



- Rooted in faith, reaching out in love -

# Newsletter

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2025

## Lent 3

**8.00am**

**Holy Communion (BCP - said)**

Celebrant & Preacher:

Canon Angus Aagaard

*Service begins in the Book of Common Prayer on page 294 and readings on page 133*

**10.30am**

**Choral Eucharist (Boys' & Men's Voices)  
also on Facebook & YouTube**

*Each Sunday morning's service sheet is uploaded [here](#) on the preceding Friday.*

Celebrant:

Canon Peter Holliday

Preacher:

Canon Angus Aagaard

Mass setting:

*Mass for Five Voices* Byrd

Hymns:

74, 71, 374, 379 (New English Hymnal)

Reading:

1 Corinthians 10.1-13 - Tony King

Gospel:

Luke 13. 1-9

Intercessions:

Diane Luxton

Motet:

*Adolescentulus sum ego* Mundy

Organ voluntary:

*Kyrie, Gott Heiliger Geist (BWV 671)* J.S. Bach

*To reflect the solemnity of the season, we ask that there be no applause after the voluntary.*

***Refreshments will be served following the Service.***

### **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 we will talk about repentance and the parable of the fig tree. 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 kindly asked to bring a parent/carer).

**5.30pm**

**Choral Evensong (Girls' & Men's Voices)**

\* Lent course:

The Apostles' Creed - The Communion of Saints - Canon Peter Holliday

Preces and Responses:

Shepherd responses

Psalm:

119: 33-56

Canticles:

Howells *in B minor*

Anthem:

*O Lord, rebuke me not* Byrd

O Lord, rebuke me not in thine indignation: neither chasten me in thy displeasure. Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am weak: O Lord, heal me, for my bones are vexed. Turn thee, O Lord, and deliver my soul: O save me, for thy Name's sake. Amen.

*Psalm 6:1,2,4*

Hymns:

407, 464

Readings:

Genesis 28.10-19a - Amelia Webster

John 1. 35-end - Desmond Jack

Organ voluntary:

*Ach Herr mich armen sunder* Weckmann

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## **\* LENT COURSE**

This year is the 1700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Council of Nicaea at which the Nicene Creed, which we usually say at the Sunday morning Eucharist, was agreed for use by the Church. The Apostles' Creed, usually said at Evensong, had already begun to be formed by the time the Council met and undoubtedly influenced the Church's profession of faith. During Evensongs in Lent we are examining our understanding of the Apostles' Creed.

As it is permitted to use the Apostles' Creed at the Eucharist as well, during Lent we are replacing the Nicene Creed with the Apostles' Creed on Sundays at 10.30am and hope this might whet the appetite to come to Evensong to consider the meaning of what we are saying.

## **MIDWEEK SERVICES**

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March**      10.00am Holy Communion  
   5.30pm Choral Evensong (recorded by BBC Radio 3)

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March**              5.30pm Choral Evensong

## **FORTHCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES**

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March - Mothering Sunday**

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

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April - Lent 5**

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

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April - Palm Sunday**

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

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Sunday**

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

## **ROOTED IN FAITH, REACHING OUT IN LOVE - REALISING OUR VISION**

To bring St Mary's Vision2030 to life, we need to take a vital first step: increasing our planned financial giving by £30,000 annually.

As I prayerfully reflect on 2 Corinthians 9:7-8, I am reminded that giving is an act of faith and joy, "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."

Many assume the King Henry VIII Endowed Trust fully funds our church, but it doesn't. Giving at St Mary's has been declining, likely due to this misconception and the pandemic. To move forward, we must act together.

## **A Call to Renew Our Commitment**

This Lent we are running a Stewardship Campaign. A strong response will allow us to step forward with confidence, and we'll benefit from the King Henry Trust matching our increased giving. Without a strong response, we'll need to reevaluate our mission plans.

We're asking everyone to renew their commitment to St Mary's by:

✓ Registering on the new electoral roll by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April (if done online, please also send confirmation email to [admin@stmaryswarwick.org.uk](mailto:admin@stmaryswarwick.org.uk))

✓ Reviewing their financial giving or tithing and switching to the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April

Electoral roll applications and stewardship packs are available at the back of church.

I know some are financially stretched, and I simply ask that we all contribute as best we can, prioritising St Mary's ministry in our giving. Your generosity is essential to fulfilling our vision. Let's step forward in faith, together.      *Fr Angus*

### **PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:**

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

### **PRAYERS FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED:**

Tony Bannister, Joan Stevens.

### **PRAYER FOR THE CMM SISTERS**

*Lord of all Creation, we pray for the CMM Sisters in Tanzania and Zambia and for all who, with them, have been affected by recent violent storms. In dismay, we picture the damage to fresh-planted fields and vulnerable walls. With you, Lord, all things are possible, and that gives hope. We pray that the harvest might be enough to satisfy hunger and that walls might be rebuilt to restore shelter and safety.*

### **WARWICK TEAM MINISTRY - A VISION OF THE FUTURE**

The Warwick Team Ministry unites four Anglican churches—All Saints, St Mary's, St Nicolas', and St Paul's—while also working closely with St Michael's, Budbrooke. Each church has its own distinct identity and style. Established in 2003, the Team Ministry fosters cooperation while honouring this diversity. In the coming months, clergy, churchwardens and reps from the team ministry churches will be invited to help shape a shared vision and explore opportunities for deeper collaboration. As this process unfolds, further updates will be shared.

### **WOULD YOU LIKE TO VOLUNTEER WITH US?**

We have a wonderful group of loyal and dedicated volunteers who help us keep St Mary's Church running by welcoming all our visitors, giving fascinating tours and answering any historical questions!

#### **Visitor Team Volunteers**

We believe greeting visitors is a very important role within our Church and we couldn't open to the public without their help. No experience is necessary, but we do ask that you have a sociable nature and an interest in history. We would love to hear from you if you are interested and can spare as little as a few hours a week to volunteer at our wonderful church. *Currently we desperately need Visitor Team Volunteers on Sunday afternoons.*

#### **Do you have a love of history?**

We are also looking for volunteer guides to help with our visitor experience, imparting important historical facts, or just to be on hand to answer any questions about St Mary's Church. A willingness to engage with visitors; persons of any faith or none are welcome, although we do need empathy with the Christian faith.

*Please speak to the Visitor Team at St Mary's Church or contact 01926 403940 and leave your contact details. Thank you!*

### **EASTER LILIES**

The Flower Team invite you to make a donation towards Easter Lilies to remember someone you loved. Please give the donation to Tony King or Brenda Watts with a note of the name of the people you wish to remember, or send to the Parish Office. Thank you.

### **FOODBANK**

Thank you so much for the donations for the Packmores Estate Food Pantry. I can see how very grateful the Pantry users are for your kind gifts. As well as the normal non-perishable goods usually sought, this week they have particularly asked for tinned tomatoes, chick peas, baked beans and tinned soups. If anyone feels able to add some to their trolley while buying their own groceries that would be amazing! Any questions, please do ask Suzette ([community@stmaryswarwick.org.uk](mailto:community@stmaryswarwick.org.uk)).

## **THIS IS THE BBC**

We are very pleased to be welcoming BBC Radio 3 to St Mary's on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March to record Choral Evensong for broadcast on 2<sup>nd</sup> April. The Girl Choristers and Gentlemen of the Choir will be singing music by Purcell, Shephard, Howells, Byrd and Bairstow, and the service begins at 5.30pm. All are very warmly invited to attend, but please note the congregation must be seated by 5.15pm.

## **CLEANING UP**

The next date for the Holy Dusters is on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March, 10am-12.30pm. Anyone wishing to join us for coffee, cake and cleaning would be very welcome. Please contact the Parish Office for further information, if required.

## **NEW MOTHER AND BABY GROUP**

From Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April, St Mary's, in conjunction with Warwick a Singing Town, will be offering a weekly free singing group, Singing for Mums, aimed at mothers with newish babies, to promote emotional and mental wellbeing, 10-11.30am. Please do speak to Suzette if you would like more information ([community@stmaryswarwick.org.uk](mailto:community@stmaryswarwick.org.uk)).

## **EASTER EGGS!**

St Mary's is celebrating the hard work of all the staff at Warwick Hospital! We will be delivering as many Easter eggs as we can muster to the hospital on Good Friday. If you are able to, please buy an Easter egg or two when you are in the supermarket and leave in the back of church (or, if easier, leave a cash donation in an envelope so that we can buy one on your behalf). Please speak to Suzette if you would like any more information ([community@stmaryswarwick.org.uk](mailto:community@stmaryswarwick.org.uk)).

## **THE MAYOR'S SPRING SING/PACKMORES MARKET TAKEOVER**

Calling all bakers! On Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March we will be holding both the Spring Sing and a wing of the Market Takeover. We will have a refreshments stall at both events and are looking to offer as wide a choice of cakes and bakes as possible. If you think you might be able to bake (or buy) a cake or two and drop off in church on the day, please do speak to Suzette ([community@stmaryswarwick.org.uk](mailto:community@stmaryswarwick.org.uk)). Do also come along to both events, if you are able!

## **LIVESTREAMING**

We provide a livestream of our 10.30am Sunday service on Facebook and YouTube. Our Data Protection 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.

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Canon Peter Holliday, Precentor

Director of Music: Oliver Hancock

Assistant Director of Music: Mark Swinton

Organ Scholar: Harry Sullivan

Please note that for legal and copyright reasons the taking of videos, photographs and recordings is not permitted during services.

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

Website: [www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk](http://www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk); Twitter @StMarysWarwick and @StMWarwickMusic  
Facebook @StMarysWarwick; YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/c/CollegiateChurchofStMaryWarwick>

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