



- Rooted in faith, reaching out in love -

Newsletter

Sunday 11th May, 2025

Easter 4

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 189

10.30am

VE80 Civic Service

(Boys', Girls' and Men's Voices with Brass)

also on Facebook & YouTube

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

Preacher: Canon Peter Holliday

See special Order of Service

Refreshments will be served following the Service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Sunday School meets during the 10.30am service each week; we currently have members from pre-school to Year 8. This week we will turn our thoughts to VE80 and remembering those who gave - and who continue to give - their lives for our peace. Blessed are the Peacemakers.

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 (Boys' and Men's Voices)

Hymns: 467, 250

Readings: Isaiah 63. 7-14 - Lysander Newton

Luke 24. 36-49 - Mark Swinton

Preres and Responses: Clucas

Psalm: 113

Canticles: Dyson *in F*

Anthem: *And I saw a new heaven* Bainton

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away; and there was no more sea. And I, John, saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband; and I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people; and God himself shall be with them, and be their God; and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away."

Revelation 21:1-4

Organ voluntary:

Meditation on Psalm 23 Milner

MIDWEEK SERVICES

Wednesday 14th May	10.00am	Holy Communion (Beauchamp Chapel)
	5.30pm	Choral Evensong
Friday 16th May	5.30pm	Choral Evensong

FORTHCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

Our usual pattern of Sunday worship is:

8.00am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion; 10.30am Choral Eucharist;

5.30pm Choral Evensong.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

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

PRAYERS FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED:

John Bolan, Jennifer Dawe.

PRAYER FOR THE CMM SISTERS

Loving God, we pray with thanks for the CMM Sisters in Tanzania and Zambia and for each Sister's daily "yes" to your call to serve in Community life. Thank you for hearing their prayers for new vocations and for the nine Aspirants who have come forward to explore their calling to enter the Community. Inspire, encourage and guide them on their journey, wherever it may lead them. Amen.

THANK YOU

I'm delighted to report back to you that we currently have 147 members of St Mary's church now officially on the new electoral roll, and I hope this number might rise over the year! Secondly, I'm equally delighted to announce that we have increased our financial giving to St Mary's, in the pursuit of our Vision 2030, by 134%. With incremental Gift Aid this will increase further to some 150%. Thank you for your generous support. As a result of us meeting our agreed target (and then some!) the Warwick Churches Outreach Pool Charity have signed off the agreed grant to us of £45,000 a year for the next five years towards us realising our Vision. All good news as we look to press ahead with purpose and momentum. *Fr Angus*

APCM

This year's APCM will be held on Sunday 25th May, following the 10.30am service.

VE80 FLOWERS

Those of you who have special memories for VE Day may like to contribute to the celebration flowers. If so, please see Brenda or Tony King. Alternatively contact the Parish Office (01926 403940 Option 1/ admin@stmaryswarwick.org.uk) and they will pass the details to them. Thank you. *The Flower Team*

CHOIR SUMMER CONCERT

A date for your diary: Saturday 28th June is the Choir's Summer Concert. Join our fantastic Choir alongside the Baroque-specialist Ensemble Sanctae Mariae for music by Handel and Vivaldi, and the masterpiece that is Bach's *Magnificat*. Tickets available via <https://tinyurl.com/choirconcert25>

NEW MOTHER AND BABY GROUP

This week is Maternal Mental Health Awareness Week! Singing interventions for maternal mental health have been widely researched and evidenced and St Mary's is keen to promote our new singing group. Each Wednesday in term time, in conjunction with Warwick a Singing Town, we 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. It is a really lovely session; if you know anyone you feel would enjoy it please do spread the word! For more information speak to Suzette community@stmaryswarwick.org.uk

CLOTHING DONATIONS

Thank you for your ongoing support of the residents of the Delta Hotel. The most recent needs of the residents are listed below:

Donations of the following in sizes small and medium:

*T shirts, Hoodies, Joggers, Shorts, New underwear and socks
Trainers and sliders sizes 7-12.*

Please ensure they are **suitable for males, clean and in good condition.**

Chase Meadow Community Centre (Narrow Hall Meadow, Warwick, CV34 6BT) has kindly agreed to be the collection point for items. They are open Monday-Friday 9.30am-2.30pm. Please email chasemeadowcentre@gmail.com to arrange drop offs outside of those times.

If anyone would prefer to make a monetary donation then we'd be happy to collect from Mary's Sweet Memories Sweet Shop in Market Place between 11am-5pm Tuesday-Friday. Please place in a sealed envelope with your name and email address (so we may knowledge receipt). Alternatively, please leave with one of the team in church. Thank you for your support.

CORE SUCCESS - AFTER SCHOOL SUPPORT CLUB

Thank you so much to those members of the congregation who have volunteered to help with the after school literacy and numeracy support club which St Mary's is running at St Mary Immaculate School, with the Packmores Community Centre and the Warwick Schools Foundation. It is held each Tuesday afternoon in term time and is now up and running and has been received enthusiastically by the children. This is a pilot term and we hope to offer the scheme to more schools in September. If you are interested in becoming involved then please do speak to Suzette community@stmaryswarwick.org.uk

FOODBANK

Thank you so much for the ongoing donations for the Packmores Estate Food Pantry. As well as the normal non-perishable goods usually sought, this week they have particularly asked for cat and dog food, any tinned vegetables (but particularly peas) and rice. If anyone feels able to add some to their trolley while buying their own groceries that would be amazing!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO VOLUNTEER WITH US?

If you are interested in finding out more, please speak to the Visitor Team or contact 01926 403940 and leave your contact details. Thank you!

GREAT ORGAN WORKS

David Thomas, whose 35-year career as an organist, conductor, singer and teacher has taken him from Oxford to Shrewsbury via Canterbury, Edinburgh, Reigate, London and Winchester, will be giving the first organ recital of the summer series on Friday 16th May. His century-spanning programme includes music by Bach, Howells, Karg-Elert, Rawsthorne and Scheidt, as well as Rachmaninoff's famous Prelude in C sharp minor in a transcription for organ by Vierne. For free admission with a retiring collection, please come and enjoy David's performance at 1.15pm.

CHOIR ON TOUR: BATH & WELLS

Regular 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, Canterbury and Ripon Cathedrals. This August, the Girl Choristers and Gentlemen will be spending a week at Wells Cathedral and Bath Abbey, singing daily services, enjoying various trips and excursions, and doing lots and lots of singing. These weeks are hugely beneficial, musically and socially. 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.

DOG SHOW!

St Mary's will be holding its first Dog Show in College Gardens on Saturday 5th July! This is intended to be fun and inclusive and there will be something for every (well-behaved) dog. If you are interested in being involved, or, equally, if you know of any dog-friendly local(ish) celebrity who might be happy to act as judge, please do speak to Suzette (community@stmaryswarwick.org.uk). All profits from the show will go to the Priory Pools appeal, creating a much-needed new community centre for the Packmores Estate.

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; Twitter @StMarysWarwick and @StMWarwickMusic

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