RECRUITMENT: VERGER (35 hours a week, £14,867 per annum pro rata)

We are looking for a committed Christian with a good level of fitness and a mature attitude to take on the important responsibilities of being a Cathedral Verger. The right person is more important than previous experience. The Verger team works closely with the Cathedral Ministers and cooperatively with colleagues, staff and volunteers across all departments. The post is subject to DBS clearance and will include flexible shifts, weekend and bank holiday working. The closing date is noon on Friday 21st April and interviews will take place on Wednesday 3rd May. Shortlisted candidates will be informed by Thursday 27th April.

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Open Table Soup

Once a month the 6pm Sunday service OPEN is based around a simple meal of soup and bread, and volunteers are needed to make the soup! You can do this at home and deliver to the Cathedral on the day - maybe a group could get together or work separately to share the quantities (enough is needed in total for about 30 people). If you can help at all please contact Canon Kathryn or Haley Jones. The next Open Table will be on Sunday 30th April.

Women’s Space for Peace

St Michael’s House is partnering with Creators of Peace to offer three peace circles for women in Coventry. You’re invited on 22nd April, 13th May, and/or 24th June to St Michael’s House at 1:30pm to explore finding your voices as a peace maker within yourselves, your community, and world. For more information see the detailed advert on the community table or email reconciliation@coventrycathedral.org.uk.

Good Friday 14th April at 6pm

Saint Michael’s Singers invite you to join them for a performance of Bach’s St John Passion with Michael Bochmann’s new Orchestra Pro Anima. Tickets £25/20/15 (£2 discount for over 60s; children and students half price) from www.ticketweb.co.uk 0844 477 1000 or the Cathedral shop. Tickets for Friends of Coventry Cathedral must be obtained from Jill Pacey on 01676 532436. Further information is available at www.saintmichaelsingers.org and on Facebook. - Pam Norman

Cathedral Walkers, Wednesday 19 April

We’re going well out into the country this month - details are on the Community Table or available from me. If the weather’s kind, why not join us for some fresh air and (hopefully) fun? - Dave Goodall  024 7646 1946 dagooodall@hotmail.co.uk

Sunday 30th April after the Eucharist:

Lunch and Annual Meetings

If you haven’t been given information as you came into the Cathedral today please ask at the Community table. There are several different positions to be filled, which you can find out more about from Cathedral Wardens and members of St Michael’s Committee.

Cathedral Prayer Circle

In an emergency, a group of us are ready to pray for you and those for whom you are concerned. - Meg Bowen 01926 856928.

Bring-and-Share Lunches take place on the first Sunday of every other month. The next one will be on Sunday 4th June.

Sunday 9th April

Palm Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am The Cathedral Eucharist
4.00pm Choral Evensong
6.00pm OPEN Eucharist

Sunday 16th April

Easter Day

5.30am Dawn Eucharist with Baptism and Confirmation
10.30am The Cathedral Eucharist
4.00pm Choral Evensong

Welcome to Coventry Cathedral

Please send brief items of Cathedral news and events for the next edition of Cathedral Matters by end of TUESDAY 11th April for publication on Sunday 16th April to cathedral.matters@coventrycathedral.org.uk or phone 024 7659 4916
**Peace and Reconciliation March in Iraqi Kurdistan**

**Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday 2017**

Coventry Cathedral will be joining around 20 people from Europe this Easter week who are preparing to walk from the Ashdi ("Peace") Christian refugee camp at Erbil, through local villages and communities, into Muslim territories in the mountains, with the blessing of the Chaldean Archbishop from Erbil.

Revd Canon Dr Sarah Hills, leader of the Cathedral’s Reconciliation Ministry and the global network of Christian partners which is centred on the Cathedral’s story of ruin and rebuilding, the Community of the Cross of Nails, will join the Human Rights Centre, Cottbus, Germany, Chairman and former political prisoner, Dieter Dombrowski, and others who have been involved in key political events across Europe in recent decades. The Chaldean Patriarch, Louis Raphael Sako, will join the group at the same time as Canon Sarah, on Holy Thursday, and will lead worship, during which he will wash the feet of Christian refugees, members of the group, and four Muslims.

Canon Sarah says: “The war in the Middle East has destroyed cities and thousands of years of cultural heritage, has led to much loss of life. More and more Christians and Yazidis are fleeing Iraqi Kurdistan to other countries and this cannot carry on indefinitely. We aim on the march to express our support and love in God this Easter tide for these communities as well as their Muslim neighbours, and sensitively, where possible, enable talking, sharing, and the exchange of ideas about peace and reconciliation”.

The Centre for Human Rights Cottbus (HRC) was founded in 2007, after a meeting of hundreds of former political prisoners of the former GDR, and is a partner in the Community of the Cross of Nails. The organisation has the following aims: “To contribute to reconciliation within the scope of processing and clarification of the history of the two former prisons in Cottbus. Moreover, we want to make our visitors aware of the fact that there are people in other countries who are persecuted for political, racial or religious reasons and we want to motivate them to help those people by means of processing the history of injustice of this place”.

The scope of the project is to remove the slates, repair and treat the concrete structure and refix all the slates (excluding the bay that was completed last year). Initially the whole exterior will be scaffolded and protected by a 3m fence. Work will be undertaken in 2 or 3 phases starting on the north side (upper car park) and sections of scaffolding will be removed as phases are completed with the intent that it will all be cleared by Christmas. **Pedestrian access** will be maintained to the unity link doors but there will be no access from Priory Row to St Michael’s Avenue except by prior arrangement for mowing Unity Lawn or the interment of ashes. The contractors will use the toilet facilities under the Queen’s steps. **No work is planned inside the Chapel.**

**Working hours** will generally be 7.30am to 4pm Monday to Friday. The contractor will respect service times and other events in the nave according to a list of planned events which will be updated every Monday morning, so please let me know of any bookings which require noisy work, or all work, to be suspended. Inevitably there will be some inconvenience, particularly noise, for everyone, but if concerns arise please do not hesitate to contact me and I’ll take it up with the site agent.

Tony Auty, Director of Property and Fabric