



Weekly Newsletter

21st April, 2024

WELCOME TO ST MARY'S,
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER.



In today's Gospel of John, we hear Jesus say I am the Good Shepherd. He also said,

*I am the Bread of Life
I am the Light of the World
I am the gate for the sheep
I am the Resurrection and the Life
I am the Way and the Truth and the Life
I am the Vine*

In all these sayings we are reminded of who God is as we see in Exodus 3.14 he says *I AM*.

The Tower, now with its scaffolding down and unveiled, looks fabulous and is such an important focus for the town and area. It reminds us the importance of God in our lives.

Through God, Jesus says *I am the Way and the Truth and the Life*. I hope you find space in our worship today to *Be still and know that I am God*.

SERVICES

21st April, 2024
Easter 4

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.139

10.30am Choral Eucharist
Girls' and Men's Voices
also on Facebook & YouTube

Celebrant: Revd Canon Angus Aagaard

Reading: Acts 4. 5-12 - Amelia Webster

Intercessions: Elizabeth Rankin

Organ voluntary: *Der Herr ist mein getreuer Hirt* Pachelbel

Everyone is warmly invited to stay for refreshments after the service

5.30pm Choral Evensong
Girls' and Men's Voices

Hymn: 106

Preces: Paul Spicer (Set Two)

Psalms: 81:9-17

Reading: Exod. 16. 4-15 - Desmond Jack

Magnificat: Howells *in B Minor*

Reading: Rev. 2. 12-17 - Amelia Webster

Nunc dimittis: Howells *in B Minor*

Responses: Paul Spicer (Set Two)

Anthem: *O praise the Lord* Willan

O praise the Lord, Laud ye the Name of the Lord, Praise it, O ye servants of the Lord, Ye that stand in the house of the Lord, In the courts of our God, O praise the Lord; For the Lord is gracious, O sing praises unto his Name; For it is lovely. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house; They will be always praising thee. The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him faithfully. He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him. For God is my King of old; working salvation in the midst of the earth. For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation. O praise the Lord all ye nations, laud him all ye peoples. For his merciful kindness is ever more and more towards us: And the truth of the Lord endureth for ever

Words: Psalms 135:1-3; 84:4; 145:18,19; 74:12;

Habakkuk 2:14; 3:18; Psalm 117

Hymn: 115

Preacher: Revd Canon Angus Aagaard

Hymn: 116

Organ voluntary: *Prelude and Fugue (Op.69)* Rubbra arr. Rose

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.

APCM

This year's APCM is scheduled for Sunday 12th May. Those currently on the Committee will be re-elected if they wish, but there is room around the table and we would welcome new members. St Mary's is ready for your new ideas and skills, so if you are able to attend at least 80% of the meetings (we have to submit attendance to the Diocese yearly) join us - be part of our future. Meetings are usually on a Wednesday at 7.30pm and finish at 9.00pm. There are 2/3 meetings each term. Come and join us - it's your church! Have a say!

Jayne McHale, Chair of PCC

ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION FOR APCM

In advance of the APCM on the 12th May we will be undertaking the yearly revision of the Electoral Roll. In line with Church Representation Rules the notice for the revision will be on display from Monday 8th April through until Monday 22nd April. During this time, the current Electoral Roll (names only) will also be displayed. This will be on the noticeboard at the back of the church. Please can you take this opportunity to check your name is correctly on the roll and also if anything has changed during the year e.g. a house move, which you may not have informed us of, then please make me aware of the changes. My e-mail address is om@stmaryswarwick.org.uk. There is no need to refill out a form as this is only a revision year. The new Electoral Roll will officially be published 14 days in advance of the APCM and will again be on display on the noticeboard at the back of the church.

Clare Gould, Operations Manager

THROWING OPEN THE WEST DOORS TO ALL

We are very pleased that the West door is back open for use for all services and visitors. The final work of the main tower project is now complete and the road closures will be removed by the 19th April. The contractors will remain on site until mid-June whilst the additional project work on the East side of the tower is completed. The opening of the West doors represents a milestone very near the end of a long road of restoration and with the West doors now open we are looking forward to welcoming everyone in to worship and to visit our beautiful church.

WELCOME BACK

We are pleased to welcome back members of our Robed Choirs this week after their Easter break. We offer a particular welcome to new probationers Cleo and Mia, and congratulate Thomas Dodsworth on his translation to the Back Row. We are very grateful to St Mary's Scholars for leading our choral worship last weekend.

SIMON ROGERS RIP

There will be a service to celebrate the life of Simon Rogers at St Nicholas Church Warwick on Thursday May 2nd at 2.30 pm. Simon and his wife Jane have been ringing the bells at St Mary's for many a long year. All are welcome.

CHORISTER CONGRATULATIONS

Three cheers to two members of the Choir for recent musical triumphs: Aimée Shepherd Caballero gained a Merit in her ABRSM Grade 2 Piano exam, and Joseph Webster stormed the barricades in the principal role of Marius in the recent production of *Les Misérables* at the Bridge House Theatre. Well done to them both!

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 <https://tiny.cc/focwinecheese> - must be booked in advance; deadline 5.00pm Monday 22nd April.

HARRY POTTER AND THE WIZARDING ORGAN



St Mary's will be hosting the fantastic Ewa Belmas for a special Bank Holiday weekend concert on Saturday 4th May. She will be playing music from the Harry Potter films, including arrangements of John William's popular soundtracks for *Philosopher's Stone*, *Chamber of Secrets* and *the Prisoner of Azkaban*.



Come and hear these iconic and much-loved soundtracks brought to life as you've never heard them before!

Tickets available via St Mary's 'What's On' page and <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/58198> Adults £15; under 16s £5.

GIFT AID

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.

MARY'S PRAYER DIARY

The Prayer Diary produced by Coventry Diocese can be found here: <https://www.coventry.anglican.org/prayer-diary.php> April's theme is *Creation Care and Net Zero*.

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.

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) 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month. All are welcome. Please get in touch with Kirsteen Robson (kirsteenr@gmail.com / 07799 682872) for further details.

NOAH'S ARK SETTING SAIL

Do not miss the first of our summer lunchtime recitals on Friday 3rd May, for it will be a performance unlike any in the series so far! Composed by Joseph Horowitz with a libretto by Michael Flanders (of Flanders and Swann fame), 'Captain Noah and His Floating Zoo' is a popular light-hearted take on the Biblical account of Noah's flood, featuring colourful characters, evocative musical effects, and unforgettable tunes. It's being performed by the Junior Chamber Choir from King's High School, accompanied on the piano by Oliver Hancock under the direction of Katie Trethewey. As always, the performance begins at 1.15pm and admission is free with a retiring collection.

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.

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.

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. *Please note, with apologies, we are unable to Livestream on Sunday 5th 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.

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. Thank you for your continued support.

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, Roger Eggleston, Ben Henderson, Jeremy Nugent, Simon Rogers, Jane Spencer.

SERVICES WEEK BEGINNING 21st April

Wednesday 24 th April	10.00am 5.30pm	Holy Communion Choral Evensong
Friday 26 th April	5.30pm	Choral Evensong

FORTHCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday 21st April - Fourth Sunday of Easter

8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Choral Eucharist	5.30pm Choral Evensong
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Sunday 28th April - Fifth Sunday of Easter

8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Choral Eucharist	5.30pm Choral Evensong
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Sunday 5th May - Sixth Sunday of Easter

8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Choral Eucharist and Civic Service	5.30pm Choral Evensong
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Sunday 12th May - Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

our website www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk

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

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/stmaryswarwickcampaign2023>

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