

WELCOME TO ST MARY'S THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER.



We give thanks today for

- The Baptism of Isla Grace Fitzhugh. May she grow receiving and sharing the fruits of your spirit - love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.
- The installation of Harry and Lysander as Head and Deputy Head Choristers alongside the admission of William and Ollie as full Choristers. Through hearing the beauty of your word sung here at St Mary's, may they help us abide in you.

*Almighty God,
whose son Jesus Christ is the True Vine,
give us grace to grow as Christians in our church and community:
to follow his example and listen to your call,
to rejoice that you have made us,
to draw closer to you and to encourage others in faith.*

SERVICES

28th April, 2024
Easter 5

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. 189

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

Celebrant: Revd Canon Angus Aagaard

Reading: Acts 8. 26-end - Dorrette McAuslan

Intercessions: Ian Barnicoat

Organ voluntary: *Vater unser im Himmelreich III* Böhm

Everyone is warmly invited to stay for refreshments after the service

5.30pm Choral Evensong
Boys' and Men's Voices

Hymn: 498

Preces: Ayleward

Psalms: 96

Reading: Isaiah 60. 1-14 - Mark Swinton

Magnificat: Dyson *in F*

Reading: Rev. 3. 1-13 - Amelia Webster

Nunc dimittis: Dyson *in F*

Responses: Ayleward

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."

Words: Revelation 21:1-4

Preacher: Revd Canon Angus Aagaard

Hymn: 484(t.167)

Organ voluntary: *Erschienen ist der herrliche Tag (BWV 629)* 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.

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

WELCOME

On Sunday 28th April we shall be welcoming Isla Grace Fitzhugh into God's family with her service of Baptism during the 10.30am service.

FUNERAL SERVICE - ROGER EGGLESTON

The funeral service for the late Roger Eggleston will take place at St Mary's on Monday 29th April, at 12noon.

FUNERAL SERVICE - JEREMY NUGENT

The funeral service for the late Jeremy Nugent will take place at St Mary's on Monday 29th April, at 3pm.

MEMORIAL SERVICE - RALPH THORNTON

A memorial service for the late Ralph Thornton will take place at St Mary's on Tuesday 30th April at 2pm.

CIVIC SERVICE

Next Sunday 5th May, we will be joined by Chris Kettle, the outgoing Chair of the County Council and other distinguished guests at our 10.30am Eucharist Service. All are welcome to join them after the service for refreshments at The Old Shire Hall, Northgate Street.

TOWER

I am sure that your hearts will have lifted as you approached St Mary's last week and you were able to not only see the entire tower in all its glory but enter through the West Doors without passing through a corrugated maze. More good news is that access to the top of the tower will be available from Saturday 4th May. For a very modest fee, one will be able to enjoy the spectacular views of the town, the castle and all the surrounding countryside.

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.

CONTINUED CHORISTER CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to a number of choristers: today we install Harry Turnell and Lysander Newton as Head and Deputy Head Chorister respectively, and admit William Atkin and Ollie Shakesheff as Full Choristers. Additionally, Beatrice Salan has gained ABRSM Grade 2 Singing with merit. Well done to them all!

FLOWERS

The flowers this week have been kindly donated by Elizabeth Featherstone in memory of her parents John and Jean Featherstone.

HARRY POTTER AND THE WIZARDING ORGAN

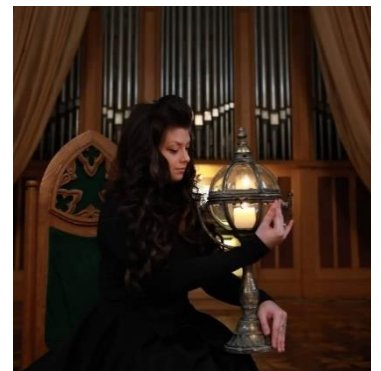


St Mary's will be hosting the fantastic Ewa Belmas for a special Bank Holiday weekend concert on Saturday 4th May.

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!

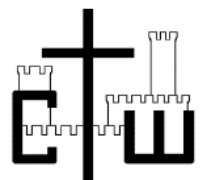
Tickets available via St Mary's 'What's On' page and <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/58198> Adults £15; under 16s £5.



CTW PRAYER BREAKFAST

The next CTW Prayer Breakfast will be hosted by St Paul's Church, on Saturday 4th May, with prayers led by St Nicholas' Church. Everyone is welcome.

For more information: www.ctwarwick.org.uk



GOD IS GONE UP!

Thursday 9th May is Ascension Day, and we celebrate our Lord's rising to Heaven with two Tower Services at 7.00am: the Boy Choristers and Gentlemen will be singing atop St Mary's Tower and the Girl Choristers at the Lord Leycester on the Westgate. If you don't manage 7.00am, please join us at 7.30pm for the Choral Eucharist with music by Harold Darke and Gerald Finzi.

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.

DA CAPO CHOIR - PLAY ON! SHAKESPEARE IN SONG

Saturday 6th July 7.30pm - Da Capo presents a concert of Shakespeare's words set to music, ranging from heart-rending laments to rollicking drinking songs and from love-struck ballads to spellbinding witchcraft. Special guests, TV and film actors Michael Maloney (Magpie Murders, The Crown) and Amanda Root (The Sixth Commandment, Persuasion), will read excerpts from the poetry and plays of Shakespeare to complement the musical items and set them in context.

Tickets £15, students £2 (school children free) from Mary Adams, dacapochoir.org.uk or St Mary's Shop.

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:

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

SERVICES WEEK BEGINNING 28th April

Wednesday 1 st May	10.00am 5.30pm	Holy Communion Choral Evensong
Friday 3 rd May	5.30pm	Choral Evensong



FORTHCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

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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Sunday 19th May - Pentecost

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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