

✦WARWICK TEAM MINISTRY✦



Weekly Newsletter

WELCOME TO OUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER. The Westminster government has reached Step 4 of its roadmap to move England out of its latest lockdown. This final phase removes all legal restrictions previously in place. Nevertheless we are proceeding cautiously with the reopening of St Mary's. During August we will continue with a weekly 10.30am Sunday service, which is also live-streamed on Facebook and then uploaded to YouTube.



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

We are following the guidance of the Church of England and other organizations. Therefore we are recommending the continued use of masks and hand sanitiser in our building. We have zones on the south and north side of church which are kept for those who also wish to maintain social distancing.

Orders of service, our news sheet, prayer diary and parish magazine, can still be viewed and downloaded from our website. Holy Communion is offered in two kinds (bread and wine) but it is perfectly acceptable to continue to receive in one kind only.



Further information about St Mary's, our life and ministry can be found on: our **website** www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk

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

SERVICES

1st August 2021

Trinity 9

10.30am

Sunday Eucharist
also on Facebook & YouTube

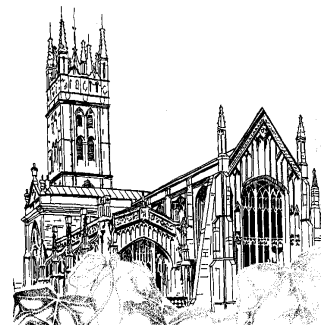
Officiant & Preacher: Vaughan Roberts
Reading: 2 Samuel 11: 26-12: 13a – Noel Reeve
Intercessor: Ian Barnicoat
Reading: John 6: 24-35 – Godfrey Hill
Organ Voluntary: *Celebration Ball*

Director of Music: Oliver Hancock
Assistant Director of Music: Mark Swinton

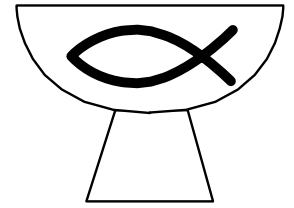
NOTICES

SUNDAY WORSHIP IN CHURCH

Just a reminder that during the August summer season we are continuing to hold a service on Sunday mornings with the hope that we can return to something more like normal in September. We're also continuing to recommend that worshippers wear masks for all services, use hand sanitizer on coming into church and maintain sensible social distancing. In addition, we have a zoning system in place so that those who wish to ensure they are keeping to the Step 3 procedures can sit on the south and north aisles of St Mary's, whilst the centre part of the nave are presently more flexible.



SUNDAY COMMUNION IN CHURCH: Today's Sunday Worship is a service of Holy Communion, which will be the first under the lifting of England's COVID restrictions. This means we are offering communion in the following ways: (a) one kind (wafer); or (b) two kinds (wafer and wine); or (c) as a non-tactile blessing. For those sitting in the central two sections of the nave, if you would like to receive any of these then please queue down the central aisle in a socially distanced way, as directed by our sides-people. The priest will drop a wafer in your hand or administer a blessing and members of our serving team will have chalices at either end of the communion rail. Please do not kneel at the rail and **only sip** from the chalice – **do not intinct** your wafer. This is the current Church of England guidance.



SUMMARY OF ADVICE: St Mary's is following the Church of England's advice carefully, in particular the practical steps outlined in its detailed guidance:

- i) Continuing with online worship provision, in addition to in-person services.
- ii) Continuing to provide alternative means of accessing orders of service for those who may still feel unsure about using shared materials.
- iii) Introducing 'Zoning' spaces for services in our nave. For those who wish to continue to socially distance we are setting aside the seating on the south and north side. Masks must also be worn in these areas.
- iv) Continuing to provide hand sanitiser at entrances and key points.



v) We will be cautiously re-introducing some other aspects of our worship. For instance, last Sunday we sang a congregational hymn for the first time and this Sunday we have two hymns. Having said that, we will continue our aim of keeping worship in church on the shorter side as an ongoing COVID precaution.

WHAT WILL BE HAPPENING AT ST MARY'S? We are looking at how we can safely restore more of our regular services from the start of September and further details will be made available through our newsletter and online in the coming weeks. We need to bear in mind that as we move into this stage, we'll be reliant on the good will and hard work of our dedicated volunteers. COVID 19 has had a major impact on church finances so our worship verging team are working on an unpaid basis. We are presently unable to re-open our shop and although we're re-opening for visitors that's only for this summer period.



THANKS: "A huge Thank You to everyone who has offered help to sew our bunting together! It is now all out for completion and will then be ready to display within St Mary's in November. We couldn't have done it without your help!!" *Helen and Carol*



TOWER UPDATE: The first phase of the tower project - protective scaffolding on the lower half of the tower - has moved a big step closer, with public notice of the planned road closures. Our Operations Manager has been working with the County, District and Town Councils, as well as the Chamber of Trade and CJ's Events, to ensure that disruption to the town centre will be kept to the minimum possible, and is pleased to report that all of the stakeholders have been extremely supportive. The work will start no earlier than mid-August (date TBC). For more information, see our website. The OM will communicate more about access to the church as the date approaches.

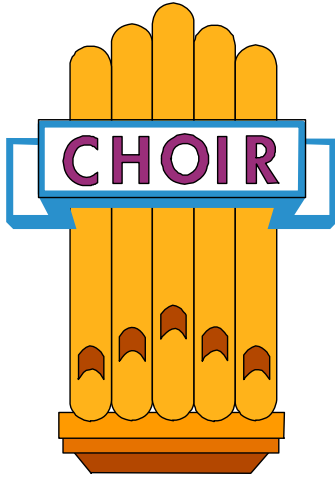
CAMPAIGN 2023: A Campaign 2023 Executive Committee (CEC) is being formed to oversee our fundraising campaign. We're looking for new committee members who can generously commit their time, and in particular, members to promote the campaign, support fundraising events, develop relationships with potential donors and ask for gifts, and run initiatives to engage our local community. If you're interested in joining the committee, please contact Alan Faulkner (apfaulkner@me.com).

THE VICAR'S BOOK: A positive and encouraging review of Vaughan's book *Kingdom Stories: Telling, Leading, Discerning* (SCM Press) which was published last year has just appeared on the *Reading Religion* website and can be found by following this link: <https://readingreligion.org/books/kingdom-stories>



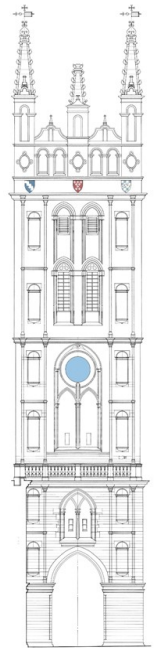
CHOIR SUMMER CAMP: In place of a residential week at a cathedral, as is the normal summer activity, the choir will be holding a 'non-residential' residential week at St Mary's, 23rd-29th August. We are looking forward to fun and activities (including bowling, archery and swordsmanship tutorials, and GoApe) as well as lots of singing, with services being sung every day as follows: Evensong at 5.30pm at St Mary's Monday to Thursday, 5.30pm at St Mary Immaculate on Friday, 4.00pm at Coventry Cathedral on Saturday, plus 10.30am Eucharist and 5.30pm Festal Evensong at St Mary's on Sunday. All are very welcome to attend these services.

COME ON AND CELEBRATE: We are delighted to invite you to celebrate the founding of the St Mary's Girls' Choir and 2021 Guild of Ex-Choristers' Reunion in September. All former choristers - girls, boys, adults - and anyone involved with the choir past or present (including supporters) are very welcome to attend any and/or all parts of the celebration. The main event takes place on Saturday 18th September with Choral Evensong and a sit-down meal at the historic Lord Leycester Hospital with special guest and Founder of the Girls' Choir, Simon Lole. For those making a weekend of it, there is also a chance to join the current choir at the Sunday morning service and, for those who can't attend in person, there is an earlier opportunity to catch up on Wednesday 15th September at our virtual Guild AGM. To see the full programme of events and to



book your place for some or all of the activities, please view the online booking form: <https://forms.office.com/r/uE6AbDyVcF> or email the Director of Music, Oliver Hancock: dofm@stmaryswarwick.org.uk

LET'S CONNECT: We're running a pilot of an integrated email and contact database application (MailChimp) that is free to use. This will provide St Mary's with an effective way to communicate with specific church groups or individuals. Initially we'll send out a weekly eNewsletter, which will complement the existing Newsletter downloadable from our Facebook page or the church website. Once the new application is proven, we'll expand the variety of communications to help keep the St Mary's community connected, especially those who do not choose to use or have access to other social media platforms such as Facebook. Do subscribe, encourage your friends to subscribe, and let us know what you think about the eNewsletter. Visit <http://eepurl.com/hwOJhb> or look out for an introductory email or Facebook post for full details.



Digital Comms Team

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CALLING ALL PLAYERS: To celebrate Coventry's City of Culture, local musician, Seb Farrall, is calling on all musicians to get involved in an exciting musical project. As part of Coventry Central Hall's City of Culture "Artists in Residence Programme" (AiR), Seb is starting a brand new orchestra. The AiR programme is funded by Coventry and Nuneaton Methodist circuit and supported by Methodist Church at Coventry Central Hall. Membership of the orchestra is open to all and rehearsals begin in Sept



2021, working towards a large-scale celebration concert in April 2022 at Central Hall. To find out more and register for the orchestra, please head to www.coventryorchestra.co.uk

FASHION SHOW

"Please, please come along and support the forthcoming Gala Fashion Show on 9th September, when St Mary's will be transformed into a catwalk for the evening. We are tremendously grateful for the wonderful support from three local businesses - NV HER, WARWICK SPORTS & HEAPHYS MENSWEAR.. Tickets are only £10, to include a glass of wine, and all proceeds go to St Mary's. Flyers are available in Church and speak to Carol or Helen with any queries".

Gala Fashion Show



Warwick Sports Shop



**Clothing, sportswear
and accessories**

Thursday 9th September 2021 - 7.30pm

**Collegiate Church of St Mary
Old Square, Warwick CV34 4RA**



Tickets £10 to include a glass of wine

**From applyfortickets@btinternet.com, or
NV Her, Warwick Sports or Heaphys**

Proceeds to St Mary's Church

THANK YOU FROM SUE HOSIENE AND THE FAMILY

On behalf of the family and I, we would like to say a very 'thank you' to you all, for the wonderful prayers, phone calls cards and messages we have received on the death of John. We have been so much uplifted and held in prayer over many months since John was diagnosed with Bowel Cancer back in 2020. John has been so positive throughout his illness and has never moaned once. He was so looking forward to coming back and working as a verger amongst you again, which was his passion and to be with all his friends of St Mary's where he was so very happy, but unfortunately it was not to be, and he was very upset by this, and so was I. Everyone who attended the funeral made it very special for us all and it was a celebration of his life. He will always be remembered by his smile, the twinkle in his eye and his after shave which he always wore. I know I'll miss this very much. John will now be walking in God's lovely garden with all the lovely flowers and the birds singing, and the angels making him feel comfortable. Also, I would like to say a very big thank to Vaughan for taking the lovely service, and to our loyal friend, Stuart who took part, and to Oliver and the fantastic choir who sang so lovely which I know John would have really enjoyed, and I know many people enjoyed the music. To Mark who played the organ and our favourite music it was lovely. Brenda and her team of flower ladies with the lovely flower arrangements, they were just right with the colours. The 'A' team stewards who kindly took members of the congregation to their seats, and organised the seating, it was marvellous. The person who knows who she or he is who psid for the service etc, we are very grateful and honoured, and I feel very humbled, thank you kind person. May God Bless you. To Phil who verged the clergy in and John out at the end, he would have been very honoured especially wearing his Cross of Nails. Glynis and Mary who work in the office and have kept in touch. Mark who is maintenance who will miss talking about football. Helen and Tony who have helped me with the service and the printing which was excellent, and Helen who has phoned me to keep me going, I cannot say thank you enough. My sister Jill and her husband David who have helped with sorting out the affairs of John and lots of phone calls. To my niece who has helped with the Banking side of things which has been amazingly and Paul my nephew who has just been there for me. To John's boys, Shane and Luke who have been very supportive and to Rozila, Tom and Addam who have just been there for all of us. You are such an amazing community who help where is needed and I am so grateful to everyone's support in this, and I know John would have said the same, as we could not have done this without your help. I know many of you will miss him very much like we will, as he leaves a very big hole in our lives. May each and everyone of you all be blessed with God's love and peace. Thank you. Sue H x



CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WARWICK EVENTS IN AUGUST

Saturday 7th Prayer Breakfast 8.30am. Still by Zoom.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76958924842?pwd=TmNWQ1VuMkhmam5TNWMra3dYenhCQT09> Meeting ID: 769 5892 4842 Passcode: FV0Sbf

Saturday 7th & 21st HOTS (Healing on the Street) are pleased to be back live in the Market Place from 10.00am to noon.

GENTLEMEN OF ST JOHN'S CONCERT: Formed of the choral and organ scholars of the world-renowned Choir of St John's College, Cambridge, the Gentlemen of St John's will be giving a concert in St Mary's on Thursday 16th September at 7.30pm. With a repertoire spanning over 600 years, from early Renaissance polyphony to close-harmony arrangements of modern-day classic, there is sure to be music to delight everyone. The Gents are kindly donating all profits to St Mary's. Please do come along to hear one of the country's top choirs, and start the new term as we hope it will go on - with top-quality live music. Tickets are £15 (under 16s free) from <https://gentlemenofstjohns.eventbrite.co.uk>.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL: Ellie Booth, Christopher Browne, Clifford Browne, Sheila Freeman, Frances Humphreys, Mandeep Madar, Gwen & Paul Shilton.

PRAYERS FOR THE DEPARTED: Elizabeth Round, Kenneth Freeborn.

FORTHCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday 8th August - Trinity 10

	10.30am Sunday Eucharist in church & online	
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Sunday 15th August - Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary

	10.30am Sunday Worship in church & online	
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Sunday 22nd August - Trinity 12

	10.30am Sunday Eucharist in church & online	
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Sunday 29th August - Trinity 13

	10.30am Choral Eucharist in church & online	5.30pm Choral Evensong
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