**CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**Coventry Cathedral voted the third most favourite landmark by BA High Life and the Independent**

We are still glowing with pride from being voted in the top three of the 21 landmarks of the 21st century. Social media is buzzing about it and it is lovely to have our beautiful Cathedral recognised in such a way. I hope you’ve seen some of the publicity, if not we’ve posted links on our Facebook page and Twitter feed. *Christine Doyle*

**Heritage Open Day**

11th and 12th September

It’s that time of year again when we take part in Heritage Open Days. We would like to open the Haigh Chapel, Cappers Chapel, show the medieval glass store (with some boxes open) and, if it’s still visible, talks about the archaeology throughout the day. To do all this and make sure we welcome as many people as possible on the day we need volunteers to help – if you can please let Emma Price know. *Christine Doyle*

**More Help with Sunday Morning Coffee Required**

Would you be able to contribute to the life of the Cathedral by joining the rota of those who help to prepare and serve coffee on Sunday mornings? If you can spare a little time before and after the service we would be very grateful. If you can help please contact Neil McGowan on neil.mcgowan@btconnect.com or 07811 203727. Thank you. *Neil McGowan*

**A huge thank you**

Thank you so much to all those who helped with the stock-take last week. It was a real team effort and good to know that it is now all done. If anyone wants to come in in early January to help with the next one – let Carla Crawley know. *Christine Doyle*

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**A MESSAGE FROM THE CANON PRECEPTOR**

In Ephesians 3, the apostle Paul prays for his readers – ‘that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith’.

In expressing ‘dwell’ or ‘stay’, Paul had two words to choose from. You might say, ‘I went to Stratford for the weekend and I decided to stay at the Hilton Hotel’. Or you might say ‘I’ve bought a place in Somerset and I’m planning to move and stay there for good’. Here, Paul uses the second one with its sense of permanent settling down and real belonging, not just staying for a weekend.

Jesus hasn’t come into our lives in the way that we stay at a hotel. He’s come for good. And that has important implications.

When we stay at a hotel, we may not like our hotel bedroom very much but we wouldn’t dream of redecorating it. There’d be no point – we’re only staying for a couple of days. And anyway, it’s not our hotel to redecorate.

But if we’d bought a house somewhere then we probably would want to make a few changes to the decor. And we’d be entirely justified in doing so. The property is ours.

To be a Christian is to be someone who has handed ownership of their lives over to Jesus Christ. We’re not like a hotel to whom Jesus comes as a visitor and leaves much as he find it when he goes. He intends to stay. And we belong to him. Which means that he has the right to make changes. Changes in the direction of our becoming more holy. Changes which enable him to feel increasingly at home in our lives. This is how Christ lives his life in and through us.

*Canon David Stone*
CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY NOTICES

**News from the Friends of Coventry Cathedral - Friends Day Trip Saturday 5th September 2015**

There is still chance to book your place on the Friends Summer outing.

The coach will leave the Cathedral at 9am on Saturday 5th September, for the National Memorial Arboretum at Alrewas, Staffordshire.

Following a guided tour of The Arboretum there will be free time to explore the memorials and the shopping and catering facilities.

Arriving at Lichfield Cathedral at 1pm, there will be guided tour and time to visit to The Café in the Close. The coach will return to Coventry arriving at the Cathedral at about 6pm.

Pick up a booking form today from the Community Table today, and send it with your cheque, and a stamped-addressed envelope, to Friends Excursion, Jim Newton, 37 Woodfield Road, Coventry CV5 6AJ. 

Andrew Paine, Chairman

**Muriel Stubbins**

Muriel’s funeral will take place on Wednesday 12th August at 12.30pm at Laurence Saunders Road Baptist Church followed by committal at Canley. 

Canon Margaret Sedgwick

**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.

Meg Bowen

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**“Blessed are those whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.” Psalm 84.5**

Come and be a part of the on-going Community of the Cross of Nails story by joining the CCN Pilgrimage, September 22nd-25th 2015.

As members of the Cathedral community, you already know about Coventry’s calling to be a world centre for reconciliation.

CCN pilgrimages give you the opportunity to explore the extraordinary power of Coventry as a place, as well as to deepen your involvement with reconciliation, build links with other partners and, most importantly, some time away with God. The pilgrimage is hosted by the Reconciliation Ministry Team with support from members of the Cathedral community.

Teaching and discussion is facilitated by the Rev Dr Sarah Hills, Canon of Reconciliation.

For further information, and to book your place, please contact ccn@coventrycathedral.org.uk. We hope to hear from you. Canon Sarah

**Cathedral Walkers, Wednesday 19 August - with added culture!**

This month’s walk starts from Lowsonford and gives you the chance to see the only inland sculpture of The Iron Man by Anthony Gormley. All this plus fresh air, good food and good company! Details are on the Community Table; let me know if you are coming to walk, to eat or both.

Dave Goodall; 024 7646 1946; dagoodall@hotmail.co.uk

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**A date for your diary - Listening for Life course**

Acorn Christian Healing Foundation are running a ‘Listening for Life’ course which is made up of four sessions over two days. The sessions will be help on 10th and 17th October from 9.45am to 4pm at Walsgrave Baptist Church – cost is £36. To find out more contact Jill Neal on 024 7661 7772 or email walsgravejill@gmail.com. Canon David

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**Really Big Chorus: Brahms Requiem Saturday 15th August at 7.30pm**

On Saturday 15th August there will be a rare opportunity to hear The Really Big Chorus away from its UK home at The Royal Albert Hall following its second UK Summer School, in a concert at Coventry Cathedral at 7.30 pm. TRBC Principal Conductor, Brian Kay leads the chorus in Brahms’ *Ein deutsches Requiem*. Written by the composer in his thirties, his Requiem was intended as a comfort for those who mourn the loss of others. He himself had only recently lost his mother, setting biblical texts rather than the more commonly used liturgical Latin.

The English Symphony Orchestra will accompany the choir with soloists soprano, Mary Bevan and baritone Gareth Brynmor John. Tickets are available from Coventry Cathedral Tel: 024 7652 1210 or in person from the Gift Shop. Rachael Kelly

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**Welcome to Carla Crawley**

I would like to extend a warm welcome to Carla Crawley who has joined the team as Visits and Tourism Manager. Carla brings with her a wealth of experience in customer services which will set her in good stead for taking our visitor experience and retail offering forward in the future. Please introduce yourself to her when you see her out and about.

Dean John