



Diocesan Centenary 2018



Pilgrimage of the DBE Cross of Nails

FINAL DETAILS



Introduction

A pilgrimage of the DBE Cross of Nails will take place as it did in 2011 when we celebrated the bi-centenary of Church of England schools. A timetable for this has been confirmed and is attached with this information sheet.

Instructions for the Pilgrimage

The Start of the Pilgrimage

The pilgrimage **begins in the ruins of our Cathedral on 10 January 2018** with the diocesan Cross of Nails being presented to students of Harris CofE Academy. The cross is then passed from school to school throughout the year (see the attachment showing the route).

The Journey of the Cross of Nails

The Headteacher of the 'giving' school must take responsibility for making arrangements with the 'receiving' school for passing on the Cross of Nails.

When receiving the Cross of Nails from the preceding school please ensure that there are pupils from your school ready to share in the Diocesan Centenary Prayer that will be spoken together with those children handing over the Cross of Nails to your school.

Diocesan Centenary Prayer

Loving God, thank you for every moment, past and present

And for your care of our diocese through 100 years.

As we celebrate all you're doing here

Help us to make good choices for the future,

And to accept your gifts so we may do your work

Of love and reconciliation day by day, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

You may also wish to involve those children in sharing together in the Coventry Litany of Reconciliation



Litany of Reconciliation
Adapted from the original by Leigh CofE Primary School

The hate which divides people because of colour, creed or name

Father Forgive

For those in our world who want what others have but at no cost to themselves

Father Forgive

For those who take advantage of others so as to make money or status for themselves

Father Forgive

For the times when we are jealous of what others have

Father Forgive

For the times when we turn away from those in most need, the prisoner, the homeless, the refugee

Father Forgive

For the times when we lack respect for other children and adults and use them for our own selfishness

Father Forgive

For the times when we are boastful about who we are and what we have instead of loving and trusting God

Father Forgive

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted,
Forgiving one another as God in Christ forgave you.

Amen

As the cross is handed from one school to the next please use the following words:

The giving school says:

The receiving school says:

The Cross

We receive it

The giving school says:

The receiving school says:

The Centenary

We celebrate it

The giving school says:

The receiving school says:

The peace

We share it

The giving school says:

The receiving school says:

The love

We embrace it

All say:

**May God be among us today and always,
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
Amen**

To increase the sense of occasion please could pupils carry the school banner during the giving and receiving.

In addition to these prayers it would be wonderful if the 'giving' and 'receiving' schools could enjoy some refreshments whilst sharing something of the history of their own school over the last 100 years.



Whilst the Cross of Nails is Resting in Your School

Please consider holding a **special Act of Collective Worship** for the whole school and community, including your foundation parish. This may take place in school or in church, involve parents, governors and members of the local community including councillors, mayors, MPs etc. We would like to encourage you to celebrate the centenary so that all your pupils understand the significance. One or two schools have already mentioned that they may be organising a party using 1918 as the theme. Another school has suggested that they will invite residents from local care homes to join them to engage with the children. There are no boundaries to what you may wish to do....

Cathedral Service



The culmination of the pilgrimage will be a **Church Schools' Centenary Celebration Service to be held at the Cathedral on 28 November 2018 at 11.00am** when pupils from St Gabriel's CofE Academy will process with the Cross of Nails.

Each school must **bring 10 pupils and up to 5 adults** (to include, if possible, Headteacher, Chair of Governors, clergy associated with the school). **Each school will have 15 chairs allocated.**

The **cathedral service will begin with a procession** involving the diocesan church school's banner (dedicated in 2011), the DBE Cross of Nails, the 75 banners representing each church school (carried by 2 pupils), the Bishop of Coventry and other dignitaries.

Please book this date in your school calendar and confirm your attendance to CoventryDBE@covcofe.org



Centenary Story Competition

As a lasting memory of the Diocesan Centenary, each school is asked to **write a fictional story** that chronicles the family of David and Mary Warwick, twins born in Coventry on 6 September 1918. Schools are able to choose how to approach this and may wish to ask whole year groups to write independently or together with one account being chosen for submission to the DBE. An alternative method would be to offer this opportunity as an oral activity with a member of staff writing up the text. This may be handwritten and include drawings and pictures, it could be a storyboard or produced by electronic means.



The **deadline for this activity is 1 July 2018.**

Please send your school's chosen story to helen.gibson@covcofe.org The school entries will be submitted to a panel of judges who will select a winning story. The judges will be looking for reference to be made to key events over the last 100 years, for example the bombing of Coventry Cathedral on 14 November 1940....

The opening lines of the story are (these opening lines must be used):

The Right Reverend Huyshe Wolcott Yeatman-Biggs (future First Bishop of the new Coventry Diocese) was pleasantly surprised to learn that his eldest daughter, Daisy, (whom he had sadly fallen out with) was expecting twins with her new husband. The Right Reverend's second wife, Frances, daughter of the 5th Viscount Barrington, was equally surprised but much less pleased when he told her the news over supper that evening.

The twins, named David John and Mary Grace, were delivered to the lovely young Mrs Daisy Warwick and her doting husband, Albert, on Friday the 6th of September 1918...



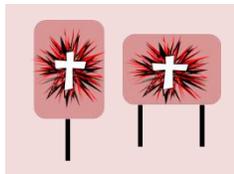
School Banners

In 2011 every one of our Church of England schools brought their banner to the Cathedral to form the incredibly colourful and impressive procession at the beginning and end of the service. If you feel that you would like to create or commission a new school banner then please follow the guidance below. Your banner may be carried by one or two pupils.

Approximate Dimensions of the Banner

60cm x 80cm

(portrait to be carried by one child or
landscape to be carried by two children)



Fabric for the Banner

Fabric should be in your school colours with your school name and logo incorporated into the design. The back of the banner can be plain.

Handles for the Banner

Shortened broom handles work well as carrying poles with pockets incorporated into the fabric to allow for easy transportation.

If you need any further help and advice on any of the information included please contact the DBE