



# Weekly Newsletter

## 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2024

### WELCOME TO OUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Whether you are a regular worshipper or visiting St Mary's for the first time, we welcome you and hope that you enjoy worshipping with us today. Please do introduce yourself to one of the sidespeople or the clergy.



St Mary's seeks to be an inclusive church and welcoming to people of all ages and backgrounds. We have a carpeted area for the younger members of the congregation, if they wish to use it.

Communicant members of any Christian church are welcome to make their communion with us. If you do not wish to receive communion, but would like to receive God's blessing, simply hold the service booklet when you come to the altar rail.

We thank you for your donations. If you are a UK tax payer the money you place in the collection can be increased by around 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.

Further information about St Mary's, our life and ministry can be found on: our website [www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk](http://www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk)

St Mary's Campaign 2023 <https://www.stmaryscampaign2023.org.uk/> and <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/stmaryswarwickcampaign2023>

Twitter @StMarysWarwick and @ChoirsofWarwick

Facebook @StMarysWarwick and St Mary's Warwick Community

YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/c/CollegiateChurchofStMaryWarwick>

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

## **LIVESTREAMING - help us to connect with our online congregation**

We provide a live-stream of our 10.30am Sunday service on Facebook and YouTube, and the 10.30am order of service, weekly newsletter, monthly prayer diary and parish magazine can also be viewed and downloaded from our website. Please note that for our 10.30am service the South side of St Mary's (by the font) remains a zone just for those wearing masks and maintaining social distance.



THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND

Under GDPR, St Mary's must have consent of anyone whose image might be included in our broadcast. 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, and side aisles and the back third of the centre of the church are not covered by our cameras. The full policy can be read on the noticeboards or from the "Featured" section of the front page of our website. Please indicate your consent by using the link to the online form on our website.

***Loving Lord, we give you thanks that you have sustained us during the time of interregnum at St. Mary's.***

***We welcome Canon Angus, our new Rector. Be with Angus, with his wife Suzette and their family as they start a new life with us in Warwick. We pray that the transition from their current parish to life at St Mary's will be a smooth one.***

***Continue to bless us at St. Mary's. Help us to serve you with joy and enable us to be your servants, doing your work in our community, with Angus as our new leader, help us to support him in his ministry.***

***We ask all these things in Jesus' name. Amen.***

# SERVICES

**17<sup>th</sup> March, 2024**  
**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion (BCP - said)</b>
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Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Canon Angus Aagaard

*Service begins in the Book of Common Prayer on page 294 and readings on p. 138*

<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Choral Eucharist Boys' and Men's Voices also on Facebook &amp; YouTube</b>
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Celebrant: Revd Canon Angus Aagaard

Reading: Jeremiah 31.31-34 - Sarah Faulkner

Intercessions: Ian Barnicoat

Organ voluntary: *Jésus accepte la souffrance* Messiaen

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

**Everyone is warmly invited to stay for refreshments after the service**

<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Choral Evensong Boys' and Men's Voices</b>
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Hymn: 73(ii)

Preces: Plainsong

Psalms: 34

Reading: Exod. 7. 8-24 - John Brown

Magnificat: Blair *in B minor*

Reading: John 8.46-end - Tony King

Nunc dimittis: Blair *in B minor*

Responses: Plainsong

Anthem: *Steal Away* Tippett

Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus; Steal away,  
steal away home— I han't got long to stay here. My Lord, He  
calls me, He calls me by the thunder, The trumpet sounds  
within-a my soul, I han't got long to stay here. Green trees  
a-bending, poor sinner stand a-trembling, The trumpet  
sounds within-a my soul, I han't got long to stay here.

Hymn: 64

Preacher: Revd Canon Angus Aagaard

Hymn: 70(i)

Organ voluntary: *Toccata on 'Aberystwyth'* David Bednall

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Director of Music: Oliver Hancock  
Assistant Director of Music: Mark Swinton  
Organ Scholar: Colin Millington

# NOTICES

## WELCOME

We continue our welcome to Canon Angus, Suzette and their family. Angus was installed as Vicar of St Mary's and Team Rector of Warwick on 9 March and following his first Sunday on 10 March he will be leading and preaching at our services again today, Passion Sunday.

## NEW FLAG

We hope you have noticed the new St George's flag flying above the tower. It was kindly donated to St Mary's by one of the local businesses in Warwick. We thank them for their generosity.

## LIVESTREAMING

Please note, with apologies, we are unable to Livestream the following Sunday morning services: 7<sup>th</sup> April; 14<sup>th</sup> April; 5<sup>th</sup> May.

## EASTER LILIES

Would you like to donate a lily this Easter to remember someone special? If so please see either Brenda Watts [brendawatts5@googlemail.com](mailto:brendawatts5@googlemail.com) or Tony King and include the name of the person. Thank you.



## DIOCESE EQUIP HUB LENT SERIES 2024

The Acting Bishop of Coventry, Archdeacons, and Dean of Coventry will share their passions for faith and ministry, from sharing their faith, to seeing God in the world around us, over five Monday evening zoom encounters during Lent. Each weekly session will start at 8.00pm and last for 45 minutes.

For more information, please contact [Rob.Harrison@Coventry.Anglican.org](mailto:Rob.Harrison@Coventry.Anglican.org)

## RSCM VOICE FOR LIFE

Many congratulations to three of our boy choristers, Alec, George, and Louis, who have successfully completed the 'Light Blue' level of the Royal School of Church Music Voice for Life training scheme. We shall present their medals and certificates at the weekend.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

All children, visitors and regular members, are welcome. For more information, please contact Kirsteen Robson (07799 682872 / [kirsteenr@gmail.com](mailto:kirsteenr@gmail.com)).

## A NOTE FROM CANON PETER

I was surprised and humbled by John's generous words and your generous gift on 3 March. It has been a privilege to provide a little assistance to St Mary's worship during these last 14 months, working with churchwarden John and Oliver and the choirs. I have been enormously blessed by your acceptance and fellowship. Thank you all so much.

The coincidence of Spring, the sight of the restored tower and the arrival of Canon Angus are wonderfully auspicious for St Mary's. I will be joining my family in worshipping at St Mary's when not elsewhere and much look forward to being with you again before long.

## **CHURCH ACCESS DURING ROAD CLOSURES**

During this period we will still be able to use the West Door. Please note that access will be via the Northgate Street entrance only.

## **ST MARY'S PRAYER DIARY**

The Prayer Diary produced by Coventry Diocese can be found here:

<https://www.coventry.anglican.org/prayer-diary.php> March's theme is *Holy Week & Easter / Coventry Cathedral*. The following prayer is for the CMM Sisters:

*Lord Jesus, who came to your people as a teacher, we give thanks for the CMM Sisters in Tanzania and Zambia, remembering especially those who teach in nursery, primary and secondary schools and those who are undergoing teacher training. Bless and strengthen them, that they may inspire and educate their students in the academic curriculum and share through example the priceless lesson of living in your Love. Amen.*

## **MIRACLES - SIGNS OF GOD'S GLORY: NEW BIBLE STUDY ON ZOOM**

Most of us could use a miracle. Some physical condition, relationship problem, work challenge or financial crisis could be fixed in a moment with just one miracle. When we open the pages of the Bibles, we read astonishing stories of God's power poured out. What do these events have to do with us? How can we experience the power of God in the struggles we face every day? Join the discussion with St Mary's Bible study group as we explore these and other questions on Zoom from 8.00 p.m. on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March, Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March, and thereafter on (mainly) 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month. All are welcome. Please get in touch with Kirsteen Robson (kirsteenr@gmail.com / 07799 682872) for further details.

## **CD SALE**

Our Assistant Director of Music, Mark Swinton, will be selling copies of his various CDs - most of them featuring the organ of St Mary's - on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March after the 10.30am Eucharist. If you already have his "Colours of the Klais", "A Bach Family Album", "The Ord-Tempered Harpsichord", "FJ 100" and "The Lark in the Chapel", you might wish to obtain more, as they make fine Christmas/birthday/Easter gifts. If you don't already have them, here is your chance! Each disc is available for £10.00, but special offers are available: buy any two titles for £17.50, buy any three titles for £15, or buy any four titles for £12.50. Proceeds from the sale will go towards The Friends of St Mary's Choirs.

## **CHOIR ON TOUR**

Regular readers and followers of the Choir's activities will know that the choristers and Gentlemen spend a week 'in residence' at a cathedral most summers. In recent years, the Choir has visited Lincoln, Bristol, and Canterbury Cathedrals, with last year's tour transplanted to Normandy. In August this year, the boy choristers and Gentlemen will be spending a week at Ripon Cathedral, singing daily services, enjoying various trips and excursions, and doing lots and lots of singing. These weeks are hugely beneficial, as they amount to roughly ten weeks of our normal choral schedule. The Friends of the Choir have been very generous in their subsidy of the trip, but we would be grateful of hearing from anyone who might be interested in sponsoring a chorister place for the tour. Please talk to Oliver Hancock if you can help us.

# STABAT MATER

Giovanni Battista Pergolesi

Holy Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> March – 5.30pm

The Girl Choristers and Beauchamp Strings  
perform Pergolesi's masterpiece

*Tickets available on the door:      Adults £10  
Under-16s free*



## **JOIN THE CLUB!**

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 from the '100 Club' 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](mailto:nikimarklew@outlook.com).

## **FOODBANK**

There is a container at the back of church for those wishing to donate items to help those in our community suffering hardship at this critical time. Current items most in need are men's razors, shaving foam, tinned meat (such as chicken in sauce etc) and cooking oil. Thank you for your continued support.

## **LEAM MUSIC CONCERT**

Ensemble Molière concert on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in St Mary's Church. 'The King's Playlist' - The first ever Radio 3 New Generation Baroque Ensemble finishes the Leamington Music early music concerts season in the Court of the Sun King, Louis XIV. This glorious programme offers a soundtrack of music written and dedicated to every moment of the King's day by the leading French Baroque composers including Charpentier, Lully, and Marais.

The new series of concerts begins in October with The Gesualdo Six.

Tickets and full details on [www.leamingtonmusic.org](http://www.leamingtonmusic.org) or Visit Warwick in the Court House or call 01926 334418.



# HOLY WEEK *and* EASTER, 2024



St. Mary's  
Warwick's Church of Treasures

## PALM SUNDAY, 24 MARCH

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

## HOLY MONDAY, 25 MARCH

- 8.00pm Choral Compline

## HOLY TUESDAY, 26 MARCH

- 8.00pm Choral Compline

## HOLY WEDNESDAY, 27 MARCH

- 10.00am Holy Communion
- 5.30pm *Stabat mater* Pergolesi  
(tickets available on the door)
- 8.00pm Choral Compline

## MAUNDY THURSDAY, 28 MARCH

- 7.30pm Choral Eucharist of the Last Supper

## GOOD FRIDAY, 29 MARCH

- 12.00pm- The Three Hours
- 3.00pm Church open for private prayer
- 7.30pm Liturgy of Good Friday

## HOLY SATURDAY, 30 MARCH

- 8.00pm Service of Light, Confirmation  
and First Eucharist of Easter

## EASTER DAY, 31 MARCH

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 10.30am Choral Eucharist
- 5.30pm Festal Choral Evensong



**PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:**

Ellie Booth, Charles Brown, Christopher Browne, Clifford Browne,  
Chris Hodgetts, Elizabeth Holroyde, Mandeep Madar, Chris Shilton.

**PRAYERS FOR THE DEPARTED:**

Pat Adams

**SERVICES WEEK BEGINNING 17<sup>th</sup> March**

Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	10.00am 5.30pm	Holy Communion Choral Evensong
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	5.30pm	Choral Evensong

## ***FORTHCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES***

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March - Palm Sunday**

8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Choral Eucharist	5.30pm Choral Evensong
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**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March - Easter Day**

8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Choral Eucharist	5.30pm Festal Choral Evensong
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**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April - Second Sunday of Easter**

8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Parish Eucharist	5.30pm Parish Evensong
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**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April - Third Sunday of Easter**

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