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Coventry Cathedral Education Half-Termly Newsletter

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Welcome Back!

We've got wonderful events and opportunities for schools this term; delivering your curriculum in creative ways.

Whether primary or secondary or early years there's something special for everybody at the cathedral, and we'd love you to be involved.

If you haven't already, follow us on our social media:

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**HELLO
APRIL/MAY**

**WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON?
NEWS**

**WHAT'S HAPPENING?
DIARY DATES**

**GET INVOLVED
ACTIVITIES AND ART
COMPETITION**

**WHAT'S NEXT?
SUMMER TERM 2023**

In March we held our Pi Week event to celebrate Pi day and the legacy of Albert Einstein. Gathering together year 7 students from across the city to celebrate the joy of maths, this event was chaired by Geoff one of our amazing School team members who is a former maths teacher himself and who's enthusiasm gives this event it's signature pizzazz.

Events Coming Up

Experience Pentecost

Are you looking for a new and exciting way to introduce and engage your students in Christianity and help them to understand the Church?

This May through story, activities, and reflection we journey along the story of Pentecost and the beginnings of the Church.

Covering aspects of the Bible story we take you through our spaces and create a kind of walking pilgrimage.

At each station we stop, tell the story and relate the key theme to our lives using an activity and a moment of reflection.

Originally created for EYFS and ages 5-8 we now offer this event to all Primary School ages throughout May.

£5 per pupil for a half day of activity.



Storytelling Week

From the 19th to the 23rd June this year we are teaming up with Story Tent (<http://www.storytent.concordant.online/>) to hold our second set of 'Storytelling days'. During this event your students will have the chance to hear from different faith leaders who will share stories from their faiths and scriptures, ask important question and gain a deeper understanding of the importance of storytelling across all faiths.

They will also have the opportunity to use what they have learnt in creative exercises that allows them to explore exactly what storytelling can mean to us. Developed with links to the Religious Education curriculum and Literacy, this event promises to be both a fun and valuable experience for your children.



All these events and even more, for more info see:

<https://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/events/whats-on>

Year 7 and 6th Form **Reconciliation Half-Day Events**

These two separate half day events are available for secondary schools from the 18th-21st September 2023.

Year 7

Come along and bring your whole cohort of new Year 7's!

Our Year 7 half day event is the perfect way for you to introduce reconciliatory practices to your new pupils and begin your term on a positive note. This also gives your pupils an opportunity to forge bonds with their new classmates in an environment which promotes positive and healthy relationships and teaches them how to disagree well. All of these skills can help to cushion the transition from primary to secondary and allow your students to adjust to their new environment.

6th Form

Fulfil your statutory R.E provision requirements and help your pupils to prepare for the year ahead!

Our 6th form half days are a tried and tested format for us as we reintroduce this event for the first time since the pandemic. This event fulfils your statutory Religious Education requirements and will help to introduce your pupils (old and new) to the key concepts of Coventry's message as a city of Peace and Reconciliation and how to carry these tenets into their future studies and careers as they prepare to leave for University.

To book on to this event or for any additional information please email - Jessica.Weale@Coventry.Anglican.org





ART COMPETITION

A CLASSROOM COMPETITION FOR CLASS GROUPS - INSPIRED BY ACCOMPANYING RESOURCES & LESSON PLANNING RESOURCES

To celebrate the focus of our next academic year - *Reconciliation with our planet* we are holding an art competition!

Accompanied by lesson plans and resources for every year group from KS1-KS5, this whole class competition is easy to integrate into your R.E. or PSHE curriculum.

These resources are themed and tailored for each age bracket to target and address the key issues facing children and the environmental crisis we now face. Some of the topics include:

KS1 Growing Peace for our Planet

KS2 Growing Peace for our Planet

KS3 & KS4 What we say about climate justice ... or Our Future vs Your Present

These resources are accessible via our website -

<https://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/shop/digital-resources>

The art can take any form you'd like - junk models, painting, photography etc. You can create a large scale group entry or individual class entries (but it is limited to one entry per individual pupil). Closing Date Thursday 6th July 2023.

Your pupils will then have the chance to win a range of exciting prizes! - For our KS1&2 entries there is the chance to win Cathedral colouring books for your entire class, as well as the chance to have your work exhibited in the Cathedral. For our KS3,4&5 entries we have the chance to win a free workshop/event or tour for your class here at the Cathedral and the chance to exhibit your pieces at the Cathedral.

The prizes will be given out at an award ceremony at the Cathedral on the 13th July 2023.

**For an entry form or any additional information please email -
Jessica.Weale@Coventry.Anglican.org**

ACTIVITIES - WHAT WE OFFER.

Workshops

We offer a wide range of themed workshops for all ages- Book in now!

ART WORKSHOP – Students take part in a number of art activities, and practice skills such as sketching, sculpting and collage in this dramatic space.

HISTORY WORKSHOP – Take a closer look at life in World War II using Identity Cards, Ration Books and Henry Moore's air-raid drawings.

MATHS WORKSHOP – Explore the Cathedral using a variety of mathematical skills.

CONFLICT RECONCILIATION & PEACE WORKSHOP – Explore these key concepts and how they relate to us as individuals, to our community and to the world.

RE WORKSHOP – Consider the sacred, reflect, respond and be creative.

SIGNS AND SYMBOLS – Uncover the signs, symbols and hidden meanings in the Cathedral art and furnishings.



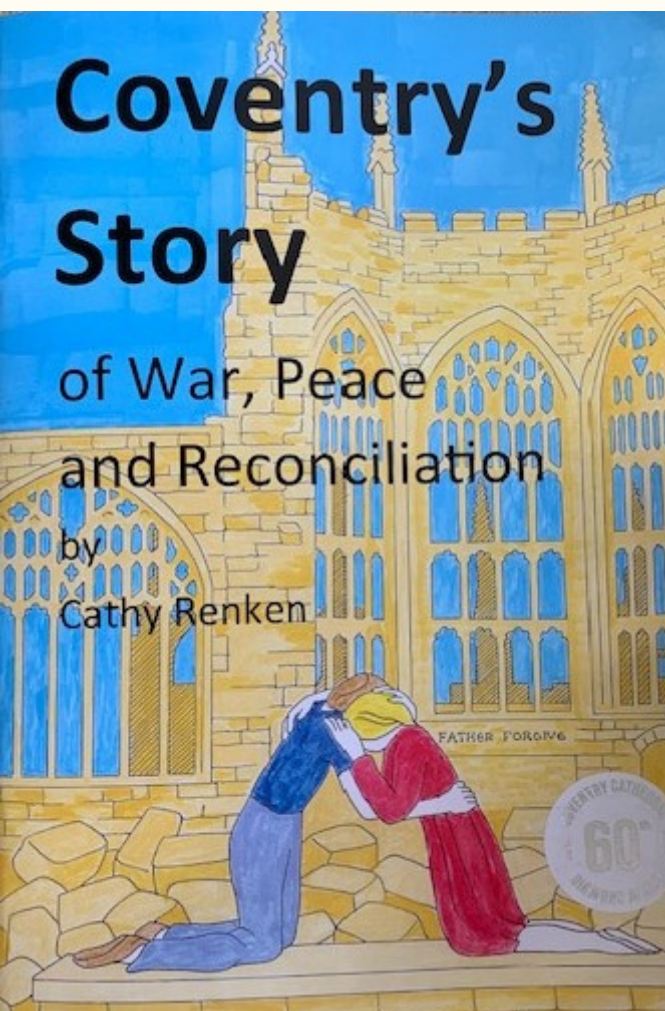
If you are interested in any of the above please email

Graham.Senior@Coventry.Anglican.org

Colouring Book - Coventry's Story of War, **Peace & Reconciliation**

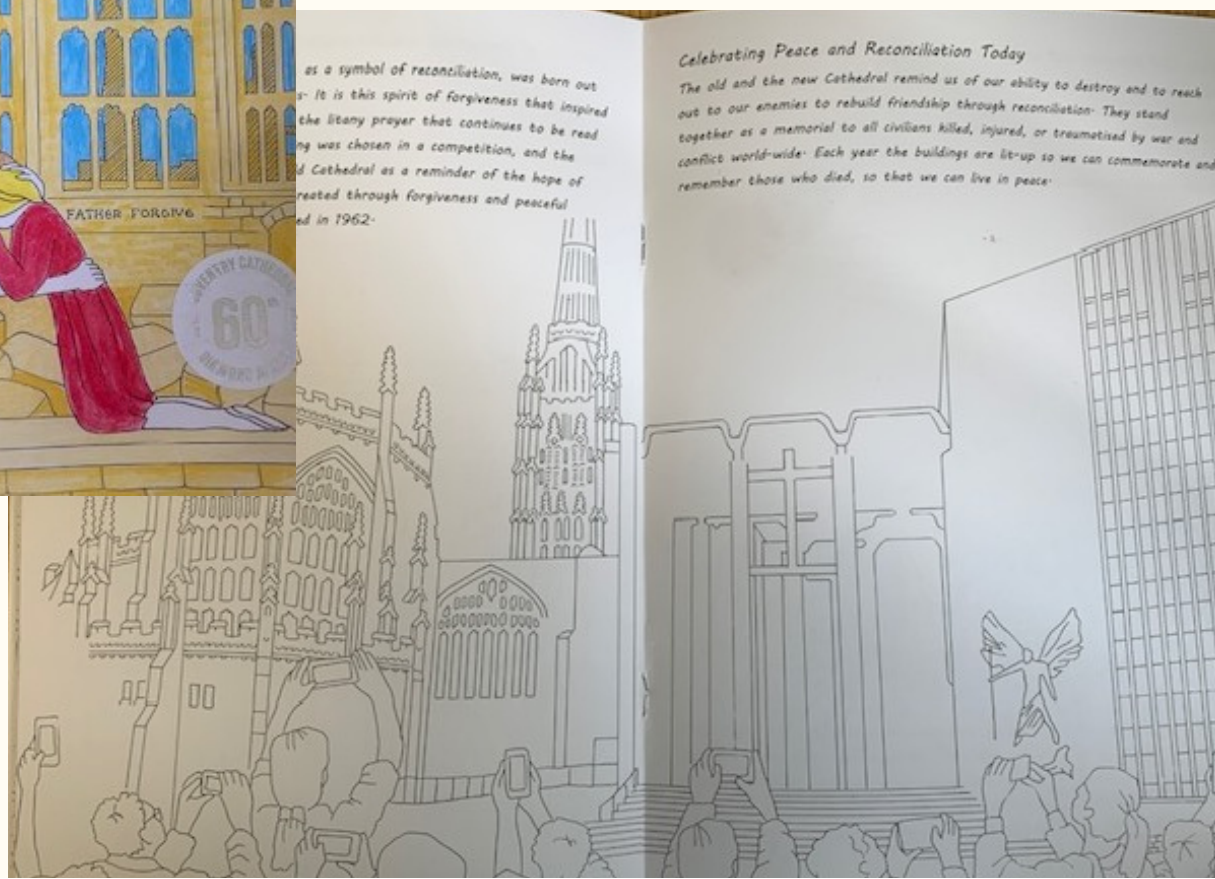
A new art book for children and adults produced by a city artist tells Coventry's Story of War, Peace & Reconciliation.

This amazing book is now being sold in our schools team shop!
Only £5 per book if you purchase it for your class group - perfect
for after a visit or fun at school!
£6 to buy individually.



Get in touch for more information or see our
online shop at -

[https://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/shop/
products/colouring-book-coventrys-story-of-
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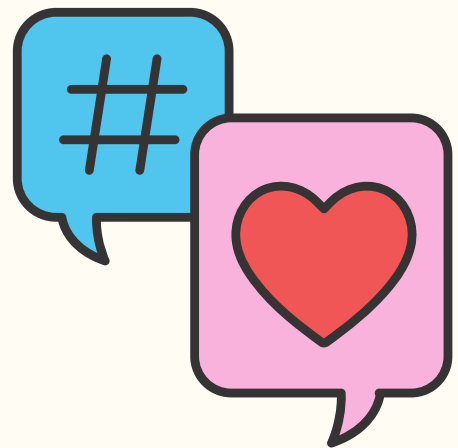


Book your School event with us!

Finally, if you have an upcoming prizegiving, concert, communal gathering or service we have a range of spaces within the Cathedral that can be used to cater to your school's unique needs – all while still taking place in this beautiful building - enquire for more details!

Social Media

It's been fantastic to see your school art exhibitions, library recommendations, sport club activities, and what our local community groups have been up to on social media. It's been a great way for us to get started and share what we've been up to as well. Keep sharing!



Thank you and we can't wait to hear from you!

The Schools' Team