

✦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. We have restarted our regular services, including our full choral services, whilst continuing to live-stream our 10.30am Sunday service on Facebook and YouTube.



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

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

Facebook @StMarysWarwick and St Mary's Warwick Community

YouTube

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

SERVICES

17th October 2021
Trinity 20

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP Said)

Celebrant & Preacher: Linda Duckers

*The service begins in the Book of Common Prayer page 294
The collect and readings begin on page 241*

10.30am Choral Eucharist & Baptism
St Mary's Scholars
also on Facebook & YouTube

Celebrant & Preacher: Vaughan Roberts
Reading: Hebrews 5: 1-10 - Diane Luxton
Reading: Mark 10:35-45 - Ian Barnicoat
Intercessor: John Luxton
Organ Voluntary: *Prelude in C (BWV 553) J.S. Bach*

5.30pm Choral Evensong
St Mary's Scholars

Hymn: 395
Preces: plainchant
Psalm: 142
Reading: Joshua 14: 6-14 - Chris Hodgetts
Magnificat: *on tone VI* Wood
Reading: Matthew 12: 1-16 - John Brown
Nunc dimittis: *on tone V* Wood
Responses: plainchant
Anthem: *Bless, O Lord, us thy servants* Harper

Bless, O Lord, us thy servants who minister in thy temple. Grant that what we sing with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and that what we believe in our hearts we may show forth in our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Royal School of Church Music Choristers' Prayer,
based on a 4th century text from the 10th canon of the Fourth Council of Carthage, c.398*

Hymn: 464
Preacher: Vaughan Roberts
Hymn: 422
Organ voluntary: *Movement in A flat* Elizabeth Stirling

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

NOTICES

THE VICAR WRITES (1): Many thanks to members of St Mary's PCC who came along to the Vision Morning facilitated by Keith Elford at the Red Hill Centre on Saturday 2nd. We explored how St Mary's might look like following the pandemic that we've all been through. The questions the PCC discussed were: (i) How do we feel about St Mary's? (ii) What's the future we're currently in? (iii) What is essential to being St Mary's? (iv) What should we preserve and what should we change? (v) What next? There were many stimulating exchanges, debates and re-imaginings. Following on from all this, we're preparing a paper for discussion at the next PCC which will inform further conversations in our wider church family.

THE VICAR WRITES (2): Thank you to my colleagues who covered services last weekend. Like many people, clergy have found the last year and a half of the pandemic very stressful and the additional challenges of ministry at St Mary's have been even more so. I am enormously grateful to the wardens, volunteers, colleagues and staff who have worked unstintingly to ensure that our life and worship have remained secure and vibrant. Because of these significant ongoing pressures I was advised by Archdeacon Sue Field to step back for a time in October to ensure that I have the physical and spiritual stamina to lead the life, worship and ministry through Advent, Christmas and on into Epiphany, Lent and Easter.

MANY THANKS to Debbie Reeve for refurbishing the table at the back of church, currently used for the collection plate at Sunday services. Her generosity is much appreciated.

FOOD BANK: The Foodbank basket in church will not be in action while St Mary's is closed to visitors. Please take your donations to other local collection points until our own collections resume.

TOWER UPDATE: The first phase of scaffolding work has now been completed, the road closures lifted and access for all is once again through the west doors. Thanks to everyone for their patience during the inevitable inconvenience caused by the works. Work will restart once we have raised the £1.5million necessary.



A CALL TO ARMS: We are very keen to enlist a few more volunteers to be on the door for Choral Evensongs on Wednesdays and Fridays. There is a risk that, without additional help, we will be unable to hold the services. The burden is light: arriving around 5.00pm to open the West doors, welcoming congregants and directing them to the Chancel, politely deterring sightseers, and then closing the doors after the service (c.6.20pm). If you are able to help - even occasionally - please contact the Director of Music: dofm@stmaryswarwick.org.uk.

I WAS GLAD

It was a joy to have two of our choristers and a number of the Gentlemen representing St Mary's Choir at Coventry Cathedral on Saturday for the Cathedral Music Trust Diamond Fund concert, alongside choristers from St Peter's, Wolverhampton, Derby, Leicester, Birmingham and Coventry Cathedrals, and Southwell Minster. The Diamond Fund has been a lifeline for choirs and music departments over the past two years, and you can find out more - and donate to the Fund - here:

<https://www.cathedralmusictrust.org.uk/CMT/Support/DFC%20donation.aspx>

VE75 DINNER IN NOVEMBER: The forthcoming VE Gala Dinner, taking place on 4th November, is now SOLD OUT! It should be a wonderful evening and we are very grateful to everyone who has bought a ticket. If you would like to have your name on the reserve list, please contact Carol or Helen (07889 420993).

Carol Warren and Helen Fitzpatrick

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. 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.



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.

ADVENT IS COMING... It’s your last chance to order Real Advent Calendars from the Meaningful Chocolate Company. Each

calendar comes with a 24-page Christmas illustrated story-activity book and a palm oil free Fairtrade chocolate behind each door. They will not be stocked by any supermarkets this year and cost £4.50 each, with free postage as long as we order at least 18 calendars. At the time of going to print we still need a few more orders to qualify for the free postage. Please let Mary know on



om@stmaryswarwick.org.uk by 18th October if you would like to order any.

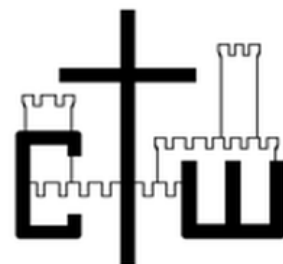
SAVE THE DATE

The Flower Team is holding a flower demonstration for those of you who might be thinking of joining us but think you lack the skills or lack the confidence. No commitment is needed. We feel that the flowers we do in church are a symbol of welcome to all. There will be no charge and also a very warm welcome so please join us at 10.00am on Friday October 29th. It will be held in the nave of the church. We will have two demonstrations with a short coffee break between. Please confirm your place by email to brendawatts5@googlemail.com or with the Parish Office.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WARWICK

Weds 20th Oct 8pm: AGM & Forum at Warwick Methodist Church

Sat 30th Oct 10am-12pm: HOTS (Healing in the Street) in the Market Place. You can also email for prayer on warwickhots@gmail.com.



da capo

a cappella chamber choir

Reflections for All Souls'

Take a short time to reflect and remember with the help of music and words.

Da Capo will sing movements of Cardoso's Missa Pro Defunctis interspersed with thought-provoking readings.

Please join us for 40 minutes of peace and reflection at the end of the day.

Collegiate Church of St Mary

Free entry

8pm, Tuesday 2nd November

Retiring collection in aid of St Mary's

Christmas Crackers

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

Supporting Campaign 2023

Collegiate Church of St Mary 7.30pm, Tuesday 21st December

Table seat tickets £13, child £7

available from: Mary Adams
dacapo.warwick@gmail.com

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: Ann Homan.

SERVICES THIS WEEK: Beginning 17th October

Wednesday 20 th October	10.00am 5.30pm	Holy Communion <u>NO</u> Choral Evensong
Friday 22 nd October	5.30pm	<u>NO</u> Choral Evensong

FORTHCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday 24th October - Last Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Parish Eucharist in church & online	5.30pm Parish Evensong
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Sunday 31st October - All Saints & All Souls (BST Ends)

8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Choral Matins in church & online	5.30pm All Souls Requiem
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Sunday 7th November - Third Before Advent

8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Choral Eucharist in church & online	5.30pm Choral Evensong
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**Sunday 14th November - Second Before Advent
Remembrance Sunday**

8.00am Holy Communion	<u>10.00am</u> Service of Remembrance	5.30pm Choral Evensong
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