



Weekly Newsletter

23rd June, 2024

WELCOME TO ST MARY'S TRINITY 4

Today we hear in the Gospel of Mark about Jesus calming the storm saying 'peace be still' and telling his disciples to not be afraid.



Christ in the Storm on the Sea of Galilee

1633 oil-on-canvas painting by the Dutch Golden Age painter, Rembrandt van Rijn.

Today, we pray for ourselves and others around the world who need God's calm and peace and for those who live in fear.

Like the disciples we turn to God, as Ludwig van Beethoven reminds us:

In whatsoever manner it be, let me turn to God and become fruitful in good works. Nothing higher exists than to approach God more than other people and from that to extend His glory among humanity. I will place all my confidence in your eternal goodness, O God! My soul shall rejoice in Thee, immutable Being. Be my rock, my light, forever my trust.

We join in with the fisherman's prayer:

O God, be with me. My boat is so small and the sea is so big.

SERVICES

23rd June, 2024
Trinity 4

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 page 212

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

Celebrant: Revd Canon Angus Aagaard

Preacher: Reader Doreen Mills

Reading: 2 Cor. 6. 1-13 - John Luxton

Intercessions: Diane Luxton

Organ voluntary: *Toccata (from The Plymouth Suite)* Whitlock

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

2.45pm Freemasons' Service

5.30pm Choral Evensong
Boys' and Men's Voices

Hymn: 168(t.288)

Preces: Ayleward

Psalm: 71

Reading: Jer. 10. 1-16 - Desmond Jack

Magnificat: *Fourth Service* Batten

Reading: Romans 11. 25-end - Nicky Hendry

Nunc dimittis: *Fourth Service* Batten

Responses: Ayleward

Anthem: *Benedictus in C* Stanford

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel : for he hath visited, and redeemed his people; And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us : in the house of his servant David; As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets : which have been since the world began; That we should be saved from our enemies : and from the hands of all that hate us; To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers : and to remember his holy covenant; To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham : that he would give us, That we being delivered out of the hands of our enemies : might serve him without fear, In holiness and righteousness before him : all the days of our life. And thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest : for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways; To give knowledge of salvation unto his people : for the remission of their sins; Through the tender mercy of our God : whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us; To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death : and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

Homily and Intercessions: Revd Canon Angus Aagaard

Hymn: 170(i)

Organ voluntary: *Fugue in A flat minor* Brahms

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.

CHURCH TOWER UPDATE JUNE 2024

This is my last report as Chair of the Tower Project Team. I am so pleased to say that the tower refurbishment is now complete, the clock is working, and the bells are ringing once again.

The final phase of work on the east face clock and its surrounds went smoothly, both in terms of timing and cost, the latter coming in at just less than the £70k estimate underwritten by the Project Pool. Once again, I would thank Steve Copley, Chair of the Project Pool, and his fellow trustees for their support.

All in all, 60 tonnes of stone was replaced, 22 tonnes of lime mortar used, 20-man years of effort needed, 9 miles of scaffold tube and 5 miles of scaffold boards were required using nearly a football pitch of protective sheeting. The total cost of the work over three years came to £1.8m. Whichever way you look at it, this has been a very big job for all involved.

The current work is now done and should be good for the next 100 years. However, there are some issues still outstanding on the tower. Firstly, there are panels on the bell tower which are covered in a dark material, called gale-breakers. This is a temporary measure, which will have to be resolved. Secondly, planning permission for work on all church buildings is given by the diocese, not by the district council. A permission given is called a faculty, and the gale-breaker faculty will last until September 2025. This date coincides with the end of the license given to EE, part of BT plc, to use telecommunications kit housed in the tower. At that time, the gale-breakers will have to be replaced with louvres, as before. It has not yet been decided if the license will be extended. Thirdly, the church will have to start some form of fundraising for any other work needed.

These are all substantial issues but hopefully, they will not require all of Angus's time, as he settles in as St Mary's new vicar.

Now, we should all just enjoy the tower, newly refurbished, as it stands magnificently, proudly overlooking our great town.

John Edwards, Erstwhile Chair, St Mary's Church Tower Team

NEW APPOINTMENTS

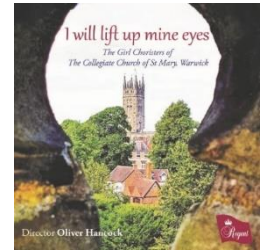
As announced last Sunday, we are delighted to announce the following appointments: Chris Spencer - Treasurer, Hugh Antrobus - Safeguarding Officer and Suzette Aagaard as Families and Community Outreach Minister.

INFORMAL CONCERT

All are warmly invited to stay after the morning Eucharist this Sunday to enjoy the girl choristers' informal concert, demonstrating their many and varied non-choral musical talents. Please stay for refreshments after the service, and then gather in the Nave to enjoy the concert.

I WILL LIFT UP MINE EYES

The long-awaited release of the CD recorded by the girl choristers last year - 'I will lift up mine eyes' - has been announced for 21st June. It will be available to buy online from that date via: <http://tiny.cc/warwickcd> at £18.50 (incl. postage and packaging). Copies of the CD will also be available to purchase from St Mary's shop.



A VOICE AND A CLARINET

Two outstanding young musicians from Warwick School will be performing our next Friday recital, on 28th June. Tommy Perry sings in our choir as a tenor, having previously been a treble and Head Chorister, and his half of the programme will consist of crowd-pleasing songs from the pens of Arne, Fauré, Ireland and Quilter. Alex Scott is a clarinettist dividing his time between Warwick School and the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire Junior department and will offer an eclectic selection of music by Bennett, Lutosławski and Saint-Saëns. Accompanied on the piano by Emily Hooker, the performance begins at 1.15pm and is free to enter with a retiring collection.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Today we are learning about Jesus the storm calmer (Mark 4.35-41). Children are invited to assemble at the welcome desk at the back of church during the first hymn. Visiting children are always welcome. (Pre-school children are asked to bring an adult with them.)

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

On Saturday 22nd June, The Royal British Legion commemorated the 80th Anniversary of the Battle of Kohima. We remember their courage as we pray

*When you go home, tell them of us and say,
'For your tomorrow, We gave our Today.*

Sue Warren

WARWICK IN BLOOM

We are writing to thank St Mary's Church for their kind sponsorship towards Warwick in Bloom. Your generosity has allowed us to install new tower planters at Warwick Bus Station, I have attached a photo for you.

The planter outside Heaphys, at the end of Brook Street, includes your plaque to recognise your support.

Thank you making Warwick a great place to live, visit and work!



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.

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 2024 is Thursday 27th June, 11.00am-1.00pm. Anyone wishing to join us for coffee, cake and cleaning would be very welcome.



ST MARY'S DEFIBRILLATOR

You may have noticed the new St Mary's defibrillator at the back of the church. Local business, Peach Pubs, who own and run The Rose and Crown pub on the Market Place, have very kindly funded the purchase of the internal defibrillator for us from their Community Fund. This is fantastic as the closest external defibrillator was situated on Shire Hall on the Market Place. In an emergency the defibrillator can be accessed by pushing the glass on the cupboard and opening the door to the equipment. No training is required to use the equipment as the machine talks the user and 999 operatives will also talk people through how to use. Many thanks to Peach Pubs for their generosity and to Kate Rist (our Events Lead) for finding this funding for us.



Clare Gould - Operations Manager

A vibrant summer festival poster for the Church of St Mary Warwick. The background features a bright blue sky with two white doves, a red patio umbrella, and a string of red and blue triangular bunting. The word 'SUMMER' is written in large, white, serif capital letters across the center. Below it, a green banner reads 'FUN FOR EVERYONE'. The date 'SATURDAY, AUGUST 24 2024' is displayed in white, bold, sans-serif font. A large, light-colored straw hat with a black ribbon is positioned in the foreground, along with a yellow patio umbrella on the left and a soft-serve ice cream cone with white and teal swirls on the right. The bottom section of the poster is green and contains details about the event, including a list of activities and contact information.

Church of St Mary
Warwick

SUMMER

FUN FOR EVERYONE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24
2024

College Gardens off The Butts
FREE ENTRY 2-4.30pm

FUN
ACTIVITIES
INCLUDES:

2.30pm puppet show
3.15pm Live jazz band
4.00pm children's (and adults) sack race, egg and
spoon and 3 legged races.
Dunk the Vicar and so much more!

FREE ENTRY

otservicesgb@gmail.com
07831810594

ST MARY'S SUMMER FAYRE IN COLLEGE GARDENS.

You are invited to St Mary's Summer Fayre for an afternoon full of fun and excitement. There'll be stalls, live music, games, outstanding raffle prizes and an amazing puppet show. We would appreciate your support not only in attendance but, if anyone would like to donate a raffle prize or support us on the day with organising a stall, please speak with Julie Blake via email on otservicesgb@gmail.com or on 07831810594. We are particularly in need of someone to manage the Bric and Brac stall and also for donations of 'As New' items to go on this stall. Please bring any such items to church FAO Julie Blake on a Sunday between now and Sunday 18th August. We also need donations of chocolate for the chocolate tombola and packets of wrapped sweets for 'guess the number of sweets'.

The running order for the day is tentatively: 2:00pm Grand Opening: 2:30pm Puppet Show: 3:15-4:00pm Live Band; 4-4:20pm Egg and Spoon Race: 4:20pm Dunk The Vicar- Not To Be Missed!

Please do consider how you may contribute to the event which aims to bring the community of Warwick together for an unmissable afternoon.

FLOWERS

The flowers this weekend are in memory of Martin Carpenter's late father.

FLOWER DEMONSTRATION

Do you ever wonder how the flowers in church are funded? Since COVID the Flower Team rely solely on very kind donations for the flowers and from weddings. We must therefore raise some more funds to keep going. We hope to make a really entertaining afternoon for you while raising some funds. Come and join St Mary's Flower Team on Saturday 20th July as they host a flower filled afternoon. It includes a flower demonstration, tea, scones with strawberries and cream serenaded by a talented pianist. You don't have to go to the famous Pump Rooms at Bath to get a similar experience with flowers as well! Tickets are available from the Church Shop.

MARY'S PRAYER DIARY

The Prayer Diary produced by Coventry Diocese can be found here: <https://www.coventry.anglican.org/prayer-diary.php> June's theme is *Growing Leaders*.

PRAYER FOR CMM SISTERS

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the CMM Sisters in Tanzania and Zambia and pray for their work in education. This month, we lift up to you the Sisters sitting exams at university and college, remembering especially those training to be teachers who are taking their finals. Grant them the calm and confidence that comes from knowing that they are responding to your call.

ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 26th June when we'll be continuing our course on miracles with John 5.1-15 and considering the question, "Do you want to get well?" 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).

BEAUCHAMP CHAPEL KNEELER COMPETITION

A reminder that entries will soon be accepted for our competition to design a new kneeler for the Beauchamp chapel's 550th anniversary next year!

The competition is open to anyone who is under 19 years old on 31st August 2024 and either lives in CV34 or has been in full time education in CV34 during the previous year. Three different age-group categories.

Joint entries are welcome. Entries close on 30th September.

Please tell any young person who you think would like the chance to be part of St Mary's amazing heritage, and may be have their artwork seen by thousands of visitors for years to come!

Full details available from St Mary's and at www.bckneeler.org.uk



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 shaving foam, biscuits and coffee. Thank you for your continued support.

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.

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.

LIVESTREAMING - help us to connect with our online congregation

We provide a live-stream of our 10.30am Sunday service on Facebook and YouTube. 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. 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. 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.

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.



PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

Vicky Bibby, Ellie Booth, Charles Brown, Christopher Browne, Clifford Browne, Patricia Heaps, Audrey Hill, Chris Hodgetts, Elizabeth Holroyde, Mandeep Madar, Chris Shilton.

SERVICES WEEK BEGINNING 23rd June

Wednesday 26 th June	10.00am 5.30pm	Holy Communion Choral Evensong
Friday 28 th June	5.30pm	Choral Evensong

FORTHCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday 30th June - Trinity 5

8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Choral Matins	5.30pm Choral Eucharist
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Sunday 7th July - Trinity 6

8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Choral Eucharist	5.30pm Choral Evensong
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Sunday 14th July - Trinity 7

8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Choral Eucharist	5.30pm Choral Evensong
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Sunday 21st July - Trinity 8

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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