WHAT'S ON MAY 2016

Monday 9th May at 1pm: Lunchtime Organ Recital (Hugh Morris)
Tuesday 10th May at 2pm: Faith and Peaceful Relations Forum at Coventry University. charlotte.martin@coventry.ac.uk
Wednesday 11th May 12 noon-2pm: café event at St Michael’s House for Dying Matters Awareness Week
Wednesday 11th May at 7.30pm: ‘Reconciling a Wounded Planet - My Home, Our Future’ at All Saints Harbury
Thursday 12th May at 1pm: Book Group in the Provost’s Vestry
Thursday 12th May at 8pm: ‘Nudge at the Pub’ at The Establishment
Friday 13th May at 7.30pm: Pentecost Youth Event in Broadgate
Saturday 14th May 10am-3.30pm: ‘Being a Christian Woman Today’ Conference at Methodist Central Hall
Saturday 14th May at 7.30pm: St Michael’s Singers: Entente Músicale.
Saturday 14th May at 7.30pm: Pentecost Event in Broadgate

CATHEDRAL SERVERS

Many of you reading this will probably think a server is something to do with the internet. Servers are the people who assist the clergy in leading the worship offered by the Cathedral. The Servers not only lead the clergy and choir in procession using the Cross and Candles, but carry out a practical role to ensure that the bread and wine and other essential items are in the right place at the right time so that the worship enjoyed by the community runs smoothly and with dignity.

The Servers Team is open to all genders and has people of all ages and from all walks of life. In donning the robes we become one team, not just individuals but parts of the whole. We are looking for new volunteers to join us in this important and often varied role. If you are interested, please speak to me or any of the servers or contact me on mail@cmcliffe.co.uk or (024) 7650 2127. No previous experience is needed and all training will be provided. Chris Cliffe, Head Server

CATHEDRAL MATTERS

Sunday 15th May at 5pm: Pentecost Celebration with Bishop Christopher. Refreshments in the Ruins from 4pm.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CANON PASTOR

Dear Friends

It’s not often that our Archbishops invite the whole church to pray – in fact I’m not sure I’ve ever been conscious of a whole novena (9 days!) of prayer launched for the Church of England in my lifetime (though it’s possible, of course, that it happened and somehow slipped my mind). It’s a pretty inspiring idea, isn’t it! Every single church family across the land focussed on one prayer . . . “Thy Kingdom Come,” in our country, our city, our Cathedral – and in the lives of our friends as well.

In their letter the Archbishops say “It is impossible to overstate the life-transforming power of the Lord’s Prayer. It is a prayer that is reassuring enough to be on the lips of the dying and yet dangerous enough to be banned in cinemas. It is famous enough to be spoken each day by billions in hundreds of languages and yet intimate enough to draw us ever closer into friendship with Jesus Christ. When we pray it with sincerity and with joy, there is no imagining the new ways in which God can use us to his glory.”

To help you pray, there are prayer stations around the west end of the Cathedral – or if you are not someone who finds interactive prayers helpful, then why not pray with the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel of Christ in Gethsemane, where we will be offering specific prayers during the day next Thursday. Wherever you are as we travel towards Pentecost, keep this prayer on your lips and in your hearts.

With love and blessings
Canon Kathryn

The Dean and Canons this week . . .

This morning Canon Kathryn is at Preston on Stour and Tredington.

Next Sunday is Pentecost - why not wear something red to match the clergy?

Please send items for inclusion in the next edition of Cathedral Matters by end of TUESDAY 10th May 2016 to cathedral.matters@coventrycathedral.org.uk, phone 024 7652 1200 or Margaret Parker.

Website address: www.coventrycathedral.org.uk
Faith and Peaceful Relations Forum
Tuesday 10 May 2pm-4pm
The Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations will be hosting the first meeting of the Faith and Peaceful Relations Forum at the Coventry University Campus and all are invited. The Revd Dr Sarah Hills, Canon for Reconciliation, and Professor Mike Hardy, Director of the Centre, will share their reflections on the theme of ‘Building a Peaceful City’. Contact Chris Shannahah chris.shannahah@coventry.ac.uk

Reconciling a Wounded Planet - My Home, Our Future
An evening of inspirational talks on climate change, biodiversity change and care of our environment from a spiritual and practical perspective will be hosted by All Saints, Harbury, at 7:30pm on 11 May. The speakers are Godfrey Armitage, Diocesan Environment Officer: The Church’s response to environmental change: Why does the diocese think it is important? What can our churches do? Where does this fit in our lives? Margaret Parker cathedral.matters@coventrycathedral.org.uk

Nudge at the Pub
12 May at 8pm at The Establishment
The Nudge (young vocations) team are running a pub evening for anyone aged 18-30 to come along and chat about vocations to ministry. There will be a friendly team of people ready to buy a drink and chat about ministry - all of them explored their vocation or were ordained in their 20’s. Please also visit their public facebook page: www.fb.com/nudgevocations

Organ recital Monday 9th May at 1pm
Kerry Beaumont, Director of Music

Being a Christian Woman Today
Saturday 14th May
This conference for people from all Christian traditions will take place at the Methodist Central Hall. There will be tea and coffee upon arrival at 10am and the day will finish no later than 3:30pm. The cost of £5 includes a light lunch. For further information or to book a place please contact Janet on 07802 413 887 or email coventrynbw@gmail.com

Coventry Prayer House at Pentecost
During the Diocesan Pilgrimage, 'From Cloud To Fire', Coventry Prayer House, 3-5 Priory Row, near the Cathedral, will be open with prayer stations based around 'Waiting for the Holy Spirit' and 'The Lord's Prayer'. Drop in between 10am and 4pm from 5 May till 12 May and from 10am till 10pm on 13 May and 14 May. coventryprayerhouse@gmail.com

Cathedral Matters
I’m now editing Cathedral Matters so please continue to send all written material to cathedral.matters@coventrycathedral.org.uk. Phone messages may be left on 7659 4916
Margaret Parker

Community of the Cross of Nails Pilgrimage - May 2016
The Community of the Cross of Nails has arranged a pilgrimage to Coventry which will take place from 17-20 May. Partner churches and organisations in the Community from around the world come to Coventry, spend a few days sharing stories of reconciliation, learning some of the skills of peacebuilding and experiencing the healing in which Coventry Cathedral plays such an inspiring role. Congregation members from the Cathedral and other churches in the Diocese are very much invited to attend. The cost is £100 per person including midday and evening meals. www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/ccn

Spiritual Formation Course
"A place to feed the mind, heart and soul that enables us to live more Christ-centred lives." Tasters for anyone interested are on Thursday May 19th from 2.15 to 4.15 or 7.30 to 9.30 at St John’s Church Centre, Berkswell. For more information see the website- Www.passionatespirituality.org.uk or email- Passionatespirituality@live.co.uk Or see Passionate Spirituality leaflets on the Community Table and events board. Canon Kathryn

Offa House - Rhythm of Prayer
While we wait to hear about the future of Offa House, the Rhythm of Prayer continues. The House is open from 12 noon until 2pm every Monday to Thursday. On Mondays and Thursdays, midday prayer at 12:30pm will be led by Lay Readers and on Tuesdays and Wednesdays there will be a Eucharist at 12:30pm. All are most welcome.

Cathedral Action for Christian Aid Week
Collecting in the Shopping Precinct and at Tesco’s Superstore
Thank you to those who have offered to help in our Cathedral fund-raising activities for Christian Aid Week. We are still in need of a few more helpers. Even one or two hours of help can make such a difference, not only for us, but more importantly for the Bangladeshi people who need help to be rescued from continuous flooding. If you are unsure about helping or have not done it before it can be both rewarding and enjoyable when we collect together. Do come and talk to one of us at the Community table or by the coffee trolley after today’s service or phone me on 024 7671 1210 or 07962 149236 Moya Horton, Christian Aid Coordinator

Community Lunch: May 22nd
There will be a simple Community lunch after the Eucharist on Trinity Sunday followed by a short film about the plight of Bangladeshi people who are constantly flooded which will illustrate how our fund-raising efforts will go to solve their problem. Everyone welcome, although it will help if you can sign up at the Community table beforehand. The cost of the lunch will be £5.00 or donations and all money will go to Christian Aid.

Cathedral Walkers: Wednesday 18 May
Why not join us for our monthly ramble round the Warwickshire countryside? Details are on the Community Table. Please let me know by close Sunday 15th to either 024 7646 1946 or davegoodall@hotmail.co.uk if you intend to walk, eat, or get the best of both worlds. Dave Goodall
FROM EXTREMIST TO PEACEMAKER

Four Monday evening discussions drawing lessons from documentary films about ‘extremists’ who became peacemakers

Peter Riddell, a National Coordinator of Initiatives of Change, will be the facilitator. He has, or has had, personal connections with all those portrayed in the films.

St Michael’s House, 11 Priory Row, Coventry CV1 5EX

7pm Monday 16th May

French socialist leader Irène Laure fought in the resistance in the Second World War, and hated the Germans so much that she wished to see Germany ‘totally destroyed’. She later played a significant rôle in the reconciliation of France and Germany. The film For the Love of Tomorrow gives insights on how she made that transition.

7pm Monday 23rd May

Imam Muhammad Ashafa and Pastor James Wuye fought each other in defending their communities in Northern Nigeria in the early ‘90s. Ashafa’s spiritual teacher was killed in the struggle and Wuye lost his hand. In the film The Imam and the Pastor they tell how they went on to become co-directors of the Kaduna Interfaith Mediation Centre, training teams of pastors and imams to be mediators in flashpoints across Nigeria and beyond.

7pm Monday 30th May

The protagonists in the previous session’s film, Imam Ashafa and Pastor James, were invited to Kenya to mediate between tribesmen who fought each other in post-election violence in 2007. The film An African Answer captures this masterclass in mediation, in which they employ all the experience they have gained through their work in Nigeria.

7pm Monday 6th June

Assaad Chaftari was head of security of the Christian Lebanese Forces militia during the Lebanese civil war, 1975-1991. Mohieddine Shihab was one of his opposite numbers as a commander in the Mourabitoun militia. The film From War to Reconciliation shows how, after the war, they began to discover that the images they had formed of the ‘other’ were quite false. Since then they have been working together to persuade other Lebanese not to go down the path they did.

CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY NOTICES

‘Dying Matters’ Awareness Week
Wednesday 11th May

National Dying Matters Awareness Week is an initiative that aims to promote conversation about death, dying and bereavement within healthcare settings and in the wider community. This year’s theme is ‘The Big Conversation’, which aims to encourage people who find the topic uncomfortable, giving them an opportunity to talk about the end of life in a safe environment.

As part of the week, St Michael’s House, Coventry Cathedral (11 Priory Row, Coventry CV1 5EX) is hosting a lunchtime café event 12-2 on Wednesday 11th May where people will have a chance to talk about these issues.

Chaplain and Bereavement Services Officer Rev. Janelle Kingham said: “The conversation about the end of a person’s life is one of the most important conversations a person ever has. It is important to plan ahead and let those that you love, or another dedicated person, know what your preferences are.”

People in Coventry and Warwickshire are invited to attend events and ask questions about what happens when someone is thought to be close to the end of their life, who looks after them and what support is available for families and carers. University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust (UHCW) is working alongside many local organisations including Coventry Cathedral and Macmillan at events across the city. The aim of this week’s events is to encourage people to talk more openly about death and dying and consider how they may hope to be cared for in the future.

For more information contact Margaret Parker or Canon Kathryn

Canon Kathryn
CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY NOTICES

Coventry Cathedral Dining Club
TODAY 11am-5pm in the Ruins!

Today we are very excited to be collaborating with Digbeth Dining Club, for a festival of award-winning street food, street art, music and more!

We have joining us:
Baked In Brick
The English Indian
Spectacular Goat
Canoodle
Smoqued
Bournville Waffle Company
Open Sesame
Flying Cows
Big Daddies Diner
Café Horchata
and others, with DDC resident DJs supplying the beats.

We also have City Of Colours Street Art Festival showcasing what to expect come June 18th in Digbeth.

Entry on the day will be £3, students £2, kids free!

www.tickettailor.com/checkout/view-event/id/52028/chk/416d/

Cathedral Prayer Circle

In an emergency, a group of us are ready to pray for you and those for whom you are concerned. Contact Meg Bowen on 01926 856928 – brief details would guide our prayers for God’s grace and healing.

Please continue to pray for a solution . . . for our chorister Wenyu’s family, especially that her mother will find a teaching job which enables the family to stay in the UK so that Wenyu may not need a foster family. This is still an anxious time for them. Canon Kathryn

Saint Michael’s Singers

Saint Michael’s Singers hope you will support their concert in the Cathedral on Saturday 14th May at 7.30 p.m., when they will be joined by the French Choir, Choeur Josquin dez Prez, from Villebon-sur-Yvette, and the Warwickshire Symphony Orchestra. Poullenc’s extrovert and exhilarating Gloria will form the centrepiece of the programme which will also include Elgar’s Te Deum and Benedictus and his Pomp and Circumstance March no 1, Walton’s popular Crown Imperial and the voluptuously tragic ‘Prelude and Liebestod’ from Tristan und Isolde.

Tickets, which are priced at £25, £20 and £15, with under 18s and students half price, can be obtained from www.ticketweb.co.uk, 0844 477 1000. To claim the usual discount of £3 for Friends of the Cathedral and for other information call Jill Pacey on 01676 532436.

Pentecost Celebrations in Broadgate

All are invited to 2 nights with Mike Pilavachi with Tom Smith and his band. This event will take place in a mega marquee in Broadgate on 13 and 14 May.

On Friday 13 May at 7:30pm there is a Youth Event for people aged 11-19 years which costs £3. People of all ages are welcome to the event on 14 May which costs £5.

Tickets are available through the Coventry Pentecost website or from the CLC Bookshop in City Arcade.

www.coventrypentecost.com

Readers

The Readers assisting at the Eucharist this morning are Sarah Cushning from St Andrew Ilmington, Mike Milburn from Holy Trinity Stratford and Rosanna Wakefield from St Andrew Shottery.

Reimagining Europe

‘Reimagining Europe’ is a conversation taking place between Bishop Christopher and Caroline Spelman MP in Coventry Cathedral on Thursday May 19th at 7.30 pm. As the ‘Reimagining Europe’ website says, the “central aim is to create a space for Christian reflection and debate on Britain’s future relationship with Europe ahead of the forthcoming referendum on whether Britain should remain a member of the EU.”

Those behind ‘Reimagining Europe’ do not take a particular line beyond a commitment to communicating Christian reflection and commentary in ways that enhance public understanding on an issue that many find both confusing and divisive. To this end, and as part of the exercise of encouraging ‘good disagreement’ on the EU, ‘Reimagining Europe’ contains a broad variety of views from across the political and theological continuum.

The event here on May 19th is just one of a number being planned in different cathedrals (Winchester, Coventry, Bradford, Exeter, Lichfield and Southwark) across the country.

The conversation will be followed by an opportunity for questions. Admission is free. Everyone is welcome.

http://www.reimaginingeurope.co.uk/

Calling all Foreign Language Speakers!

I am currently updating the foreign language leaflets which we give out to those visitors for whom English isn’t their first language.

Cathedral Guide Martina Thielmann has done a great job on the German leaflet for me, but now is a good time for children to audition for the Choir, training and nurturing young people. We train choristers in proper vocal production and the qualities that is being sought. Singing in tune, good behaviour and focus are the qualities the choirmaster will look for in a candidate.

Our Music staff are professional musicians with extensive experience of teaching, training and nurturing young people. We welcome to the Choir.

http://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/wpsite/choirs/

LB’s Justice Quilt

In 2013, Connor Sparrowhawk (known to family and friends as ‘LB’) died whilst a temporary patient in a specialist treatment and assessment unit. A network of people growing up through social media and elsewhere to support LB’s family. Members of the support group including Janet Read and three other textile artists organised a project to produce ‘LB’s Justice Quilt’ to honour Connor’s life and mourn his death.

The quilt has been made from hundreds of fragments of cloth contributed by children and adults in the UK, and from seven other countries, who embroidered, appliqued, felt-tipped, crocheted and knitted their designs which were then incorporated into an arresting, moving and colourful work of art.

The quilt will be hung from the Czech cross fixing in the Nave from 11 May until 25 June.

Chorister Auditions

Now is a good time for children to audition for the Choir. The ideal age for boys to begin in the choir is 7-8; girls can be a little older. It should be emphasised that it is musical potential rather than actual musical ability that is being sought. Singing in tune, good behaviour and focus are the qualities the choirmaster will look for in a candidate. Our Music staff are professional musicians with extensive experience of teaching, training and nurturing young people. We train choristers in proper vocal production and music reading, nurturing performance skills and confidence. The atmosphere is friendly and designed to get the best out of your child. For more information look at the website http://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/wpsite/the-choirs/.

Adult singers interested in joining the Chamber Choir are also invited to contact Kerry Beaumont, Director of Music.

Carla Crawley