



Weekly Newsletter

19th May, 2024

WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

PENTECOST



The Day of Pentecost marks fifty days since Easter Day and brings the Easter season to an end. It is a major feast of the Church's year when Christians recall how God's Holy Spirit was given to the disciples after Jesus' ascension, empowering them to begin the work of making disciples of all nations.

Let us pray:

*Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

SERVICES

19th May, 2024

Pentecost

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. 196

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

Celebrant: Revd Canon Angus Aagaard

Reading: Acts 2. 1-21 - Amelia Webster

Intercessions: Tony Fitzpatrick

Organ voluntary: *Le Saint Esprit*

(Trois Méditations sur la Saint Trinité, No.3) Langlais

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

5.30pm Choral Evensong
Boys', Girls' and Men's Voices

Hymn: 141

Preces: Rose

Psalm: 139

Reading: Ezek. 36. 22-28 - Godfrey Hill

Magnificat: *The Warwick Service* Matthew Martin

Reading: Acts 2. 22-38 - Amelia Webster

Nunc dimittis: *The Warwick Service* Matthew Martin

Responses: Rose

Anthem: *Listen, sweet dove* Grayston Ives

Listen, sweet dove unto my song, and spread thy golden wings in me; hatching my tender heart so long, till it get wing and flie away with thee.

Such glorious gifts thou didst bestow the earth did like a heav'n appeare, the starres were coming down to know if they might mend their wages and serve here.

The sunne which once did shine alone, hung down his head and wisht for night, when he beheld twelve sunnes for one going about the world and giving light.

Lord though we change thou art the same, the same sweet God of love and light: restore this day for thy great name, unto his ancient and miraculous right.

Words: George Herbert

Homily and Intercessions: Revd Canon Angus Aagaard

Hymn: 347

Organ voluntary: *Fire (from Canticle of the Rose)* Ridout

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

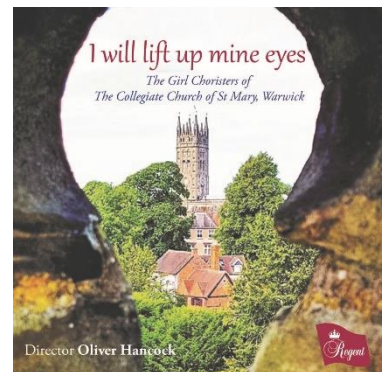
Today we are learning about the events of Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit. Children are invited to assemble by the organ during the first hymn. Visiting children are always welcome. (Pre-school children are asked to bring an adult with them.) Sunday School will break for half term holiday on 26th May, and activity sheets will be available in church instead. Sessions will resume on 2nd June when we will be learning about hearing God's call.

LUNCHTIME RECITAL

The award-winning violinist Emmanuel Bach has been acclaimed in performances throughout the world, with his recent recording Lennox in Paris described by critics as "an intense journey through time." Together with pianist Jenny Stern, he will be performing our lunchtime recital in St Mary's on Friday, 24th May at 1.15pm, featuring music by Beethoven and Saint-Saëns. As ever, admission is free with a retiring collection.

I WILL LIFT UP MINE EYES

We are delighted to announce the long-awaited CD recorded by the Girl Choristers in April 2023 will be released on 21st June. We plan to hold a launch evening on Wednesday 19th June; ticket details - and how to order your copy of the CD - will be confirmed in due course. In the meantime, please save the date!



FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MINISTER

We are looking to appoint a Family and Community Engagement Minister based at St Mary's Warwick. It is an exciting opportunity to join our team as we seek to respond creatively and to implement initiatives that create a pathway for families and our broader community to flourish.

We hope to attract someone who is passionate about the development of community and families, sowing seeds of faith in thoughtful, imaginative and attractive ways.

If you feel called to be part of this journey and have the necessary enthusiasm, skills and experience then we would be delighted to hear from you. For further information, please email Clare Gould, Operations Manager via om@stmaryswarwick.org.uk.

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). Then on June 13th we will consider 'Facing an Impossible Situation' (John 6.1-15). If you've been feeling a whisper or a nudge to try something new, do come along. 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.



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.

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.

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.

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 19th May

Wednesday 22 nd May	10.00am 5.30pm	Holy Communion Choral Evensong
Friday 24 th May	5.30pm	Choral Evensong

FORTHCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

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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Sunday 16th June - Trinity 3

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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