

English Text of: A Greeting from the Bishop of Coventry, Christopher Cocksforth, on the occasion of the 10th Anniversary of the Re-Consecration of the Frauenkirche, Dresden on 25th October 2015

Dear Friends, it is a very special joy to take part in the Frauenkirche's tenth anniversary. I bring you warm greetings from the Church of England, the City of Coventry and from the Diocese and Cathedral of Coventry. My predecessor, Bishop Colin Bennetts, was present at the consecration service and also five years earlier in 2000 when the cross and orb when was handed over by the His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent as a gift of the British Dresden Trust. And so, I am deeply honoured to be here today as we celebrate the rebuilding of the Frauenkirche and rejoice in God's faithfulness.

Coventry's Cathedral and Dresden's Frauenkirche speak God's word of hope to the world. They declare the power of the resurrection. They call people to work for peace and to seek reconciliation.

As a sign of the deep relationship between Coventry and Dresden, and especially between the Cathedral and the Frauenkirche, I hope you will accept this simple gift. It depicts our common story and shows how we are held together by Christ's Cross of Nails.¹

May the God of peace bless you always.

¹ The Bishop gave to the Frauenkirche a framed limited edition print by the artist Monica Petzal (<http://www.printroomlondon.com/product/coventry-tower-4a/>), the original of which is to be displayed in Coventry Cathedral as part of the *70/75 The Coventry Dresden Towers* Exhibition.