



# Weekly Newsletter

**WELCOME TO OUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER.** The Westminster government has revised COVID restrictions in the light of the Omicron variant. As a result, **we strongly recommend that those attending services wear masks and have had all their available vaccinations.** Whilst we are continuing with our regular services, including our full choral services, our Sunday morning 10.30am service continues to live-stream our 10.30am Sunday service on Facebook and YouTube.



We are following the guidance of the Church of England and other organisations, including when it comes to giving and receiving communion. Full instructions are in our service leaflets. We have a zone on the south side of church which are kept for those who also wish to maintain social distancing.

The current order of service, newsletter, prayer diary and parish magazine can still be viewed and downloaded from our website.

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

**Twitter** @StMarysWarwick and @ChoirsofWarwick

**Facebook** @StMarysWarwick and St Mary's Warwick Community

**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.**

# SERVICES

## 5<sup>th</sup> December 2021 Advent 2

**8.00am** Holy Communion (BCP Said)

Celebrant & Preacher: Anita Morgan

*The service begins in the Book of Common Prayer page 89*

**10.30am** Choral Eucharist (Common Worship)  
Boys' and Men's Voices  
also on Facebook & YouTube

Celebrant & Preacher: Vaughan Roberts  
Reading: Malachi 3:1-4 - Gail Guest  
Intercessor: Diane Luxton  
Organ Voluntary: *Dialogue sur les Grands Jeux de Grigny*

**5.30pm** Choral Evensong (BCP) Boys' & Men's Voices

Hymn: 18  
Preces: Ayleward  
Psalm: 75  
Reading: Isaiah 40: 1-11 - Des Jack  
Magnificat: Dyson *in F*  
Reading: Luke 1: 1-25 - Clare Sawdon  
Nunc dimittis: Dyson *in F*  
Responses: Ayleward  
Anthem: *How lovely are the messengers*  
How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace. To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words, throughout all the lands their glad tidings.  
*Words: Romans 10:15, 18; Music: Mendelssohn*

Hymn: 407  
Preacher: Doreen Mills  
Hymn: 482  
Organ voluntary: *Rorate Caeli* Demessieux

Director of Music: Oliver Hancock  
Assistant Director of Music: Mark Swinton;  
Organ Scholar: Matthew Howell

# NOTICES

## ADVENT HOPE



Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Advent Sunday services last week. Our 10.30am Choral Eucharist will be livestreamed as usual and our Advent Carols was recorded. It is still being edited and we hope that it will be uploaded very soon.

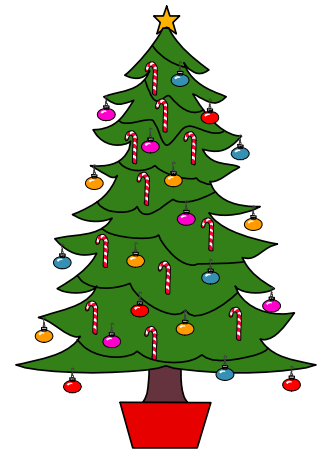
## ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2021 - OPEN UNTIL 4pm on 4<sup>th</sup> DEC

The 2021 St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival is in full swing, and is proving to be extremely popular. The Mayor of Warwick and Father Christmas visited the Festival on Saturday morning and chose their favourite trees on behalf of all our visitors. They were very impressed with the overall standard and found the decision very hard. They awarded "Winning Tree" certificates to:

- All Saints CofE Junior School, in the school section
- Heritage and Culture Warwickshire - Knit and Natter, in the adult section

They also awarded "High Commended" certificates to:

- Emscote Infant School
- Evergreen School
- St Mary Immaculate Catholic Primary School
- St Mary's Church Boys' and Girls' Choir
- Warwick Bell Ringers
- The Warwick Court Leet
- Warwickshire Young Carers
- Castle Small Puppet Theatre
- Warwickshire Stitchers
- NV Her
- Kings High School



We would like to sincerely thank all the sponsors of the 51 trees (a new record); the 30+ volunteers who have enabled the church doors to remain open every day; the Pop-Up Café team; St Mary's Guides; Anais & Martin; Occasional Brass; Two Castles Choir; Handbell ringers; Santa; Santa's National Elf Nurse; the Nurseries, Schools and Care Homes who visited; the Guide Dogs; Westgate and Evergreen schools for their wonderful Concert on Thursday; St Mary's staff; and our two invaluable "consultants", Felicity Bostock and Glynis Nixon.

It has been a fun week and we have welcomed several thousand visitors.

Happy Christmas!

*Helen and Carol*

# Christmas Services

## at St Mary's

<b>Sun 19<sup>th</sup> Dec</b> 6.30pm	<b>Advent 4</b> <b>Christmas Carol Service</b> – doors open at <u>6.00pm</u> –
<b>Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec</b> 6.30pm	<b>Christmas Carol Service</b> – doors open at <u>6.00pm</u> –
<b>Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Dec</b> 4.00pm 11.15pm	<b>Christmas Eve</b> <b>Crib service</b> <b>Midnight Mass</b>
<b>Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Dec</b> 8.00am 10.00am	<b>Christmas Day</b> <b>Holy Communion (Said)</b> <b>Choral Family Eucharist &amp; Carols</b>
<b>Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Boxing Day</b> <b><u>No</u> services</b>
<b>Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan</b> 10.30am	<b>Christmas 2</b> <b>Parish Eucharist with Carols</b>

**At the heart  
of Christmas**



***All Welcome!***

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## **CRIB SERVICE**

We are planning a Christmas Eve Crib Service this year and people (young and old!) are encouraged to come dressed as characters from the Christmas story. However, because we continue to be COVID cautious we won't be creating a tableau at the front but folk will be encouraged to take part from where they're seated.

## **SERVING ST MARY'S:**

We need to enlist more volunteers for St Mary's serving team. A number of folk have needed to stand down for very understandable reasons, so if you're feeling that God might be calling you to this ministry please have a word with Grahame Edmonds, Vicky Bartholomew or the Vicar.

## **CONGRATULATIONS ...**

... to a number of our choristers who have successfully completed another level of the RSCM 'Voice for Life' training scheme and are now the proud holders of the next shade of ribbon and medallion: Anna Chester, Charlotte Coombe and Kerenza Robinson take on their Light Blue ribbons and medallions; Isolde Newton, Elizabeth Gayler, River Leone and Lysander Newton have moved to Dark Blue; and Ben Adams and Hannah Maxwell take on their Red ribbons, which is the final level before moving to 'podium' medallions of bronze, silver, and gold. Well done to them all!

## **PLAY ON**

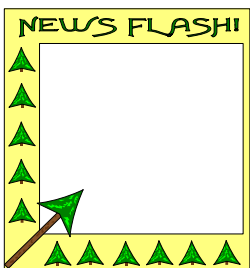
We are delighted to congratulate Head Boy Chorister, Ben Adams, on his place in the National Children's Orchestra of Great Britain. The NCO is the only orchestral programme for young people across the UK, and we are thrilled for Ben!



## **MUSIC, MUSIC EVERYWHERE**

Three cheers for Anna Chester who recently successfully auditioned for the Girls' Choir section of the National Youth Choir of Great Britain and has gained a place in the National Children's Orchestra projects programme. It's wonderful to see and hear of so much music-making from our choristers.

## **MANY THANKS**



Chris Mew has decided to step down as the Secretary to our Safeguarding Committee. We are enormously grateful for the tireless work he has done in this respect and wish him well as he recovers from the recent dislocation of his shoulder. If you would like to find out more about this role please speak to our Safeguarding Officer Jayne McHale or the Vicar.

A Thanksgiving Service for the life of  
**Lady Jean Liggins OBE, CBE**

10th December 1928 - 27th December 2020

Friday 10th December

2.30pm

The Collegiate Church of St Mary, Warwick

*All welcome*

**CALLING ALL SINGERS**

There are various opportunities for singing at St Mary's:

- Alto (male or female) to join the Robed Choir. Attendance at both Sunday services plus a Friday evening rehearsal, 7.00-8.20pm, with Friday Evensong if possible. This is an auditioned place. Please contact Oliver Hancock ([dofm@stmaryswarwick.org.uk](mailto:dofm@stmaryswarwick.org.uk)) for more details.

- If you'd like to do some liturgical singing but can't commit every week, consider St Mary's Scholars. A number of Sundays across the year plus services in Holy Week (the week before Easter), with Tuesday evening rehearsals in the weeks leading to a service. All voice parts welcome, especially tenors! Please email Mark Swinton for more details and to arrange an audition:

[adofm@stmaryswarwick.org.uk](mailto:adofm@stmaryswarwick.org.uk).

- If you're looking for a more relaxed or non-liturgical singing environment, join Collegium: non-auditioned concert choir, with three concerts each year and Monday evening rehearsals. This year's programme will include: Mozart motets and Mendelssohn Lobgesang, Rossini Stabat Mater and Pergolesi Magnificat, Schubert Mass in G and Bach Canata 147. Contact Oliver for more details, or come along to a Monday rehearsal: 7.30pm at St Mary's. All voice parts welcome, especially tenors.

**OLD FRIENDS AND NEW FRIENDS**

At the last meeting of The Friends of St Marys, it was agreed that it was time to bring down the final curtain. Over many years, this organisation has provided wonderful support to the Church of St Mary, by the purchase and renewal of many items which we see around us. The Friends have ensured that the beauty of the church has been enhanced over many years.

However, many of the fundraising events have dwindled in popularity, and our only major funding opportunity has been the Mulled Wine for Victorian evening. In the light of this, it was decided that as we move into the future at St Marys, we now need to focus on the Capital Campaign, and combine our resources to ensure fund raising and social events are working together to maximise the effect. We hope to have one final event in the New Year to celebrate the work done by so many over the years, and look forward to new ways of supporting our Church - both building and community.

*Jayne McHale, Chair of The Friends of St Mary's*

# da capo

a cappella chamber choir

## Christmas Crackers

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

**TABLE SEATS SOLD OUT!**

Supporting Campaign 2023

**Collegiate Church of St Mary 7.30pm, Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

Remaining tickets £8, U16 £5

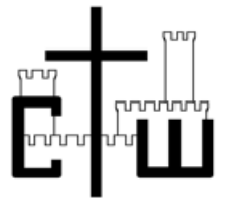
available from: Mary Adams

dacapo.warwick@gmail.com

**VACANCY** – Parish of St Paul's, Warwick Part-time Parish Administrator  
St Paul's Church, Warwick is seeking a part-time Parish Administrator (10 hours per week at £10 per hour, over 3 mornings). If anyone is interested and would like to find out more, please contact the Parish Office for further information and an application pack - 01926 499533 or email [stpauls.warwick@outlook.com](mailto:stpauls.warwick@outlook.com)  
Closing date is mid-day on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2022.  
Interviews to be held on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

### **CHURCHES TOGETHER**

A Time To Say Goodbye: In Memoriam on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December at Castle Hill Baptist Church. Christmas can be difficult for those who have lost loved ones. This simple service includes time to remember - to light a candle, post a memory, talk/pray with someone. Starts at 6:30pm.



### **LEAMINGTON MUSIC CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL OPENS IN ST MARY'S**

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm

## **JOGLARESA**

Victoria Couper, Jeremy Avis, Cerian Holland, May Robertson,  
Elisabeth Flett, Louise Anna Duggan and Jordan Murray  
They all sing and they play harps, fidels, dulcimer and percussion  
LULLAY MYN LYKYNGE

Music for Yuletide of medieval and renaissance times from  
Scandinavia, England, France, Scotland, Spain and Wales

Tickets at £25, £18 and £12 to include mulled wine and mince pies from  
Visit Warwick or call 01926 334418 or go online [www.leamingtonmusic.org](http://www.leamingtonmusic.org)

## REST IN PEACE

We have been deeply saddened to hear about the recent deaths of Gwen Shilton and Jim Reeve. Gwen was a regular at Friday Evensong and lots of the big services at St Mary's whilst Jim was a staunch member of the 10.30am congregation and (of course) married to Noël. Both of them had many friends in the St Mary's community and will be greatly missed by family and friends. In addition, we are sorry to hear in the Warwick Team that the fathers of both The Revd Linda Duckers (St Nicholas) and The Revd Diane Thompson (All Saints) died this week. Please keep the families and friends of all these recently bereaved people in your prayers at this time.

**PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:** Ellie Booth, Christopher Browne, Clifford Browne, Elizabeth Duffy, Sheila Freeman, Elizabeth Holroyde, Frances Humphreys, Mandeep Madar, Paul Shilton.

**PRAYERS FOR THE DEPARTED:** Anthony Dawe, Gwen Shilton, Jim Reeve.

**SERVICES THIS WEEK: Beginning 5<sup>th</sup> December**

Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00am 5.30pm	Holy Communion Choral Evensong
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	5.30pm	Choral Evensong

# ***FORTHCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES***

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Advent 3**

<b>8.00am</b> Holy Communion	<b>10.30am</b> Choral Eucharist in church & online	<b>5.30pm</b> Choral Evensong
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**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Advent 4**

<b>8.00am</b> Holy Communion	<b>10.30am</b> Choral Eucharist in church & online	<b>6.30pm</b> Candlelit Christmas Carol Service
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**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December - Boxing Day (Christmas 1)**

<b>8.00am</b> No Service	<b>10.30am</b> No Service	<b>5.30pm</b> No Service
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**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January - The Epiphany**

<b>8.00am</b> Holy Communion	<b>10.30am</b> Parish Eucharist in church & online	<b>5.30pm</b> Parish Evensong
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