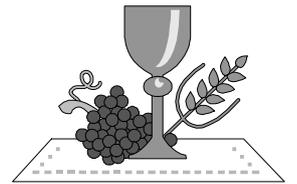




Weekly Newsletter

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.

January 14th Epiphany 2 (Outward Giving 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 109

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: Revelation 5: 1-10 - Diane Luxton
Intercessor: Kirsteen Robson
Assistants: Grahame Edmonds & Chris Edmonds

6.30pm	Choral Evensong (BCP) Boys' and Men's Voices
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Hymn: 50
Preces: Rose
Psalm: 96
Reading: Isaiah 62 :1-5 - Mark Swinton
Magnificat: Wood in E *b* (No 2)
Reading: John 2: 1-11 - Chris Sharp
Nunc dimittis: Wood in E *b* (No 2)
Responses: Rose
Anthem: *Bethlehem Down*

‘When He is King we will give Him the Kings’
gifts,
Myrrh for its sweetness, and gold for a crown,
Beautiful robes’, said the young girl to Joseph
Fair with her first-born on Bethlehem Down.

When He is King they will clothe Him in
grave-sheets,
Myrrh for embalming, and wood for a crown,
He that lies now in the white arms of Mary
Sleeping so lightly on Bethlehem Down.

Bethlehem Down is full of the starlight,
Winds for the spices, and stars for the gold,
Mary for sleep, and for lullaby music
Songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.

Here He has peace and a short while for
dreaming,
Close huddled oxen to keep Him from cold,
Mary for love, and for lullaby music
Songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.

Words: Bruce Blunt; Music: Peter Warwlock

Hymn: 352
Preacher: Vaughan Roberts
Hymn: 48
Organ voluntary: *Nun sei willkommen, Jesus, lieber Herr* Peeters

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

NOTICES

NEW START: It's wonderful to have Oliver Hancock starting as our new Director of Music this term and today is his first Sunday with us. Oliver was appointed during the summer but hasn't been able to begin formally because of contractual obligations at Portsmouth Cathedral. Although Oliver will be starting this week, we will formally welcome him during a service of Choral Evensong on



Sun 21st Jan at 4pm. Do come along! We are enormously grateful to Mark Swinton for acting as Director of Music over the past term and steering us successfully through such a demanding time musically.

THIS SUNDAY ... is an Outward Giving Sunday when we have an opportunity to give to a good cause nominated by a member of our congregation. The charity is the Disasters Emergency Committee's current appeal for more than half a million people - mostly Rohingya women and children - who have fled violence in Myanmar's Rakhine state. They are seeking refuge in Bangladesh, where they urgently need food, water, shelter and medical care. We are currently looking for more nominations to take us into 2018.



**DISASTERS
EMERGENCY
COMMITTEE**

IN CHARACTER: Christmas Day would have been the 91st birthday of Michael Whelan who was a stalwart member with his wife Rosemary of our Wednesday Communion Service until his death in Oct 2016. Michael was a civil engineer by training and had a passion for St Mary's Church, which included the upkeep of this beautiful building. We are most grateful to Rosemary and the family for a generous gift of £1,000 at Christmas towards the fabric of the church. We are very grateful for this kind act which reflects Michael's own enthusiasm and benevolence.



CONFIRMATION: Vaughan and Alycia are planning confirmation classes for this term ahead of a confirmation service in St Mary's with the Bishop of Warwick scheduled for May. If you're interested and would like to find out more about what it involves please speak to them.



POSADA: Our knitted Mary, Joseph and donkey made a different Advent journey before Christmas so do take a look at the photos and the diary of all they got up to.

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

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 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

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Arise, shine, for the Light of the World has come!

Darkness covers the earth and its people,

but the radiance of God's Light

burns away its shadows,

illuminates the smallest corner,

and heralds in the start

of a new dawn,

where hearts no longer fear,

souls might be set free,

and sister shall follow brother,

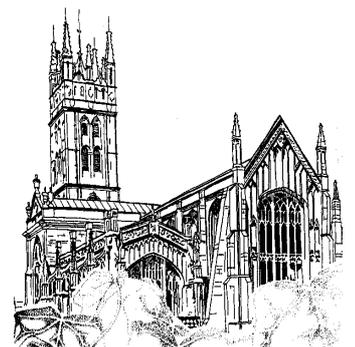
nation shall follow nation,

and kings and princes bow down in awe

before the one who comes to reign.

Arise, shine, for the Light of the World has come! Alleluia!

BACK IN THE GROOVE: The PCC's Standing Committee met this week to review ministry at St Mary's. There was a presentation by our curate Alycia Timmis about a passion play in Market Sq for 2019; an update from our treasurer John Adams on our end of year finances and the significant deficit from fabric spending in 2017; plus a report on the completed and ongoing fabric projects from our church administrator Felicity Bostock.



WARWICK POPPIES 2018 ...

... is starting the New Year with a variety of planned activities and we would really appreciate YOUR support. On Thursday 1st February please join us for an evening of light-hearted Prose & Poetry, compiled by our very own Godfrey Hill. This will be at 7.30pm., at the Warren's home - 46 Myton Crescent. No charge, but donations happily received! Tickets are limited, so apply early - list at the back of Church.

Warwick Market Square Museum and Warwick Poppies 2018 are co-hosting another poppy making workshop, on Wednesday 7th February & we are hoping for a bumper turnout. Everyone welcome, no charge, materials provided. Learn how to knit, crochet or make felt poppies.

Two more display preparation workshops are now booked for Tuesday 6th & Wednesday 7th February. These will be at 6.30pm., at the Warrens home - 46 Myton Crescent. The previous get-togethers were very popular - it is a lovely way to meet new people. You will NOT be making poppies, rather preparing poppies for the display and we have literally hundreds ready for counting and storage!

“SING WITH YOUR SUPPER” - on Monday 19th March, join us for a lovely evening in the beautiful Great Hall at The Lord Leicester Hospital. The Sing Well Community Choir will be entertaining us, and we shall enjoy a Fish and Chip Supper - all for £10pp. Tickets available via our website; via Helen, Carol, Gill or Gail; or in St Mary's Shop.

Further ahead, save the dates -

Wednesday 8th August - coach trip to The Poppy Factory in Richmond.

Tickets available nearer the time.

Friday 5th October - Gala Dinner & opening of the display.

Tickets will go on sale in June.

NEW CHURCH MAGAZINE ... for January/February is now available at the back of church – at 50p a great read!

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WARWICK EVENTS

Sunday 21st January 6.30pm United Service Castle Hill Baptist Church join us for tea from 6pm.

Celebrating example of Christians working together for God in our area in Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Saturday 27th HOTS (Healing on the Street)

Saturday 3rd February 7.30am at St Nicholas Church Prayer Breakfast

**FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S – A talk and tour by the St Mary's Church Guides -
As part of the 'Getting to Know St Mary's Programme'. On 3rd February at
11.00am.**



Are you a regular worshiper at St Mary's but never received information about its rich history and fascinating story from one of our guides? This is an exclusive guided tour and talk with priority being given to members of the 'Friends' association. A warm invitation is also extended to any parishioners who might also like to attend.

This promises to be a fascinating and unique experience. It is a rare chance to hear of the work of our excellent and renowned guiding team. They will share some fascinating facts about our wonderful church and the part it has played in British history. There will also be a chance, over coffee, for questions about becoming a guide and the training and duties required.

There will be no charge but a voluntary donation to cover refreshments would be appreciated.

Please contact Heather Partis to reserve your place. (024 7642 2738 or E-mail heather-partis@tiscali.co.uk)

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The Chairman's New Year letter is currently available on the Friend's web page. Those who have provided an email address should receive a copy of the letter by email. If you have not received a copy please contact Heather (see below). As our Chairman explained in the last newsletter, due to the ever increasing cost of postage we will no longer be sending "hard copies" to members. For those for whom we have no email address there are a limited number of copies available in Church today plus there is a copy on the Friend's noticeboard. If you have an email address and would like to receive a copy by email please contact heather-partis@tiscali.co.uk who will be pleased to respond".

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.

REST IN PEACE: We were very sorry to learn about the recent death of Christine Lord, a very loyal member of St Mary's flower team. Her Memorial service will be on Fri 26th Jan at 12 noon in church. Please keep all her family and friends in your prayers at this time.

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

PRAYERS FOR THE DEPARTED: June Drinkwater, Christine Lord

THIS WEEK: Beginning 14th January

Wednesday 17 th	10.00am 5.30pm	Holy Communion Choral Evensong
Friday 19 th	5.30pm	Choral Evensong

FORTHCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday 21st January - Epiphany 3

8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Choral Eucharist	4.00pm Choral Evensong & welcome of new Director of Music	6.30pm CTW Unity Service Castle Hill Baptist Church
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Sunday 28th January - Epiphany 4

8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Choral Eucharist	6.30pm Choral Evensong
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Sunday 4th February - Epiphany 5

8.00am Holy Communion	9.30am Family Service	11.00am Choral Matins	6.30pm Choral Eucharist
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Sunday 11th February - Sunday before Lent (Outward Giving Sunday)

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