

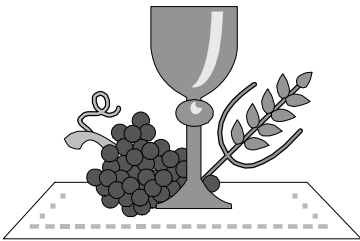


# Weekly Newsletter

31<sup>st</sup> May 2020

## Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

**WELCOME TO OUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER.** Whilst all churches are presently closed due to the unprecedented circumstances we are continuing to produce our news sheet for upload to our website. If you are a newcomer to the area we hope that we have an opportunity to meet you soon and that you might enjoy worshipping with us when services resume.



These introductory paragraphs will give an idea of the kind of church we are. For instance, communicant members of any Christian church are welcome to make their communion with us. St Mary's seeks to be an inclusive church and welcoming to people of all ages and backgrounds.

We have a carpeted area available for the youngest members of our congregation, if they wish to use it. They may like to take an adult with them! If you are a wheelchair user, please speak to one of our sidespeople and they will happily move chairs to open up a space for you in the Nave.



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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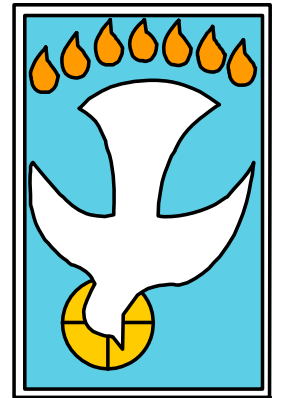
**YouTube**

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbzEoVgLkoagKM7OW\\_5rb0Q](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbzEoVgLkoagKM7OW_5rb0Q).

# NOTICES

## SUNDAY SERVICE

This Sunday is Pentecost Sunday and it's great to welcome The Revd Stig Graham (until very recently Chaplain to the Myton Hospices) as our preacher for our online Agape Service, which is based on Acts 2: 1-21. It was lovely to have The Revd Alycia Timmis as our preacher last Sunday. For this Sunday's Pentecost Agape make sure you have some food and drink available to join in. Something that picks up Stig's theme of 'new wine' and/or something that reflects the diversity of people and language on that first Whit Sunday would fit in.



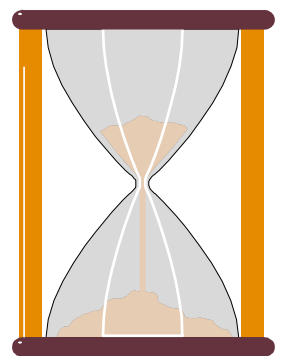
## LIGHT UP WARWICK (AND BEYOND) IN PRAYER



Thank you to everyone who made recordings for the Lord's Prayer for our Pentecost Agape Service and 'Thy Kingdom Come'. All being well, the finished montages should be in evidence during Sunday's service, and on St Mary's Facebook pages and YouTube channel. Our particular thanks go to Kirsteen Robson who had the idea and Dave Clark, whose technical expertise made it into a reality.

## AFTER THE LOCKDOWN

The Government's "Plan To Rebuild" of 11 May stated that some public places, such as places of worship, may be able to open no earlier than 4 July, subject to developments between now and then. Please be aware that a return to normal services, even with social distancing enforced, will take some time to come into effect once the restrictions are lifted by the Church of England. Unfurloughing the necessary staff and ensuring that we comply with all health and safety requirements will be a complicated exercise but St Mary's Standing Committee will be keeping a close eye on developments and planning ahead as far as possible. In the meantime, please be patient!



## NEW GIVING OPTIONS

With the closure of the church, most of our income streams have ceased to flow. 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 already 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).

## VICAR'S NEW BOOK

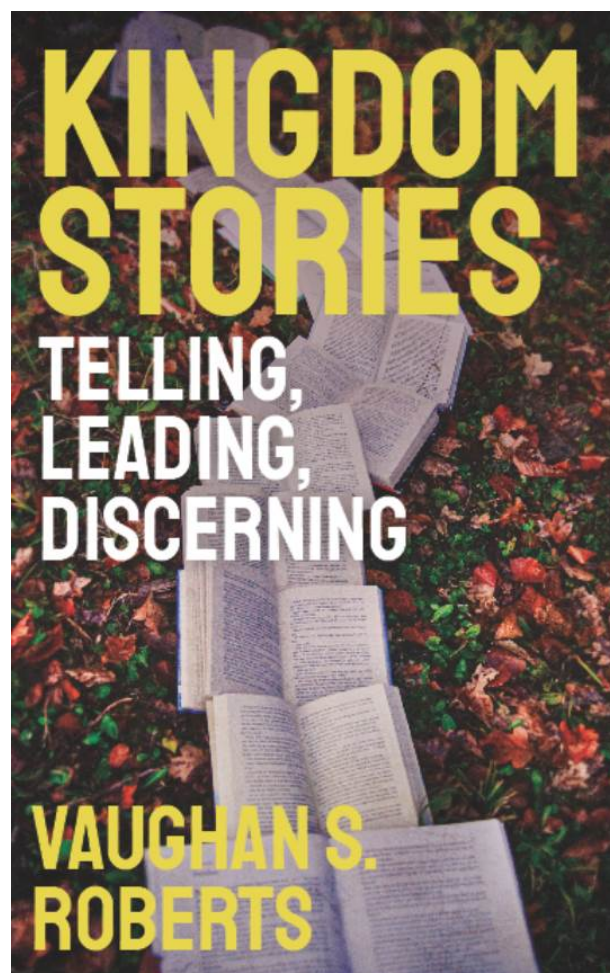
Vaughan's new book entitled *Kingdom Stories Telling, Leading Discerning* (SCM Press) has just been published. It explores where we find signs of God's kingdom in our world and includes a section on the Warwick Poppies Project. The book can be ordered here from the publishers at a special 'lockdown' price:

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

there's also video in which Vaughan shares some of the ideas that he explores in *Kingdom Stories*. (And there will be a new one soon, exploring ideas from the book in the setting of St Mary's Church.)

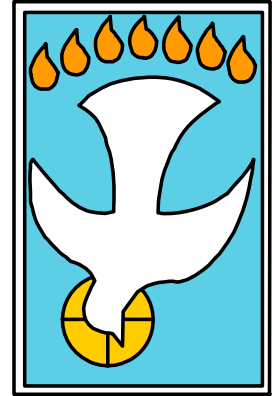
He has also written a piece on ritual, stories and the lockdown for the SCM blog, and that can be found here:

<https://scmpress.hymnsam.co.uk/blog/kingdom-stories-rituals-and-stories-under-lockdown>



## **SPIRIT-VISION FOR PENTECOST**

Coventry Diocese is producing a diocesan-wide service for Pentecost to be streamed at 6pm tonight (31<sup>st</sup> May). The event is called '2020 Spirit-vision' and Bishop Christopher will be preaching. At the end of the City prayer and praise service recently, the much-acclaimed Coventry blessing, which featured some members of our churches, was aired. The Diocese is in touch with the team that produced this and they have agreed to create a similar 'grand finale' song for the diocese: 'Spirit Move' Bethel Music sung by Kalley Heiligenthal.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tbdSQ8MLnYs>

It is an upbeat song designed to lift people's spirits and help us to give thanks for the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. If you would like to become familiar with the song, click on the following link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tbdSQ8MLnYs>

## **EASTER GARDEN**

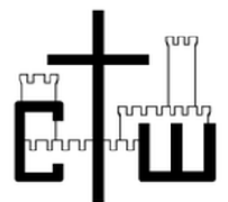
The Easter season is now over so the St Mary's Easter Garden has been removed from the main door to the church. The rainbow stones that people kindly brought and placed in the garden as a form of thanksgiving prayer for key workers have been placed inside the entrance to The Rectory. This has been where Vaughan and Mandy have been applauding on Thursday evenings. The stones will remain there for the time



being, unless you'd like to collect yours in which case you are most welcome.

## **CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WARWICK**

St Michael's will be leading the Prayer Breakfast at 10.30am on Sat 6 June by Zoom. If you would like to join, email [valbrant@sky.com](mailto:valbrant@sky.com) for the Zoom details. The Forum scheduled for 9 June has been postponed to 22 October, but HOTS may happen on 13 and 27 June if the market has reopened.



## CHOIR TOUR

Sadly, the choir tour to Poland has been postponed to next year. More information will follow once our Director of Music has resumed his duties.

## 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.



## CASTLE HILL BAPTIST CHURCH OFFERS ...

... *A Time to Say Goodbye*, which is an online Christian Service designed to help those who have been bereaved to say goodbye to friends and loved ones. Covid-19 has prevented many from being able to attend funerals and missing a vital step in the grieving process. Castle Hill Baptist Church hopes these services will be a help in this situation and to many in these difficult



times. Whilst we can't customise the whole service for every person, it would be our privilege to speak out the names of those who have died before the Lord—no matter what the cause—knowing every one matters dearly to him. You can request this

through the website, choosing the service you want to attend. The first of these services will be posted on YouTube on Sat 6<sup>th</sup> June at 11am. For those without internet access, DVDs of a particular service can be ordered (on someone's behalf) through the website. Whilst Castle Hill is taking the lead in this, every church leader cares deeply about this and is available to support those who are struggling with bereavement. There are also a number of other local and CTW services available. To find out more about *A Time To Say Goodbye*, or the local and national services available to help those who have been bereaved, please visit: [www.atimetosaygoodbye.uk](http://www.atimetosaygoodbye.uk)

## WANTED - BELLRINGERS

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



## DAILY HOPE PHONELINE

There is a free national phone line to bring worship and prayer into people's homes while church buildings are closed because of the coronavirus. 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 - which is available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044 - has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind. 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."



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**

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# Are you unable to leave your home because of Coronavirus (COVID-19)?

We are a group of local residents and we want to support the community to make sure nobody is left isolated or without support. We don't ask for anything in return, we just believe in helping each other in a time of difficulty.

**We can help with the things you can't get out to do, like shopping and collecting medication, or be a friendly voice at the end of the phone.**

We are your local neighbours and not a professional body.  
We can only offer help within reason, and in ways we can all also stay safe.

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## NEED SUPPORT?

If you can get online, fill in a help request here

<https://warwickleamingtoncovidhelp.wordpress.com/request-help>

Email us at: [warwickleamingtoncovidhelp@yahoo.com](mailto:warwickleamingtoncovidhelp@yahoo.com)

Call 01926 674065 and leave a message and you will get a call back.

If you need medical advice, use the NHS 111 online coronavirus service at [111.nhs.uk/covid-19](https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19)

or, if you have no internet access, call NHS 111 from your phone.

In a medical emergency, dial 999

If you want to volunteer to help the Warwick & Leamington Covid-19 Support Group, sign up using the volunteer form at: [warwickleamingtoncovidhelp.co.uk](https://warwickleamingtoncovidhelp.co.uk)

If you want to verify this leaflet is genuine call Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 0808 2231133

# Beware of telephone scams

**We are aware that criminals are trying to exploit the national coronavirus crisis and take advantage of innocent people.**

Fraudsters pretending to be from the police or your bank are targeting elderly and vulnerable people to try and steal money from their accounts. The callers will often seem genuine, offering you the opportunity to call them back to prove their identity.

They establish their trust with you by confirming some of your personal details and will then make up a story in which money in your bank account needs to be transferred or withdrawn.

## The police or your bank will never:

- Contact you out of the blue and ask for your personal details, including your PIN number, password or account details.



- Ask you to transfer money into another account for fraud reasons.



- Ask you to withdraw cash and hand to someone for safe keeping.



- Send someone to your home to collect cash, bank cards, account details or PIN numbers.





## Protect yourself

- If you are unsure whether someone on the phone is genuine, hang up and then use a different line to call the organisation they are purporting to be from using a number from the phonebook or internet to verify their identity.
- Don't give out your personal information to anyone over the phone, including your PIN number and bank account or card details.
- If you have given out your personal banking details to someone over the phone or have given someone your card details, contact your bank immediately to cancel your card.

## Where to go for help

- If you receive a call from someone purporting to be a police officer and asking you to withdraw or transfer money, **call Warwickshire Police on 101** – the more intelligence we receive, the more likely we are to catch those responsible.
- If you have been a victim of a telephone scam, please report it to **Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040** or via their website:

**[www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk)**

- For advice on scams, contact Citizens Advice Consumer Service on **0808 223 1133**.

**Always call 999 in an emergency.**

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## **PPE UPDATE**

There is a new email address for individuals, companies or organisations who are offering PPE to UHCW and this is [PPE-Donations@uhcw.nhs.uk](mailto:PPE-Donations@uhcw.nhs.uk)

## **REST IN PEACE:**

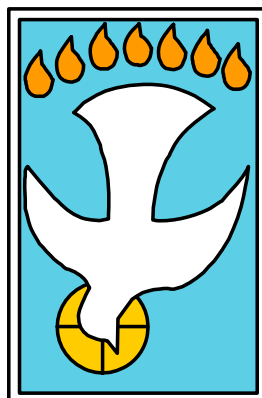
Please continue to keep in your prayers those members of the St Mary's family who have died recently, including Doreen Ritchie, Derek Vann and Owen Vigeon. Doreen was a faithful attender at St Mary's even after the death of her husband Peter and moving to Leamington. They will all be greatly missed so please remember them along with their family and friends.

## **PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL**

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

## **PRAYERS FOR THE DEPARTED**

Doreen Ritchie, Derek Vann, Owen Vigeon



# ***FORTHCOMING SERVICES***

***—This will be updated when public worship resumes—***

While our building is closed, see our social media sites for streamed services.

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