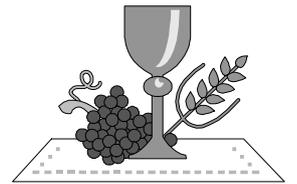




Weekly Newsletter

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.

February 11th Sunday before Lent (Quinquagesima)

8.00am

Holy Communion (BCP Said)

Celebrant & Preacher: Linda Duckers

The service begins in the Book of Common Prayer page 294

The collect and readings begin on page 125

Followed each third Sunday by breakfast at a local café

10.30am	Choral Eucharist Common Worship: Order 1 Boys' and Men's Voices
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Celebrant & Preacher: Vaughan Roberts
Reading: 2 Corinthians 4: 3-6 - Alan Faulkner
Intercessor: Kirsteen Robson
Assistants: Grahame Edmonds & Chris Edmonds

6.30pm	Choral Evensong (BCP) Boys' and Men's Voices
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Hymn: 483
Preces: Byrd
Psalm: 2
Reading: 1 Kings 19 :1-16 - Chris Sharp
Magnificat: Purcell *in G minor*
Reading: Mark 9: 9-13 - Desmond Jack
Nunc dimittis: Purcell *in G minor*
Responses: Byrd
Anthem: *Thy word is a lantern*
Thy word is a lantern unto my feet:
and a light unto my paths.
I have sworn and am steadfastly purposed:
to keep thy righteous judgements.
I am troubled above measure:
quicken me, O Lord, according to thy word.
The ungodly have laid a snare for me:
but yet I swerved not from thy commandments.
Thy testimonies have I claimed as mine heritage
for ever:
and why? they are the very joy of my heart.
Hallelujah.

Words: Ps 119: 105-108, 110, 111; Music: Purcell

Hymn 248(ii)
Preacher: Vaughan Roberts
Hymn: 485
Organ voluntary: 'Great' *Praeludium in E minor* Bruhns

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

NOTICES

INTO LENT

Lent begins this week with Ash Wednesday (14th) so don't forget we have a service of Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes at 10am and Choral Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes at 7.30pm. And don't forget that our Lent Addresses *The Bible – Past, Present, Future* begin next Sunday evenings at 6.30pm with a great line-up of speakers



OUTWARD GIVING

Today was due to be an Outward Giving Sunday when we give some of our collection to a good cause nominated by our congregation. We are presently looking for more nominations to be approved by St Mary's PCC and Standing Committee. One has come in during the week so if you'd like to suggest a charity for 2018 please send your suggestion to the Church Office. The next Outward Giving Sunday is scheduled to be 25th March.

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

We are counting The Children's Society boxes, so could we please ask everyone to start bringing your Children's Society box into church. We did very well last year and raised £992.80 so hopefully this year we can match it or raise a little more. We will count the money and return the boxes to the back of the church within 2 weeks. There were a few boxes left at the back of church last year, if you did not collect your



**The
Children's
Society**

box but would still like to make a donation in cash or cheque please see us and I will make sure you get your box back to you for the coming year. Every penny helps the work of The Children's Society. If you have one of the Children Society Candle boxes that were given out at the Christingle Service could you also return them as well and I will send that money off to the society. With thanks for your help in raising money for the continuing work of The Children's Society.
Gill and David Benson

PANCAKE RACE FOR THE FRIENDS OF THE CHOIR ...

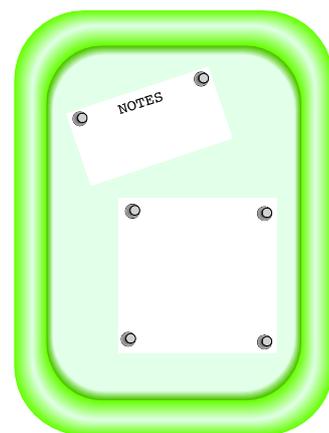
... Sunday 11th February after the morning service. The Friends will supply pancakes for the race and to eat afterwards along with tea/coffee, squash. Everyone is welcome to join in & if any have a spare frying pan could they bring it with them.



PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Father in Heaven,
the light of your truth bestows sight
to the darkness of sinful eyes;
may this season of repentance
bring us the blessing of Your forgiveness
and the gift of Your light.
Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen

ST MARY'S SHARED BREAKFAST Monthly meetings at Apple Tree Tea Rooms
'Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in the one bread.'
These words pass our lips many times but who is 'the body' with whom we share the cornerstone of our life? In many cases we may only know a name or recognise a face as we pass in the street. The first shared breakfast was held in Oct 2015 and is held monthly. The 'agenda' is to enjoy a drink and food and get to know each other. In the past this has included: who likes Marmite and who does not, and, the meaning of Christmas to us as individuals and as part of the body of St Mary's. Merely by being together we witness our faith outside of the church. During one of our first meeting we were laughing and the café owner commented that it was good to hear Christians laughing. Breakfast is served at 8.45am once a month on a Saturday; the dates being set at each breakfast to try to accommodate as many as possible. Normally, we finish at 10am. The next date is 10th Feb 2018; £5 buys a drink and a bacon roll or similar item. The time spent sharing and getting to know other members of St Mary's is priceless.



WHERE THERE'S HOPE, THERE'S LIFE!

Are you thinking of taking up something for Lent? How about 40 Stories of Hope? This extraordinary book contains forty stories from prisoners, prison chaplains and ex-offenders that tell of the hope they have found, how forgiveness can be discovered in the most unlikely places, and how knowing Jesus changes lives forever. Each story is also accompanied by Bible verses, prayers and a thought for the day, as well as weekly notes to inspire personal reflection and/or group discussion. The book can be read, alone or in small groups, in the knowledge that you will be sharing with churches and Christians both inside and outside of prison, and responding to Jesus' call in Matthew 25 to be with those who are in prison. St Mary's Study Group will be using the book as a basis for our Lent sessions, at 8pm on Thursdays 22nd February, 8th March and 22nd March, and all are welcome to join us. Please see Kirsteen Robson (07799 682872 or kirsteenr@gmail.com) as soon as possible if you'd like a book (at no cost to you) to use during Lent, or if you would like to come along to a group discussion. (These are held at 4, Elizabeth Court, Warwick, CV34 6QB.)

WARWICK POPPIES 2018 ...

Fish and Chip Supper. This is now sold out

VISIT St Mary's Gift Shop

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.

MU WARWICK TOGETHER PROGRAMME

Sunday 4th March - We will have a table at the Wedding Fair at Old Shire Hall, Northgate Street, Warwick 11 - 3pm. Do encourage couples you know who are planning marriage to drop in to this free event.

Friday 9th March - a Lent meditation, led by Linda Mitchell, again at 14 Saltisford, from 2.30pm. All are welcome.

Monday 9th April - Diocesan Service for Lady Day, 2pm at St Martin's Church, Green Lane, Finham, Coventry CV3 6EA. Speaker: the Very Revd John Witcombe, Dean of Coventry Cathedral. Lifts can be arranged nearer the time.

More details from valbrant@sky.com, tel 01926 494021, Lorraine Jaeger on 07974 592263; or denisegodfrey49@gmail.com

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WARWICK EVENTS Sat 24th Feb *Healing On The Streets* in Market Sq from 10am to noon, which is sometimes moved to a spare stall in the main market so look out for their banner.

EXPLORING VOCATION: Our Diocese will be offering ways of exploring God's calling both in terms of vocation and spiritual direction. More details on the diocesan website links:

www.dioceseofcoventry.org/vocations/vocationsevenings

www.passionatespirituality.org.uk

And from the *Where Do I Fit?* Cards by St Mary's noticeboard.

Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi through McCabe Travel - details of the itinerary can be found on the company website. The pilgrimage is being led by Bishop Michael Languish and is on the 10th to 18th June 2018. For more details, the organiser is Sue Minton and her contact details are: 01788 816497 mminton477@aol.com

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

PRAYERS FOR THE DEPARTED: June Drinkwater, Christine Lord, Scott Bosley

THIS WEEK: Beginning 11th February

Wednesday 14 th	10.00am 7.30pm	Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes Choral Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes
Friday 16 th	5.30pm	Choral Evensong

FORTHCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday 18th February - Lent 1

8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Choral Eucharist	6.30pm Choral Evensong & Lent Address
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Sunday 25th February - Lent 2

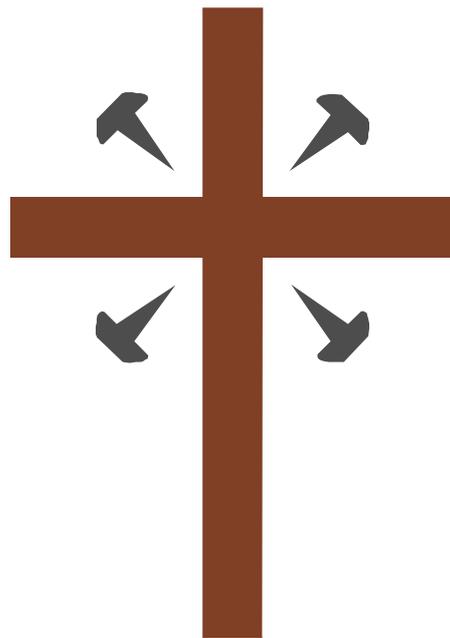
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Sunday 4th March - Lent 3

8.00am Holy Communion	9.30am Family Service	11.00am Choral Matins	6.30pm Choral Evensong & Lent Address
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Sunday 11th March - Lent 4 Mothering Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Family Choral Eucharist & Baptism	6.30pm Choral Evensong & Lent Address
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