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**
  Please pray for the light of the gospel to touch the lives of all those thousands of visitors to the Cathedral in December who attend our Christmas services and other events, including the various events on New Year’s Eve.

- **Today**
  The Reader assisting at the Cathedral Eucharist today is Emma Kennedy (St Paul’s, Stockingford).

- **Lunchtime Carols in the City, Wednesday 11th from 12:30 to 1:15pm**
  Come and join us for a brief carol service across lunchtime.

- **Concerts in aid of NSPCC, Saturday 14th at 2:30 and 6:00pm (ticketed)**
  Coventry Cathedral Chorus presents its annual concerts in aid of NSPCC Coventry & Warwickshire Business Board. Lots of Christmas favourites for everyone to join in as well as items from Coventry Cathedral Chorus, Jaguar Land Rover Band, Coventry Cathedral choristers and a local schoolchildren’s choir.

- **Carols by Candlelight, Sunday 15th at 6:30pm**
  Everyone is welcome to this service of carols and readings in preparation for Christmas. This event is free and no tickets are required.

- **Ex Cathedra concert, Christmas Music by Candlelight, Monday 16th at 7:30pm**
  In the deep, still darkness, only candles pierce the winter gloom. And then, upon the silence, comes the luminous sound of a choir in harmony. With a sequence of Christmas music old and new, and readings to make you smile and reflect, this Christmas concert is a uniquely magical way to begin your festive season. Dave & Alison Goodall heard them in Warwick earlier this year; magical! Doors open 6:45pm; concert ends around 9:50pm. Tickets: [https://excathedra.co.uk/event/christmas-music-by-candlelight-coventry-2019-20/](https://excathedra.co.uk/event/christmas-music-by-candlelight-coventry-2019-20/)
• **Christmas Tea Dance, Tuesday 17th, 2:00 - 4:00 pm**
A Christmas get-together for all ages with dancing, tea, coffee and cake. Free to attend.

• **Christmas Film Screenings, Friday 20th (ticketed events)**
Come and watch The Muppet Christmas Carol at 3:30pm and/or It’s a Wonderful Life at 6:30pm. Doors open 30 minutes before the start of the films, and both films are rated U. Tickets available via [www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/wpsite/whats-on/](http://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/wpsite/whats-on/).

• **BBC Coventry & Warwickshire Carol Service, Saturday 21st at 4:30-5:30 pm**
Everyone is welcome to this annual celebration of Christmas which is recorded for broadcast on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Tickets are available from the BBC.

• **Community Christmas Card**
This is available for people to sign until Christmas Day. Donations will be given to the Winter Night Shelter. *Jane Williams*

• **Planned Giving Envelopes for 2020**
Packs of envelopes are now available for collection on the Community Table. Please pick up your own, and if you are in a position to collect and deliver for anyone unable to do so themselves at this time, it would be very useful. Please contact me for any further information. Thank you, *Deryck Horton*

• **Parish Giving Scheme**
We are encouraging those who give regularly to the Cathedral to join the Parish Giving Scheme, which is being adopted by churches across the diocese and beyond. If you do not yet give regularly, please consider joining the scheme. Information packs and forms are available at the back of the cathedral. Do talk to Jim Newton, David East or Dave Goodall.

• **Cardinal Newman Catholic School, Coventry, joins the ICONS network**
Canon Kathryn presented their Cross of Nails on Monday 2nd December. Please join us in praying for this new partner, our 51st ICON School and the first UK catholic school to join the ICONS family of schools. *Jennifer Jenkins*

• **EU Settlement Scheme**
Remember that EU, EEA or Swiss citizens can apply to continue living in the UK after 30 June 2021. There is information at [www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families](http://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families) about how to check if an application is needed and the steps to be taken. The deadline for applications is 30 June 2021, or 31 December 2020 if the UK leaves the EU without a deal.

• **Advance notice of additional events happening on Sunday 22nd**
German Lutheran bi-lingual Advent service in the Chapel of Unity at 2pm; Blue Christmas, a quiet and reflective service of Holy Communion at 4pm.

• **Cathedral Prayer Circle**
For emergency prayer, contact David Ogden on m: 0780 939 9793, e: david@ogden.me.uk.

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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 10th December** for publication next Sunday to cathedral.matters@coventrycathedral.org.uk or phone 024 7652 1227.