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**

As we enter a new year, we pray for the wisdom and courage to make good decisions about this year, and to follow those through – both for one another, for those who need to get their lives back on track, and for all in responsibility, especially our new government.

• **Today**

The Reader assisting at the Cathedral Eucharist today is Jonathan Broom (St Botolph’s, Newbold-on-Avon & St John’s, Long Lawford).

The Dean is presenting a Cross of Nails (blessed last Sunday) in Southwark Cathedral.

• **Sunday 2nd February is Food Bank Sunday**

All donations in cash or kind gratefully received. Last week I took 203 items to the warehouse, bought with your donations of £203. Thank you for all your support. Richard Chamberlaine Brothers

• **Coventry Choir Parent Association Cake Sale, Sunday 2nd February**

After the morning service (curry sale to follow on 16th February). Rumana Ahmed

• **Candlemas Bring & Share Welcome Lunch, Sunday 2nd February**

The next Lunch will be at the back of the Cathedral after the 10 30 service. Please bring food to share if you can. Even if you can’t, you are still welcome! St Michael's Committee

• **Slow Sundays - Yoga session, Sunday 2nd February at 6pm**

Every first Sunday of the month and led by a professional yoga teacher, these sessions are a chance to improve your fitness, make friends and connect with your thoughts. Each session costs £6 per person. Please bring your own mats, towels and water, and book in advance by emailing events@coventrycathedral.org.uk.
75th anniversary of the bombing of Dresden, Tuesday 4th February, 6:30 - 7:30

Between 13th & 15th February 1945, the Allies obliterated Dresden; perhaps 25,000 people were killed. Was Dresden a legitimate military target, or was this a last act of atavistic mass murder in a war already won, to wreak revenge for the bombing of Coventry? We welcome historian Dan Snow and author Sinclair McKay, whose book, Dresden - The Fire and The Darkness, explores the stories behind the bombing. Single ticket £12; Single ticket with discounted book £25; Double ticket with one discounted book £32, available from https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/priory-st/coventry-cathedral

We have a very limited amount of free tickets available to the community on a first come first serve basis, from Cara.pickering@coventrycathedral.org.uk.

Revision of electoral roll

The formal notice is published by the main entrance door today. Existing membership remains valid, and new applications can be made from Sunday 9th February. Dave Goodall

The blue chair in the nave …

… is part of a City of Culture project “Moving Blue”. The City of Culture team say “The recipe for Coventry blue has been lost to history, so we’ve worked with The Weaver’s House to recreate this distinctive shade. Throughout 2020, we’re painting hundreds of locations across the city this special shade of blue to celebrate Coventry’s past and present in the build-up to our year on the world stage as UK City of Culture. We named the colour Moving Blue, which represents our history as pioneers in the transport industry, our famous welcome to those who move to Coventry from around the world, and our culture which has moved people for centuries. These Moving Blue surfaces across the city will be a big part of 2021, and we’ll reveal more later in the year.”

Lent at the Cathedral (Lent starts on Ash Wednesday, 26th February)

We’ve been invited to pilot a new course created with Archbishop Justin’s encouragement by the Reconciling Leaders Network. It explores the place of reconciliation at the heart of all Christian discipleship, and how we can live our faith in the face of conflict and see transformation through everyday encounters. We have often discussed how the professionalization of our reconciliation ministry here at Coventry can sometimes make us feel that it’s something others do for us: the Difference course sets out to change that, helping us to build reconciliation into every aspect of our lives. The course will run either on Tuesday (probably) or Wednesday evenings through March in St Michael’s House, and an initial sign up sheet is on the Community table, so you can express a timing preference and I can order enough resources. Any queries – speak to Canon Kathryn.

House to rent from June this year

Spacious and pleasant 3 bedroom end terrace house available to rent in Cheylesmore, close to the Cathedral, city centre, rail station, memorial park and shops. Please contact Amina or Tony Brooks on 01926 743661, 07785 317658 or aminaandanthyony@gmail.com

Cathedral Prayer Circle

For emergency prayer, contact David Ogden on m: 0780 939 9793, e: david@ogden.me.uk.

Please send brief items of Cathedral news and events for the next edition of Cathedral Matters by the end of Tuesday 28th January for publication next Sunday to cathedral.matters@coventrycathedral.org.uk or phone 024 7652 1227.