



- Rooted in faith, reaching out in love -

Newsletter

Sunday 1st June, 2025

Easter 7 (Sunday after Ascension Day)

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 194

10.30am Choral Eucharist (Boys' and Mens' Voices)
also on Facebook & YouTube
Each Sunday morning's service sheet is uploaded [here](#) on the preceding Friday.
Celebrant: Canon Peter Holliday
Preacher: Canon Angus Aagaard
Mass setting: Ireland in C
Hymns: 130(i), 134, 338, 271 (New English Hymnal)
Reading: Acts 16. 16-34 - Clive Black
Gospel: John 17. 20-end
Motet: Come, Holy Ghost Attwood
Organ voluntary: Prelude on 'Bryn Calfaría' Vaughan Williams

MINISTRY OF HEALING: Today individual prayer (with laying-on of hands and anointing for those who wish) is offered in the Regimental Chapel during Communion.

Refreshments will be served following the Service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Sunday School meets during the 10.30am service each week in term time; we currently have members from pre-school to Year 8. This week Sunday School will be led by Angela Sharif and will explore the Gospel of John, and God's love for unity throughout the World. For Pentecost, Kirsteen will be looking at languages. 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 attended by St Mary's College
(Boys' and Men's Voices, with the choir of St Mary Magdalene, Newark)
Hymns: 205, 333
Readings: Isaiah 44. 1-8 - Nicky Hendry
Ephesians 4. 7-16 - Desmond Jack
Preces and Responses: Clucas responses
Psalm: 68
Canticles: Dyson in D
Anthem: *Insanae et vanae curae* Haydn

*Insanae et vanae curae invadunt mentes nostras, saepe furore replent corda, privata spe.
Quid prodest O mortalis conari pro mundanis, si coelos negligas? Sunt fausta tibi cuncta, si Deus est pro te.*

*Vain and raging cares invade our minds, Madness often fills the heart, robbed of hope.
O mortal man, what does it profit to endeavour at worldly things, if you should neglect the heavens?
If God is for you, all things are favourable for you.*

Organ voluntary: *Fugue on 'Hanover'* Stirling

We are very pleased to welcome the Choir of St Mary Magdalene, Newark and their Director of Music, Dr Stephen Bullamore, joining our own Choir for what promises to be a splendid Choral Evensong today. Do come to the service at 5.30pm to hear the fruits of our labours.

MIDWEEK SERVICES

Wednesday 4th June	10.00am	Holy Communion (Beauchamp Chapel)
	5.30pm	Choral Evensong
Friday 6th June	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, Phyllis Hole, Elizabeth Holroyde, Claire Kime, Tony Robinson, Luke Ryan, Chris Shilton, Celia Sykes, Mike Sykes, Jennifer Tarney.

PRAYERS FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED:

Matthew Best, John Bolan, Brian Holt.

UPDATE ON VISION2030 - ROOTED IN FAITH, REACHING OUT IN LOVE

In Autumn 2024, we invited our community to share their vision for St Mary's future. With 97 participants and 600+ feedback responses, Vision2030 was shaped. Significant progress is being made across the four key areas of our mission action plan:

Faith: From welcoming new clergy to expanding Sunday School, serving team and choir we have a strong focus at present on our Sunday worship alongside our online Bible study, weekday services, we're looking to deepen our spiritual life and grow in numbers.

Community: On top of the many excellent existing initiatives such as the Christmas tree festival, we are looking to strengthen our local ties through initiatives like Singing for Mums, after-school clubs, and partnerships with Warwick Castle and local charities. Our nave is alive with events and our doors remain open to the community.

World: As a cornerstone church for the Global Centre for Peace and Business, we're exploring ways to play our part in supporting a more just and peaceful world, with plans for a peace festival next year.

Stewardship: With a 150% increase in planned giving including gift aid, we're working on restoring our historic building and improving visitor experiences, alongside expanding our staff and volunteer teams.

More information on our Vision2030 and the progress being made can be found at <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/13143/page/91074/view/>.

Together, we're building a thriving, sustainable church for today and the future.

FUNERAL SERVICE - BRIAN HOLT

The funeral service for the late Brian Holt will take place at St Mary's on Monday 2nd June, at 2.00pm.

WE ARE RECRUITING

We are looking to recruit an Admin Assistant to support the work of the Parish Office. It is a part-time role with some flexibility on hours worked. If you are interested and would like further information, please contact Clare Gould via om@stmaryswarwick.org.uk by Friday 13th June 2025.

CLEANING UP

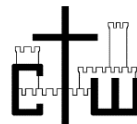
The next date for the Holy Dusters is on Thursday 5th June, 10am-12.30pm. Anyone wishing to join us for coffee, cake and cleaning would be very welcome. Please contact the Parish Office for further information, if required.

HANNAH'S MUSICAL HEIGHTS

Our next lunchtime recitalist is no stranger to St Mary's, for she has been singing here for much of the last decade and is currently our Head Girl Chorister in addition to holding a Music Scholarship at King's High School. Hannah Maxwell will be offering a vocal recital spanning the breadth of vocal repertoire, with music by Bach, Berlioz, Britten, Fauré, Handel, Purcell and Vivaldi. Please come and support her on Friday 6th June at 1.15pm. Admission is free with a retiring collection.

CTW PRAYER BREAKFAST

The next CTW Prayer Breakfast will be at St Mary's on Saturday 7th June with prayers led by Redeemed Christian Church of God. Everyone is welcome. For more information: www.ctwarwick.org.uk



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>

DA CAPO CHOIR - SCENES OF CHILDHOOD

Saturday 5th July 7.30pm - Da Capo presents a concert revisiting our early years in song and verse, with entertaining choral arrangements of childhood songs and rhymes, and selected readings from favourite stories and poems. Tickets £12.50, students £2 (school children free) from Mary Adams, dacapochoir.org.uk or St Mary's Shop.

MOTHER AND BABY GROUP

Each Wednesday in term time, St Mary's, in conjunction with Warwick a Singing Town, is 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! We are looking to run family sessions, to welcome fathers and grandfathers, into the summer holidays, but intend to keep term-time for mothers especially but also grandmothers and female carers. For more information speak to Suzette community@stmaryswarwick.org.uk

FOODBANK

Thank you so much for the ongoing donations for the Packmores Estate Food Pantry. Please do note there is now a blackboard up by the hamper at the back of church, indicating what is requested and will be amended as needs change. 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!

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 St Mary's is running, along with the Packmores Community Centre and the Warwick Schools Foundation, each Tuesday afternoon in term time. This 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. Please note that is run from the Packmores

Community Centre on Lyttleton Road, although volunteers are asked to arrive at the St Mary Immaculate Primary School (not church) at 3:20 to assist in walking the children over.

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 agreed to be the collection point, 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) or leave with one of the team in church. Thank you for your support.

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 - BAKES & RAFFLE PRIZES

As many of you will know, we are planning to hold the first St Mary's Dog Show in College Gardens on Saturday 5th July. We have a merry band of children prepared to man a refreshments stall but would be enormously grateful for any nut-free baked goods. Equally, we are hoping to organise a raffle and would love to gather some goodies. If you have anything that could be offered as a raffle prize, dog-related or not, or might be able to bake a cake, please do speak to Suzette.

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 that 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

Facebook @StMarysWarwick; YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/c/CollegiateChurchofStMaryWarwick>

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