

✦WARWICK TEAM MINISTRY✦



Weekly Newsletter

WELCOME TO OUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER. The Westminster government has removed all legal COVID restrictions previously in place, but nevertheless we are proceeding cautiously with the reopening of St Mary's. During September we are cautiously restarting some of our regular services, including our full choral services, whilst continuing to live-stream our 10.30am Sunday service on Facebook and then uploading to YouTube.



We are following the guidance of the Church of England and other organisations, 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.

The current order of service, newsletter, 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

Twitter @StMarysWarwick and @ChoirsofWarwick

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YouTube

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

SERVICES

12th September 2021

PATRONAL FESTIVAL (Trinity 15)

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP Said)

Celebrant & Preacher: Jonathan Hearn

The service begins in the Book of Common Prayer page 236

The collect and readings begin on page 180

10.30am Sunday Eucharist (also on Facebook & YouTube)
Boys', Girls' and Men's Voices

Officiant: Vaughan Roberts
Preacher: The Ven Sue Field, Archdeacon Pastor
Reading: Isaiah 61: 10-11 – Chris Hodgetts
Intercessor: Kirsteen Robson

5.30pm Choral Evensong
Boys', Girls' and Men's Voices

Hymn: 485
Preces: Rose
Psalms: 131, 132
Reading: Prov. 31. 10-end - Mark Swinton
Magnificat: *Magnificat octavi toni* Bevan
Reading: Mark. 9. 30-37 - John Brown
Nunc dimittis: Holst
Responses: Rose
Anthem: *I was glad (Words: Ps 122: 1-3, 6-7; Music: Parry)*
I was glad when they said unto me: We will go into the house of the Lord.
Our feet shall stand in thy gates: O Jerusalem. Jerusalem is builded as a city:
that is at unity in itself. O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love
thee. Peace be within thy walls: and plenteousness within thy palaces.
Hymn: 476
Preacher: Doreen Mills
Hymn: 427

Anthem: *Gaudeamus omnes* Plainsong (Beauchamp Chapel chant)
Gaudeamus omnes in Domino, diem festum celebrantes sub honore Marie virginis, de cuius assumptione gaudent angeli et collaudant filium Dei.

Let us rejoice in the Lord, celebrating a feast-day in honour of the Virgin Mary, at whose assumption the angels rejoice and praise the Son of God

Introit for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Organ voluntary: *Choral varié* Taneyev

Director of Music: Oliver Hancock

Assistant Director of Music: Mark Swinton

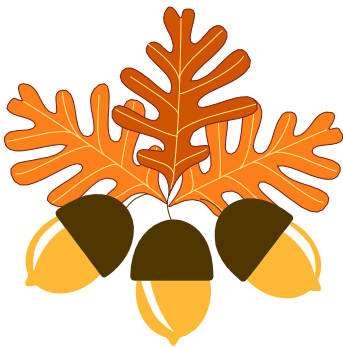
Organ Scholar: Matthew Howell

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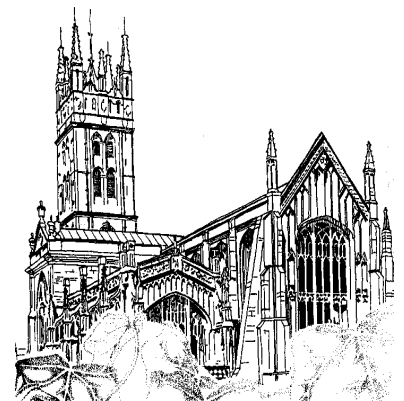
THIS SUNDAY... We welcome our Archdeacon Pastor, the Ven Sue Field, as our preacher at the 10.30am. She has been in role since 2018 and this will be her first visit to St Mary's.



WORSHIP IN CHURCH As we move from Summer into Autumn, we are making further changes to our worship and reintroducing other services. Please note that these developments are **entirely contingent** on: (a) How things progress with COVID-19; and (b) How St Mary's progresses with our new *volunteer* vergers team. At present we cannot afford to have paid worship vergers so we'll be relying on a small, dedicated team of people giving their time. We will be keeping all of this under review, including whether the Church of England's advice changes and how things work out at a practical level. Please bear with us as we see through these various modifications.



VISITOR OPENING With the fall-off in tourist trade as autumn draws in, we will no longer be able to open the church to visitors. The current pattern of opening Thursday to Sunday afternoons will continue until 26th September, so if you have yet to take a tour around the church do take advantage of the opportunity. Our visitor team and a guide are always on hand to answer any questions you may have.



TOWER UPDATE Work is continuing apace on the protective scaffolding around the lower half of the tower and is on schedule to finish in early October. We apologise that, apart from the Sunday 10.30am and 5.30pm services, we cannot arrange for mobility-impaired access through the construction site. On completion of this phase of the scaffolding, the road closures and construction site will be removed, and we will once again be able to use the west end doors for pedestrian access. This state of affairs will remain until we have raised the £1.5million necessary to proceed with the rest of the scaffolding (which will take another 7 weeks, with attendant road closures) and then the actual restoration work (9-10 months without road closures).

MANDY ROBERTS WRITES: "I'd like to thank our small, dedicated team who are livestreaming St Mary's Sunday morning services. We have had some technical issues over the last few weeks, so apologise for the sound quality. We think these issues have been resolved and we are now using our new cameras to stream live to Facebook and YouTube. We hope that our congregation watching online enjoy and find meaning in our worship as much as those who join us in church."



VE75 DINNER IN NOVEMBER - LET'S PARTY! We are delighted to announce that the three times rescheduled VE75 Celebration Gala Dinner in St Mary's will now go ahead on Thursday 4th November 2021. In the company of the Lord Lieutenant, the Mayor of Warwick, and the Leader of Warwick District Council, diners will enjoy a three-course meal and an evening of musical entertainment and community singing, inspired by the end of the war in 1945. Dress code is black tie or "a hint of the 40s" - wartime themed uniforms, suits and dresses will be very welcome! All proceeds will benefit St Mary's. These Dinners are very popular and usually sell out quickly. If you want to join us, do let us know as soon as possible. Tickets are £40 each, and please email applyfortickets@btinternet.com or ring 07889-420993 if you are interested. We are all looking forward to a terrific evening in November.

Carol Warren and Helen Fitzpatrick

CAMPAIGN 2023 UPDATE Over the last few weeks we have welcomed 120 people to Information Events in church to outline the Campaign and whet appetites for the amazing history of St Mary's. Huge thanks to Tim Clark for his input at these sessions. It has been wonderful to see some new faces in church - welcome!

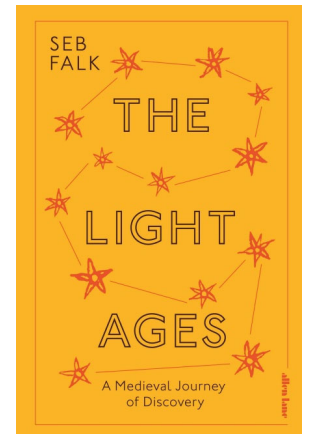
Plans are moving forward for the Inaugural Service of the Order of St Mary on 26th September at 5.30pm at which members will be welcomed into the Order by the Bishop of Warwick. If you wish to find out more, please email campaign2023@stmaryswarwick.org.uk. Fundraising is vital to ensure that the restoration work on the historic tower can move on apace. If you can offer any help please get in touch.



WHEN IN ROMANS... You are warmly invited to join St Mary's Study Group on Zoom for an exploration of Paul's letter to the Romans. We plan to delve more deeply into some of the familiar teaching and help each other through some of the trickier parts. Meetings are online at 8pm on 2nd and 4th Thursdays, starting on Thursday, 23rd September. All welcome. Please contact Kirsteen Robson (07799 682872 or kirsteenr@gmail.com) if you are interested.

RAISE FUNDS AS YOU SHOP ONLINE If you shop at Amazon, you can now contribute to either church or choir funds at no extra cost to yourself. Go to <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/> and search for "St Mary Warwick" as your chosen charity. You will be able to select the Parochial Church Council of the church or the Friends of St Mary's Choir to receive a donation each time you buy.

WARWICK WORDS HISTORY FESTIVAL We have our Warwick Words Festival Service on Sunday 3rd Oct at 10.30am. Our preacher this year is Dr Seb Falk from the University of Cambridge and author of a recent, widely praised book entitled *The Light of the Ages: A Medieval Journey of Discovery* about scientific ideas and religion in medieval England. Those with long memories may recall the Seb taught for a time at Warwick School and sang on the back row at St Mary's. He will be a fascinating and lively speaker.



THIS IS THE BBC We are delighted to be welcoming BBC Radio 3 to St Mary's later this month for two services. ●The first is on Tuesday 21st September and will be recorded for broadcast in the week after Christmas. We are very keen to have a congregation, and it's an excuse to sing some Christmas carols in September - what could be better? Please arrive to be seated by 6.15pm at the latest. ●The second is a live broadcast on Wednesday 22nd September, and congregation must be seated by 3.45pm. All are very welcome!

MUSIC DEPT STAFF We are very pleased indeed to welcome two additions to our Music Department. First, our Organ Scholar, Matthew Howell. Matthew joins us having just completed his degree at the University of Chichester Conservatoire, where he performed with the Chamber Choir as well as accompanying various ensembles and soloists. Whilst studying, he also gained the Certificate of the Royal College of Organists and was a bass choral scholar at Arundel Cathedral for two years. In addition to his role at St Mary's, helping to train the choristers and accompanying services, Matthew is Graduate Music Assistant at King's High School. Secondly, new vocal coach, Laurence Panter. A graduate of Gonville & Caius, Cambridge, and holder of the MMus in singing from Trinity Laban Conservatoire, Laurence is a tenor lay clerk in the choir of St George's Catholic Cathedral, Southwark and a professional member of the Philharmonia Chorus. He is a regular performer with Longborough Festival Opera and Barefoot Opera, alongside performing with Armonico Consort and Electric Voice Theatre, and is Director of the Random Opera youth chorus in Rugby. It's very exciting to be working with them both, and to seeing and hearing the fruits of their labours.

CALLING ALL SINGERS As singing returns to our lives, 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) 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.
- 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, starting on Monday 6th September. All voice parts welcome, especially tenors.

KINGDOM STORIES Another review of the Vicar's latest book *Kingdom Stories: Telling, Leading, Discerning* (which came out last year) has been published in a recent edition of the *Church Times*. It can be found online here:

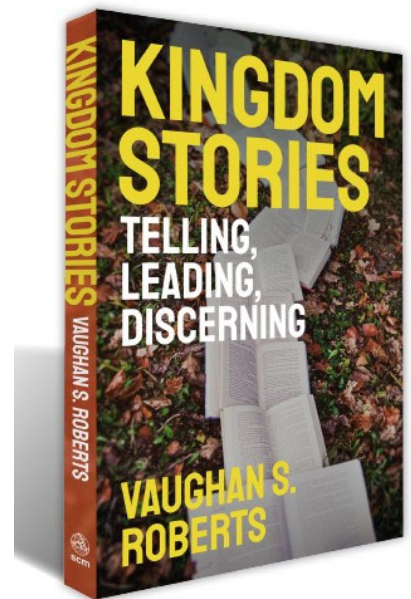
<https://www.churchtimes.co.uk/articles/2021/20-august/books-arts/book-reviews/kingdom-stories-telling-leading-discerning-by-vaughan-s-roberts>

Those who're gluttons for punishment can find the two previous reviews here:

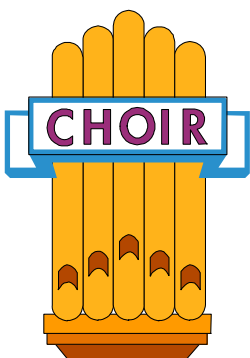
<https://readingreligion.org/books/kingdom-stories>

And here:

https://works.bepress.com/vaughan_roberts/73/



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 which booking has now closed). All are very welcome to attend the Saturday Evensong at 4.30pm and Sunday Eucharist at 10.30am.



CHORISTER CONGRATULATIONS are due to two choristers. First, probationer Matthew Pittarello has been awarded Grade 3 Piano with distinction, and we hope to hear the fruits of his labours in the future! Second, our out-going Head Chorister Lara Hobden has achieved A* A* A at A-level - a truly excellent result - and we wish her the best of luck for her next step. Very well done to them both!

COME-AND-SING REQUIEM Saturday 2nd October. Join choral singers from across the Midlands for a come-and-sing performance of Matthew Coleridge's Requiem - led by the composer - at St Mary's, Warwick. This powerful and deeply moving choral work is a joy to sing, with beautifully crafted melodies and shimmering textures. You'll spend the day working with the composer as he guides the singers through his music, before taking part in an evening concert performance. Singers can book their place at www.matthewcoleridge.com/warwick.

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 fundraising concert in St Mary's this 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>.



RETURN OF RECITALS Having started the season on 10th September, the next Friday lunchtime recital, on 24th September, will be performed by our own Director of Music, Oliver Hancock. His programme offers an array of melodious riches, both sparkling and contemplative, from the pens of Darke, Ireland, Jongen, Vierne, Walton and Widor. As usual, the performance starts at 1.15pm and admission is free with a retiring collection.

BLOOMING MARVELLOUS The Flower Team is always looking for new talent! We can offer mentoring from one of our experienced arrangers if necessary. We have a rota to which you can add your name when it suits you and there is a flower fund to cover costs of materials. If you would like more information please contact



brendawatts5@googlemail.com or leave your name and contact details on the Parish Office answerphone and we will be in touch.

"If you think squash is competitive you should try flower arranging" - Alan Bennett There is a warm welcome waiting for you.

Brenda Watts

THE GLADIOLI FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS... have been donated by Ralph Thornton in memory of his wife Christine.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WARWICK

Saturday 18th 10-12am: HOTS (Healing on the Street) in the Market Place. You can still email for prayer on warwickhots@gmail.com.

Thursday 28th 7.30-9.30pm: Deeper Extra, Castle Hill Baptist Church. Andy Castle of Thrive Youth Ministries on "A Family Crisis, A Family Solution".

Register to attend in person or on Zoom at <https://warwickbaptists.org.uk/deeper>.

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

PRAYERS FOR THE DEPARTED: Michael Meadows, Dorothy Wilkinson.

SERVICES THIS WEEK: Beginning 12th September

Wednesday 15 th September	10.00am 5.30pm	Holy Communion Choral Evensong
Friday 17 th September	5.30pm	Choral Evensong
Saturday 18 th September	4.30pm	Choral Evensong for the 30 th Anniversary of the founding of St Mary's Girls' Choir

FORTHCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday 19th September - Trinity 16

8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Choral Eucharist in church & online	5.30pm Choral Evensong
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Sunday 26th September - Harvest Festival

8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Choral Family Eucharist in church & online	5.30pm Choral Evensong
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Sunday 3rd October - Trinity 18

8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Warwick Words Choral Matins in church & online	3.00pm Regimental Service	5.30pm <u>NO</u> Choral Evensong
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Sunday 10th October - Trinity 19

8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Choral Eucharist in church & online	5.30pm Choral Evensong
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