



# Weekly Newsletter

## 18<sup>th</sup> October 2020

# St Luke

**WELCOME TO OUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER.** St Mary's has begun to reopen and restart services in church following the pandemic lockdown. At present this includes socially-distanced private prayer on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 1 to 3pm, Choral Evensong on Wednesdays at 5.30pm, and Sunday Worship at 10.30am. Please remain aware that face masks are mandatory for all public worship.

Our Sunday service is either a liturgy based around the Church of England's *Daily Prayer* or a Eucharist – both of which include prayers, readings, music sung by our choir and a sermon and last about 35 minutes. We also live stream it on *Facebook* and upload it to our *YouTube* channel afterwards. Please note that congregational singing remains prohibited at the moment, as does serving coffee after our worship. We are also required to record worshippers' names and a phone number for track and trace purposes.



St Mary's continues 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](https://twitter.com/StMarysWarwick) and [@ChoirsofWarwick](https://twitter.com/ChoirsofWarwick)

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

# SERVICES

10.30am

Sunday Eucharist  
Boys' and Men's Voices

Officiant: Alycia Timmis  
Preacher: Doreen Mills  
Reader: Isaiah 35: 3-6 – Nicky Hendry  
Reader: Luke 10: 1-9– Diane Luxton  
Setting: *Missa Aeterna Christi munera* Palestrina  
Intercessor: John Luxton  
Anthem: *Justorum animae* Stanford  
Organ Voluntary: *Postlude in D minor* Stanford

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

# NOTICES

## THIS SUNDAY ...

... is the Feast Day of St Luke the physician and we welcome Clare Sawdon to our service who will speak briefly at the end of our service about the 2023 Campaign which seeks to restore the financial health of St Mary's for the years ahead. If you would like to know more about the challenges we face Clare is very willing to chat face-to-face, by phone or via video communication (such as Zoom). There are cards available in St Mary's and online so please do pick one up as you go or online. It would be great to have your support as we seek to secure the future of this wonderful church.



## **LAST SUNDAY ...**

... was the annual Warwick Words History Festival Service. Thank you to everyone who helped out in church and online. Our Vicar shared some historical thoughts drawn from his recent book *Kingdom Stories: Telling, Leading, Discerning*. The service can be found on our YouTube channel here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8-P6XrkBi-k>

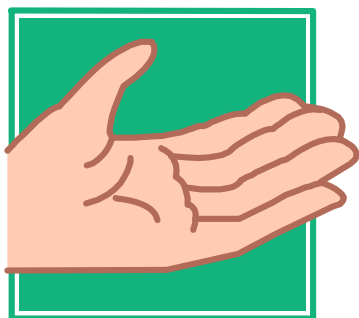
If you would like to know more about how themes in the book relate to past and contemporary history in St Mary's Church there is a four minute video on the publisher's website which was shot in church:

<https://scmpress.hymnsam.co.uk/books/9780334059028/kingdom-stories>



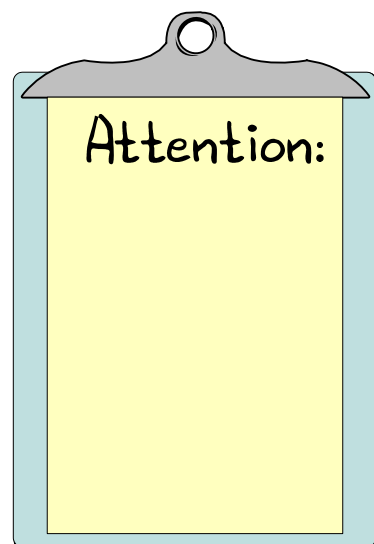
## **FORTHCOMING**

We are now at capacity in St Mary's on most Sundays, which means that sadly we have to sometimes turn people away from worshipping with us. We strongly urge regular members of our congregation to come early to make sure you have a seat. This challenge will only increase as we approach Remembrance Sunday, Advent and Christmas. Our Remembrance Service will be by ticket only which are being shared out between the civic party and St Mary's congregation. We aim to have further details of how to apply for the limited number available in next week's newsletter. Please help us to keep our printing costs down by downloading the newsletter and service to your phone or other device ahead of coming to worship.



## **FACE COVERINGS IN CHURCH**

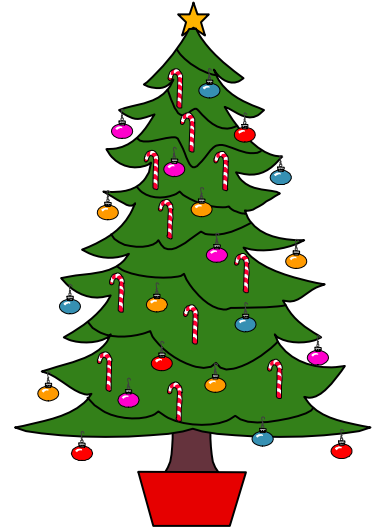
St Mary's policy on masks and visors in worship was also raised at PCC. Face coverings are now mandatory for worshippers at Church of England services. The only exceptions are for those leading our services such as clergy and choirs in the sanctuary area, but they must wear masks/visors when moving about in the nave or other parts of the church. If anyone has an exemption from wearing a face covering then they must ensure they keep a 2 metre distance from others in church.



## ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

Towards the end of his recent diocesan video, the Bishop of Coventry talks about how Christmas will need to be celebrated so differently this year in these historic times: <https://vimeo.com/467715233/5c435372a3>

Already St Mary's is putting up an online Christmas Tree Festival but we shall also be streaming our Advent and Christmas Carol Services, as well as our Christmas Eve Crib Service, rather than opening our doors. The reasons for this are various: (i) Many of our paid staff are on part-time furlough, so we don't have the capacity we've had in previous years let alone any extra scope; (ii) Although we could ticket services that is most unlikely to meet demand, particularly from those who only come at this time of year; (iii) And that would cause additional problems for our sidespeople as they deal with the frustration of those turned away; (iv) Part of the congregational joy is singing seasonal carols, which could be very difficult when we can't sing them in church; (v) The UK governments are planning for a really challenging winter so we don't know what the state of play will be in the weeks to come. It's prudent to plan for an Advent and Christmas we can safely deliver, and we are aiming to have extra capacity to deliver additional Eucharists in church on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.



## CAMPAIGN 2023

Clare Sawdon, our Fundraising Consultant, is keen to talk with members of St Mary's congregation about the Capital Campaign which she is leading to restore the tower and ensure the church has funds to support our fabric, music and mission. If anyone would like to hear more please contact Clare at [campaign2023@Stmaryswarwick.org.uk](mailto:campaign2023@Stmaryswarwick.org.uk) or complete one of the postcards which you will find at the back of church and return it to her. She will be in touch.

## CONGREGATIONAL PHOTOS



Do you have any recent photos of congregations at St Mary's, which people won't mind going up online? We're looking for engaging images of services and events to go on our *A Church Near You* page. If you have some candidates please let Alan Faulkner know

([apfaulkner@me.com](mailto:apfaulkner@me.com)) who manages our ACNY site.

## MORRELL'S MARATHON

Early on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Oct Lucy ran the Virtual London Marathon. She set off at 3.29am to leave enough time to get back and play for both the morning Eucharist and the Regimental service later that afternoon. Lucy ran around Warwick in the pouring rain, strong winds and darkness, but survived and completed the 26.2 miles in 4 hours and 18 minutes. So far she's raised over £1200 for three charities: the Friends of St Mary's Choir (£470), Allergy UK (£430) and Anaphylaxis Campaign (£351). The pages are still open for donations <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/lucy-morrell2> and you can also donate via cash/cheque/bank transfer if you would like (please contact Lucy directly).

## SURPLUS INKS

The Parish Office has surplus genuine Canon inks to sell. Please email [admin@stmaryswarwick.org.uk](mailto:admin@stmaryswarwick.org.uk) if you would like any of 551 XL in yellow, black and magenta, 550 XL PGBK, CL-41 colour or PG-40 black.

## EXTENDED UNTIL 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2020

Ecclesiastical Insurance Trust 130 promotion. If you take a new home insurance policy out with Ecclesiastical before 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020, they will donate £130 to the church. Find out more at [www.ecclesiastical.com/trust130](http://www.ecclesiastical.com/trust130) or call 08007830130 and quote Trust130.



## 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY GIVING

Do remember that many of our income streams are predicted to be either very low or non-existent for the rest of this year. If you normally give cash either by envelope (numbered or not) or straight onto the collection plate please, please consider switching to regular giving direct from your bank account. If you have access to internet banking it is a simple matter to set up a standing order, weekly or (preferably) monthly.



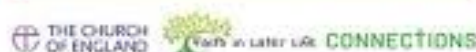
Alternatively we have a giving page at <https://www.give.net/20220625> or use the QR code to the right, where you may choose to give a one-time donation or set up monthly giving, including Gift Aid where appropriate. The service provider will take 3% of your total giving for each transaction so, if you 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).



## 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."



## *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 Victoria'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 8pm, Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

Free entry, but seats **must** be reserved.

Retiring collection for St Mary's.

Contact: Mary Adams

or [dacapo.warwick@gmail.com](mailto:dacapo.warwick@gmail.com)

## CHURCHES TOGETHER EVENTS

Saturday 5th November **Prayer Breakfast**. 10.30am Zoom. Please contact [claire@philipandclaireharris.uk](mailto:claire@philipandclaireharris.uk) for ID and Password.

**HOTS** is unable to operate in the Market Square as before but they would be very pleased to hear of people who need prayer.

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

**AGM & Forum** is on Wednesday 21st October 8.00pm next week by Zoom. Please email [Claire@philipandclaireharris.uk](mailto:Claire@philipandclaireharris.uk) for ID and password. There are things that are to be decided at the AGM: to accept the new Constitution, vote in the officers and agree the subscription all of which is legally allowed by Zoom under the emergency legislation.



## WANTED - BELLRINGERS

Warwick Bellringers (ringing at St Mary's and St Nicholas') are keen to supplement numbers by training new recruits. We have had to suspend bellringing for the time being but if you would like to pursue a new hobby when it restarts, contact Simon Rogers (07498363304 or [simon.rogers17@ntlworld.com](mailto:simon.rogers17@ntlworld.com)).

## PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Helen Black, Ellie Booth, Christopher Browne, Clifford Browne, Sheila Freeman, Gillian Gould, Paul Haynes, John Hosiene, Frances Humphreys, Mandeep Madar, Gwen & Paul Shilton, Joanne Tubb

## PRAYERS FOR THE DEPARTED

Linda Burke, Denise Godfrey

*THIS WEEK: Beginning 18<sup>th</sup> October*

Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	5.30pm	<u>NO</u> Choral Evensong
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# ***FORTHCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES***

*Some public worship has restarted at St Mary's with a shortened service each Sunday at 10.30am (also available online) and Choral Evensong on Wednesdays at 5.30pm*

### **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October - Last After Trinity**

	10.30am Sunday Worship	
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### **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November - All Saints & All Souls**

	10.30am Sunday Eucharist	
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### **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November - Remembrance Sunday**

	10.00am Remembrance Service	
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### **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November - 2nd Before Advent**

	10.30am Sunday Eucharist	
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