



Weekly Newsletter

12th May, 2024

WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



The nine days between the Feast of the Ascension and Pentecost, when the disciples gathered in the upper room and devoted themselves to prayer, is often considered to be the first novena.

A novena (from Latin: novem, "nine"), is an ancient tradition of devotional praying in Christianity, consisting of private or public prayers repeated for nine successive days or weeks.

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful and kindle in them
the fire of Thy love.*

*Send forth Thy Spirit and they shall be created
and Thou shalt renew the face of the earth,*

SERVICES

12th May, 2024

Easter 7

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. 194

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

Celebrant: Revd Canon Angus Aagaard

Reading: Acts 1. 15-17, 21-end - Clive Black

Intercessions: Diane Luxton

Organ voluntary: *Toccata (Three pieces for Organ)* Berkeley

Refreshments will be served following the Service to which everyone is invited.

5.30pm Choral Evensong
Boys' and Men's Voices

Hymn: 408 (i)

Preces: Leighton

Psalm: 147:1-11

Reading: Isaiah 61 - Chris Sharp

Magnificat: Walmisley *in D minor*

Reading: Luke 4. 14-21 - Desmond Jack

Nunc dimittis: Walmisley *in D minor*

Responses: Leighton

Anthem: *Fear not, O land* Elgar

Fear not, O land, be glad and rejoice: for the Lord will do great things. Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field: for the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth her fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength. Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God. The floors shall be full of wheat and ye shall eat in plenty, and praise the Name of the Lord your God. that hath dealt wondrously with you. Amen.

Joel 2, 21-24, 26

Homily and Intercessions: Revd Canon Angus Aagaard

Hymn: 423(i)

Organ voluntary: *Le Fils (Trois Méditations sur la Saint Trinité, No.2)*

Langlais

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 will be held following today's 10.30am service. 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

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Today we are thinking Distinct Gifts and how God makes each of us unique. Children are invited to assemble by the organ during the first hymn. Visiting children are always welcome. (Pre-school children are asked to bring an adult with them.) Next week's activities will be on the theme of the Holy Spirit and Pentecost.

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.

FLOWERS

The flowers today are to honour and remember Flt. Lt. Derek Warren and the crew of 75 (NZ) Squadron, whose plane was shot down on the 12th May 1944. Their names liveth for evermore.

THY KINGDOM COME

A warm invitation to join Rev Sally Jones to pray together on Zoom during Thy Kingdom Come, the prayer initiative that runs from Ascension to Pentecost. Prayer will take place each morning at 9.15, from Thursday 9th May until Saturday 18th May (excluding the two Sundays). Please email Sally for the link: sally.jones@methodist.org.uk.

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.

AND ALL THAT JAZZ

Congratulations to Ben Adams on receiving offers from both the Guildhall School of Music & Drama and the Royal Academy of Music to join their Junior Conservatoire courses. Ben has accepted a place on the prestigious Guildhall Junior Jazz course starting in September. We all wish him the very best as he embarks on this next stage of his jazz drumming career. Well done, Ben!

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, our next meeting on Thursday 23rd May, will look at 'When our efforts fail' (Mark 9.14-29). All welcome. Please contact Kirsteen Robson for further details (kirsteenr@gmail.com or 07799 682872).

CLEANING UP

Holy Dusters meet on the last Thursday of each month to help keep St Mary's clean and sparkling. The next date for 2023 is Thursday 23rd May, 11.00am-1.00pm.

Anyone wishing to join us for coffee, cake and cleaning would be very welcome.



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.

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.

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

GDPR

Under GDPR, St Mary's must have consent of anyone whose image might be included in our broadcast. 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, and side aisles and the back third of the centre of the church are not covered by our cameras. The full policy can be read on the noticeboards or from the "Featured" section of the front page of our website. Please indicate your consent by using the link to the online form on our website.



SERVICES WEEK BEGINNING 12th May

Wednesday 15 th May	10.00am 5.30pm	Holy Communion Choral Evensong
Friday 17 th May	5.30pm	Choral Evensong

FORTHCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

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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Sunday 9th June - Trinity 2

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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