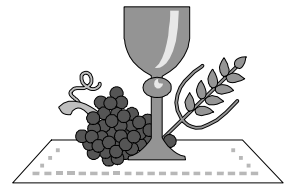




Weekly Newsletter

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. This allows us to retrieve the tax you've already paid and 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.

January 13th

Baptism of Christ (Epiphany 2)

8.00am

Holy Communion (BCP Said)

Celebrant & Preacher: Linda Duckers

The service begins in the Book of Common Prayer page 236

The collect and readings begin on page 67

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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Preacher: Alycia Timmis
 Reading: Acts 8: 14-17 - Mark Swinton
 Intercessor: Kirsteen Robson
 Assistants: Ian Barnicoat & Christine Smeaton

6.30pm	Choral Evensong (BCP) Boys' and Men's Voices
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Hymn: 56
 Preces: Leighton
 Psalms: 46, 47
 Reading: Isaiah 55 :1-11 - Chris Sharp
 Magnificat: Dyson *in F*
 Reading: Romans 6: 1-11 - Des Jack
 Nunc dimittis: Dyson *in F*
 Responses: Leighton
 Anthem: *The Three Kings*

The first king was very young,
 O balow, balow la lay,
 With doleful ballads on his tongue,
 O balow, balow la lay,
 He came bearing a branch of myrrh
 Than which no gall is bitterer,
 O balow, balow la lay,
 Gifts for a baby King, O.

The second king was a man in prime,
 O balow, balow la lay,
 The solemn priest of a solemn time,
 O balow, balow la lay,
 With eyes downcast and reverent feet
 He brought his incense sad and sweet,
 O balow, balow la lay,
 Gifts for a baby King, O.

The third king was very old,
 O balow, balow la lay,
 Both his hands were full of gold,
 O balow, balow la lay,
 Many a gaud and glittering toy,
 Baubles brave for a baby boy,
 O balow, balow la lay,
 Gifts for a baby King, O.

Words: Dorothy L Sayers; Music: Dove

Hymn: 55
 Preacher: Vaughan Roberts
 Hymn: 50
 Organ voluntary: *Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam (BWV 684)*

J. S. Bach

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

NOTICES

NEW YEAR, NEW SEASON: Thanks once again to the wonderful team at St Mary's who made Christmas such a memorable celebration and to St Mary's Scholars who sang for our Epiphany services last Sunday. It's been good to welcome back our robed choirs this week following their well-earned post-Christmas break.

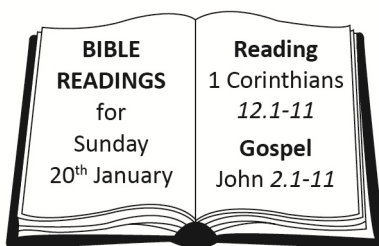
THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY ... begins this Fri (18th) and Kirsteen Robson has produced an excellent prayer leaflet for *Churches Together in Warwick (CTW)* to support this important opportunity for our churches to work ecumenically. They are available in church today, so please do pick one up. Also, the annual CTW unity service is **next Sun evening at All Saints, Emscote (6.30pm)** so we won't have Choral Evensong at St Mary's.



Justice, Only Justice, you Shall Pursue –
Dt.16:18-20

EVENING SERVICE TIME: We have been exploring the possibility of moving the time of our Sunday evening service from 6.30pm to 5.30pm. Before this is discussed by the PCC it would be helpful to have the thoughts of our Evening congregation. There will be a meeting in the vestry on Sun 10th Feb at 5.30pm for people to share their thoughts and views.

BIBLE READINGS



CONFIRMATION CLASSES: We are planning confirmation classes ahead of the Bishop of Warwick taking a Confirmation and First Communion Service on Easter Eve at St Mary's. There will be two groups, one for younger candidates on Wed afternoons (start tbc) and one for adults on Thu Evenings (from 17th) in the vestry. If you'd like to find out more please speak to Vaughan or Alycia.

2019 NUMBERED GIVING ENVELOPES ... are available at the back of church. If you are new to the scheme, please take a pack and complete your name and sign against one of the available numbers. If you are a regular scheme member and would like to change your number, please take one of the available numbers and sign next to that number and delete your name against the old number.

MUSIC MATTERS: Congratulations to girl chorister Isolde Newton on achieving Grade 3 piano with distinction at the end of last term. She got 139 (out of 150) - an excellent result.

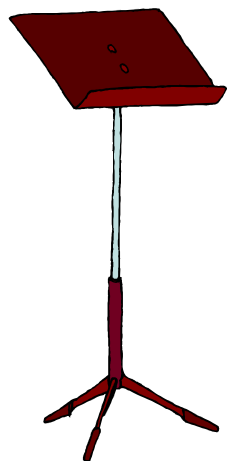
LUNCHTIME RECITALS 2019

1st and 3rd Fridays of the month, 1.15-2.00pm

18 th January	Luke Barker <i>trumpet</i> (Warwick School)
1 st February	Samuel Bristow <i>organ</i> (Birmingham Cathedral)
15 th February	Mark Swinton <i>organ</i> (St Mary's Warwick)
1 st March	Oliver Hancock <i>organ</i> (St Mary's Warwick)
15 th March	Anna Turner <i>oboe</i> (King's High School)
5 th April	Mark Swinton <i>organ</i> (St Mary's Warwick)
19 th April	Good Friday; no recital

For information about organ recitals in the UK, visit www.organrecitals.com

INVITATION TO ALL ... A talk by our Director of Music, Oliver Hancock on Wed 23rd Jan at 6.30pm. This event, organised by The Friends of St Mary's, is part of the 'Getting to Know St Mary's Programme' (Behind the scenes). It hardly seems possible, but Oliver Hancock, our Director of Music, has just completed his first year with us at St Mary's. He is very keen to share his review of the past 12 months but, more importantly, his vision for the future. He has many exciting and ambitious plans for the choirs and church music in general, so this promises to be a fascinating and enlightening experience. We hope that many of those attending will come to Choral Evensong at 5.30pm and stay on for the talk. Tea and biscuits, or a glass of wine, will be offered during the question and answer time at the end. There is no charge and no tickets will be issued but we do



need to know numbers, in advance. There is a sign-up sheet near the Friends noticeboard or alternatively please contact Heather, Hon. Sec. to reserve a place - 024 7642 2738 or email: heather-partis@tiscali.co.uk

IT IS WITH SOME SADNESS ... that we have to announce the closing of the Teas and Friendship Meeting organised by The Pastoral Team and friends from St Mary Immaculate. Ten years ago when the sessions started on the first Friday of each month there was little available for those people who wanted to meet and chat in a safe environment. However, rising costs and falling numbers have made it impossible to continue. Happily there are now many other regular events on offer and it is now possible to attend similar meetings in Warwick on almost every day of the week. We would like to thank all those who have supported us over the last ten years and wish all of our friends the very best in the future.



Doreen and the Pastoral Team

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY: The new year has started and its time again to count The Children's Society boxes, so could we please ask everyone to start bringing the Children's Society box into church, you can bring them on a Sunday and if we are not there please put them in the vestry, or if you drop them in during the week please give them into the shop and they will give them to us. We did very well last year and raised £949.25, this was a little down on the previous year, so hopefully this year we can match it or raise a little more. Lots of boxes never come in or come in every other year so please can you make a point of bringing it in this year as every penny helps. We will count the money and return the boxes to the back of the church within 2 weeks.

If you would like a box please let us know and we will sign you up, or if you would like to make just one donation in cash or cheque please see us. Every penny helps the work of The Children's Society. With thanks for your help in raising money for the continuing work of The Children's Society.

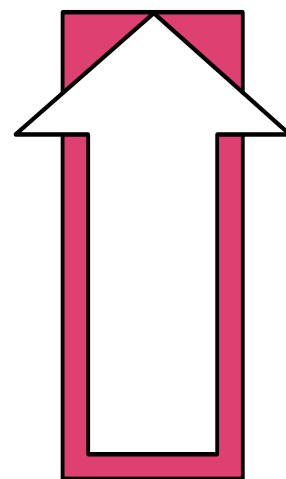
CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WARWICK EVENTS

Sat 19th Jan: HOTS (Healing on the Street) in Market Square, 11.00am-12.00pm
The team need more prayers and helpers: a new year's resolution maybe?
The Annual CTW Service of Unity on 20th January, at All Saints' Emscote
Refreshments - from 5.30pm The service begins at 6.30pm All are welcome.

SCHOOLS TEAM VOLUNTEERS WANTED

We are developing a team of volunteers to go into local schools and deliver much needed social and emotional aspects of learning through courses addressing Mental Health Resilience, Anger Management, Self Esteem and Significant Loss. We are looking for volunteers who are willing to be trained by a sector leading Christian youth organisation who have developed and delivered these highly effective courses for over a decade. Are you

- Passionate about loving and serving our local schools?
- Flexible, Friendly, Committed and Compassionate?
- Able to commit to term time delivery of courses in school hours (2hours a week for a 6 week period)?
- Able to attend schools work (half a day training) and course delivery training (1day per course)?
- Available from February onwards to be involved in the project?
- Willing to fill in an application form, provide references and undergo a DBS check?



For an application form or more information about the project please contact Stacey Bains on 07507 722537 or email stacey.bains@covcofe.org.

HAMPTON COURT: Our boy choristers and gentlemen of the Choir are off to join forces with the Choir of the Chapel Royal, Hampton Court for Evensong on Sunday 20th January, with music by Leighton, Dyson, and Dove. All are welcome to attend the service, which starts at 3.30pm.



We are looking for boy and girl choristers to join the Choirs of St Mary's, Warwick.

If you know a boy aged 7 or a girl aged 8 or above who loves to sing,
has a good musical ear, and a clear voice, get in touch!

No previous experience necessary.

Benefits include a free, world-class musical education; concerts,
broadcasts, tours, and recordings; developing leadership skills,
self-confidence, and self-discipline; Choir pay; great fun!

For more details email musicadmin@stmaryswarwick.org.uk



KNEELERS: Kneelers are readily available from our sidespeople for those who wish. Please just ask and they can be provided.

SUPPORTING THE MUSIC OF ST MARY'S: We are very proud of the musical tradition at St Mary's. If you would like to support the music-making here we would love to hear from you. It might be sponsoring a service of Choral Evensong in memory of a loved one, or offering a contribution towards the cost of a set of music for the Choir, or sponsoring a concert/recital, or something else! Please contact the Director of Music if you can help:
dofm@stmaryswarwick.org.uk

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL: Flo Carpenter, Christopher Browne, Clifford Browne, Mandeep Madar, Gwen & Paul Shilton, Ellie Booth.

PRAYERS FOR THE DEPARTED: Joy Farrow

THIS WEEK: Beginning 13th January

Wednesday 16 th	10.00am 5.30pm	Holy Communion Choral Evensong
Friday 18 th	5.30pm	Choral Evensong

FORTHCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday 20th January - Epiphany 3

8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Choral Eucharist	6.30pm CTW Unity Service All Saints Emscote
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Sunday 27th January - Epiphany 4

8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Choral Eucharist	6.30pm Choral Evensong
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Sunday 3rd February - Presentation of Christ

8.00am Holy Communion	9.30am Family Service	11.00am Choral Matins	6.30pm Candlemas Service
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Sunday 10th February - 4th Sunday before Lent

8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Choral Eucharist	6.30pm Choral Evensong
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