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 come for Christmas services and other events, culminating in the Ruins spectacular on New Year’s Eve.

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

- **Viennese Christmas by Candlelight, Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm**
  A festive concert featuring work by Strauss, Tchaikovsky and Brahms, with London Concertante, one of the finest chamber ensembles in the country. Tickets are available from [www.londonconcertante.com/concerts.html](http://www.londonconcertante.com/concerts.html).

- **The Departure of Canon Sarah and Richard Hills to Holy Island**
  Canon Sarah’s last Sunday in the Cathedral will be 16<sup>th</sup> December. If you would like to contribute to a farewell gift and to sign a card there will be opportunities at the Community Table over the coming Sunday mornings. The Churchwardens

- **Canon Sarah Hills’ Leaving Party, Friday 14<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to 8pm**
  On behalf of Coventry Cathedral Reconciliation Ministry, please accept our invitation to say farewell and thank you to Canon Sarah in St Michael’s House before she leaves to become vicar of Holy Island. RSVP to [reconciliation@coventrycathedral.org.uk](mailto:reconciliation@coventrycathedral.org.uk) by Monday 10<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to contribute to a leaving gift and will not be at a Sunday morning service, please call in at St Michael’s House during the week. Alex Albans

- **Cathedral Prayer Circle**
  In an emergency, a group of us is ready to pray for your concerns. Meg Bowen 01926 856928.
- **Coventry Cathedral Chorus, Saturday 15th at 2:30 and 6pm**

Please support us as we present Christmas Concerts in aid of NSPCC Cov & Warks Business Board with Jaguar Land Rover Band (2.30), Cov & Warks Youth Orchestra (6.00) plus cathedral choristers and local schools. Tickets £15 (concessions available), £40 family ticket (2 adults/2 children) via [www.coventrycathedralchorus.com](http://www.coventrycathedralchorus.com) or [www.ticketweb.co.uk](http://www.ticketweb.co.uk)

Tickets for Cathedral Friends and Choir Patrons only from Jill Pacey via or 01676 532436 or tickets@coventrycathedralchorus.com. *Pam Norman*

- **Carols by Candlelight, Sunday 16th at 6:30pm**

Don’t forget our traditional Carol Service next Sunday evening.

- **Volunteers’ Christmas Lunch, Monday 17th at 1pm**

A number of spaces have been reserved at Rising Café specifically for Cathedral volunteers to celebrate together. It would be great to have as many volunteers from all our different sections. If you would like to attend the price is £19.50 for 2 courses. Please leave your name and your menu choice at the sign-up sheet on the Welcome Desk. Book your place from louise.nicholls@coventrycathedral.org.uk by Tuesday 11th. Happy Christmas! *Lou*

- **Guide Dogs Christmas Wishes Concert, Mon 17th at 6:30pm**

The concert will be hosted by Aled Jones, and all proceeds will go to the Guide Dogs charity. Tickets are available rom [www.guidedogs.org.uk/christmasconcert](http://www.guidedogs.org.uk/christmasconcert).

- **Eucharist for the longest night, Friday 21st at 6pm**

A special service for those feeling sad at Christmas.

- **Calling all stewards**

Will you please look at the special services’ list on the board by the stewards’ rota to see if you are able to help with any of the services and concerts between now and Christmas. Please sign up as you are able. Thank you. *Barbara Mobbs*

- **Food Bank News**

Last week I took 274 items to the Food Bank warehouse. This included some basic toiletries bought with cash donations of £220 from 13 people. Thanks to your support we have so far donated 18,576 items. The next Food Bank Sunday is 6th Jan. *Richard Chamberlaine Brothers*

- **Planned Giving Envelopes for 2019**

Packs of envelopes are now available for collection from the Community Table for current users. If you can deliver a pack for someone who is not able to collect it personally, that would be most helpful. To join the scheme, please either speak to me at the Cathedral or phone me at home: (024) 7671 1210. *Deryck Horton*

- **Retreat in Daily Life, January to March 2019**

Please pick up from the Community Table a leaflet about the 2019 Cathedral retreat and a letter from Canon Kathryn commending it to the congregation. *Margaret Lloyd*