



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)

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YouTube

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

SERVICES

9th May 2021

Easter 6

10.30am

Sunday Worship

also on Facebook & YouTube

Officiant & Preacher :

Vaughan Roberts

Reading:

Acts 10: 44-48 – Clare Sawdon

Intercessor:

Tony Fitzpatrick

Reading:

John 15: 9-17 – Chris White

Anthem:

I give you a new commandment (Jn 13 : 34; 35, Sheppard)

I GIVE YOU A NEW COMMANDMENT:

THAT YE LOVE ONE ANOTHER EVEN AS I HAVE LOVED YOU.

BY THIS ALL MEN SHALL KNOW THAT YE ARE MY DISCIPLES.

Anthem:

Loving Shepherd of thy sheep (Jane Leeson; Paul Bryan)

LOVING SHEPHERD OF THY SHEEP,

KEEP THY LAMB, IN SAFETY KEEP;

NOTHING CAN THY POWER WITHSTAND,

NONE CAN PLUCK ME FROM THY HAND.

LOVING SHEPHERD, EVER NEAR,

TEACH THY LAMB THY VOICE TO HEAR;

SUFFER NOT MY STEPS TO STRAY

FROM THE STRAIGHT AND NARROW WAY.

WHERE THOU LEADEST I WOULD GO,

WALKING IN THY STEPS BELOW,

TILL BEFORE MY FATHER'S THRONE,

I SHALL KNOW AS I AM KNOWN.

Organ Voluntary:

Fanfare Leighton

Director of Music: Oliver Hancock

Assistant Director of Music: Mark Swinton

Organ Scholar: Lucy Morrell

NOTICES

LOOKING FORWARD

We continue to be in church for Sunday Worship and today's service is a Service of the Word. Then on Thursday (13th) it is Ascension Day and we shall have a socially distanced Holy Communion at 7.30pm. It's also good to know 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.



FABRIC UPDATE

Anyone walking through the churchyard will have seen a great deal of progress on the north roofs project recently, with new parapets and rainwater pipes the most obvious additions. In the WCs, new ceilings have been constructed and painted, and new heaters fitted. The work is now complete bar external drainage improvements. We are enormously grateful for the Cultural Recovery Major Works Fund grant awarded to us by the CofE, without which we would have been unable to undertake this vital project. Huge thanks also to Richard Warren, John Adams and Mark Rigney, who have opened up the church at a very early hour each day over the six months of work.



Sadly the bank holiday deluge resulted in the need for the reappearance of a bucket at the foot of the pillar by the lectern. Inspection showed that the new lead above the nave crossing is sound, but the same cannot be said for the surrounding lead.

Of still greater concern is a recent significant masonry fall from the tower onto Old Square. As a result, the District and County Councils requested that the church install barriers to protect pedestrians from the area around the tower until the scaffold can go up. This was achieved thanks to CJ's Events, who took our call late on Thursday afternoon, and had completed the work by 10 o'clock on Friday morning. We can't thank them enough for helping us out so quickly and for waiving any charge to the church. Discussions on the road closures for the scaffold construction are making headway.

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

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 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>



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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.

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.

CTW also wondered if members would be interested in details of courses offered by Woodbrooke, the Quaker college in Birmingham. They normally run residential and day courses but owing to the pandemic all their courses are currently online. You can see these at

<https://www.woodbrooke.org.uk/learn/courses/>.

DAILY HOPE PHONELINE

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.



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

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 16th May - Easter 7

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

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

	10.30am Sunday Eucharist in church & online	
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Sunday 6th June - Trinity 1

	10.30am Sunday Eucharist in church & online	
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