An artist's impression of the new Centre and Chapel for the Deaf in Medford Place, off Queen's Road, Coventry.

This new building has been designed to meet the particular needs of the Deaf in the Coventry and Warwickshire County. Commissioned 1965.
Their world can never be the same as our world.
Foreword

by
The Lord Bishop of Coventry
President of the
Coventry & Warwickshire
Association for the Deaf.

I gladly write this forward because I recognise the urgent importance of this Association for the Deaf.

There are nearly 400 in our Diocese who have never heard the sound of the voices of their loved ones and friends. They are the Deaf — a fellowship grievously isolated from the rest of the community. There is also a further 523 very seriously handicapped by a marked degree of profound or partial deafness.

It is therefore vitally important that they should be able to meet frequently in a place that is adequate, beautiful and well-equipped.

Dr. Cuthbert Bartholom, Lord Bishop of Coventry.

New Centre and Chapel for the Deaf.

This Association is building a new Centre and Chapel to serve the Deaf of this Diocese in Hertford Place, off Queen’s Road, Coventry which will cost £49,900. Thanks to generous giving and wise investment over many years, the Association’s Building Fund has reached a total of £33,000. Therefore to complete the total cost of this building with equipment £15,000 is now urgently needed.

Please do everything in your power to help this Association in connection with its Appeal for £15,000. I ask the Churches, lay organisations, industry — everyone, to remember that the pastoral, industrial and social welfare of the Deaf who form a deeply afflicted and seriously disabled section of our community has tended in the past to be the Cinderella of all appeals for help.

I hope that you will do all that you can to raise this £15,000 and may your response to this Appeal be generous and sacrificial.

CUTHBERT, COVENTRY.
I was delighted to have been given this opportunity to support the Coventry and Warwickshire Association for the Deaf in their appeal for £15,000 to complete the purchase of the new Centre for the Deaf now being built in Henford Place. I need not, I am sure, enlarge upon the important work being done by the Association on behalf of the deaf in this area, but I would like to commend this Appeal to all the citizens of Coventry as one most worthy of their support. I am confident that once again the Coventry people will do their best to support a cause whose aims and objects are to assist all those less fortunate than themselves, and I wish the Appeal every success.  

W. Palfin  
Lord Mayor of Coventry

This Association helps many Deaf people in Warwickshire and its work is highly valued by the County Council. I commend this Appeal and hope that the fullest support will be given to it.

Charles M. T. Smith-Ryland,  
Chairman of the Warwickshire County Council.

Councillor G. D. Inns  
Mayor of Stratford-upon-Avon

It gives me great pleasure to have this opportunity of commending to your readers the very excellent work done by the Coventry and Warwickshire Association for the Deaf. This voluntary service they provide is of immense and lasting value to all of us who live in Warwickshire.

G. D. Inns  
Mayor of Stratford-upon-Avon
The Very Reverend R. T. Howard, M.A.,
Provoit Emeritus of Coventry Cathedral and
Chairman of the Coventry & Warwickshire Association
for the Deaf laying the Foundation Stone of the new
Centre and Chapel on Wednesday, 1st December, 1965.

£15,000 is urgently needed to
complete the cost of this new
Centre and Chapel for the Deaf.
The world of the Deaf can never be the same as our world. They can never hear the voices of their loved ones and friends. They are intensely isolated in a world that is designed for the listener.

For over 50 years this Association has provided a personal service for the Deaf in this Diocese. Their placement in industry, the care of those who are ill and ministering to the needs of the aged form a particular part of the Association’s special services.

The new Centre and Chapel now being built in Hertford Place, off Queen’s Road, Coventry fulfills a long-felt need.
Michael and Patricia are both deaf. Their childhood years at the Royal School for Deaf Children in Birmingham are of profound importance and value.

Only one deaf child in three ever achieves perfect speech.

When Michael and Patricia leave school this Association will help them to establish themselves in industry and within the hearing community.
In these days of full employment it is not easy to place our Deaf in work which utilises their highest skill and which encourages them to show their full potentiality.

Bob and Clive are skilled maintenance carpenters who work for the Cowden and Warrickshoa Hospital.

Bob and Clive

Gillian is a very efficient typist at the G.E.C.

Gillian

Gillian has recently completed 5 years' apprenticeship at Messrs. W. W. Curtis Ltd.

Gillian
In my house dwells only quietness...
No humming of bees at noon tide, nor the drowsy rustle
Of falling leaves.
No delicate music of flutes or violins
Can steal across its silence.

The melody of music, the sweet cadence
of gentle words, the sudden joy of laughter
I do not know.
I have not heard the whisper of the flame
Nor the soft rush of water. No footfall
Can pierce the woven silence. In my house
No birds will sing.

—Nora Wilkinson.
in the silent corner of the Master's vineyard...

The Chaplain officiates at the marriage of Trevor and Pamela in St. Michael's Church, Oxford, Coventry.

... the Church has a special ministry to the deaf
Members of our Sports and Social Club enjoying an evening's fellowship.
The Chaplain "talks" to Miss May Casswell who is deaf and blind.

Miss Ethel Perkins is totally deaf and partially sighted. Because of a spinal injury she has spent most of her life in this hospital bed.

Mrs. Flo Greenway is a widow. She is glad to have a visit from Mrs. Leonor Fry, Lady Welfare Worker.
a personal service

The Reverend Henry Fry interviewing Mr. R. Miles.
The problems of deafness are deeper and more complex, if not more important, than those of blindness. Deafness is a much worse misfortune. For it means the loss of the most vital stimulus—the sound of the voice that brings language, sets thoughts a-tick, and keeps us in the intellectual company of men.

—Helen Keller.

Your kind response to this Appeal will help the Association in its vitally important work on behalf of those who live, move and have their being in a soundless world.

All donations to:

The Secretary,
Coventry & Warwickshire Association for the Deaf,
8 Trafalgar Street, Coventry.
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"Deafness occurring in old age is a social handicap; in middle life, it also brings economic difficulties; in early manhood it is a tragedy that changes the whole pattern of life; occurring in the latter school years it is a serious disaster; at birth or early infancy it is a stark human tragedy".

—"The Tragedy of Deafness"
E. S. Greenaway, B.Sc.