CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY NEWS

Our regular giving
A few weeks ago, Canon Stephen preached on the importance of growth to the cathedral. He particularly mentioned the need for growth in our Cathedral income. He asked us the question: how can each of us help the cathedral to grow? We are so grateful to all of you who have continued to maintain your level of giving this year, whether by standing order or by numbered envelope. The Cathedral depends very much on your generosity for its lifeblood. What you give enables us to pay staff, to heat and maintain the buildings and to run much of the ministry here.

Congregational giving totalled £174,000 in 2013, but fell to £139,500 last year. Early projections indicate a lower result by the end of 2015 if we continue at current levels. Much of the reduction is due to people dying or leaving Coventry. You will appreciate that projections indicate a lower result by the end of 2013, but fell to £139,500 last year. Early projections indicate a lower result by the end of 2015 if we continue at current levels. Much of the reduction is due to people dying or leaving Coventry. You will appreciate that this situation is urgent and important. How can we reverse this trend?

I would like to make two suggestions. The first is addressed to all of you who currently contribute. Would you be kind enough to review your level of giving? (It is two years since we had a stewardship review of this kind). If having done so you conclude that your level of giving is precisely right for you, then please take no further action. On the other hand, if you find that there is scope to increase your giving, may I invite you to do so?

The second suggestion is to those of you who are not part of any regular or planned programme of giving to the Cathedral. Could I ask you please to consider giving regularly by standing order?

Giving regularly is a really valuable way of supporting this amazing place and its worldwide ministry of reconciliation, and I should love to hear further from you. Please do speak to me or Canon Stephen after the Service.

Godfrey Armitage

WHAT'S ON IN JUNE 2015

Monday 1st June - 1pm Lunchtime organ concert with Nicholas Wearne.
Thursday 4th June - Friends of Coventry Cathedral - new members event.
Sunday 7th June - Foodbank Sunday and CPA Cake Sale.
Monday 8th June - 1pm Lunchtime organ concert with Nicholas Haigh.
Thursday 11th June - 12.05pm hour of prayer for the Christian Service Centre.
Saturday 13th June - 7.30pm The Sixteen Choral.
Saturday 13th June - 7.30pm Bardsley Youth Project Fundraising Dinner
Monday 15th June - 1pm Lunchtime organ concert with Peter Morris.
Monday 22nd June - 1pm Lunchtime organ concert with Kerry Beaumont.
Saturday 27th June - 5pm Ordination service.
Monday 29th June - 1pm Lunchtime organ concert with Geoff Howells.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CANON PRECENTOR

Have you heard about the Church of England’s ‘Shared Conversations’? In a report published in November 2013, the House of Bishops Working Group on Human Sexuality recommended that “The subject of sexuality, with its history of deeply entrenched views, would be best addressed by facilitated conversations or a similar process to which the Church of England needs to commit itself at national and diocesan level.”

The Church accepted this proposal and so, over the next year or so, representatives from groups of four or five dioceses at a time are being gathered to participate in a number of regional conferences. The key question being addressed is this: Given the significant changes in our culture in relation to human sexuality, how should the Church respond?

Guided by a team of experienced facilitators, participants are drawn from as broad a range of opinions and experience as possible. The aim of the conversations is that the diversity of views within the church will be expressed honestly and heard respectfully. The hope is that those taking part will come to discern that which is of Christ in those with whom they profoundly disagree.

Our particular involvement from Coventry Cathedral is that each of the canons is attending one or more of the conversations with the particular role of Chaplain, leading worship and being available to talk and pray with participants and facilitators as needed.

I attended the first of the conversations in this capacity at the end of April and was very struck by the commitment of the participants to engage so positively with what they were being asked to do. I’m off to the fourth conversation up in Lancaster this week and would value continued prayer for those taking part in a process which can be costly and painful, yes, but also immensely rewarding and reconciling – in fact, just what we’re here for!

David Stone

CATHEDRAL MATTERS

Sunday 7th June
Trinity Sunday

THIS WEEK

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8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am The Cathedral Eucharist
4.00pm Choral Evensong
6.30pm Later: Breathing Space Taizé

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CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY NOTICES

The Diocesan Reader assisting at the Eucharist today is Donald Parr from St Lawrence, Ansley.

The Magna Carta conference Tuesday 23rd June
As part of the 800th anniversary activities for the Magna Carta, Bishop Christopher and Dean John are hosting a one day conference on the allure of this ancient document and why it is still relevant in the 21st century.

Speaking at the conference ‘The Allure of Magna Carta: Freedom, Democracy and Reconciliation’, are David Carpenter, Professor of Medieval History at King’s College London, John McEldowney, Professor of Constitutional Law at the University of Warwick, the Reverend Robin Griffith-Jones, Master of the Temple, London, Chris Bryant, M.P., author of Parliament: The Biography (Doubleday, 2014) and Professor Neil Renwick who is Professor of Global Security at the University of Coventry.

The Conference will be held in St. Michael’s House starting at 10.30am and ending with Evensong in the Cathedral at 3.15pm.
Tickets are £25 and available from the Cathedral Gift Shop or online at www.coventrycathedral.org.uk. Christine Doyle

Breathing Space Taizé service – tonight and 12th July
Following requests from members of the Cathedral Community the ‘Later’ service tonight and 12th July is a Breathing Space Taizé service. I hope that you can join us.
Canon Kathryn

Climate Justice Lobby
You may be aware that on Wednesday June 17th 2015 an event is taking place outside the Houses of Parliament. The problems posed by climate change are of great importance for everyone. MP’s and their constituents will be brought together to ask for political action to tackle these problems.

If you are interested in attending this event and having your voice heard, then please contact your local Christian aid office on 0121 200 2283. There is a coach leaving from Coventry at 8am for those who wish to travel together; the cost for the coach is £13.50. Coach tickets can be booked online via forthethevoiceof.org.uk/getting-there or by phoning the above number. Maya Horton

Cake Sale in today and on the 12th July
There will be a cake sale this morning after the morning service and one of Sunday 12th July. Can choir parents supply amazing homemade cakes to sell on the July date? If so, please leave in the choir vestry on Saturday or Sunday morning. Also, please can some parents volunteer to set up, serve or clear up afterwards. Many thanks, Clayre Coopey

Cathedral Walkers, Wednesday 17th June
Now that it’s meteorological summer (!), why not go out for a countryside walk and pub lunch with Cathedral Walkers? Details on the Community Table on Sunday 14th, or from me on 02476461946 or dagoodall@hotmail.co.uk. Dave Goodall

Bardsley Youth Project Fundraising Dinner
A date for your diary – Saturday 13th June, 7pm for 7.30pm Bardsley House, Hill Top With stories and entertainment from Bardsley Youth. Bring your own drinks. Tickets £7.50 (or more) from Beks@bardsleyouth.org (07891 173011). Margaret Lloyd

‘The power of shared silence’
I’ve learned most of my theology from primary school children, one of whom once said to me very firmly towards the end of a service “We’ve been talking TO God all morning. Isn’t it time we listened?”

Some of us have been having similar thoughts recently, so in response we would like to try a fresh approach to prayer, offering the opportunity for us to be quiet and “wait on God”. This is a way for interested people to listen and discover what the Spirit might be leading them (or us) to do or be. If you’d like to find out more, do join us for a taster session on Wednesday 17th June from 7.40pm – 9.30pm in St Michael’s House, or on Monday 29th June, 3pm-5pm in the Provost’s Vestry. Hope to see you there. Canon Kathryn

Prayer Ministry and Chaplaincy
The next date for your diary is Saturday 11th July when Ricarda Witcombe and Kathryn Fleming will lead a quiet day at Meriden church from mid-morning to mid-afternoon. Time for personal refreshment and for seeking God together for Hill Top. Details to follow. Margaret Lloyd

You are invited to the Opening Preview Event for “I Witness” - a photographic exhibition from Haiti
Five years ago an earthquake devastated the already poor country of Haiti. Christian Aid was already supporting partner groups in that country and since the earthquake the work has intensified. This is an exhibition of stunning photographs together with the stories of three supporters who went to see for themselves what was being done.

Please come and join us on Monday 8th June at 7.00pm for 7.30pm in St. Michael’s Hall. Refreshments will be served and there is no charge.

Daylight notes
I have two spare copies of the bible reading fellowship daylight notes from May to August if anyone is interested in having a copy please see me today. Many thanks. Barbara Mobbs