



Weekly Newsletter

Sunday 2nd February, 2025

Presentation of Christ in the Temple

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP - said)
Celebrant & Preacher:	Canon Peter Holliday
<i>Service begins in the Book of Common Prayer on page 294 and readings on page 114</i>	
10.30am	Choral Eucharist
	Girls' and Men's Voices
	also on Facebook & YouTube
	<i>Each Sunday morning's service sheet is uploaded here on the preceding Friday.</i>
Celebrant & Preacher:	Canon Peter Holliday
Mass setting:	<i>Missa Brevis</i> Kodály
Hymns:	33(omit vv 2, 3, 6), 234(ii), 157, 338 (New English Hymnal)
Reading:	Hebrews 2.14-end - Christine Spencer
Gospel:	Luke 2.22-40
Intercessions:	Ian Barnicoat
Motet:	<i>O sacrum convivium</i> Messiaen
Organ voluntary:	<i>Ite, missa est</i> Kodály

Refreshments will be served following the Service to which everyone is invited.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Sunday School meets during the 10:30 service each week; we currently have members from pre-school to Year 8. This week, as we celebrate the feast of Candlemas, we are assembling Christingles to distribute through the congregation. Everyone is invited to assemble at the Welcome Desk at the back of church during the first hymn. Visiting children are always welcome. (Pre-schoolers are asked to bring an adult with them).

5.30pm	Candlemas Carol Service (Girls' and Men's Voices)
	<i>See special order of service</i>

MIDWEEK SERVICES

Wednesday 5th February - 10.00am Holy Communion; 5.30pm Choral Evensong
Friday 7th February - 5.30pm Choral Evensong

FORTHCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday 9th February - 4 Before Lent

8.00am Holy Communion; 10.30am Choral Eucharist; 5.30pm Choral Evensong

Sunday 16th February - 3 Before Lent

8.00am Holy Communion; 10.30am Choral Eucharist; 5.30pm Choral Evensong (Scholars)

Sunday 23rd February - 2 Before Lent

8.00am Holy Communion; 10.30am Choral Eucharist; 5.30pm Choral Evensong

Sunday 2nd March - Sunday Next Before Lent

8.00am Holy Communion; 10.30am Choral Eucharist; 5.30pm Choral Evensong

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

Tony Bannister, Patrick Carr, Claire Fisher, Harry Fox, Anthony Hancock, Ruby Hayes, Patricia Heaps, Phyllis Hole, Elizabeth Holroyde, Luke Ryan, Chris Shilton, Jennifer Tarney.

PRAYERS FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED:

Aubrey Guest, Geoffrey Smith, Kelvin Webster, Anthony Yates.

Please contact Suzie in the Parish Office if you wish to add anybody to the list via admin@stmaryswarwick.org.uk or call 01926 403940.

PRAYER FOR THE CMM SISTERS

Gracious God, as we give thanks for the CMM Sisters in Tanzania and Zambia, we pray especially for the selection of the right Sister to lead their Girls' Hostel at the Motherhouse in Masasi, after the recent unexpected death of the Matron, Sr. Jane CMM. We give thanks for the loving example of Sr. Jane, who was both mother and friend to the girls in her care: may she rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

FOODBANK

There is a container at the back of church for those wishing to donate items to help those in our community suffering hardship. Thank you for your continued support.

BELLRINGING

Congratulations to Sarah Faulkner on her first peal - a great achievement. Here is the link to BellBoard <https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1814437>. It is a great achievement to ring a peal. Many aspire to achieve this but few succeed. It is of particular note as she rang surprise major, which is more complex than many forms of ringing. Well done, Sarah.

Annie Hall

CHORAL CANDLEMAS

Join the Girl Choristers and Gentlemen of the Choir for our Candlemas Carol Service at 5.30pm on Sunday 2nd February. The feast of Candlemas (aka The Purification, aka The Presentation of Christ in the Temple) marks the revelation of Christ as the 'light to lighten the gentiles', and the service will include readings and music by Eric Whitacre, Adrian Lucas, Bob Chilcott, Humphrey Clucas, Holst and Willcocks.

INTERSTELLAR

Friday 7th February, 7.00pm. International concert organist Roger Sayer performs the iconic soundtrack to the film Interstellar on the magnificent organ of St Mary's. Originally recorded by him at Temple Church in London, Roger collaborated with composer Hans Zimmer and director Christopher Nolan to showcase the colours and effects of the organ. The concert will also include performances of other intergalactic scores, an opportunity to hear Roger talk about the process of working with Zimmer and Nolan, and a Q&A session. Tickets via: <https://tinyurl.com/interstellarwarwick>

VISION2030 MEETING

A congregational meeting has been arranged as an opportunity for members of the congregations, of all services, to ask any questions they may have about the Vision2030 Statement. The meeting will be held in St Mary's at 11.45 am on Sunday 9th February, following the morning Eucharist. I look forward to seeing you. *Fr Angus*

JOINT EVENSONG: SUNDAY 9th FEBRUARY

We look forward to welcoming the Chapel Choir from King Edward VI School in Stratford to join our boy choristers and Gentlemen for Choral Evensong on Sunday 9th February. With music by Ayleward, Wesley and the first Warwick performance of the Trinity Service by Stephen Dodsworth, all are warmly invited to attend.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE - GEOFFREY SMITH RIP

The Thanksgiving Service for Geoffrey Smith will be held at St Mary's Church on Tuesday 11th February at 2pm. All are welcome to attend.

DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

Immediately after the service on Sunday 23rd February, we are very grateful that an instructor from AC First Aid has offered to hold a training session on using the newly installed defibrillator. This session is free and open to all; we would warmly encourage all who are able to stay behind (the session will take no more than an hour).

MAYOR'S CHARITY SPRING SING

On Saturday 29th March, we will be holding a concert in church in aid of the two charities the Mayor is supporting during his tenure this year: Safeline and Evelyn's Gift. Following immediately on from the concert we will be joining in the Mayor's Market Takeover, all proceeds of which will go towards the proposed new Packmores Community Centre. If anyone feels able to offer a bit of help in running stalls (coffee, cakes, craft) at either event please contact Suzette community@stmaryswarwick.org.uk

AFTERSCHOOL LITERACY SUPPORT GROUP

From the Summer Term, St Mary's is joining forces with the Warwick Foundation and the Packmores Community Centre in offering an afterschool literacy support group for children in Years 4 and 5. We are beginning with a pilot scheme, working with one local primary school, and aim to broaden this out to other schools from September. If you might be in a position to lend a hand for a couple of hours every other week (or more if possible!), please contact Suzette community@stmaryswarwick.org.uk

GOOD NEWS - UPDATE FROM THE CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL TEAM!

We were delighted to announce that the recent and very successful Christmas Tree Festival enabled a donation of £11,500 to be sent to the St Mary's Treasurer! This is in addition to providing the church with a new fridge, and supporting two in-house events. Particular thanks go to Val and Tony King, for raising a fabulous £1,400 in the Pop-Up Cafe, and to Anne and Harry Brar for running the very popular Mulled Wine and Mince Pie session during the Victorian Evening. The St Mary's community came together, with over 70 volunteers enabling us to run what is now a most important Festival within our town - this year displaying a record 70 sponsored trees, and welcoming 7,000 visitors. We are so very grateful to everyone for their support, help and encouragement. The 2025 Christmas Tree Festival will open on Thursday 27th November, and has a full diary of daily events in hand, including a brand new addition to the display, and a very special county Service. *Helen and Carol*

WINTER COAT DONATIONS

Thank you so much to all those who gave presents to the residents of the Delta Hotel before Christmas. There have since been a further 50 arrivals and local coordinators are asking if anyone might be in a position to offer any small or medium sized male winter coats, clean and in good condition. If easier, cash donations to buy coats are also very welcome. Please speak to Suzette or email community@stmaryswarwick.org.uk

I WILL LIFT UP MINE EYES

'I will lift up mine eyes' - featuring a selection of anthems for upper voices, sung by St Mary's Girls Choristers are available from St Mary's shop at £14.99 or can be purchased online via: <http://tiny.cc/warwickcd> at £18.50 (incl. postage and packaging). It is also available on streaming services.

GIFT AID

We thank you for your donations. If you are a UK tax payer, your donation can be increased by 25% if you fill out an envelope available by the main entrance. This allows us to retrieve the tax you have already paid and put it towards the work of St Mary's. You can also donate using the contactless payment points at the West end of the church.

JOIN THE CLUB TO SUPPORT THE CHOIR!

The '100 Club' is a prize draw of 100 tickets, giving out three prizes each month: £11, £5 and £3. Each ticket costs just £1 per month and you are welcome to sign up for as many tickets as you like. Proceeds help to support the activities of the Choir through the Friends of the Choir. If all tickets were sold, it would raise almost £1,000 a year that could go towards the work of the Choir. To get your ticket(s), please contact the Treasurer of the Friends, Niki Marklew: nikimarklew@outlook.com.

LIVESTREAMING

We provide a livestream of our 10.30am Sunday service on Facebook and YouTube. To comply with data protection regulation, St Mary's must have consent of anyone whose image might be included in our broadcast. The full policy can be read on the noticeboards or on the "Featured" section of the front page of our website. The south side of St Mary's (by the font) is a zone for those who wish to maintain social distance or avoid the cameras from our livestreaming. In other parts of the Church every attempt is made not to show faces, but this can happen if people turn around during the service. The congregation is not filmed whilst receiving communion. The 10.30am order of service, Weekly Newsletter and Parish Magazine can also be viewed and downloaded from our website.

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Canon Peter Holliday, Precentor

Director of Music: Oliver Hancock

Assistant Director of Music: Mark Swinton

Organ Scholar: Harry Sullivan

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Further information about St Mary's, our life and ministry can be found on:

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