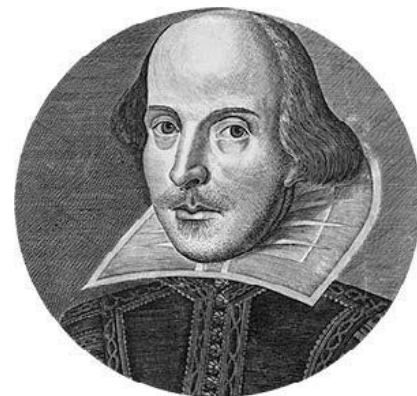


SHAKESPEARE 400

HISTORY, HERITAGE & FAITH



14 April 2016 – 30 June 2016.

A variety of events are well underway at the Collegiate Church of St Mary, Warwick, as part of a major exhibition, featuring a Shakespeare First Folio (1623) (courtesy of the V&A Museum) and a first edition of the King James Bible (1611) (courtesy of Cambridge University), providing visitors with the rare opportunity of seeing these two iconic texts, 'twin pillars' of Western society, on display together. Admission fees are £3.50 for Adults/£2.50 Concessions and £6.50 for a Family ticket.

On the **11 May 2016**. **Guest lecturer, Alison Weir**, the biggest-selling female historian in the UK who has published twenty-three titles and sold more than 2.7 million books, will talk about *Richard III: The Man and the Myth* showing that truth is far more stranger than fiction. 7.30 pm. (Tickets £14/£12 concessions).

St Mary's will play host to the "Good Queen Bess Fest" - Elizabethan **Weekend, 28-30 May 2016** (Collaboration with Kenilworth Castle, Lord Leycester Hospital and Charlecote Park), with a shuttle service in operation between all of these venues. This exciting festival brings together the links to Elizabeth 1st and Shakespeare. Kenilworth, Castle owned by Robert Dudley in the 16th C entertained Queen Elizabeth during her three week long visit in 1575, with pageants, music, dancing, feasting and fireworks. An eleven year old William Shakespeare was rumoured to be at these festivities which inspired Shakespeare to write 'A midsummer night's dream'. The ornate tomb of Robert Dudley is housed in the wonderful Beauchamp Chapel in St Mary's Church. Over the weekend our very own Queen Elizabeth 1st will help to welcome visitors to St Mary's in full Elizabethan costume. There will also be a pop up café in St Mary's on Saturday 28 May, serving tea, coffee and delicious cakes.

On the **17 May 2016**, St Mary's film screening of 'Henry V' (dir. Kenneth Branagh) will include a Pre-screening discussion with actor, **Michael Maloney and Playbox Theatre Director - Stewart McGill**. 'We Happy Few: History and Shakespeare's Royal Throne of Kings'. Michael Maloney has played a wide range of classical roles for some of the most famous theatre companies in the UK. He has also starred alongside Branagh as the Dauphin in Shakespeare's Henry V and played Roderigo in Othello. 7:00p.m. (Tickets £14.00/£12.00 concessions).

For music lovers there will be 'An Evening of Shakespeare in Song' on **4 June 2016**. 'Such Stuff As Dreams': features **DA CAPO CHAMBER CHOIR**, with **Guest Readers, Amanda Root**, actress in Jane Austin's 'Persuasion' (1995) and **Anton Lesser**, who has played many of the principal Shakespearian roles for the **Royal Shakespeare Company**, 7:30p.m. (Tickets £17.50/£15.00/£12.50).

Events are held within the magnificent Collegiate Church of St Mary, a work of art in its own right. This exhibition is not to be missed! For further information: <http://www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk>. Tickets Email: events@stmaryswarwick.org.uk or Tel. 01926 403940. April 2016 – St Mary's Collegiate Church, Warwick. PR#3,