



Weekly Newsletter

19th November 2023

WELCOME TO OUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER.

Whether you are a regular worshipper or visiting St Mary's for the first time, we welcome you and hope that you enjoy worshipping with us today. Please do introduce yourself to one of the sidespeople or the clergy.



St Mary's seeks to be an inclusive church and welcoming to people of all ages and backgrounds. We have a carpeted area for the younger members of the congregation, if they wish to use it.

Communicant members of any Christian church are welcome to make their communion with us. If you do not wish to receive communion, but would like to receive God's blessing, simply hold the service booklet when you come to the altar rail.

We thank you for your donations. If you are a UK tax payer the money you place in the collection can be increased by around 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.

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>

Twitter @StMarysWarwick and @ChoirsofWarwick

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

Please note that for legal and copyright reasons the taking of videos, photographs and recordings is not permitted during services.

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) remains a zone just for those wearing masks and maintaining social distance.



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.

INTERREGNUM PRAYER

Loving Father

Your love for us is unchangeable.

*You have welcomed each of us into the family of your church;
in Jesus, you called us to be His Body in this place.*

*Send down your Holy Spirit upon us in this time of uncertainty and change
to fill us with vision and energy and faithfulness in prayer*

that we may be true to our Baptism

and bring new life to our parish community.

*Guide with your heavenly wisdom those appointed to discern the way
ahead and a new Rector for this parish*

*that we may receive the priest you have prepared for your people;
ready to serve us with joy, to build us up in faith,*

and lead us by example in loving obedience to your Son

Our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

SERVICES

19th November 2023 Second Sunday before Advent

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP Said)

Celebrant & Preacher: Jonathan Hearn

Service begins in the Book of Common Prayer on page 294 and readings on 249

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

Celebrant: Peter Holliday

Reading: 1. Thess. 5. 1-11- Christine Hodgetts

Intercessions: Elizabeth Rankin

Organ Voluntary: *Carillon de Longpont (24 Pièces en style libre)* Vierendeux

Everyone is warmly invited to stay for refreshments after the service.

3.00pm Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership
Service of Commemoration (St Mary's Scholars)

5.30pm Choral Evensong
Boys' and Men's Voices

Hymn: 137

Preces: Sumsion

Psalm: 89:19-37

Reading: 1 Kings 1. [1-14] 15-40 - John Brown

Magnificat: Dyson *in F*

Reading: Rev. 1. 4-18 - Desmond Jack

Nunc dimittis: Dyson *in F*

Responses: Sumsion

Anthem: *Expectans expectavi* Wood

This sanctuary of my soul, unwitting I keep white and whole, unlatch'd and lit, if thou should'st care to enter or to tarry there. With parted lips and outstretch'd hands and list'ning ears thy servant stands. Call Thou early, call Thou late, to Thy great service dedicate. My soul, keep white, and whole.
Words: C.H. Sorley

Hymn: 266

Preacher: Peter Holliday

Hymn: 377

Organ voluntary: *Postlude in D* Dyson

Director of Music: Oliver Hancock
Assistant Director of Music: Mark Swinton
Organ Scholar: Colin Millington

NOTICES

ST MARY'S CRIB SERVICE - CALLING ALL CHILDREN!

It's time to polish your haloes and round up your sheep for our annual Crib Service, which will be at 4pm on Sunday 24th December. As usual, children are invited to come dressed as characters from the Christmas Story (especially angels, shepherds, sheep, stable animals and kings). There will be some simple dress-up props (animal masks, angel wings, etc) available in church on the day too. If your child would like a speaking part (of whatever size), please speak to Kirsteen Robson as soon as possible (07799 682872 / kirsteenr@gmail.com).

ROAD SAFETY SERVICE OF COMMEMORATION

We are very pleased to be hosting the annual Service of Commemoration for Road Traffic Victims on Sunday afternoon. All are warmly invited to attend.

MUSICAL MATTERS

Congratulations to a number of our girl choristers, celebrating elevations various: Holly Thacker and Felicity Marklew have passed the Full Chorister Test, and will be made up to Full Choristers during the Eucharist on Sunday 17th December; and Luisa Annighoefer-Ciucu has gained her Light Blue RSCM 'Voice for Life' medal.

INFORMAL CONCERT

All are warmly invited to stay after the morning Eucharist this Sunday to enjoy the boy choristers' informal concert, showcasing their many and varied non-choral musical talents.

DOWLAND WORKS

Our recital on Friday 1st December offers to transport us back in time! Soprano Henrietta Collis is currently a Dowland Youth Works scholar and will be singing a collection of songs by the prolific late Elizabethan composer John Dowland. She will be accompanied on the lute by Ignacy Golab, a fellow member of Dowland Youth Works, making this a performance not to be missed. As usual, it begins at 1.15pm and is free to enter with a retiring collection.

CHRISTMAS ITEMS

Christmas cards and other items are now available in the St Mary's shop.

THE SNOWMAN

Ticket sales for The Snowman on 23 December have surpassed all expectations, with all 900 online tickets selling out in just 8 days. The Shop tickets have also sold out. If you have any questions, please email eventmaster@stmaryswarwick.org.uk, but please note that the waiting list is full.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Our 2023 Festival will open at 5pm on Thursday 23rd November (Warwick Victorian Evening) and it will be BIGGER than ever!

60 trees have been sponsored by a wide variety of local businesses, charities, schools and organisations, and St Mary's will look magical. Church will be open every day until Sunday 3rd December, and there will be a new LATE NIGHT OPENING on Thursday 30th November (Last Entrance 7.30pm).

The ever-popular Memory Tree will again be near the High Altar, as will the large tree kindly donated by Kings High School.

Additionally, please support our community based wrap-around events:

1. Victorian Evening and Grand Opening of the 2023 Christmas Tree Festival at 5pm. Mulled wine and mince pies; music from Occasional Brass, Two Castles Choir, Warwick Handbell Ringers; short Carol Service at 8.45pm, with the Scholars Choir.
2. Friday 24th November - open house for the Guide Dogs in training, plus our "Pop Up Cafe" serving drinks and tasty goodies.
3. Saturday 25th November - Santa and the Mayor will be visiting to judge our trees and then to chat to visitors at around 11am. Occasional Brass will be playing festive music from 10am and the "Pop Up Cafe" will be open for drinks and tempting cakes.
4. Monday 27th November - a morning of musical entertainment especially suitable for the elderly and young at heart. We will be joined by the talented musicians from Warwick Prep School at 11am. The "Pop Up" Cafe will be serving tea, coffee and biscuits.
5. Tuesday 28th November - Westgate, Evergreen and Coten End schools are taking part in a concert at 10am, and the High Sheriff of Warwickshire will be attending.
6. Wednesday 29th November - Santa is looking forward to meeting pre-school children from 10.45 till 12noon.
7. Late Night Opening - Occasional Brass will again be playing festive music. "Pop Up Cafe" for hot drinks and nibbles. Last entry 7.30pm.
8. Friday 1st December - open house for the Guide Dogs in training, plus our "Pop Up Cafe" serving drinks and tasty goodies.
9. Saturday 2nd December - Occasional Brass pay their 4th visit to the Festival, and provide festive cheer from 10am. Enjoy a treat from our "Pop Up Cafe" and soak up the sights and sounds of our Festival.

*General opening 10-4pm; Sundays 12-4pm; Wednesday 10.45-4pm;
Thursday 30th November 10-7.30pm.*

Please come and support our Festival, you will be very welcome!
Entry only £2pp, children free.

Helen and Carol

CHRISTMAS POP UP CAFE

The very popular Pop Up Cafe will be operating during the St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival: 10.00am-4.00pm Friday 24th and Saturday 25th November, Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd December.

If anyone is able to contribute by baking something for the cafe (cakes, tray bakes, biscuits, mince pies, muffins) or could spare a few hours to help serving refreshments please could you let me know? It will be very much appreciated. Last year we cleared over £1000 profit, so it is a worthy part of the Festival and much appreciated by visitors.

Contact Val King on 07880 728909/01926 497349; email: aandvking@gmail.com

da capo

a cappella chamber choir

Sleigh Ride

Start your Christmas with carols old and new
and festive fare in a relaxed atmosphere

Supporting St Mary's

St Mary's Church

Remaining tickets £12, under 16 £6

7.30pm, Tuesday 19th December

available from: Mary Adams
dacapo.warwick@gmail.com

ST MARY'S PRAYER DIARY

The Prayer Diary produced by Coventry Diocese can be found here:

<https://www.coventry.anglican.org/prayer-diary.php> November's theme is *Health Churches*. Below is this month's Prayer:

This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts, and grows; though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain - first the stalk, then the head, and then the full kernel in the head. As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come."

Mark 4.26-29

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 14th December, 11.00am-1.00pm (to fit in with church opening times).

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



WINTER OPENING HOURS

From Monday 6th November, Winter Opening Hours will begin:
Sunday 12noon - 4pm; Monday & Tuesday Closed; Wednesday 11am - 4pm;
Thursday, Friday, Saturday 10am - 4pm.

THRIVING



The Warwick Team of Churches is working with local group *Thrive* and national charity *The Message* on youth programmes across our town, including the Message Bus supported by the Project Pool. St Mary's needs a volunteer to be on the Operations Group. Please let a churchwarden know if you can help.

FOODBANK UPDATE

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. More information to follow on which items are most in need.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

Ellie Booth, Charles Brown, Christopher Browne, Clifford Browne,
Chris Hodgetts, Elizabeth Holroyde, Mandeep Madar, Suzanne O'Callaghan,
Chris Shilton.

PRAYERS FOR THE DEPARTED:

Jill Hilyer

SERVICES WEEK Beginning 19th November

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

FORTHCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday 26th November - Sunday before Advent
Christ the King

8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Choral Eucharist	5.30pm Choral Evensong
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Sunday 3rd December - First Sunday of Advent

8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Choral Eucharist	5.30pm Advent Carol Service
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Sunday 10th December - Second Sunday of Advent

8.00am Holy Communion	10.00am Choral Eucharist	5.30pm Choral Evensong
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Sunday 17th December - Third Sunday before Advent

8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Choral Eucharist	6.30pm Candlelit Christmas Carol Service I
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