**Building a Cathedral**

**Monday 15th February 2016 at 11am**

Sign up today on the Community Table to book a seat for the showing of the newly digitalised film of the ‘Construction of Coventry Cathedral’, made by Laing the Builders in 1962.

This first Friends meeting of the new year is on Monday 15th February at 11am in the Undercroft Lecture Hall, with coffee/tea from 10.30am. It promises to be fascinating, nostalgic and a unique experience – then and now.

**Just the business - the February Issue of the e-bulletin**

For Members of the Friends without internet access, pick up your hard copy of the February e-bulletin today from the Community Table. This issue contains a report of the Dean’s address to the Community last month, and news about the appointment of a Cathedral Business Manager.

*Andrew Paine, Chairman of the Friends of Coventry Cathedral*

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**WHAT’S ON IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2016**

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**A MESSAGE FROM THE CANON FOR RECONCILIATION**

I have just returned from South Africa, where the Dean and I were working with the International Representatives of the Community of the Cross of Nails – setting vision and strategy, and feeding back on the work of the CCN round the world.

It was particularly fitting that our meeting took place in South Africa at this time. As we visited and preached and listened to the many delightful and committed people we met, we was underlined for us that the work of reconciliation is more and more needed today, even after many years post-apartheid in ‘the new South Africa’. Problems of socioeconomic inequality, drought, racism and student protests are some of the issues people are facing. So it was very good to be able to build and rebuid relationships through the CCN and our visit; to encourage and to hear; to think together with those engaged day to day with these issues around justice, peace building and reconciliation. I had the great pleasure of preaching in Grahamstown Cathedral, my home town, and also making links with the only residential theological college in South Africa. John is preaching in Pietermaritzburg today, and we visited some inspiring ICONS schools, youth projects, cathedrals and rural churches. I introduced the Reps. to Archbishop Tutu, and it was a delight to be able to give him a pectoral cross of nails to replace the one that had been stolen. Also, to hear that he prays the Litany of Reconciliation every day...

So please pray for the work of the CCN in Southern Africa, as we give thanks for the commitment of those who work so hard for peace and reconciliation there and worldwide through this community of friends that is the CCN. This work is not without its challenges, and on this Sunday when we hear of Jesus’ transfiguration, let us also take heed of God’s command in the cloud to ‘listen to Jesus’, as we follow him in building the Kingdom through the gospel of reconciliation. **Canon Sarah**

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**The Dean and Canons this week**

Dean John is in South Africa until Wednesday 10th February meeting with members of the Community of the Cross of Nails. This week Canon Sarah is visiting our friends and partners in Corrymela, Northern Ireland. Please hold them in your prayers.
**Women’s World Day of Prayer**
The annual ecumenical Women’s World Day of Prayer Service is taking place at the Methodist Central Hall on Friday 4th March at 11am. The service has been compiled by a group of ladies from Cuba this year. Please speak to Sandra Brownbridge or email: sandra.brownbridge2@gmail.com for further information.

**Saturday 12th March 10am – 2pm**
Passiontide Quiet Day
All are welcome to join me for a reflective walk through the events of the first Holy Week using “Experience Easter” stations.

*Canon Kathryn*

**An update from the maintenance team**
You are probably aware that our Architect and Structural Engineer have been inspecting the cladding on the exterior of the Chapel of Unity. The full results are awaited but they have recommended that the pedestrian safety zone be extended such that it has been necessary to close the footpath around the Chapel. This also means that there will be no access onto Unity Lawn except by prior arrangement with the Maintenance Team. Once we have the consultant’s report we will be able to consider appropriate remedial measures.

*Tony Auty*

**Care for the Dying and Bereaved**
We are seeking to recruit volunteers interested in providing support for dying patients and their families within the University Hospital in Coventry. Sometimes we have situations where patients may have no one with them during the last stages of their life, or may only have an elderly spouse, family may live away etc. We want to provide a service where we have a group of people who can sit with the patient and/or their family and offer support during this time. This will be subject to careful selection and full training; an expression of interest does not commit anyone. We are planning to offer training and begin delivering the service from April. If you are interested please contact Simon Betteridge, (Lead Chaplain & Bereavement Services Manager UHCW NHS Trust) 024 7696 7511 or simon.betteridge@uhcw.nhs.uk

**Grave Talk**
If you are planning to attend the Grave Talk session tomorrow, 8th February, please speak to Canon Kathryn today: low take-up means that the event is likely to be cancelled.

“What lies beneath?..... The Archaeological Discoveries in the Ruins Summer 2015**

**Thursday 10th March 6.30pm for 7pm**
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 flag stones 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.

Tickets: £10 per person or £8 per person for members of the Cathedral Community or the Friends of Coventry Cathedral. Tickets are available on-line or at the Cathedral Gift Shop.

*Christine Doyle*

**CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**NEWS FROM THE RECONCILIATION MINISTRY TEAM**

**New partners in the Community of the Cross of Nails (CCN)**
During the Eucharist last Sunday we blessed Crosses of Nails for two new members of the CCN. We thought you would like to know more about their work:

**The Protestant Church Community of Deventer and its ‘Coventry prayer group’**

Deventer is a town in the Netherlands which suffered from English bombing during the Second World War that destroyed a part of the city surrounding the Lebuïnuskerk, their parish church.

The church was originally dedicated to Lebuinus, a monk of Ripon who in 754 travelled to Utrecht and became influential in mission to the Saxon communities.

The crypt of the church was a place for refugees then, as it is now - supporting people fleeing the conflict in Afghanistan.

There is a very active Coventry prayer group, which is an ecumenical community with people from two other inner-city churches; Roman Catholics and Mennonites and a Bahai are all attending the prayer. It is held each Friday and includes the Coventry Litany of Reconciliation.

Some of their most recent events include a talk from a speaker who was for some months working for peace on the border between Israel and Palestinian territories.

The talk began with the Coventry Litany of Reconciliation.

Last summer, when the Malaysian airliner was shot down above the Ukraine, the Coventry prayer group held a vigil for remembrance and mourning. Many people came to light candles and write in the book of remembrance. They were joined by the Turkish consul, who has his office in the town.

**Antoniterkirche Köln**
The fourteenth century church was given to the Protestant Community of Cologne in 1802 badly damaged by bombing in 1942 and rebuilt 1946–52. Its position in one of the busiest pedestrian precincts in the city is ideal for the 10-minute service of songs, readings and reflection which takes place every weekday at 6pm.

The main Sunday Eucharist varies between the rites of the Reformed Church, Unified Church and Lutheran Church – the 3 main strands of German Protestantism – and in the evening there is a wide range of special services: ecumenical evensong, jazz, for the LGBTQI community, a political service with prominent speakers on cultural or political topics, and others.

In 2016 the Antoniterkirche is also hosting the city’s monthly ecumenical memorial service for all those who have died alone and unremembered. This is a joint initiative of the Catholic & Protestant Churches, the municipality and the undertakers’ association, keeping alive and giving a public space for their memory.