



Weekly Newsletter

5th May, 2024

WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



It is lovely to have our tower restored and looking so wonderful for those living in Warwick, the County and tourists visiting.

The use of spires, steeples and towers on church buildings became a common element around the eighth century. Steeples symbolically pointed to heaven. Early towers in churches were also symbolic that prayers offered would ascend to heaven.

Next Thursday is Ascension Day and our choristers will climb the tower at 7am to sing out to all, as part of an Ascension Day tradition.

Today we have our Civic Service in church and give thanks for all those who work together, through public service, encouraging all to look up and have hope.

We are reminded in our Gospel reading today that there is a commandment 'to love one another'.

It's worth singing from the roof tops!

SERVICES

5th May, 2024
Easter 6

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. 190

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

Celebrant: Revd Canon Angus Aagaard

Reading: Sunday School

Reading: 1 Corinthians 12.12-26 - Oliver Kettle

Intercessions: Alastair Hotchkiss

Organ voluntary: *Orb and Sceptre* Walton

Refreshments will be served in The Old Shire Hall, Northgate Street following the Service to which everyone is invited.

5.30pm Choral Evensong
Boys' and Men's Voices

Hymn: 426

Preces: Radcliffe

Psalm: 45

Reading: Song of Sol. 4.16 - 5.2; 8.6-7 - Tony King

Magnificat: Brewer *in D*

Reading: Rev. 3. 14-end - Nicky Hendry

Nunc dimittis: Brewer *in D*

Responses: Radcliffe

Anthem: *Hear my prayer* Mendelssohn

Hear my prayer, O God, incline Thine ear!
Thyself from my petition do not hide!
Take heed to me! Hear how in prayer I mourn to Thee!
Without Thee all is dark, I have no guide.

The enemy shouteth, The godless come fast!
Iniquity, hatred upon me they cast!
The wicked oppress me, Ah, where shall I fly?
Perplexed and bewildered, O God, hear my cry!

My heart is sorely pained within my breast,
My soul with deathly terror is oppressed,
Trembling and fearfulness upon me fall,
With horror overwhelmed, Lord, hear me call!

O for the wings of a dove!
Far away would I rove!
In the wilderness build me a nest,
And remain there for ever at rest.

Preacher: Revd Canon Angus Aagaard
Hymn: 122
Organ voluntary: *Allegretto (Op.1) Vierendeux*

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

CIVIC SERVICE

Today, 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

As Sunday School children will be sharing our first reading this morning, we will go out during the second hymn instead! The theme for next week, Sunday 12th May 2024, is Distinct Gifts. Children are invited to assemble by the organ during the first hymn. Visiting children are always welcome. (Pre-school children need to bring an adult with them.)

WINE AND CHEESE

A word of thanks to all who contributed to the Friends of the Choir's recent wine and cheese evening, whether setting up, providing delicious food and drink, or by attending. Particular thanks to the Chairman of the Friends, Elaine Dixon as she prepares to step down, for steering the Friends so ably and deftly for many years. We are extremely grateful to you!

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday 20th July - Let's celebrate summer!

With a flower demonstration, Strawberries, cream and scones, tea and a pianist to serenade us while we eat. Pick up a leaflet on the desk by the West door.

BOTH IMPROVISED AND THOROUGHLY COMPOSED

This Friday, 10th May, we welcome a Polish organist: Dr Michał Szostak, Associate Professor at the University of Social Sciences in Warsaw and a graduate of both Fryderyk Chopin University of Music (Warsaw) and the Pontificio Istituto Ambrosiano di Musica Sacra (Milan). His programme combines music by Bach and Lefébure-Wély with improvisations on well-known themes, offering an intriguing opportunity to hear music created before your very eyes and ears! Come and join us at 1.15pm. Admission is free with a retiring collection.

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 Leicester 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> May's theme is *New Worshipping Communities (NWCs) & Thy Kingdom Come*.

PRAYER FOR CMM SISTERS

Lord Jesus, we give thanks for the CMM Sisters in Tanzania and Zambia and praise you for adding to their number. We remember especially this month the Sisters making their final vows, the Novices making their annual vows and the Girls becoming Postulants. Give these seven daughters of yours the grace daily to offer their lives in this vocation, following your example of love and service. May the celebrations be a time of blessing for and their families and the CMM Community.

ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

Continuing the theme of miracles, we are delighted that Fr Angus will be leading the next session, which will be based on Luke 8.26-39. (As a break from our usual pattern, this will be on Wednesday 8th May.) The meeting on Thursday 23rd May, will look at Mark 9.14-29. If you would like further information about St Mary's online Bible Study group, please contact Kirsteen Robson (kirsteenr@gmail.com or 07799 682872).

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. They currently are in shortage of tinned tomatoes, washing up liquid and Shampoo. Thank you for your continued support.

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.

CAMEO COACH TRIP TO LICHFIELD

Trevor Langley at Castle Hill Baptist is part of CAMEO [Come and meet each other] group. He is arranging a coach trip on Wednesday 12th June to Lichfield. Please see the flyer at the back of church for details.

Please note: Deadline to book is Tuesday 21st May. Any questions please contact Trevor on 07896 594046 or email him on landtl@hotmail.com.

SINGING FROM THE HEART

Come and enjoy the beauty of singing together with Andrew Clark on Saturday 29th June at The Unitarian Chapel, High Street, Warwick. For further information, please see the poster displayed at the back of church or you may contact Andrew via andrewjbclark@outlook.com.

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.

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 5th May

Wednesday 8 th May	10.00am 5.30pm	Holy Communion Choral Evensong
Thursday 9 th May Ascension Day	7.00am 7.30pm	Tower Service Choral Eucharist
Friday 10 th May	5.30pm	Choral Evensong

FORTHCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

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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Sunday 26th May - Trinity Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Choral Eucharist	5.30pm Choral Evensong
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Sunday 2nd June - Trinity 1

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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