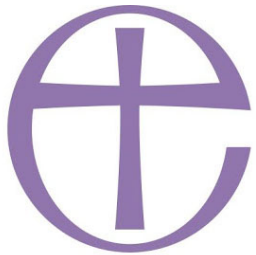


✦WARWICK TEAM MINISTRY✦



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. During September we are cautiously restarting some of 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

19th September 2021
Trinity 16

8.00am

Holy Communion (BCP Said)

Celebrant & Preacher: Vaughan Roberts

*The service begins in the Book of Common Prayer page 236
The collect and readings begin on page 182*

10.30am

Sunday Eucharist & Baptism
Boys', Girls' and Men's Voices
also on Facebook & YouTube

Officiant & Preacher: Vaughan Roberts

Reading: James 3. 1-12 – Kirsteen Robson

Intercessor: Ian Barnicoat

5.30pm

Choral Evensong

Boys' and Men's Voices

Hymn:

343

Preces:

Rose

Psalm:

119:137-152

Reading:

Exodus 19. 10-23 - Jill Duffy

Magnificat:

Short Service Gibbons

Reading:

Matthew 8. 23-34 - Godfrey Hill

Nunc dimittis:

Short Service Gibbons

Responses:

Rose

Anthem:

Insanae et vanae curae Haydn

Insanae et vanae curae invadunt mentes nostras, saepe furore replent corda, privata spe. Quid prodest O mortalis conari pro mundanis, si coelos negligas? Sunt fausta tibi cuncta, si Deus est pro te.

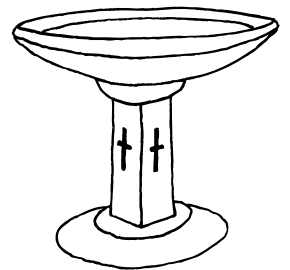
Vain and raging cares invade our minds, Madness often fills the heart, robbed of hope. O mortal man, what does it profit to endeavour at worldly things, if you should neglect the heavens? If God is for you, all things are favourable for you.

Hymn: 248(ii)
Preacher: Vaughan Roberts
Hymn: 352
Organ voluntary: *Les enfants de Dieu* Messiaen

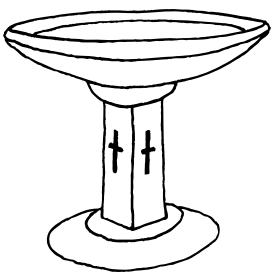
Director of Music: Oliver Hancock
Assistant Director of Music: Mark Swinton
Organ Scholar: Matthew Howell

NOTICES

THIS SUNDAY ... We welcome Evelyn Webber into God's family with her service of baptism at our 10.30am Eucharist. Her parents Alice and Andrew were married here and Evelyn knows St Mary's Church very well. Please keep her in your prayers, along with her parents and godparents, family and friends. There will be celebratory drinks in church afterwards courtesy of Evelyn's family but please be COVID cautious as we mingle and mix. For those watching online feel free to have a jam tart to hand.



THIS MORNING'S ARRANGEMENTS: For the benefit of visitors this morning we have a zoning system in church. Seats on the north and south sides are reserved for those who are wearing masks and maintaining social distancing, whilst the centre aisles are more flexible. That is why Evelyn's baptism

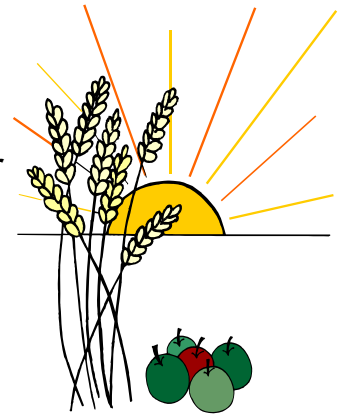


will be in front of the nave altar today. When it comes to receiving communion we continue to offer the following options: (a) one kind (a wafer); or (b) two kinds (wafer and wine); or (c) a non-tactile blessing. For those in the central two sections of the nave, if you would like to receive any of

these, please queue down the central aisle in a socially distanced way, as directed by our sidespeople. Those sitting in the north and south aisles will receive bread or a blessing in situ.

THIS MORNING ... we are very pleased to welcome members of the Guild of Ex-Choristers as part of a weekend-long celebration of the 30th anniversary of the founding of the Girls' Choir and the Guild of Ex-Choristers' Reunion. Yesterday saw and heard an enlarged choir of choristers past and present, and we were delighted to welcome back former Director of Music, Simon Lole. If you would like to support the music-making of St Mary's, please contact the Director of Music, Oliver Hancock: dofm@stmaryswarwick.org.uk

NEXT SUNDAY ... is St Mary's Harvest Festival and we will be having our usual collection of items suitable for our local food bank. However, because of ongoing concerns about COVID we won't be having our usual procession of produce or a harvest lunch. Hopefully they can be resumed next year. On this subject please keep our Bishop, Christopher Cocksworth in your prayers. He was due back from his sabbatical this week but has contracted COVID and is now on sick leave.



LAST SUNDAY ... it was very good to admit five new Full Choristers to the Girls' Choir. We wish Henrietta, Charlotte, Jeannie, Ava and Aimée much happiness and joy in their singing here. We also welcomed our new Organ Scholar, Matthew Howell and wish him all the best too. And it was a delight to welcome the Archdeacon Pastor, the Ven Sue Field on her first formal visit to St Mary's.

LAST SATURDAY ... it was good to host a Warwick Books *Meet the Author* evening in St Mary's with the novelist Sebastian Faulks who was speaking about his new book *Snow Country*. Incidentally, he provided a very interesting and biblical answer to a question about what stories had inspired him as a professional writer. Please also keep one of Warwick Books' owners, Mog Giacomelli-Harris, in your prayers too after she recently contracted COVID-19 as well.



VISITOR OPENING: With the fall-off in tourist trade as autumn draws in, we will no longer be able to open the church to visitors. The current pattern of opening Thursday to Sunday afternoons will continue until 26th September, so if you have yet to take a tour around the church do take advantage of the opportunity. Our visitor team and a guide are always on hand to answer any questions you may have.



TOWER UPDATE: Work is continuing apace on the protective scaffolding around the lower half of the tower and is on schedule to finish in early October. We apologise that, apart from the Sunday 10.30am and 5.30pm services, we cannot arrange for mobility-impaired access through the construction site. On completion of this phase of the scaffolding, the road closures and construction site will be removed, and we will once again be able to use the west end doors for pedestrian access. This state of affairs will remain until we have raised the £1.5million necessary to proceed with the rest of the scaffolding (which will take another 7 weeks, with attendant road closures) and then the actual restoration work (9-10 months without road closures).

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, starting on Thursday, 23rd September. All welcome. Please contact Kirsteen Robson (07799 682872 or kirsteenr@gmail.com) if you are interested.

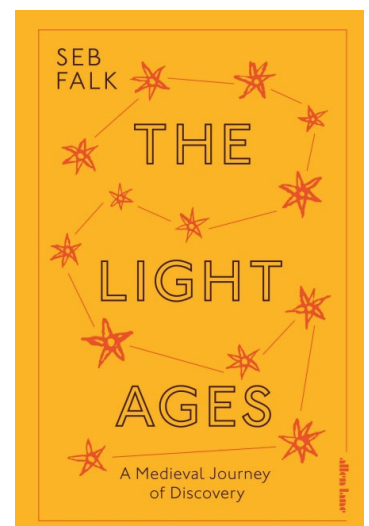
VE75 DINNER IN NOVEMBER - LET'S PARTY! We are delighted to announce that the three times rescheduled VE75 Celebration Gala Dinner in St Mary's will now go ahead on Thursday 4th November 2021. In the company of the Lord Lieutenant, the Mayor of Warwick, and the Leader of Warwick District Council, diners will enjoy a three-course meal and an evening of musical entertainment and community singing, inspired by the end of the war in 1945. Dress code is black tie or "a hint of the 40s" - wartime themed uniforms, suits and dresses will be very welcome! All proceeds will benefit St Mary's. These Dinners are very popular and usually sell out quickly. If you want to join us, do let us know as soon as possible. Tickets are £40 each, and please email applyfortickets@btinternet.com or ring 07889-420993 if you are interested. We are all looking forward to a terrific evening in November.

Carol Warren and Helen Fitzpatrick

CAMPAIGN 2023 UPDATE Over the last few weeks we have welcomed 120 people to Information Events in church to outline the Campaign and whet appetites for the amazing history of St Mary's. Huge thanks to Tim Clark for his input at these sessions. It has been wonderful to see some new faces in church - welcome! Plans are moving forward for the Inaugural Service of the Order of St Mary on 26th September at 5.30pm at which members will be welcomed into the Order by the Bishop of Warwick. If you wish to find out more, please email campaign2023@stmaryswarwick.org.uk. Fundraising is vital to ensure that the restoration work on the historic tower can move on apace. If you can offer any help please get in touch.



WARWICK WORDS HISTORY FESTIVAL: We have our Warwick Words Festival Service on Sunday 3rd Oct at 10.30am. Our preacher this year is Dr Seb Falk from the University of Cambridge and author of a recent, widely praised book entitled *The Light of the Ages: A Medieval Journey of Discovery* about scientific ideas and religion in medieval England. Those with long memories may recall the Seb taught for a time at Warwick School and sang on the back row at St Mary's. He will be a fascinating and lively speaker.



KINGDOM STORIES

Another review of the Vicar's latest book *Kingdom Stories: Telling, Leading, Discerning* (which came out last year) has been published in a recent edition of the *Church Times*. It can be found online here:

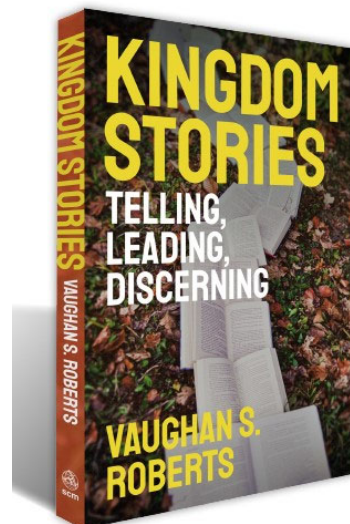
<https://www.churchtimes.co.uk/articles/2021/20-august/books-arts/book-reviews/kingdom-stories-telling-leading-discerning-by-vaughan-s-roberts>

Those who're gluttons for punishment, can find the two previous reviews here:

<https://readingreligion.org/books/kingdom-stories>

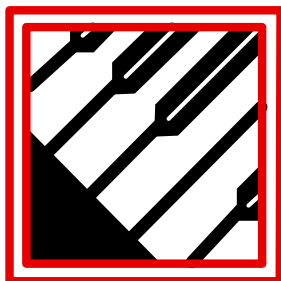
And here:

https://works.bepress.com/vaughan_roberts/73/



THIS IS THE BBC: We are delighted to be welcoming BBC Radio 3 to St Mary's this week for two services. ●The first is on Tuesday 21st September and will be recorded for broadcast in the week after Christmas. We are very keen to have a congregation, and it's an excuse to sing some Christmas carols in September - what could be better? Please arrive to be seated by 6.15pm at the latest. ●The second is a live broadcast on Wednesday 22nd September, and congregation must be seated by 3.45pm. All are very welcome!

ORGAN RECITALS: Our own musicians will be performing the next two recitals in our Friday lunchtime series. Oliver Hancock's programme on 24th September offers an array of melodious riches, both sparkling and contemplative, from the pens of Darke, Ireland, Jongen, Vierne and Widor. The recital on 1st October will be celebrating a milestone: the 10th anniversary of Mark Swinton's arrival as Assistant Director of Music at St Mary's. His programme will feature music with anniversary connections by Bach, Duruflé, Jackson and Verdi



- you'll have to come along to find out more! Admission is free with a retiring collection and the performances start at 1.15pm.

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.



RAISING FUNDS ON HIS BIKE: Not content with having raised £168 for St Mary's tower restoration on a sponsored bike ride in the summer, four year old Oliver Tubb has donated another £105 raised by saving up his pocket money. Many thanks to Oliver for his generosity and dedication.

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.

COME-AND-SING REQUIEM: Saturday 2nd October. Join choral singers from across the Midlands for a come-and-sing performance of Matthew Coleridge's Requiem - led by the composer - at St Mary's, Warwick. This powerful and deeply moving choral work is a joy to sing, with beautifully crafted melodies and shimmering textures. You'll spend the day working with the composer as he guides the singers through his music, before taking part in an evening concert performance. Singers can book their place at

www.matthewcoleridge.com/warwick.

BLOOMING MARVELLOUS: The Flower Team is always looking for new talent! We



can offer mentoring from one of our experienced arrangers if necessary. We have a rota to which you can add your name when it suits you and there is a flower fund to cover costs of materials. If you would like more information please contact brendawatts5@googlemail.com or leave your name and contact details on the Parish Office answerphone and we will be in touch.

"If you think squash is competitive you should try flower arranging" - Alan Bennett There is a warm welcome waiting for you.

Brenda Watts

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WARWICK

Tuesday 28th 7.30-9.30pm: Deeper Extra, Castle Hill Baptist Church. Andy Castle of Thrive Youth Ministries on "A Family Crisis, A Family Solution". Register to attend in person or on Zoom at <https://warwickbaptists.org.uk/deeper>.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL: Ellie Booth, Christopher Browne, Clifford Browne, Bishop Christopher Cocksworth, Sheila Freeman, Elizabeth Holroyde, Frances Humphreys, Mandeep Madar, Gwen & Paul Shilton.

PRAYERS FOR THE DEPARTED: Michael Meadows, Dorothy Wilkinson, Ann Homan.

SERVICES THIS WEEK: Beginning 19th September

Tuesday 21 st September	6.30pm	Christmas Choral Evensong BBC Radio 3 recording <i>Congregation must be seated by 6.15pm</i>
Wednesday 22 nd September	10.00am 4.00pm	Holy Communion Choral Evensong BBC Radio 3 live broadcast <i>Congregation must be seated by 3.45pm</i>
Friday 24 th September	5.30pm	Choral Evensong

FORTHCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday 26th September - Harvest Festival

8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Choral Family Eucharist in church & online	5.30pm Choral Evensong
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Sunday 3rd October - Trinity 18

8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Warwick Words Choral Matins in church & online	3.00pm Regimental Service	5.30pm <u>NO</u> Choral Evensong
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Sunday 10th October - Trinity 19

8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Choral Eucharist in church & online	5.30pm Choral Evensong
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Sunday 17th October - Trinity 20

8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Choral Eucharist in church & online	5.30pm Choral Evensong
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