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.

- **This week**
  The Canon Pastor is in residence this week.

- **Prayer Points for this month**
  This month we offer to God the many programmes starting in September, the people leading them, and for our partnerships in the City and Diocese.

- **Rough Sleeper Awareness Training, Tuesday 11th September at 9:30am**
  The Central Police Station, St Michaels Neighbourhood Team will carry out awareness training about rough sleepers in St Michael’s House for all staff and front line volunteers. If you volunteer in any of the following groups – Chaplains, Hon. Vergers, Stewards, Church Wardens or Guides – please sign up on the sheet at the Welcome Desk. *Lou Nicholls*

- **Performed reading of The Waste Land by TS Eliot, 6pm on Friday 14th Sept**
  Luke Beard & Imogen Parker celebrate the opening of Journeys with ‘The Waste Land’ (free). The accompanying exhibition opens on the same day and runs until 18 November.

- **Fresh Start, Saturday 15th September in St Michael’s House from 10-12noon**
  Fresh Start are running a free volunteer information session for anyone interested in supporting recently-arrived refugees and asylum seekers here in Coventry. They will outline the realities of life these people face, the various projects in the city, and the ways you can get involved. To attend, please contact me on Matt.Robinson@CovCofE.org or 07443 870617. *Matt Robinson*

- **Festival of Imagineers, Monday 17th to Saturday 22nd September**
  Bridge celebrates the intersection between art and engineering. Help us imagine what our Bridge might look like, share your experiences of bridging divides and fierce kindness, take part in some performance experiments or just come and find out how a large scale outdoor arts Bridge event is created. *Bridge* is developed in partnership with engineers from Arup.

*Hoopla:* Students from Caludon Castle, Finham Park, Westwood Academy and President Kennedy have decorated 1000 hula-hoops, and then worked with engineers from Ove Arup to
construct an installation of hoops within the cathedral nave. Hoopla is 23m tall and is suspended 3m from the ground, allowing visitors to walk underneath and admire its complex engineering.

Bridge & Hoopla are in the Cathedral during normal opening hours (free; donations welcome).

**BLOCK** by Motionhouse is a collaboration with NoFit State Circus; a powerful fusion of dance and circus that pushes the limits of both art forms. (Wed 19th, in the Ruins from 8 – 8:45pm; tickets available from [www.plumb-line2018.co.uk/block](http://www.plumb-line2018.co.uk/block)).

- **Friends of Coventry Cathedral AGM, 12:20pm on Saturday 22nd September**

  This will be held in the Old Bluecoat School Building. There will then be a light lunch, followed by “Revising Pevsner’s Warwickshire: the Coventry dimension”, an illustrated talk by Chris Pickford, co-author of the most recent version. To reserve a place, particularly if you want lunch, sign up on the Community Table, email [secretary@friendsofcoventrycathedral.org.uk](mailto:secretary@friendsofcoventrycathedral.org.uk) or phone 024 7667 3854 before Monday 17th September. *Jim Newton*

- **International Gathering of CCN partners, Wed 26th to Sun 30th September**

  This is a big event (around 70 members from around the world), so we need help to make it a success. We are therefore asking for volunteers to help us with refreshments, welcoming and greeting, stewarding, set up and clean up. If you would like to help, please sign up at the community table, contact the reconciliation team and come along to our volunteer information briefing on Wednesday 19 September from 10.30am to 12.30pm at St Michael’s House. Thank you for your on-going support. *Cerys Smith*

- **International Gala Prom on Saturday 29th September at 6pm (ticketed)**

  From Elgar and Parry to Puccini and Mascagni via Aladdin, a programme with music for all tastes! To celebrate the Cathedral’s new 7’6” concert grand, the programme includes our Director of Music, Kerry Beaumont, playing Richard Addinsell’s famous Warsaw Concerto. Make a date for an evening of glorious music, designed and conducted by Paul Leddington Wright.

- **Appointment of Lead Chaplain Missioner, Zoe Pimental**

  Zoe’s role will be to maximise the missional opportunities presented by all the visitors to the old Cathedral ruins (and the cancellation of entry charges to the new Cathedral from May 2018), by being available to listen to visitors’ stories, and, if appropriate, to share something of her own story too, opening up the idea that the Christian story might be worth exploring further.

- **Retirement of Margaret Lloyd, cathedral cleaner**

  Margaret, who has faithfully cleaned our cathedral for the past 17 years, retires at the end of September. A card and collection box will be on the Community Table until Sunday 23 September. We wish Margaret a long and happy retirement. *Mary Barber*

- **Advance notice: PILGRIM course, commencing Tuesday 2nd October**

  This term we focus on the Beatitudes “Probably the most important, subversive and revolutionary text in the Bible…” Join us in exploring the challenging but beautiful Christian vision for the world, as we reflect on how to live our faith day by day. *Canon Kathryn*

- **Cathedral Prayer Circle**

  In an emergency, a group of us is ready to pray for your concerns. Meg Bowen 01926 856928.

Please send brief items of Cathedral news and events for the next edition of Cathedral Matters by the end of **Tuesday 11th September** for publication next Sunday to cathedral.matters@coventrycathedral.org.uk or phone 024 7652 1227.