



# Weekly Newsletter

**WELCOME TO OUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER.** At the start of January the Westminster Parliament has placed England into a third lockdown. For the time being our weekly Sunday Agape Service will be live streamed on Facebook and then uploaded onto YouTube. All other activities are also suspended in line with the government's *Stay at Home* message.



THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND

We are constantly monitoring further guidance from the Government and the Church of England.

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](http://www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk)

**Twitter** @StMarysWarwick and @ChoirsofWarwick

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

**YouTube**

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

# SERVICES

17<sup>th</sup> January 2021  
Epiphany 2

10.30am

Agape Service

on Facebook & YouTube

Officiant: Vaughan Roberts  
Preacher: Doreen Mills  
Anthem: *A New Song* Ps96/MacMillan  
Anthem: *Prevent us, O Lord* BCP/Byrd  
Hymn: *Thy hand O God has guided*  
Organ Voluntary: *Toccata in F major* (BuxWV 157) Buxtehude

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

# NOTICES

## HOT WHEELS

Last Sunday we said farewell to our curate Alycia Timmis together with Mark and Miles. It was a delight to have them all involved in the service but a great shame that we couldn't have a congregation in church wishing them well too. Nevertheless they leave St Mary's with our blessings, good wishes and deep friendship. Alycia is taking up a new appointment as Priest-in-Charge of the Northleach Benefice in Gloucestershire. She is due to be inducted into post by the Bishop of Gloucester on Sun 14<sup>th</sup> Feb but that will now be done via Zoom. We will let people have full details in due course so folk can join online.



## FEELING THE HEAT

As the serious nature of the new COVID variants becomes ever more apparent we are continuing with our Sunday Worship Agape Service which is available online. In addition, this Monday sees the start of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, which was due to conclude with the unity service in St Mary's next Sunday. The service and other events have had to be cancelled but we can still pray and the Churches Together in Warwick prayer diary for the week ahead is available from our website (see link in CTW section below).



## CAMPAIGN 2023 LAUNCHED

A campaign has been launched to raise £3million to safeguard the future of St Mary's ahead of its 900th anniversary in 2023. Campaign 2023 aims to raise £2million to fund urgent repairs to the landmark tower to avoid its closure, and a further £1million to build an endowment fund to ensure the fabric, music and ministry of St Mary's for the next millennium. To find out more, please visit the Campaign 2023 website at [www.stmaryscampaign2023.org.uk](http://www.stmaryscampaign2023.org.uk) where online donations can also be made.



## FABRIC UPDATE

Despite the cold weather, work has continued apace on the roofs of the north entrance and chapter house. Investigations have revealed major issues with the construction of the roof above the song school stairs leading to significant problems with condensation. The roof now has to be removed and reconstructed at an additional cost of £36,000, taking the project cost to a total of over £170,000. Thankfully, we are highly optimistic of an extension to our existing Culture Recovery Fund Major Works Fund grant to cover 80% of the total. We are obliged to fund the remaining 20%. Our Operations Manager has been in frequent contact with the Cathedral and Church Buildings Division of the CofE about the grant, and is immensely grateful for their administrative support.



The erection of the tower scaffolding is still awaiting clearance from Warwickshire County Council regarding road closures, an issue which is proving to be hard to resolve, given the narrowness of the road and Warwick's convoluted one-way systems. In the meantime, the Public Notice of the restoration work on the tower has been published - a legal requirement before the Chancellor of the diocese may grant the faculty to allow the works to take place. For more information, see the home page of our website.

## **21<sup>st</sup> CENTURY GIVING**

As restrictions continue into the new year, our income from collections, donations, concerts and weddings is likely to remain very low for some months, 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](mailto:om@stmaryswarwick.org.uk).

## **2021 NUMBERED ENVELOPES**

There are now very few people giving weekly by using the numbered envelopes scheme and it is no longer economical to buy them in. If you are unable to switch to a standing order and would like to continue with the envelope scheme, please contact Mary Adams on [om@stmaryswarwick.org.uk](mailto:om@stmaryswarwick.org.uk).

## **CHRISTMAS QUIZZERS**

Congratulations to the prize winners in our Christmas carol quiz. The victors were: 1<sup>st</sup> place - Jill Duffy (with bonus point for tie-break answer), 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Kirsteen and Rebecca Robson, 3<sup>rd</sup> place - the Pittarello family. Many thanks to Godfrey Hill for devising the quiz and donating the prizes.

## 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."



## OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR VACANCY

Friends of the Holy Land, a Christian Charity, is seeking an Office Administrator. This salaried position is important for future growth and directly supports the Office Manager. Duties include maintaining the database, responding to enquiries, managing post/emails and sending out materials. The successful candidate will have good verbal and written communication skills, a strong ability to multi-task and be comfortable with the use of IT (particularly MS Office). The hours/days are negotiable - min. 20 hrs per week Mon-Fri. In the current pandemic, some work can be done at home. Normally, the work is conducted from the Kenilworth office. Please contact Jen Hill with your CV and covering letter by 25th Jan: [office@friendsoftheholylan.org.uk](mailto:office@friendsoftheholylan.org.uk)

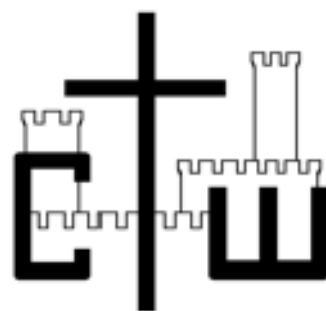
## CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WARWICK

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> January is Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. It is with great regret that we are unable to hold a United Service or our planned daily walks, but please join us from home in praying for the members and ministry of the churches listed each day, and for unity amongst all the churches. The CTW prayer sheet can be downloaded from

[http://www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk/images/uploads/CTW\\_Christian\\_Unity\\_Prayer\\_Week\\_2021.pdf](http://www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk/images/uploads/CTW_Christian_Unity_Prayer_Week_2021.pdf). The document contains a link to further resources for the week.

Healing on the Street (HOTS) is still unable to operate as before but they would be very pleased to hear of people who need prayer.

Contact: [warwickhots@gmail.com](mailto:warwickhots@gmail.com)



## **CALL TO PRAYER**

National Ecumenical Officers of Churches Together in England Member Churches and other representatives of Churches in Britain and Ireland have issued a call to prayer focussing on five key areas:

- Pray for all the NHS staff for their own safety, energy and peace in dealing with each and every patient.
- Pray for those in hospital leadership, for wisdom and for good decisions to give the best outcomes for patients.
- Pray for patients; for healing, for peace and ultimately to fight this disease and get home and pray for their relatives who feel helpless.
- Pray for the vaccine, that it will work and is working against this latest strain of Covid-19.
- Pray for a reprieve and an end to Covid-19.

## **FAIR TAX SEMINAR**

You are invited to this seminar to be held on Monday 25 January at 7pm on ZOOM. Attendance is free of charge but please register to get your entry details by emailing [john.sheldon@uwclub.net](mailto:john.sheldon@uwclub.net).

It is organised by The Justice & Peace Group of Warwick Roman Catholics (St Mary Immaculate & St Charles Borromeo), along with the Elders of Warwick Quakers.

With an estimated £7bn of corporation tax receipts still going astray as a result of profit shifting alone, this session will explore how we can stand up for fair tax conduct. Over 60 UK businesses and 9 local councils support this growing movement. Mary Patel, Networks Manager at Fair Tax Mark, will outline the current situation and show how we in Warwick, or elsewhere, can have a meaningful influence.

## **SEEKING SUPPORT**

Some will know that Graham Coles, the Vicar of Cubbington, was diagnosed with cancer in 2001, but was given the all clear in 2012. Sadly, before Christmas, he was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer on his tongue. This is growing extremely rapidly and it has already started to spread. Due to the devastating impact of Covid-19, there is a shortage of NHS hospital beds. His family are therefore seeking to raise funds for a private operation and you can read more here:

[https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-rev-graham-get-emergency-cancer-surgery?utm\\_medium=copy\\_link&utm\\_source=customer&utm\\_campaign=p\\_l\\_ico+share-sheet](https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-rev-graham-get-emergency-cancer-surgery?utm_medium=copy_link&utm_source=customer&utm_campaign=p_l_ico+share-sheet)

Please keep Graham, his family, and the church community at Cubbington in your prayers.

**RITA RAY WRITES:**

“I had so many cards, letters, phone calls, flowers etc. during Albert’s illness and would like to thank everyone. He died peacefully at home and I was with him. It was a comfort to both me and my family that so many people remembered him, and very much appreciated.”

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

**PRAYERS FOR THE DEPARTED:** Gillian Gould, Jean Liggins, Peter Stubbs, Margaret Morris

## ***FORTHCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES***

***–Face-to-face congregational services have been suspended for the time being during the third lockdown–***

We are live streaming our 10.30am Sunday Agape Service each week, which is then uploaded to YouTube

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January - Epiphany 3**

	<b>10.30am Sunday Worship online only</b>	
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**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January - Epiphany 4**

	<b>10.30am Sunday Worship online only</b>	
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**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February - 2<sup>nd</sup> before Lent**

	<b>10.30am Sunday Worship online only</b>	
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