



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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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 and @ChoirsofWarwick

Facebook @StMarysWarwick and St Mary's Warwick Community

YouTube

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

SERVICES

16th May 2021
Easter 7

10.30am Sunday Eucharist also on Facebook & YouTube

Officiant & Preacher: Vaughan Roberts
Reading: Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26 – Godfrey Hill
Intercessor: Diane Luxton
Reading: John 17: 6-19 – John Brown
Organ Voluntary: *Vivace (Third Sonata, No. 3)* Jackson

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 Holy Communion for the final Sunday in the Easter Season. That means our Easter cross and Easter garden are put away for another year. Thank you to John Adams and Mandy Roberts for those. And thanks as well to everyone who contributed to our Ascension Day Eucharist last Thursday, which was also live streamed. It was interesting to note that, on this occasion we had a larger congregation online than in church. Next Sunday we shall have a Service of the Word to celebrate Pentecost/Whitsun.



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, which should be finished this week. 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. We can't thank CJ's Events enough for putting up the barriers and for waiving any charge to the church. Discussions on the road closures for the scaffold construction are making headway.



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 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



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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:



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<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/living-love-and-faith/living-love-and-faith-learning-hub>

The Warwick and Leamington Deanery is presently exploring the possibility of organising a deanery course.

THY KINGDOM COME

With Thy Kingdom Come starting last Thursday there's still time to connect via the Thy Kingdom Come app. This is a wonderful discipleship tool for all ages, with content for adults, young people and children, created to spiritually nourish and encourage prayer during the eleven days of Thy Kingdom Come. All of the key resources are featured on this free app and it is a wonderful and accessible way for individuals and families to journey through this time of prayer. Do share this with friends and family. You can download the app from the Google Play store [here](#) and the Apple App Store [here](#).

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

BARD'S DRIVE & BARD'S RIDE

The Historic Churches Trust is arranging a New Event on the last Sunday in June visiting some or all the Churches along the Fosse Way in Warwickshire. They hope to encourage Classic Car Owners and Modern Family Car Owners to join them on this day, 27th June 2021, 11am till 4pm. They will start and finish at the Church of St. Charles Borromeo at Hampton-on-the-Hill CV35 8QR. There will be a photograph competition and a prize for the successful completion of the quiz. Quiz questions will be appropriate for families and children. All entrants will receive optional recommended routes, quiz questions, and local information. If you would like to take part, contact Jim Canning by email: jcxwx@aol.com, or phone 02476 713 220. The Entry Fee will be £25 for each vehicle and occupants. It will be possible to seek sponsorship towards this fee.

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

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.

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/>.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The *Transforming Communities* free bereavement support groups for adults led by experienced facilitators are taking place again every last Tuesday of the month beginning on the 25th May 1-2.30pm at Chase Meadow Community Centre, Narrow Hall Meadow, Warwick, CV34 6BT.

Refreshments will be served by a team of trained and friendly volunteer listeners. Participants attend 6 sessions and hopefully develop friendship and support networks that enable them to move on from the group. If attendees still feel they need support beyond the 6 month period we will endeavour to signpost and help them access

further appropriate support. For more information or to book a place at the group please contact Stacey Bains of Transforming Communities Together Warwick on 07507 722537 or stacey.bains@coventry.anglican.org

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THE MUSIC PLAYS ON

More news of recent exam results, with congratulations to girl choristers Isabelle Williams and Charlotte Coombe on achieving, respectively, ABRSM Grade 7 violin with merit and Trinity Grade 6 singing with distinction. Superb results, and great to know that music continues to be made to such high standards!

VACANCY ...

... Operations Assistant for Thrive Youth Ministries. This is a new full time role to enable Thrive to do more to support churches with their youth and children's work across the diocese.

Thrive is looking for someone who is excited by their mission, keen to make a difference and not afraid of hard work. The Operations Assistant will oversee the administration of their events as well as develop

Thrive's relationships and communications with supporters, donors and leaders. If this might be you, or you know someone who might be interested, click here <https://www.thriveym.org.uk/>



INCLUDE ME: CITIZENS NETWORK

As part of the West Midland Combined Authority *Include Me* project, a Citizens Network has been set up, which is designed to be a user-led voice for people with a disability or long term health condition, as well as parents, carers and other family members or support to provide them a safe space to communicate their issues and concerns surrounding accessibility in their local area in a way that will be heard.

They are currently identifying what the Citizens Network Community looks like (whether that's an online forum, closed Facebook page etc.) and looking for help in the decision making process to ensure it fits needs and expectations. Forms of communication would typically include:

- Email
- Phone call
- Zoom meetings
- Face to face (As soon as it's safe to do so)
- E-Newsletter

To express an interest or find out more email

Ashleigh.Jones@midlandmencap.org.uk or call her on 07912 269035.

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.



IN MEMORIUM: The flower arrangement in the nave is in memory of Professor John Campbell Thompson, created by our flower team and funded by a donation from his wife Lily.

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: 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 23rd May - Pentecost

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

	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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Sunday 13th June - Trinity 2

	10.30am Sunday Worship in church & online	
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