



Weekly Newsletter

WELCOME TO OUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER. The Westminster government has set out a roadmap to move England gradually out of its third lockdown and we have produced a programme for the phased reopening of St Mary's. That began on Easter Day with restarting our 10.30am Sunday Worship which will also be live streamed on Facebook and then uploaded onto YouTube.



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OF ENGLAND

We are gradually applying our phased reopening plan, which will continue to be updated in the coming weeks as we constantly monitor further guidance from the Government, the local authority, the Church of England and other organizations. Keep up to date on our website and newsletter.

Throughout the pandemic we have continued to produce our news sheet, prayer diary and parish magazine, which can be viewed and downloaded from our website. The church office is working from home at present and can be contacted through the details at the end of the newsletter or online.



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

Twitter [@StMarysWarwick](https://twitter.com/StMarysWarwick) and [@ChoirsofWarwick](https://twitter.com/ChoirsofWarwick)

Facebook [@StMarysWarwick](https://www.facebook.com/StMarysWarwick) and [St Mary's Warwick Community](https://www.facebook.com/StMarysWarwickCommunity)

YouTube

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

SERVICES

2nd May 2021

Easter 5

10.30am

Sunday Eucharist also on Facebook & YouTube

Officiant & Preacher : Vaughan Roberts
Reading: Acts 8: 26-40 - Noel Reeve
Intercessor: Ian Barnicoat
Reading: John 15: 1-8- Desmond Jack
Organ Voluntary: *Jesus Christus, unser Heiland (BWV 666)* J. S. Bach

Director of Music: Oliver Hancock
Assistant Director of Music: Mark Swinton
Organ Scholar: Lucy Morrell

NOTICES

OPENING FOR BUSINESS

It is great to be able to announce that we have been able to restart choir practices for our choristers in line with Step 2 of St Mary's phased reopening plan (which works in conjunction with the government's road map). At present, rehearsals for our back row are not permitted until Step 3 of the plan/road map which is due to come into effect on 17th May. In the meantime it's also wonderful to announce that we have reopened for private prayer on Wednesday afternoons from 1-3pm. Many thanks to everyone who has made these important developments in St Mary's ministry possible.

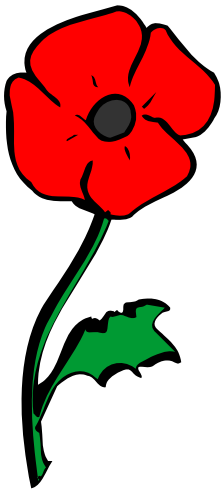


ANNUAL MEETINGS

This year's Annual Meetings took place on Zoom after last Sunday's service. John Luxton and Gail Guest were re-elected as our churchwardens for 2021/22 & David Benson and Godfrey Hill were re-elected as our deputy wardens. The PCC was also re-elected as was our team of sidespeople. Copies of the Annual Reports, including Financial Statements are still available by email from om@stmaryswarwick.org.uk.



WARWICK POPPIES 2018



The Imperial War Museum is compiling a digital archive of community events that took place to mark the centenary of the end of World War One, and the Warwick Poppies team were very honoured to be asked to make a submission. Called "Mapping The Centenary", the searchable digital database will record for posterity the many hundreds of very varied and special ways that the centenary was marked by ordinary people. Our project will live on and the link is now live: <https://www.iwm.org.uk/partnerships/mapping-the-centenary>

So do take a look!

The Warwick Poppies team

DEAD AND GONE?

The Vicar has continued to reflect on the Warwick Poppies project, following on from the ideas shared in his book *Kingdom Stories: Leading, Telling, Discerning* published last year. In particular, how we remember and commemorate people's stories in a post-pandemic world. His short reflections have been put online this week as a blog post here:

<https://socrel.medium.com/dead-and-gone-does-embodied-storytelling-have-a-post-pandemic-future-9b016acd7723>



CONGRATULATIONS

Many congratulations to chorister River Leone on achieving ABRSM Piano Performance Grade 6 with distinction. A really superb result! Congratulations as well to Nicholas Lewis on achieving not only LAMDA Grade 6 Acting with merit, but also ABRSM Grade 5 Theory with distinction. These results are a real testament to his hard work. Well done! Much celebration also for Joseph Webster, who has passed ABRSM Performance Grade 2 on saxophone.

THE TIMES THEY ARE A-CHANGING

While we are unable to mark the occasion in person, thanks and good luck to three of our boy choristers as they move to become 'Junior Men'. We look forward to more music-making from James Leeson, Nicholas Lewis, and Rupert Pantling in their new roles.

INCLUSIVE SYNOD

Did you know that General Synod elections will take place this summer? Three lay Synod members will be elected from Coventry diocese to take their place in the House of Laity and will discuss and vote on future strategy, policy and plans at a critical time for our country and Church. The reps will be voted for by those who represent their parish church on Deanery Synod. Gill Frigerio (a member of All Saints' Emscote) is involved with the 'Inclusive Synod Project' which is working to involve inclusive minded Anglicans in the elections and with the hope that we will elect a truly inclusive Synod. There is more information here <https://www.inclusive-synod.org/>. To find out more or get involved, Gill can be contacted at gill.frigerio@gmail.com or on 07970 433068.

LIVING IN LOVE & FAITH (LLF)

The Church of England is keenly aware that issues of gender and sexuality are intrinsic to people's experience; their sense of identity; their lives and the loving relationships that shape and



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sustain them. The life and mission

of our Church, and of the worldwide Anglican Communion, are affected by the deep, and sometimes painful, disagreements among us which have been debated and discussed on many occasions over the years.

These divisions have come into sharper focus because of society's changing perspectives and practices. The Church wants to understand what it means to follow Christ in love and faith given the questions about human identity and the variety of patterns of relationship emerging in our society, including marriage, civil partnership, cohabitation, celibacy and friendship.

Living in Love and Faith (LLF) resources (video-based course, podcasts, films, papers) are now available. The hope is that they will be used by people in Church of England churches across the country to learn and pray together as part of discerning a way forward in relation to matters of identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage. Find out more and access the LLF resources at: <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/living-love-and-faith/living-love-and-faith-learning-hub>

THY KINGDOM COME 2021

The Church of England has produced a short promotional video outlining our key resources for this year's Thy Kingdom Come.

From age 3 to 103, we have resources for all ages:

- [The Cheeky Pandas](#) (11 part series & accompanying resources) - for children aged 3 and over
- [11 Video Youth](#) reflections produced in partnership with the Archbishop of York's Youth Trust and an Escape Room
- [The Prayer Journal](#), written by Archbishop Stephen Cottrell
- [The Novena](#) - Praying the Psalms from Ascension to Pentecost

Free Resources giveaway for Churches

We are giving away 100,000 copies of this year's [Prayer Journal, written by Archbishop Stephen Cottrell](#) and the printed Digital Family Prayer Adventure Map for children. Only need to pay for P & P.

For more information, visit: www.thykingdomcome.global.

The Cheeky Pandas Series is an 11-part fun-filled and Bible based series, with songs, animated stories, prayer and interviews with special guests including **Bear Grylls and Gemma Hunt**. All the songs are available to be used as separate lyric and action videos, and each episode is accompanied by an activity pack and family service plan.

This is a free resource for children and families, to be used in church services (both in-person and digitally), children's ministry, in schools assemblies and at home. Please see an [information sheet](#) that includes a synopsis for each episode. You can view/download the first episode [here](#), see the accompanying activity pack [here](#), and family service plan [here](#).

Release Dates: Five episodes will be premiered via the Church of England's Facebook and YouTube channels every Sun at 4pm between Easter and Thy Kingdom Come. Afterwards they can be downloaded for wider use.

| Episode | Premiere Date | Available for Download |
|-------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| The Lost Guitar Pick | Available above | Available above |
| The After Show Party | Sunday 11th April | Monday 12th May |
| The Missing Pizza | Sunday 18th April | Monday 19th April |
| The Silent Disco | Sunday 25th April | Monday 26th April |
| The Birthday Gift | Sunday 2nd May | Monday 3rd May |
| The Wrong Box | Sunday 9th May | Friday 7th May |
| The Power Cut | - | Friday 7th May |
| The Broken Song Machine | - | Friday 7th May |
| The Duck Award | - | Friday 7th May |
| The Spider Madness! | - | Friday 7th May |
| The Lost Coin | - | Friday 7th May |

COVENTRY DIOCESE: EVERYDAY FAITH

We have all been placed in a unique context at a specific time with people that matter to God. Everyday Faith seeks to explore how we can live as God's people and positively influence those around us as we encounter God in our everyday lives. The Serving Christ team are excited to host a series of workshops to equip and encourage you to live out your faith seven days a week. The first three events will take place online via Zoom.



[Click here](#) to register for any of the events below.

Everyday Faith: Conversations: For many of us, we rarely talk about our relationship with God and the challenges and joys of living out our faith, even with other Christians! We may share the struggles and joys of life with friends and families but can stop one step short of exploring how God might be working in a situation and praying together. In this session we will explore ways to inspire and encourage one another's faith through conversations at home, with friends, in our workplaces and in church. Monday 24 May, 7:30-9:00pm

Everyday Faith: Stay On Point: Keeping your eyes fixed on Jesus in a world of email, social media and Netflix can be a challenge. It is estimated on average that we see over 5,000 adverts a day. When so many people are demanding our time and attention, how is it possible to maintain our focus? Come and join us as we explore how we can turn down life's noise and stay on point. Monday 14 June, 7:30-9:00pm

21st CENTURY GIVING

As restrictions continue, our income from collections, donations, concerts and weddings is likely to remain very low, whilst our unavoidable running costs continue to be high. If you have not already done so, please consider setting up a Standing Order or making a one-off donation by cheque or bank transfer.



Alternatively we have a giving page at <https://www.give.net/20220625> or use the QR code to the right, where you may choose to give a one-time donation or set up monthly giving, including Gift Aid where appropriate. The service provider will take 3% of your total giving for each transaction so, if you are considering monthly giving, a Standing Order is still the best option! For more information please email our

Operations Manager, Mary Adams, on om@stmaryswarwick.org.uk.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WARWICK MAY DATES

HOTS (healing on the street): Until we can operate in the Market Place we would be very pleased to hear of people who need prayer. Contact warwickhots@gmail.com.

Monday 10th May 5-7pm Space to Remember at Warwick Methodist Church. Please wear a mask (unless exempt) and bring your own pen. It is a gentle way of remembering loved ones who have died.

Sunday 23rd May Pentecost TBC

DAILY HOPE PHONELINE



A free phoneline of hymns,
reflections and prayers

Are you in need of some daily
hope during this lockdown?

We have a new FREE telephone
line for you to ring to hear
comforting hymns, daily prayers
and reflections.

0800 804 8044

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND  LIFE IN LATER LIFE CONNECTIONS

Daily Hope is a free national phone line which offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line. The line is available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044. Callers will hear a special greeting from the Archbishop before being able to choose from a range of options, including hymns, prayers, reflections and advice on COVID-19. A section called Hymn Line offers callers a small selection of hymns, updated daily. An option entitled 'Hymns We Love' provides a hymn and reflection.

REST IN PEACE

In recent times we have lost three great stalwarts and friends of St Mary's – **June Stocker** who was a volunteer in St Mary's Shop and then worked for our Visitor Team; **Helen Black** who was a member of the flower arranging team and on the reader rota; and **Sheila Penon** who was another much-loved volunteer in our shop. June and Helen's funerals were both last Friday. Sheila's funeral will be on 19th May in St Mary's. Please keep June, Helen and Sheila along with their families and friends in your prayers in the days and weeks ahead.



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

PRAYERS FOR THE DEPARTED: June Stocker, Helen Black, Sheila Penon.

FORTHCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

We are live streaming our 10.30am Sunday Service on Facebook each week,
and then uploading the service to YouTube

Sunday 9th May - Easter 6

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| | 10.30am Sunday Worship in church & online | |
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Sunday 16th May - Easter 7

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| | 10.30am Sunday Eucharist in church & online | |
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Sunday 23rd May - Pentecost

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| | 10.30am Sunday Worship in church & online | |
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Sunday 30th May - Trinity

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| | 10.30am Sunday Eucharist in church & online | |
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