



# Double Issue Newsletter

## 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2024 & 7<sup>th</sup> April, 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. In addition to our Sunday School 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 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) is a zone for those who wish to maintain social distance or avoid the cameras from our live-streaming. 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.

*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

31<sup>st</sup> March, 2024  
Easter Day

**8.00am** Holy Communion (BCP - said)

Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Canon Angus Aagaard

*Service begins in the Book of Common Prayer on page 294 and readings on p. 128*

**10.30am** Choral Family Eucharist  
Boys', Girls' and Men's Voices  
also on Facebook & YouTube

Celebrant: Revd Canon Angus Aagaard

Reading: Acts 10: 34-43 - John Luxton

Intercessions: Sunday School

Organ voluntary: *Prelude in C* Bairstow

Everyone is warmly invited to stay for refreshments after the service

**5.30pm** Festal Choral Evensong  
Boys', Girls' and Men's Voices

Introit *He is risen, alleluia!* Willan

Hymn: 103

Preces: Rose

Psalm: 66: 1-11

Reading: Ezek. 37. 1-14 - Amelia Webster

Magnificat: *The Warwick Service* Matthew Martin  
(*world première*)

Reading: Luke 24. 13-35 - Tony King

Nunc dimittis: *The Warwick Service* Matthew Martin  
(*world première*)

Responses: Rose

Anthem: *Easter* Vaughan Williams

Preacher: Doreen Mills

Hymn: 112

Te Deum: *in C* Stanford

Hymn: 109(ii, *Easter refrain*)

Organ voluntary: *Choral-Improvisation sur le 'Victimae Paschali'*  
Tournemire (transcribed by Duruflé)

# SERVICES

7<sup>th</sup> April, 2024  
Easter 2  
(Low Sunday)

**8.00am** Holy Communion (BCP - said)

Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Canon Angus Aagaard

*Service begins in the Book of Common Prayer on page 294 and readings on p.136*

**10.30am** Parish Eucharist

Celebrant: Revd Canon Angus Aagaard

Reading: Acts 4. 32-35 - Sue Everest

Intercessions: Tony Fitzpatrick

Organ voluntary: *Hymne d'Actions de grâces "Te Deum"* Langlais

Everyone is warmly invited to stay for refreshments after the service

**2.30pm** Warwickshire Regiment Group Service

**5.30pm** Parish Evensong *for the Eve of the Annunciation*

Hymn: 161(t.385)

Psalm: 85

Reading: Isa. 52. 1-12 - Godfrey Hill

Reading: Heb. 2. 5-end - Godfrey Hill

Hymn: 184

Preacher: Doreen Mills

Hymn: 186

Organ voluntary: *Fugue on the 'Magnificat' (BWV 733)* J.S. Bach

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

# NOTICES

## WELCOME

Reverend Canon Angus can be contacted on 07810 646644.

## PCC

The last PCC took place on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March. It was wonderful to welcome Revd Angus to the meeting for the first time. It felt very positive and although Finance was, as always, a concern, there was much to be thankful for.

The recent appointments - Caretaker, Events Manager and Bookkeeper - have all made a great impact on the running of the church day to day and to support existing staff who have worked so hard over the last couple of years. The shop has been revamped and looks great.

We all felt very strongly that we are at a momentous moment in St Mary's future. We have the opportunity to address some of the issues such as Outreach, Family engagement, and growing Bible and Prayer groups, that we have all been concerned about during Interregnum.

So here is a personal note to you all:

As we look towards the Cross - this week and beyond - we have the opportunity to rejoice in The Resurrection of Christ, but also in the rising afresh of our church, its tower, its musical tradition, and the wonderful people who worship here! We need more volunteers to take the pressure off those who work so hard; we need to be brave and creative. Over the next few months, we will be looking for new ideas, new focus and a new welcome to those who do not yet know God!

Blessed Easter to you all,

*Jayne McHale*

*Chair of PCC*

## EASTER LILIES

The lilies have kindly been donated this Easter in memory of loved ones. Please take a moment to hold those remembered in your prayers. *The Flower Team*



## SING, CHOIRS OF HEAVEN!

As we reach the glory of Easter Day, an enormous 'thank you' to the musicians who make the musical ministry of St Mary's what it is, and particularly for their commitment and efforts over the past week. To the choristers, the Gentlemen of the Choir, St Mary's Scholars, our organists, and to all those who support them - parents, chaperones, families and friends: thank you for the time you give to St Mary's and her musical life.

*Oliver Hancock*

*Director of Music*

## LIVESTREAMING

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

## **LIVESTREAM TEAM - ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

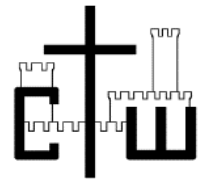
Livestreaming is an important part of our outreach. We livestream our 10.30am Sunday morning services live on Facebook and on YouTube. On average there are 15-30 "live" viewers on a Sunday across both YouTube and Facebook, with typically a further 50 viewers choosing to watch all or part of the service later in the week. In 2023 on YouTube we had 11,500 views. If we are to continue to offer this outreach every week, we urgently need additional volunteers. The time commitment is minimal; no technical knowledge is required; training will be given; you will work with an experienced member of the team. If you are interested in exploring this area of ministry, please contact Clive Black on 07777 672 707, or speak to a member of the Livestream team - you'll find us next to the children's area.

## **WINE AND CHEESE EVENING**

The Friends of the Choir invite you to enjoy an evening of wine and cheese at St Mary's on Saturday 27th April, starting at 7.00pm. Whether you're a wine connoisseur or looking for a fun evening out, we would love to see you. Come with friends, and enjoy some delicious food and drink in this very historical and beautiful setting. Tickets £22 available via <http://tiny.cc/focwinecheese> - must be booked in advance; deadline 5.00pm Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April.

## **CTW PRAYER BREAKFAST**

The next CTW Prayer Breakfast will be held at St Nicholas Church on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 8am. Everyone is welcome. For more information: [www.ctwarwick.org.uk](http://www.ctwarwick.org.uk)



## **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*.

## **PRAYER FOR CMM SISTERS**

*Lord Jesus, who came to your people as a healer, we give thanks for the CMM Sisters in Tanzania and Zambia, remembering especially those who work as midwives, nurses and lab technicians, those training in pharmacy and those hoping to work in healthcare in the future. Bless and uphold them as they care for the sick, support the healthy and share through example the healing power of your Love. Amen.*

## **WARMING UP FOR A SUMMER OF MUSIC**

Our weekly series of lunchtime recitals during the summer months will begin in May, but for those of you who cannot wait until then, we have an appetiser lined up on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April! Two young musicians from King's High School - pianist Ema Jasper and singer Taya Ashley-Timms - will present a programme featuring piano music by Chopin and Rachmaninov, and (in complete contrast) popular songs of the 20th century, accompanied on the piano by Tom Lindsay. Admission is free with a retiring collection and the performance begins at 1.15pm.

## **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 pm 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.

## **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.

## **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.

## **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.

## **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, Ben Henderson, Jeremy Nugent, Jane Spencer.

## SERVICES WEEK BEGINNING 31<sup>st</sup> March

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| Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April | 10.00am | Holy Communion<br>NO Choral Evensong |
| Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April    |         | NO Choral Evensong                   |

## SERVICES WEEK BEGINNING 7<sup>th</sup> April

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|----------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|
| Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> April | 10.00am | Holy Communion<br>NO Choral Evensong |
| Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April    |         | NO Choral Evensong                   |

# ***FORTHCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES***

## Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April - Second Sunday of Easter

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

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| 8.00am<br>Holy Communion | 10.30am<br>Choral Eucharist | 5.30pm<br>Choral Evensong |
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## Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April - Fourth Sunday of Easter

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| 8.00am<br>Holy Communion | 10.30am<br>Choral Eucharist | 5.30pm<br>Choral Evensong |
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## Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April - Fifth Sunday of Easter

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| 8.00am<br>Holy Communion | 10.30am<br>Choral Eucharist | 5.30pm<br>Choral Evensong |
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