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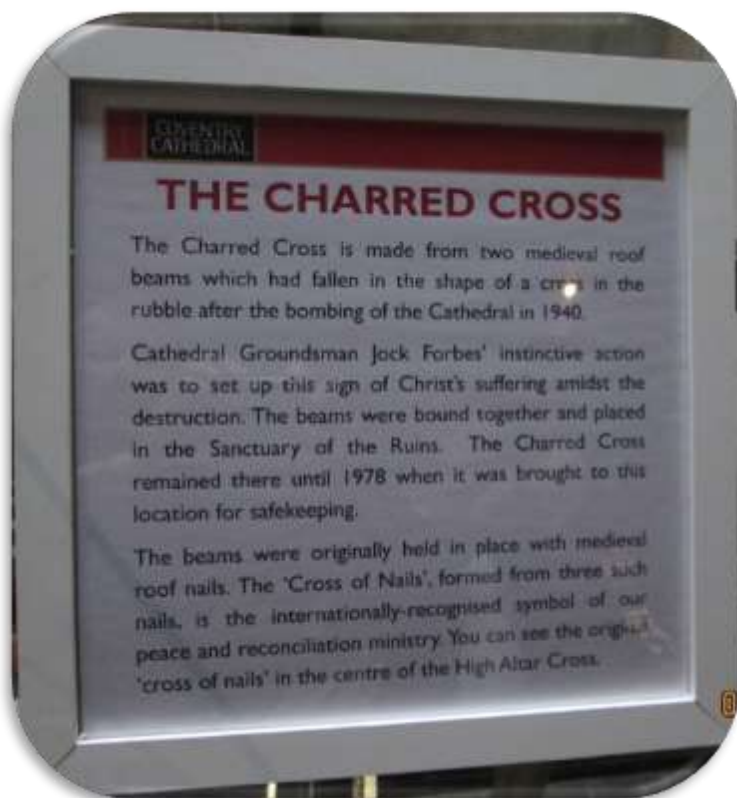
Dear Friend of the Cathedral,

We are very conscious of the importance of our community's response to the sad existence of racism and other forms of prejudice in Canadian society. One action we are taking is to use the Coventry Litany of Reconciliation as our confession for a season. Deborah writes

The city of Coventry which was subjected to saturation bombing during the Second World War, made a deliberate decision after the Armistice to become a city which works for the reconciliation of conflict, at home and abroad. Coventry Cathedral's Community of the Cross of Nails, of which we are a member, links congregations around the world in dedication to this work.

The litany we will use is prayed daily in Coventry Cathedral at noon, in response to the belief that 'when we pray about the problems of the world around us, we need to begin by acknowledging the roots of those problems in our own hearts' (C of N webpage)

You have probably noticed the cross of nails hanging near the pulpit in CCC. It is formed of nails from the medieval Coventry Cathedral found in the ruins after the bombing. A group from our cathedral included Coventry in their pilgrimage to several English Cathedrals two years ago. I took the two photographs below, of the cross made from burnt wooden beams and the notice beside it. Notice the inscription "Father Forgive" behind the cross with its inclusive message that we all need forgiveness, not just the enemy who destroyed the cathedral church.



Christ Church Cathedral

An important invitation

Black Anglicans of Canada invites us all to join a series of roundtable discussions about anti-black racism in the Canadian context, 8 – 9 pm, Wednesdays July 8, 15, 22 and 29. There will be various speakers and topics. You can see details on their Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Community/Black-Anglicans-of-Canada-320429252131667/>

Register on the Facebook page or at www.blackanglicansofcanada.eventbrite.ca

Here is the group's mission statement:

Mission: Increase the participation, representation, empowerment and inclusion of Black People in lay and ordained leadership roles in the full life of the Anglican Church of Canada ✝

BLACK LIVES MATTER While we wait for the Cathedral task force to start its work on systemic racism within our own institution, a number of excellent resources have been suggested by groups and individual parishioners. One of the most helpful is this beautiful six minute video, shared by Michele.

<https://twitter.com/i/status/1272950020589879297>

The Cathedral's anglophone book group has chosen **two short books on the topic of racism** to discuss at their next zoom meeting, August 2. You are all welcome to read the books and join the discussion. The readings are: James Baldwin *The Fire Next Time*, paired with the book it inspired, *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates. We are also recommending as background reading *How to be an Anti Racist* by Ibram X Kendi. Adrian has some copies of this book at The Word. You will find other suggestions on the Reading Group's website page. <https://www.montrealcathedral.ca/cathedral-reading-group/>

An update on Covid Activities

The Bishop has said that churches will not reopen before September 6 for in person services, and, while we are planning ahead, our services and other activities will continue on line during the summer. We are however hoping that the cathedral may be able to reopen as a place for personal prayer and visiting from early August, and we are working on a plan to that effect.

Some COVID activities, such as the Daily Bread Blog and some of the chat rooms are on summer hiatus, but there are still groups meeting Monday, Thursday and Friday afternoons, 2:30 to 3:30. There is also a 'Café et conversation avec le Doyen' in French on Thursday mornings at 10. Mondays, which are hosted by Beth, include a wide-ranging conversation on many topics, while Fridays are devoted to discussions about social justice. Thursdays you are invited to grab a cup of tea and come together for...

Adventures in Travel - Join us for a lively conversation about the pleasures of travel. From the destinations you yearn to visit to the journeys you have actually taken, this session invites you to share your stories about places both near and far.

The places we will "go" include: Macchu Picchu / Galapagos, Umbria, Greece, Japan

For your listening delight

A reminder that you can read and listen to posts from Jonathan and Nick about the psalms and hymns used in our liturgies, as well as recordings of our choir singing in isolation, all to be found on the cathedral's music page <https://www.montrealcathedral.ca/music/covid/>

Updates about people and other events in our community



Ben and Erica are rightly proud of their beautiful baby Charlie.



It's **Raymonde's birthday** as I write today (Thursday). The Cathedral owes Raymonde heartfelt thanks for all the work she does checking, improving and translating bulletins, letters and website pages from English into French.

Nous vous adressons nos plus vifs remerciements et vous souhaitons un bon anniversaire, Raymonde!

Last Sunday of the month lunch

The last newsletter carried an appeal for someone to sponsor next month's outreach lunch. Three generous people responded, so the lunches are covered through August.

Organising these lunches takes a great deal of work and Bertrand spoke for all of us when he wrote to **Adrian** thanking the whole team for a splendid job at a challenging time. "You are keeping one of our outreach ministries going against all odds, and the Cathedral Community is very grateful to all that you do on our behalf."

Adrian described what happened last month:

Dear Supporters, I endeavoured to expand my advertising by handouts this month by including The St James Drop in Centre on Panet Street (near Radio Canada). I was greeted there by Lisa who told me, to my surprise and pleasure, that most of her clients knew about us. Otherwise I did my usual round of The Open Door, St Michael's and Cabot Square. Cabot Square is doing such a super job of providing almost continuous hot meals they are quite difficult to compete with. Irene Broitman generously volunteered to take on the job of making home made desserts this month, which I have learned I need to count carefully both when I pick them up and when they go out. Only three were missing this time. I have decided that it would be perhaps unwise to pursue this further. Dru Spenser and Mark Peacock made up their very popular egg salad sandwiches. I will be looking for someone else to do this in July as they will be away. Helpers in the kitchen included John Matheson, Bob King, Donna and myself.

We ended up giving out 40 bag lunches at the door both to our regulars, some of whom we know by name, as well as new faces. The remaining 20 bags went to the Inuit community who hang out at Park and Milton as well as the growing encampment in front of St. Michael's. Both these groups are quite needy of our support. I intend to regularly include them from now on.

A former member of our cathedral, **Barbara (Montour) Malloch**, died peacefully on Saturday night. She is remembered as the wife of the late Archie Malloch, and for her commitment to the work of the Waseskun centre in Quebec. You can read a detailed obituary in the Gazette

<https://montrealgazette.remembering.ca/obituary/barbara-malloch-monture-1079443483>

We have recently said **goodbye** to two families on the move to distant places,

Jeffrey and Natasha to the Yukon, Veronica and Jim to Calgary.

Jeffrey, Natasha and their cat Buddy are happily quarantining in Whitehorse before moving in a few weeks to Dawson City.

Veronica sent us this farewell letter.

We are leaving Saturday, July 4, to be closer to family. In fact, we bought a semi-detached and the people on the other side of our shared wall will be our daughter, her husband and our two grandchildren, Ida and Leo, seven and five. What could be better? In addition, our son is living in Portland, Oregon, which is a short flight away.

Jim and I will miss our cathedral family. We first started going to the cathedral while we were still living in New York. Our regular trips to visit our daughter, who was a student at McGill at the time, always involved worship or a concert or some other special cathedral event. In the meantime, we fell more and more in love with Montreal. I retired on January 31, 2005. On February 1, instead of driving south to Miami, we drove north to Montreal and we have never looked back.

We will cherish our Montreal memories.

Another person on the move is Sarah Sabol, our former organ scholar and the musician who brought much joy to the French service with her piano playing. She tells us that she graduated with a MA in Musicology, and in August she'll be starting a PhD in Musicology at Indiana University in Bloomington, IN (maybe with some in-person classes, maybe not). She wrote

I've really enjoyed the past two years of making music at the Cathedral, and I'll miss all of you!

Our best wishes go with Sarah.

A reminder to take action with thanks to Brenda Linn

GUARANTEED BASIC INCOME: As part of the move toward a Just Recovery, the Anglican and Lutheran Churches have jointly submitted a proposal to both the federal and provincial legislatures requesting the immediate implementation of a guaranteed basic income. This measure has long been advocated by voices as diverse as Conservative Senator Hugh Segal and Green Party Leader Elizabeth May. Bishop Mary has asked Peter Huish to lead a response to this proposal within our own diocese, and Peter has drawn up templates for letters to be sent to MPs and MLAs. Anyone who would like a copy of these templates is invited to contact Peter at phuish@montreal.anglican.ca

One more reminder

(Online) Literary Festival July 5, 11:45 am. Guest local poet Darren Bifford. His poetry collections include *Wedding in Fire Country* (2012) and *False Spring* (2018). He's also the editor, with Warren Heiti, of *Chamber Music: the poetry of Jan Zwicky* (2015). Please log onto zoom by 11:40 to join us for the Poetry reading and Q&A.

Ann Elbourne, with thanks as always to Elizabeth and Raymonde
July 3, 2020