

✦WARWICK TEAM MINISTRY✦



Weekly Newsletter

WELCOME TO OUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER. The Westminster government has reached Step 4 of its roadmap to move England out of its latest lockdown. This final phase removes all legal restrictions previously in place. Nevertheless we are proceeding cautiously with the reopening of St Mary's. During July and August we will continue with a weekly 10.30am Sunday service, which is also live-streamed on Facebook and then uploaded to YouTube.



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

We are following the guidance of the Church of England and other organizations. 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.

Orders of service, our news sheet, 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

25th July 2021

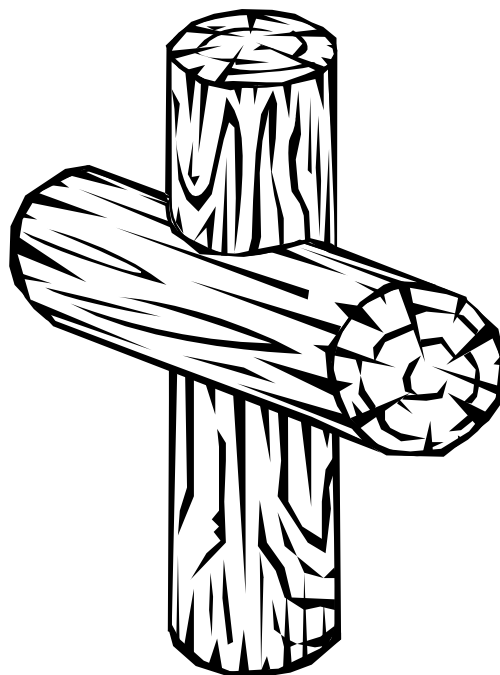
St James

10.30am

Sunday Worship
also on Facebook & YouTube

Officiant: Vaughan Roberts
Preacher: Doreen Mills
Reading: Acts 11: 27-12: 2 – Godfrey Hill
Intercessor: Elizabeth Rankin
Reading: Matthew 20: 20-28 – Nick Edwards
Organ Voluntary: *Placare Christe servulis* Dupré

Director of Music: Oliver Hancock
Assistant Director of Music: Mark Swinton



NOTICES

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND?

Last Monday the Westminster government completed the move from Step 3 to Step 4 of its pandemic road map. Although restrictions have been lifted legally, given the sharp rise in cases of the Delta variant many organizations such as transport and shops are still encouraging users to wear masks and continue to take other hygiene precautions. The Church of England has issued new guidance for churches which can be found here:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance>

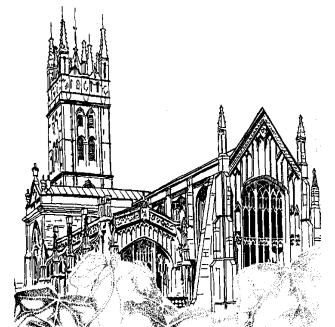
where the detailed advice can be viewed. And the document from the Royal School of Church Music giving its new *Guidance for Safe Music-Making in Church* can be found here:

<https://www.rscm.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/FAQs-re-Singing-15th-July-2021.pdf>

WHAT IS HAPPENING AT ST MARY'S?

First, we are continuing to recommend that worshipers wear masks for all services. Second, we will be following the Church of England's advice carefully, in particular the practical steps outlined in its detailed guidance. To this end, we will be:

- i) Continuing with online worship provision, in addition to in-person services.
- ii) Continuing to provide alternative means of accessing orders of service for those who may still feel unsure about using shared materials.
- iii) Introducing 'Zoning' spaces for services in our nave. For those who wish to continue to socially distance we are setting aside the seating on the south and north side. Masks must also be worn in these areas.
- iv) Continuing to provide hand sanitiser at entrances and key points.
- v) We will be cautiously re-introducing some other aspects of our worship. For instance, this Sunday we will be singing a congregational hymn for the first time this year. At next Sunday's 10.30am Holy Communion we will have a chalice available for those who wish to take wine, whilst those who would prefer to continue to just have a wafer or a blessing are perfectly at liberty to do so. Having said all that, we will continue our aim of keeping worship in church on the shorter side as a COVID precaution.



The Vicar preached on the new guidance last Sunday and his sermon is available here on St Mary's webpage:

http://www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk/index.php?/stmarys/Lent_recent

WHAT WILL BE HAPPENING AT ST MARY'S?

We are presently entering the summer season and will be continuing with our pattern of a single Sunday Worship service for all during the rest of July and August. However, we are looking at how we can safely restore more of our regular services from the start of September and further details will be made available through our newsletter and online in the coming weeks. We need to bear in mind that as we move into this stage, we'll be reliant on the good will and hard work of our dedicated volunteers. COVID 19 has had a major impact on church finances so our worship verging team are working on an unpaid basis. We are presently unable to re-open our shop and although we're re-opening for visitors that's only for this summer period.



NEW BEGINNINGS

It has been great to reopen St Mary's to the public this past week. We'll remain open during the summer months on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays for the afternoons. Many thanks to our new Visitor Team of Anaïs Vanian-Cooper, Martin Carpenter and Fred Whibley. Our opening hours are 12pm to 5pm every Thursday to Sunday until September 26th. We will be busy returning the church to a more normal setup at the start of the week, but sadly we have concluded that it will not be possible to open the shop during this 10-week period.



TOWER UPDATE

The first phase of the tower project - protective scaffolding on the lower half of the tower - has moved a big step closer, with public notice of the planned road closures. Our Operations Manager has been working with the County, District and Town Councils, as well as the Chamber of Trade and CJ's Events, to ensure that disruption to the town centre will be kept to the minimum possible, and is pleased to report that all of the stakeholders have been extremely supportive. The work will start no earlier than mid-August (date TBC). For more information, see our website. The OM will communicate more about access to the church as the date approaches.

CAMPAIGN 2023 (1)

We are holding an Information Event about Campaign 2023 for members of the congregation on Mon 26th July at 10.30am. Invitations for this event will be available in church on Sunday. If you would like to collect one and reply to Clare Sawdon either by telephone on 07980 300309 or email to campaign2023@stmaryswarwick.org.uk indicating that you would like to attend that will help with catering. If you are unable to attend in person to collect a formal invitation just let Clare know and she will book you in. This will be an opportunity to find out how you can support the campaign to fund urgent restoration to the historic tower, as well as raise funds to secure the fabric, music and ministry at St Mary's for future generations. For further information please contact Clare.



CAMPAIGN 2023 (2)

A Campaign 2023 Executive Committee (CEC) is being formed to oversee our fundraising campaign. We're looking for new committee members who can generously commit their time, and in particular, members to promote the campaign, support fundraising events, develop relationships with potential donors and ask for gifts, and run initiatives to engage our local community. If you're interested in joining the committee, please contact Alan Faulkner (apfaulkner@me.com).

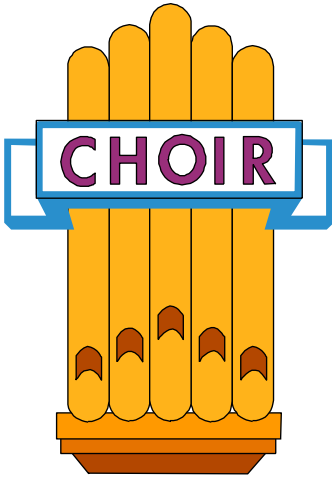
HELP NEEDED!

Do you have a sewing machine and a few spare hours? If so, the team organising a Gala Dinner on Nov 4th would be truly grateful for some help. We have received some beautiful, handmade bunting - all ready to use. However, we have also received a large quantity of pre-cut cotton (and knitted) pieces that are now ready to be attached to ribbon. We don't need it until mid-October, but we are keen to have it assembled in plenty of time. Please, please, if you can help do speak to Carol Warren or Helen Fitzpatrick, or ring 07889 420993. After November, this genuine "community bunting" is being donated to the Town Council, to be reused whenever possible. Many thanks."



COME ON AND CELEBRATE

We are delighted to invite you to celebrate the founding of the St Mary's Girls' Choir and 2021 Guild of Ex-Choristers' Reunion in September. All former choristers - girls, boys, adults - and anyone involved with the choir past or present (including supporters) are very welcome to attend any and/or all parts of the celebration. The main event takes place on Saturday 18th September with Choral Evensong and a sit-down meal at the historic Lord Leycester Hospital with special guest and Founder of the Girls' Choir, Simon Lole. For those making a weekend of it, there is also a chance to join the current choir at the Sunday morning service and, for those who can't attend in person, there is an earlier opportunity to catch up on Wednesday 15th September at our virtual Guild AGM.



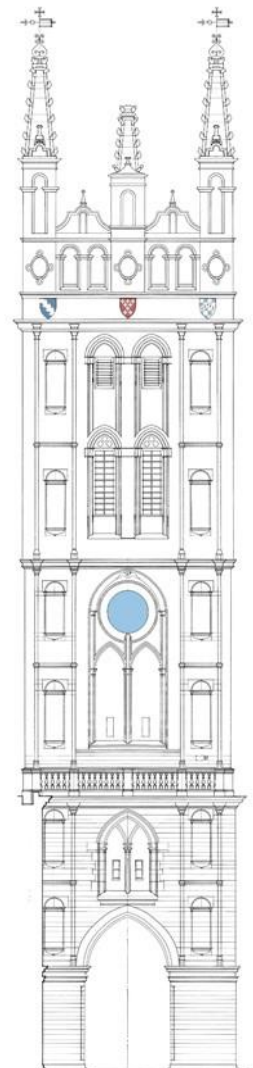
To see the full programme of events and to book your place for some or all of the activities, please view the online booking form:

<https://forms.office.com/r/uE6AbDyVcF> or email the Director of Music, Oliver Hancock: dofm@stmaryswarwick.org.uk

LET'S CONNECT

We're running a pilot of an integrated email and contact database application (MailChimp) that is free to use. This will provide St Mary's with an effective way to communicate with specific church groups or individuals. Initially we'll send out a weekly eNewsletter, which will complement the existing Newsletter downloadable from our Facebook page or the church website. Once the new application is proven, we'll expand the variety of communications to help keep the St Mary's community connected, especially those who do not choose to use or have access to other social media platforms such as Facebook. Do subscribe, encourage your friends to subscribe, and let us know what you think about the eNewsletter. Visit <http://eepurl.com/hwOJhb> or look out for an introductory email or Facebook post for full details.

Digital Comms Team
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CALLING ALL PLAYERS

To celebrate Coventry's City of Culture, local musician, Seb Farrall, is calling on all musicians to get involved in an exciting musical project. As part of Coventry Central Hall's City of Culture "Artists in Residence Programme" (AiR), Seb is starting a brand new orchestra. The AiR programme is funded by Coventry and Nuneaton Methodist circuit and supported by Methodist Church at Coventry Central Hall. Membership of the orchestra is open to all and rehearsals begin in Sept 2021, working towards a large-scale celebration concert in April 2022 at Central Hall. To find out more and register for the orchestra, please head to www.coventryorchestra.co.uk



GENTLEMEN OF ST JOHN'S CONCERT

Formed of the choral and organ scholars of the world-renowned Choir of St John's College, Cambridge, the Gentlemen of St John's will be giving a concert in St Mary's on Thursday 16th September at 7.30pm. With a repertoire spanning over 600 years, from early Renaissance polyphony to close-harmony arrangements of modern-day classic, there is sure to be music to delight everyone. The Gents are kindly donating all profits to St Mary's. Please do come along to hear one of the country's top choirs, and start the new term as we hope it will go on - with top-quality live music. Tickets are £15 (under 16s free) from <https://gentlemenofstjohns.eventbrite.co.uk>.



LOCAL LIBRARY

Warwick Library is open for browsing and borrowing. The current opening hours are 8am - 5.30pm Mon - Thu, 8am - 5pm on Fri, and 9am - 4pm on Sat. It is easy and free to join the library and to borrow books and access lots of other resources - you can sign up online before you visit, just go to warwickshire.gov.uk/libraries. The library has a wide range of books available for loan, including books by bestselling authors, fiction books, crime books, funny books, and Information books. It also has picture books, children's chapter books, a Beginner Reads collection for children just starting their reading journey and a dedicated collection for Young Adults. This year's Summer Reading Challenge, where children aged 4-11 can earn a medal for reading with lots of fun along the way, runs from 10th July - 4th September 2021. As well as borrowing books you can use BorrowBox which is our eBook and eAudio platform. It has a huge collection of audio books and eBooks for all ages to choose from and new titles are added every month. Visit warwickshire.gov.uk/libraries to find out more

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WARWICK EVENTS IN AUGUST 2021

Saturday 7th Prayer Breakfast 8.30am. Still by Zoom. Warwick Methodists will provide the link and I will let you know.

Prayer led by Castle Hill Baptists. Give us a try before it gets earlier and live. (Of those who have contacted CTiW, 8.00am seems the favoured time for a real breakfast.)

Saturday 7th & 21st HOTS (Healing on the Street) are pleased to be back live in the Market Place from 10.00am to noon.

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

PRAYERS FOR THE DEPARTED: John Hosiene, Kate Lamb, Elizabeth Round, Kenneth Freeborn.

FORTHCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

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

Sunday 1st August - Trinity 9

	10.30am Sunday Eucharist in church & online	
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Sunday 8th August - Trinity 10

	10.30am Sunday Eucharist in church & online	
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Sunday 15th August - Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary

	10.30am Sunday Worship in church & online	
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Sunday 22nd August - Trinity 12

	10.30am Sunday Eucharist in church & online	
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