



Weekly Newsletter

20th September 2020
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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 1-3pm, 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

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 Worship (Common Worship)
Boys' & Adult Voices

Officiant: Alycia Timmis
Preacher: Vaughan Roberts
Reader: Jonah 3: 10-4: 11 - Dave Clark
Reader: Matthew 20: 1-16 - John Luxton
Anthem: *Prevent us, O Lord* William Byrd (1543-1623)

Prevent us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy name, and finally by thy mercy obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words from the Book of Common Prayer

Intercessor: Elizabeth Rankin

Motet: *Christ be with me* Trad.

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me.	Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all who love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.
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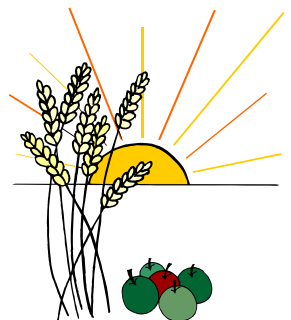
Words from 'St Patrick's Breastplate'

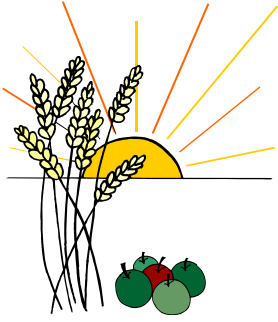
Organ Voluntary: *Prelude in G Major (BWV 541)* J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

NOTICES

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Last Sunday we celebrated St Mary's Patronal Festival with our first service of Holy Communion since the start of lockdown. Our next Eucharist will be for our Harvest Festival a week today (27th). As usual we'll be collecting non-perishable food in tins and packets for our local foodbank but in these COVID-19 times rather than placing them by the nave altar there will be containers by the main door for harvest offerings.





HARVEST LUNCH

Sadly, because of the Westminster Government's new ban on social gatherings of more than six people, we have had to cancel our bring-your-own harvest picnic in The Rectory garden next Sunday.

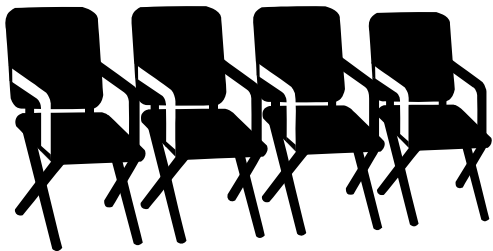
TIME MOVES ON

It is a joy and a sadness to announce that our curate, Alycia Timmis, has been appointed Priest-in-Charge of the Northleach Benefice in the Diocese of Gloucester. We offer our congratulations and best wishes on this appointment, as well as rejoicing in all that she has done in her time at St Mary's. Alycia, Mark and Miles won't be leaving until Christmas, so we will have the pleasure of their company for a few more months yet.



CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATE

The next PCC meeting will be via Zoom on 7th Oct at 7.30pm. When the 2020 dates for Church Council were fixed in 2019, PCC agreed not to have a meeting in July because it was often difficult to be quorate



during that holiday period. This means it is a while since we've had Church Council.

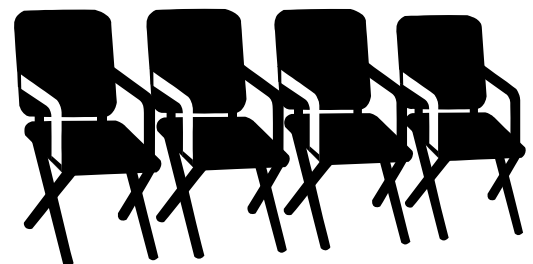
During that time the PCC's Standing Committee has continued to have scheduled meetings plus an emergency meeting to address some of the difficult challenges

during the pandemic. The minutes of those three meetings have been circulated to PCC members and if there are any matters that members wish to raise ahead of the next meeting, please feel free to contact the Standing Committee officers.

DELAYED ANNUAL MEETING

St Mary's Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in church this morning following our Sunday Worship. Copies of the accounts and annual reports are available via email from the Vicar or PCC Secretary

(Vicky Bartholomew vickybartholomew@btinternet.com) know.



DEANERY SYNOD

St Mary's can elect three members of our congregation to represent us at Deanery Synod, which covers all the Anglican churches in Warwick and Leamington. There are presently two vacancies here and our reps make an important contribution to the life of our Deanery through its synod. If you'd like to know more, please speak to Gill James (synod rep) or to Vaughan.

NEWS HEADLINES

For several years Alice Pethick has been dealing with St Mary's press and media coverage on a voluntary basis but now feels this is the time to step back. We're enormously grateful to Alice for all that she's done on our behalf in this and many other ways. If you would be interested in taking this role on or to find out more, please speak to or email Vaughan (vaughan.roberts@btinternet.com)



21st 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.



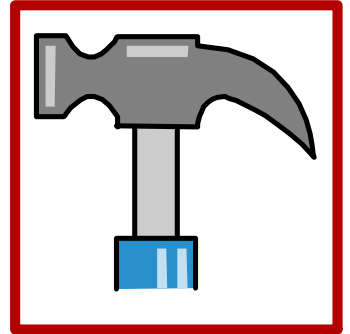
Alternatively we have a giving page at <https://www.give.net/20220625> or use the QR code to the right, where you may choose to give a one-time donation or set up monthly giving, including Gift Aid where appropriate. The service provider will take 3% of your total giving for each transaction so, if you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

ORGAN TUNING

Having been sadly neglected since before lockdown, the organ is due to be treated to a much-needed visit by the tuners. Such is the amount of work to be done that two days are needed. As a result, the private prayer session on Monday 21st September has had to be cancelled.

THE FLOOD

St Mary's has a long history of problems with water getting where it shouldn't. Prior to lockdown we were closely monitoring a number of leaks, and the recent summer storms have revealed more items to add to this list. Sharp-eyed worshippers will have spotted the buckets by the lectern pillar, strategically placed to capture water from a new leak where the north transept roof meets the main nave roof. Our Operations Manager and architect have an application in process for a grant from the Heritage England At Risk Response Fund to cover the cost of this repair. Recently, the rain found its way in along the south wall of the Nave, resulting in sandstone slicks on the floor and water marks down the walls. The same downpour caused the north porch to flood from above and below simultaneously, and we have since had a recurrence of the roof leak. This confirms that not only do we have work to do on the roof but also that we need to improve the drainage and underground soakaway in the north-east corner of the church. All of these items require attention and will be dealt with in a priority order when the finances permit. It may be many months before we have the money to address all the items.



MORRELL'S MARATHON

After the cancellation of the real thing this spring, our organ scholar Lucy Morrell will be joining the virtual London Marathon on Sunday 4th October, pounding the pavements of the Warwick area alone whilst tracking her progress. She is raising money for the Friends of St Mary's Choir, and you can sponsor her at

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/lucy-morrell2>.

ADVENT IS COMING...

Mary Adams is investigating the possibility of buying a case of 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 cost £3.99 each, and we need to order at least 18. Please let Mary know soon on om@stmaryswarwick.org.uk if you would like to order any - the suppliers are expecting to sell out quickly.



EXTENDED UNTIL 31ST DECEMBER 2020

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



DAILY HOPE PHONELINE

It has been confirmed that the free national phone line to bring worship and prayer into people's homes will continue even though churches are opening once again. Daily Hope 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."



SEEKING A TREASURER

A few months ago Vaughan was elected chair of trustees for the *MODEM Hub for Leadership, Management & Ministry*. This is a national, ecumenical Christian network that encourages dialogue between individuals and organizations interested in how leadership, spirituality and ministry can aid the development of better disciples, community, society and our world. They are currently seeking a treasurer to join the trustee body so if you're interested or would like to find out more do speak to Vaughan (01926 492909) or email him on: vaughan.roberts@btinternet.com

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).



RESEARCHING CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP IN COVID-19

How has the coronavirus crisis shaped you as a follower of Christ? How have you grown in your faith? What challenges have you experienced? What lessons has the crisis highlighted for yourself, the churches and the world? Share your reflections and experiences via this short, 10 question survey. The research aims to build up an informed picture of how churches can assist their members grow in discipleship in the wake of the crisis. The research is being carried out by Ian Jones of St Peter's Saltley Trust



(www.saltleytrust.org.uk). Anyone over 18 can take part. The survey is open until 31 October 2020. To take part, go here:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/R13JHJ/>

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

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

PRAYERS FOR THE DEPARTED

George Mullis, Dave Searson

THIS WEEK: Beginning 20th September

Wednesday 23 rd	5.30pm	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 27th September - Harvest Festival

	10.30am Sunday Eucharist	
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Sunday 4th October - Trinity 17

	10.30am Sunday Eucharist	3.00pm Regimental Service
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Sunday 11th October - Trinity 18 (Warwick Words)

	10.30am Sunday Worship for Warwick Words History Festival	
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Sunday 18th October - St Luke

	10.30am Sunday Eucharist	
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