratford), and Advent (St Mary's Walsgrave).

What participants have said about BCDM modules:
“I feel much stronger in faith having attended this particular module.”
“I have found new ways to understand the Bible.”
“I had one spine tingling light-bulb moment which gave me a totally unexpected insight into who/what Jesus was and is. I don’t have to read the subtitles anymore!”
“Found the module totally absorbing and inspiring. Gained so much from discussions with other participants as well.”
“One of the best courses I’ve attended. It has more than met my expectations and has been a revelation. I will continue to read the gospels differently and learn much more than I already had learned. Wonderful!”
“This was an extremely enjoyable module and I am only disappointed that it was not longer! It was very well balanced with explanation and interactive learning. Thank you.”
“It has made me so much more aware of the immensity of God’s transcendent glory.”

www.dioceseofcoventry.org/BCDM

Revised Guidebook – thank you to those who helped

A few months ago we began the process to revise and refresh our visitor guidebook and there are a few people I would like to thank. Firstly, I brought together a small group of community members whose combined knowledge of the Cathedral is amazing and very thorough – Richard Chamberlaine-Brothers, Mike Stansbie, Shirley Willis and Dianne Morris – to suggest changes and make amendments. Later as the project progressed we received additional help from John Brassington and Mary Viner.

Our strategic vision is to place reconciliation at the heart of everything we do. This follows through with our communications, and the guidebook is no exception. We made small changes to the pagination to enable a double page spread dedicated to our reconciliation work and so I would also like to thank the reconciliation team for their help and support.

Finally, so many were involved in the proof-reading and approval process – Carla Crawley, Isabel Merrifield, Canon David, Canon Kathryn, Canon Sarah and the Dean. We hope you like it too. Christine Doyle

A happy ending – and a fresh challenge!

If you noticed the request some weeks ago for a foster-family to host Wenyu-Ming, and thus enable her to continue her education in this country, you'll be happy to know that she is currently living with one of her fellow choristers.

Wenyu-Ming’s mum has been given a place on a PGCE course at University College London, which will increase her chances of obtaining work in the UK and so being close to her daughter – but is anxious about the visa application process. She has asked if we know of an immigration lawyer who would be willing to help her with her application – and also for the continued prayers of the cathedral family as she tries to give her daughter the very best opportunities that she can.

If you can help with the immigration process, please contact Canon Kathryn. If you’ve been praying, thank you – and please continue!

Canon Kathryn

Letter from Transylvania

The first group of volunteers sponsored by members of the Cathedral congregation arrived safely in Sibiu earlier in July and has started work at the Speranta Centre for disabled children. Martin and I came the 1600 miles by car to bring clothes and toys for the children. The journey included the Cross of Nails centre of Würzburg, though we only visited the Ford dealer when our car broke down on the autobahn!

On Friday we thought of home when we joined the Coventry Litany at the Sibiu cross of nails. The volunteers were greeted warmly by the Centre staff, and they were pleased to see that the continuation of their work has helped the children make real progress.

Thank you for all your support upon which the work depends.

Jane Williams. JaneMLWill@aol.com

Heritage at Risk Register

In recognition of all the repair work undertaken in the Ruins over the last few years Historic England have agreed to remove the Ruins from the Heritage at Risk Register 2016. The Ruins were placed on the Register in 2012 ‘due to the poor condition of parts of the exposed freestanding walls and the condition of the crypt chapels’.

Car Parks

Repairs have been undertaken in both car parks and the space marking reinforced.

Everyone is reminded that the spaces allocated to residents must not be used and that if visitor spaces are required these must be booked in advance through Louise Nicholls.

Tony Auty, Director of Property and Fabric

News of Friends

Mollie Jones and Duncan & Linsley Withers have all moved to Dorset. I have news, addresses and phone numbers for anyone who would like to be in touch.

Heather Wallace