



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. All other activities remain under review in line with the government's road map.



THE CHURCH
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Our phased reopening plan is very likely to change and be updated often 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)

Facebook [@StMarysWarwick](https://www.facebook.com/StMarysWarwick) and [St Mary's Warwick Community](https://www.facebook.com/StMarysWarwickCommunity)

YouTube

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

SERVICES

18th April 2021

Easter 3

10.30am

Sunday Worship

also on Facebook & YouTube

Officiant:	Vaughan Roberts
Preacher:	The Rt Revd John Stoyan, Bishop of Warwick
Reading:	Acts 3: 12-16 - Tim Cox, Lord Lieutenant
Intercessor:	Chris Edmonds
Reading:	Jn 12: 20-26 - Grahame Edmonds
Anthem:	Nunc Dimittis in C (Stanford)
Organ Voluntary:	<i>Toccata in C major</i> Pachelbel

Director of Music: Oliver Hancock

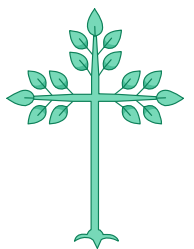
Assistant Director of Music: Mark Swinton

Organ Scholar: Lucy Morrell

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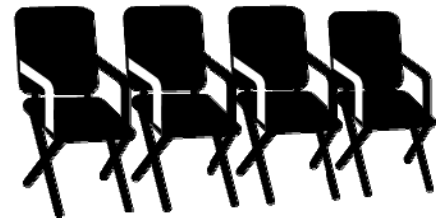
GIVING THANKS

Today's Sunday Worship for Easter 3 has always been planned as a Service of the Word but we shall also be giving thanks to God for the life of HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. It's a pleasure to welcome with our regular congregation in church and online the Lord Lieutenant of Warwickshire, Tim Cox; the High Sheriff of Warwickshire Lady Willoughby de Broke; Monica Fogarty - Chief Executive of Warwickshire County Council; Martin Jelley - Chief Constable of Warwickshire; Alan Coburn - Chairman of Warwickshire County Council; Terry Morris - Mayor of Warwick; and the Rt Revd John Stoyan - Bishop of Warwick.



ANNUAL MEETINGS

This year's Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place on Zoom on Sunday 25th April at noon, and is open to those on the church electoral roll. The challenges we faced last year will continue in the years ahead, so please do attend if you possibly can. As well as reviewing the past year, we will be appointing members to the PCC and to our team of sidespeople. To receive a copy of the Annual Reports, including Financial Statements, and details for the Zoom meeting, please email om@stmaryswarwick.org.uk.



The APCM will be preceded by the Annual Meeting of Parishioners, which is open to all on the church electoral roll and any registered local government electors resident in the ecclesiastical parish. It is at the AMP that the churchwardens are elected.

A SEASON OF CHANGE

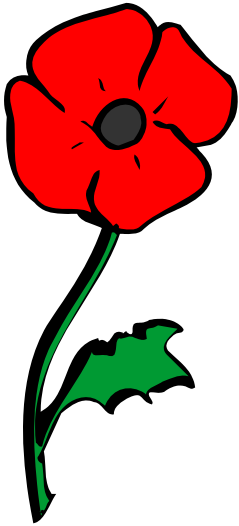
The phased reopening plan for St Mary's continues to be updated in accordance with the government's roadmap. As regular readers will be aware we've drawn up a plan based on the National Health Service's chart of likelihood and consequence. This gives us a means of assessing the risk of restarting and reopening different aspects of our ministry, particularly as conditions change in relation to the pandemic and government advice.

Within this context a number of factors will be important, including:

- Prevalence: Transmission rates in the locality will be the key factor.
- Variant: We are experiencing new, more transmissible variants.
- Numbers: The number of people you are mixing with multiplies the likelihood risk of coming into contact with someone with the virus.
- Time: The longer you are with people the higher the risk of transmission.
- Proximity: The closer you are to people the higher the risk of transmission.
- Protection: Mask wearing reduces the risks of transmission. If there are individuals who cannot wear a mask, there is an increased risk for them, and for those around them.
- Singing and loud speaking: These activities project water droplets and vapour further, which increases the risks of transmission. This is often combined with the increased risk from not wearing a mask.

		Consequence				
		1	2	3	4	5
Likelihood	1	1	2	3	4	5
	2	2	4	6	8	10
	3	3	6	9	12	15
	4	4	8	12	16	20
	5	5	10	15	20	25

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

DEAD AND GONE?

The Vicar has continued to reflect on the Warwick Poppies project, following on from the ideas shared in his book *Kingdom Stories: Leading, Telling, Discerning*

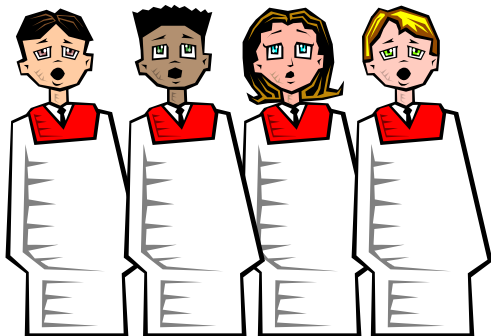
published last year. And in particular, how we may be remembering and commemorating people's stories in a post-pandemic world. His short reflections have been put online this week as a blog post here:

<https://socrel.medium.com/dead-and-gone-does-embodied-storytelling-have-a-post-pandemic-future-9b016acd7723>



THE MUSIC GOES ON... (1)

Many congratulations to chorister River Leone on achieving ABRSM Piano Performance Grade 6 with distinction. A really superb result!



THE MUSIC GOES ON ... (2)

As the newsletter goes to press, we are in the process of putting into place the necessary measures and precautions to restart our chorister choir practices, which will be in line with the St Mary's Risk Assessment and Phased Reopening Plan (both of which are being updated as part of this process). We hope to be

able to report good news next week.

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 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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THY KINGDOM COME 2021

The Church of England has produced a short promotional video outlining our key resources for this year's Thy Kingdom Come.

From age 3 to 103, we have resources for all ages:

- [The Cheeky Pandas](#) (11 part series & accompanying resources) - for children aged 3 and over
- [11 Video Youth](#) reflections produced in partnership with the Archbishop of York's Youth Trust and an Escape Room
- [The Prayer Journal](#), written by Archbishop Stephen Cottrell
- [The Novena](#) - Praying the Psalms from Ascension to Pentecost

Free Resources giveaway for Churches

We are giving away 100,000 copies of this year's [Prayer Journal, written by Archbishop Stephen Cottrell](#) and the printed Digital Family Prayer Adventure Map for children. Only need to pay for P & P.

For more information, visit: www.thykingdomcome.global.

On April 12th, Thy Kingdom Come will host a webinar on the ways churches can practically participate in their local contexts. The sessions will be run by Canon Jean Kerr. Please feel free to share this with your networks.

To sign up, visit: [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)

The Cheeky Pandas Series is an 11-part fun-filled and Bible based series, with songs, animated stories, prayer and interviews with special guests including **Bear Grylls and Gemma Hunt**. All the songs are available to be used as separate lyric and action videos, and each episode is accompanied by an activity pack and family service plan.

This is a free resource for children and families, to be used in church services (both in-person and digitally), children's ministry, in schools assemblies and at home. Please see an [information sheet](#) that includes a synopsis for each episode. You can view/download the first episode [here](#), see the accompanying activity pack [here](#), and family service plan [here](#).

Release Dates: Five episodes will be premiered via the Church of England's Facebook and YouTube channels every Sun at 4pm between Easter and Thy Kingdom Come. Afterwards they can be downloaded for wider use.

Episode	Premiere Date	Available for Download
The Lost Guitar Pick	Available above	Available above
The After Show Party	Sunday 11th April	Monday 12th May
The Missing Pizza	Sunday 18th April	Monday 19th April
The Silent Disco	Sunday 25th April	Monday 26th April
The Birthday Gift	Sunday 2nd May	Monday 3rd May
The Wrong Box	Sunday 9th May	Friday 7th May
The Power Cut	-	Friday 7th May
The Broken Song Machine	-	Friday 7th May
The Duck Award	-	Friday 7th May
The Spider Madness!	-	Friday 7 th May
The Lost Coin	-	Friday 7th May

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: Resourcing the Church

How can your church inspire everyday faith? This workshop will give you tools and ideas to empower those in your church to live out their faith each day, in their home, work, rest and play. We encourage you to come with one or two others from your church where possible so you can share ideas and support one another's plans going forwards.

Saturday 24 April, 10:00am-12:15pm

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 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.

REST IN PEACE

It is with great sadness that we announce the deaths of June Stocker and Helen Black, who were both great stalwarts and friends of St Mary's.

June Stocker – June died on the morning of Good Friday in Myton Hospice. She was a volunteer in St Mary's Shop and then worked for our Visitor Team. Her husband Peter is a church guide.



Helen Black – Immediately on arrival in Warwick in 2004, Helen joined her sisters Kate and Judith as members of Collegium and she later joined St Mary's Scholars. She was also a member of the flower arranging team and on the reader rota. Sadly, due to her illness she was not able to attend church for the last 18 months. The family are very grateful for the prayers and expressions of support from the congregation of St Mary's during Helen's illness. She passed away last Tuesday (13th).



Their funerals are scheduled on the same day – Friday 30th April. June's will be at Oakley Wood at 12 noon and Helen's in St Mary's at 1pm. Because of the pandemic they will be by invitation but by all means light candles on the day and please continue to keep them and their families in your prayers in the days and weeks ahead.



DAILY HOPE PHONELINE



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

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND  **CONNECTIONS**

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.

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.

FORTHCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

We are live streaming our 10.30am Sunday Service on Facebook each week, and then uploading the service to YouTube

Sunday 25th April - Easter 4

	10.30am Sunday Worship in church & online	
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Sunday 2nd May - Easter 5

	10.30am Sunday Eucharist in church & online	
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Sunday 9th May - Easter 6

	10.30am Sunday Worship in church & online	
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Sunday 16th May - Easter 7

	10.30am Sunday Eucharist in church & online	
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