



- Rooted in faith, reaching out in love -

Newsletter

Sunday 8th June, 2025

Sunday 15th June, 2025

Pentecost

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 196

10.30am

**Choral Eucharist (Boys', Girls' and Men's Voices)
also on Facebook & YouTube**

Each Sunday morning's service sheet is uploaded [here](#) on the preceding Friday.

Celebrant: Canon Angus Aagaard

Preacher: Canon Peter Holliday

Introit: *The Spirit of the Lord* Willan

Mass setting: *Missa Brevis* Mathias

Hymns: 137, 431, 139(i), 342(t.178) (New English Hymnal)

Reading: Acts 2. 1-21 - Christine Spencer

Gospel: John 14. 8-17

Motet: *Loquebantur variis linguis* Tallis

Organ voluntary: *Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend* (BWV 655) J.S. Bach

Refreshments will be served following the Service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Sunday School meets during the 10:30 service each week in term time; we currently have members from pre-school to Year 8. This week to celebrate 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 (Boys', Girls' and Men's Voices)

Introit: *The Spirit of the Lord* Willan

Hymns: 367(ii), 141

Readings: Isaiah 44. 1-8 - Nicky Hendry

Ephesians 4. 7-16 - Desmond Jack

Preces and Responses: Byrd

Psalm: 31:1-12

Canticles: Stanford in A

Anthem: *The Twelve* Walton

See separate sheet

Organ voluntary: *Impetuoso (Mutationes)* Eben

Trinity Sunday

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Celebrant & Preacher: Canon Angus Aagaard

Mass setting: *Missa Eliensis* Wills

Hymns: 148(omit*), 147, 146, 343 (New English Hymnal)

Reading: Romans 5. 1-5 - Tony King

Gospel: John 16. 12-15

Motet: *Hymn to the Trinity* Tchaikovsky

Organ voluntary: *O Lux Beata Trinitas: Primus Versus a 5* Weckmann

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Sunday School meets during the 10:30 service each week in term time; we currently have members from pre-school to Year 8. Today, Sunday, 15th June, is Trinity Sunday and we will be seeking to make sense of the Three in One and One in Three! 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 (Boys' and Men's Voices)

Hymns: 159, 144(t.210)

Readings: Exodus 3. 1-15 - John Brown

John 3. 1-17 - Tony King

Preces and Responses: Clucas responses

Psalms: 73

Canticles: Stanford *in C*

Anthem: *Father, all-holy* Wood

Father, all-holy, merciful, and tender;

Son co-eternal, worthy to be praised;

Spirit of comfort, fount of loving-kindness;

God everlasting,

Trinity holy; Unity unchanging;

Goodness unbounded; very God of heaven;

Light of the Angels; Refuge of the friendless;

Hope universal.

All thy works hymn thee; all thy Saints adore thee;

They for thy pleasure are, and were created;

Now while we also worship thee devoutly,

Hear thou our voices.

Thine be the glory, Deity Almighty,

One in Three Persons, Monarch in the highest;

Glory and honour, song and praise beseech thee

Now and forever. Amen.

Translated from the Latin by Rev. George Ratcliffe Woodward

Organ voluntary:

Annum per annum Arvo Pärt

MIDWEEK SERVICES

Wednesday 11 th June	10.00am	Holy Communion (Beauchamp Chapel)
	5.30pm	Choral Evensong
Friday 13 th June	5.30pm	Choral Evensong
Wednesday 18 th June	10.00am	Holy Communion (Beauchamp Chapel)
	5.30pm	Choral Evensong
Thursday 19 th June	7.30pm	Corpus Christi Choral Eucharist
Friday 20 th 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.

PRAYER FOR THE CMM SISTERS

Faithful God, we give thanks and pray for the CMM Sisters in Tanzania and Zambia. In these few weeks before the harvest, we also remember the many people from their local communities who are struggling to feed their families and who come regularly to the Sisters for help. As the Sisters do their best to share the little they have, we remember the story of the Widow of Zarephath in the Old Testament, and the bounty of the loaves and fishes in the New... We ask, please, that you would bless the Sisters and those they support, that there may be enough both now and at harvest-time. Amen.

DIRECT GIVING

As most of you will be aware, we have recently run a Stewardship campaign which asked people to review their level of giving and to do so through the Parish Giving Scheme. The response was fantastic.

The Parish Giving Scheme collects individual donations and remits them to the Church monthly in one payment. (I can confirm that the system is operating well and that all donations are received by the Church.)

Importantly, the scheme also takes care of administering Gift Aid and each month we receive a second remittance for all those people that have registered for Gift Aid. This significantly reduces the workload on our administrative staff who used to have to do this manually.

A small number of donors have not yet moved over to the new system and continue to donate directly to the Church. It would be extremely helpful if those people could move across to the new system which will avoid the need for the team to submit Gift Aid claims manually. (Parish Giving Scheme forms are available from the office and I will ask for a supply to be available from the visitors desk at the back of the Church.)

But most importantly, please don't stop giving as your donations are enabling the Church to deliver its ministry as well as place us on a better financial footing following the demands of the Tower repair! Thank you. *Chris Spencer (Treasurer)*

THANK YOU

Ruby Hayes wishes to convey her thanks to everyone for their prayers. She has been on the Prayer List in Newsletter for a few months, whilst undergoing chemotherapy. She has recently been given the excellent news that she is now in remission. Prayers for her have been answered. Thank you.

ANOTHER THANK YOU

We would like to say how touched and surprised we were to receive the wonderful card that contains so many good wishes on the occasion of us leaving our main roles (after many, many years) in St Mary's. We were also thrilled to receive the beautiful painting of St Mary's Church, which is now taking proud of place on our lounge wall. We will still be in church and we will be (no doubt) helping out when needed. With many thanks. David and Gill

MUSICAL MATTERS

We are very pleased to celebrate the gifts of the Spirit in the form of installing new Head and Deputy Head Boy Choristers - George Webster and Robin Sjurseth respectively - during the Eucharist on Pentecost, and awarding a tranche of Royal School of Church Music 'Voice for Life' medals and certificates.

As one of the major liturgical feasts, the music the Choir will sing on Pentecost is especially glorious. The motet at the Eucharist is Tallis' *Loquebantur variis linguis* which, written in seven parts, reflects the many languages heard in Jerusalem, and at Evensong the Choir will sing William Walton's epic *The Twelve*, a large-scale and thrilling setting of text by Auden.

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.
Fr Angus

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, chickpeas and tomatoes) and rice. I have noticed that cat food is particularly prized. If anyone feels able to add some to their trolley while buying their own groceries that would be amazing!

If anyone has any particularly good recipes which can be put together using simple, store cupboard ingredients, please do speak to Suzette, who is hoping to put together a St Mary's/Food Pantry recipe collection.

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.

SINGING FOR MUMS

Each Wednesday in term time, St Mary's, in conjunction with Warwick a Singing Town, offers a weekly free singing group, Singing for Mums, aimed at mothers with newish babies, to promote emotional and mental wellbeing, 10-11:30. 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, where we particularly 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)

FORTHCOMING LUNCHTIME RECITALS

The Parmetto Trio, comprising violinist Sue Meteyard, cellist Maja Todd and pianist Gillian Parsons, makes a very welcome return to our series on Friday 13th June. Their programme offers a rich display of music from the early 20th century, by Debussy, Kreisler and Suk.

Then for the following week, on Friday 20th June, our Director of Music Oliver Hancock will be taking to the organ bench. His programme offers something for every mood, with excitement from Buxtehude, drama from Mendelssohn, romance (with an elegiac twist) from Ireland, and contemplative refreshment from Willan, before ending with Pentecostal peace and joy from Duruflé.

Both performances are free to enter with a retiring collection, and start at 1.15pm. Please come along if you can!

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.

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.

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.

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 this 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

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<https://www.youtube.com/c/CollegiateChurchofStMaryWarwick>

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