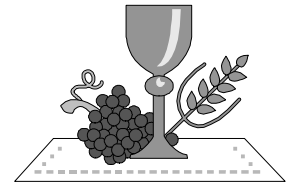




Weekly Newsletter

WELCOME TO OUR SERVICES. If you are a newcomer to St Mary's Church, or a visitor to the area, please introduce yourself to one of the sidespeople or the clergy. We hope that you enjoy worshipping with us.

Communicant members of any Christian church are welcome to make their communion with us. If you do not wish to receive communion, but would like to receive God's blessing, simply hold this service booklet when you come to the altar rail.



St Mary's seeks to be an inclusive church and welcoming to people of all ages and backgrounds. We have a carpeted area and pew bags available for the youngest members of our congregation, if they wish to use it. And they may like to take an adult with them!

If you're a UK tax payer the money you place in the collection can be increased by around 25% if you fill out a blue envelope in the nave chairs or by the main entrance and allow us to retrieve the tax you've already paid & put it towards the work of St Mary's.



Further information about St Mary's, our life and ministry can be found on the website www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk, on Twitter and Facebook.

Please note that for legal and copyright reasons the taking of videos, photographs and recordings is not permitted during services.

December 3rd Advent Sunday

8.00am

Holy Communion (BCP Said)

Celebrant & Preacher: Vaughan Roberts

*The service begins in the Book of Common Prayer page 294
The collect and readings begin on page 87*

Followed each third Sunday by breakfast at a local café

9.30am	Christingle Family Service
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Leader: Alycia Timmis

11.00am	Choral Matins (BCP)
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Hymn: 14
Preces: Byrd
Venite: Havergal
Psalm: 44 vv 1-9
Reading: Micah 4: 1 - 7 - Joy Nugent
Benedicite: Moore
Reading: Matthew 21: 1 - 13 - Peter Briggs
Benedictus: Moore
Responses: Byrd
Anthem: *Adam lay ybounden*

Adam lay ybounden,
Bounden in a bond:
Four thousand winter
Thought he not too long.
And all was for an apple, an apple that he took,
As clerkes finden written in their book.
Ne had the apple taken been,
The apple taken been,
Ne had never our lady
A been heavené queen.
Blessed be the time
That apple taken was.
Therefore we moun singen,
Deo gracias!

Music: Boris Ord; Words: anon. 15th cent.

Hymn: 3 (ii)
Preacher: Vaughan Roberts
Hymn: 9

6.30pm	Candlelit Advent Carol Service “Trees of Advent”
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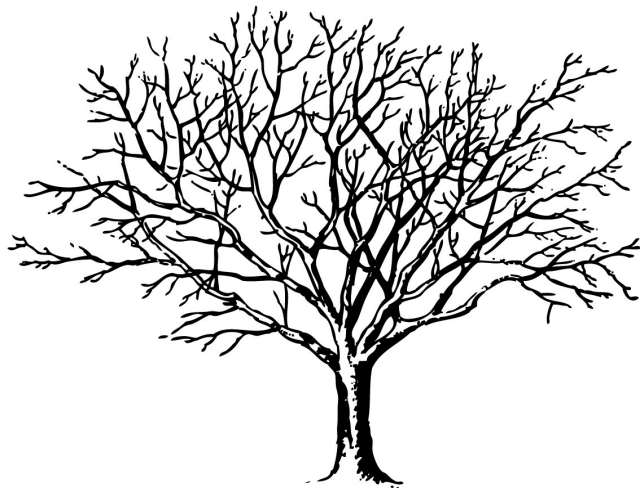
Special Order of Service

Acting Director of Music: Mark Swinton

NOTICES

COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS (1) ...

... has well and truly begun with last Thursday's Victorian Evening, the official turning on of the town's Christmas lights and the glorious opening of this year's Christmas Tree Festival in St Mary's. This Sunday is Advent Sunday and also a first Sunday of the month. That means we have our usual changes with a Christmassy 9.30am Family Service building Christingles followed by Choral Matins. This evening we have our Candlelit Advent Carol Service picking up themes of trees and Advent hope.



COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS (2)

Thank you to everyone who contributed to a wonderful Victorian Evening in St Mary's last Thursday. That includes our stall holders, a wide variety of musicians, the St Mary's guiding team, the Friends of St Mary's, our receptionists and shop staff, all who decorated the fantastic Christmas trees plus Felicity, Glynis & Mark from our office who pulled it all together. The whole thing was delightful!

COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS (3)

This year, for the first time in around 10 years, Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday so we shall be keeping our eve of Christmas pattern of services. Also the second running of our Carol Service will be on Fri 22nd Dec at 6.30pm. Please do check the full list in the newsletter to make sure you don't miss out on anything that you're looking forward to.



COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS (4)

It's a pleasure to host the Diocese of Coventry Guild of Bellsringers' Carol Service in St Mary's next Sat at 4pm. Then on Sunday at 4pm the Vicar will be helping at the Tree of Lights in the Market Square.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Heavenly Father,
days are cold and the night is dark, and winter is upon us;
as we approach Advent, let our thoughts focus on the light that is coming:
the light that shines even in the darkest hour,
and fills our hearts with hope,
the light that brightens our minds
and fills our souls with love,
the light that is our Saviour and Lord.
Bless us all as we wait in joyful anticipation,
for the coming of Christ, our guide and our light. Amen

HELP REQUIRED

Thank you to those from our congregation who have volunteered for Choir Chaperoning duties - that is much appreciated. If you've been thinking about this and would like to help, it's not too late! We currently only have one member of musical staff for our choirs, so we desperately need volunteers to cover - rehearsals cannot take place if only one adult is present. From January onwards, we will continue to need volunteers as we are without an Organ Scholar and rehearsals will often be divided between our Director and Assistant Director. The rehearsals most needing cover now, quite urgently, are Tuesdays 4.45 - 6.20pm. Offers of help on Wednesdays (4.15 - 6.10pm) and Fridays (6.10 - 7.45pm) will still be appreciated. There is an online rota which we can give you a link for so you can sign up - we will be very grateful for any help! Please speak to Mark Swinton, Paddy Barr or Margaret Gayler, or email Margaret at mgayleruk@yahoo.co.uk

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL LEAFLETS ...

... have arrived we just need help distributing them even if it's just your street it all helps but if you can do more even better leaflets available to pick up by the notice board.

ST MARY'S CAFÉ

Please, *please* can you all get baking?! We shall require donations of cakes/mince pies for our Café - and although bought cake is absolutely fine, the homemade variety is especially popular!! Cakes can be left in Church or we can collect if that would be helpful. The dates we shall be needing donations are: Fri Dec 8th /Sat 9th. Thank you so much, in anticipation.



WHY NOT BUY ...

... one of the Christmas Trees from our festival and decorate it in your home for Christmas? £25 including the stand for a 5ft Nordmann fir (Homebase 4ft tree £30). You can even choose and reserve your tree having seen it on display during the festival from Tue 28th Nov until Sun 10th Dec. Collection will be from Tue 12th Dec. Hinton's Nursery have kindly agreed to donate £5 to St Mary's for every tree sold. Please reserve your tree with the Parish Office by Fri 8th Dec.



BIG CLEAN

Our Vergers are calling for help to clean the church ready for Christmas on Tue 12th Dec at 9.30am Please bring your favourite duster ready to dust furniture and polish some silver or brass. We have all the cleaning materials and will offer mince pies and hot drinks. Many thanks the verging team.

ACTORS NEEDED!

For a Nativity scene as part of St Mary's contribution to the "Warwick Advent Calendar" being produced by Churches Together. (Performance date: Friday, 8th December 2017, 4:00pm) All ages welcome and needed for angels, shepherds, etc! Please see Alycia for more details.

ECCLESIASTICAL INSURANCE ...

... is celebrating its 130 year anniversary of insuring Anglican churches .



They are making a 'thank you' offer to donate £130 to the church each time anyone from the church family - you, clergy, church workers or volunteers take out a home insurance policy with Ecclesiastical during the next year. When a home insurance policy is taken out, by quoting Trust 130 and nominating St Mary's, Ecclesiastical will

make a £130 donation. If you would like to obtain a quotation, simply visit www.ecclesiastical.com/Trust130 or call 08007830130 quoting Trust130

POSADA

We are trying something new for this year's trip by Mary, Joseph and donkey. Instead of going around households they will be staying a week at a local hospital, hospice and school. The trip will start as usual at our Christingle on Advent and finish at the Crib Service on Christmas Eve.



VISIT St Mary's Gift Shop

Christmas stock NOW IN

Cards for every Occasion & Gifts in Stock

CD's, Trays and Candles, St Mary's Tea Towels & Notelets

St Mary's Gift shop can supply stamps at normal price but buying them from the shop gives the church a small profit.

USPG Rethinking Mission Conference 'Living in a religiously diverse world'

Speakers from around the world will inspire, challenge & enthuse us as we reflect on how we live & engage in mission in religiously diverse situations.

DATE AND TIME: Sat 17 March 2018 09:30 - 15:00 GMT

LOCATION: St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham, B3 2QB

Speakers:

The Very Revd Canon Hosam Naoum

Dean of St George's Cathedral, Jerusalem

Secretary of the Heads of Churches in Jerusalem

Deaconess Yit Ching Li

Deaconess in the Diocese of West Malaysia

Anglican Province of South East Asia

The Revd Christine Benoit

First woman ordained in the Diocese of Seychelles,

Anglican Province of the Indian Ocean

Richard Reddie

Theologian, researcher and author, UK

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WARWICK EVENTS

Sat 16th & 30th Healing in the Street) in the Market Square

Sat 16th Nativity Live! at Shire Hall 1.30pm start. It is a lovely event.

Warwick Advent Calendar 1st Dec to 24th Dec Find where to go and when in leaflets at our churches and Visitors Information Centre or website warwickadvent.weebly.com and see what the surprise is.

WARWICK POPPIES One of our flower ladies is making poppies from plastic bottles. If you have any empty bottles and are able to bring them in these can be left at reception.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING: St Margaret's Whitnash are holding two sessions where people can complete the C0 Safeguarding training as a group. Dates are:

Sun 3rd Dec at 12 noon - a light lunch will be provided

Wed 13th Dec at 7pm - cheese and wine / soft drink will be provided

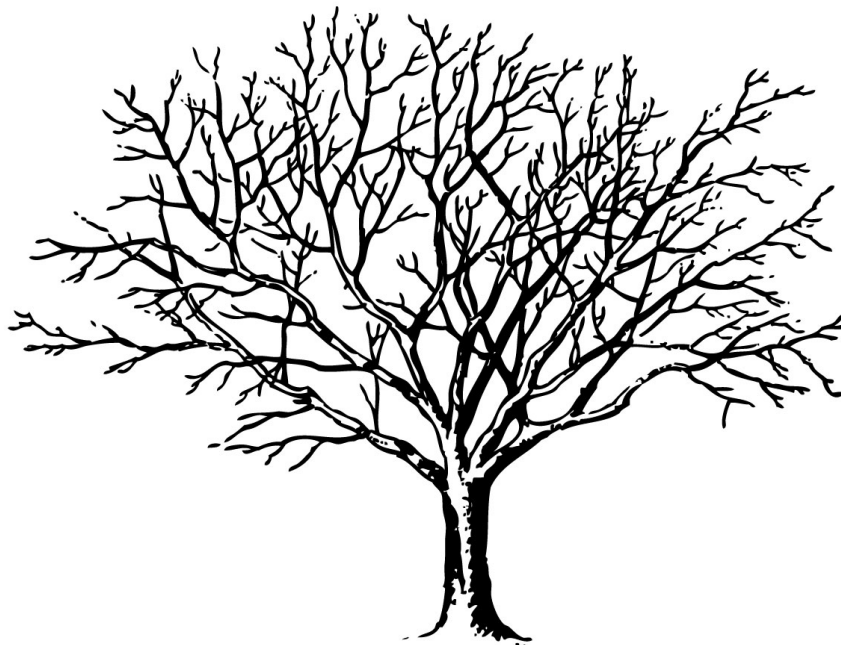
Contact Jean Fisher jean.fisher46@btinternet.com or William Clemmey william.clemmey@gmail.com if you wish to attend or sign in via Eventbrite

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL: Flo Carpenter, Sian Barnett, Christopher Browne, Clifford Browne, Mandeep Madar, Jack Dixon

PRAYERS FOR THE DEPARTED: Mary Formstone

THIS WEEK: Beginning 3rd December

Wednesday 6 th	10.00am 5.30pm	Holy Communion <u>NO</u> Choral Evensong
Friday 8 th	5.30pm	Choral Evensong



FORTHCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday 10th December - Advent 2

8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Choral Eucharist	6.30pm Choral Evensong
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Sunday 17th December - Advent 3

8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Choral Eucharist	6.30pm Candlelit Carol Service <i>(Recorded by BBC Coventry & Warwickshire)</i>
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Sunday 24th December - Christmas Eve

8.00am <u>NO</u> Holy Communion	10.30am <u>No</u> Choral Eucharist	4.00pm Crib Service	6.30pm <u>NO</u> Choral Evensong	23.15pm Midnight Mass
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Sunday 31st December - Christmas 1

8.00am <u>NO</u> Holy Communion	10.30am Parish Eucharist & Carols	6.30pm <u>NO</u> Choral Evensong
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