DIOCESAN DIGEST

A monthly look at what's happening across our Diocese.

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HOPE IN ADVENT AND A YEAR OF PRAYER



Following on from our season of 'Walking Forward Together' Bishop Sophie is inviting us to join her in a Year of Prayer, as we begin a new church year in Advent. Our Advent resource, available in booklet form or on our website, features four themes relating to Hope.

Bishop Sophie says: "*Please also consider how you will engage in the Year of Prayer; in your church, chaplaincy, school or home setting. We will be encouraging prayer together, prayer walking, retreats and gatherings across the diocese in all kinds of ways. Thank you for joining in. We are confident that, when we ask, God will hear and answer our prayers as we put our trust in Him, depending on him for our every need.*" Throughout Advent, everyone is warmly invited to visit Coventry Cathedral and spend time with four simple, self-guided prayer stations.; a welcoming space to reflect, pray and draw closer to God as we journey towards Christmas.

If you have something to share with the rest of the diocese, please contact the Comms team: Communications@Coventry.Anglican.org

GENERAL SYNOD ELECTIONS

Following the electronic count on 14 October, six people have been elected to stand for General Synod from across the diocese. Three people have been elected to stand in the House of Laity and a further three people will stand in the House of Clergy.

House of Clergy:
Revd Katie Cross
Revd Canon Jonathan Jee
Revd Canon Kate Massey

House of Laity:
Blessing Alayande
Steve Elton
Sam Margrave

Those elected will take up their seats at the November 2026 sessions of General Synod and are elected for the period until 2031. Congratulations to our elected representatives. There's more on our website.

TRAFALGAR PARADE



On Sunday 11 October, the Revd Canon Claire McArthur, Vicar of Stoke St Michael's and Chaplain to the Warwickshire District Sea. Cadets, hosted the Sea Cadets Trafalgar Parade

It is the first time the Trafalgar Parade has taken place in Coventry for a decade. Nearly 200 young people attended a service at Holy Trinity Coventry followed by a parade through the city with a Sea Cadet Band, Standard and Guard of Honour. The parade ended in the cathedral ruins with an inspection.



SPONSORING A SHELF



The Sponsor a Shelf scheme by Stratford-upon-Avon Foodbank invites local businesses, offices, cafes, and shops to support emergency food supplies for £50 a month. The PCCs of Snitterfield and Bearley agreed to support this initiative and are now proud shelf sponsors.

This means that in addition to continuing to donate food items, the PCCs have committed to give a monthly financial donation to stock a shelf at the Masons Road Hub in Stratford-upon-Avon.

In order to stock the shelf, the PCC publish a list of the most needed items in the parish magazine each month. People leave donations of food in the church and at Bearley and Snitterfield Village Stores. The food is then picked up and sent to the food bank. Also all the donations from the recent Harvest services were given to the food bank.

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