



Weekly Newsletter May 15th 2022

WELCOME TO OUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER. The Westminster government has withdrawn all COVID restrictions and yet we still recommend wearing face coverings for church worship. The South side of St Mary's (by the font) remains a zone just for those wearing masks and maintaining social distance. We provide a live-stream of our 10.30am Sunday service on Facebook and YouTube.



Under GDPR, St Mary's must have consent of anyone whose image might be included in our broadcast. Every attempt is made not to show faces but this can happen if people turn around during the service. The congregation is not filmed whilst receiving communion, and side aisles and the back third of the centre of the church are not covered by our cameras. The full policy can be read on the noticeboards or from the "Featured" section of the front page of our website. Please indicate your consent by signing the form at the back of church or using the link to the online form on our website.



We are following the guidance of the Church of England, including when it comes to giving and receiving communion. At present communion at all services is received standing along the communion rail with an option to receive wine at the end of the rail. The current order of service, newsletter, prayer diary and parish magazine can also be viewed and downloaded from our website.

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

St Mary's Campaign 2023 <https://www.stmaryscampaign2023.org.uk/>

Twitter @StMarysWarwick and @ChoirsofWarwick

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YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/c/CollegiateChurchofStMaryWarwick>

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

SERVICES

Easter 5/Easter 4

8.00am

Holy Communion (BCP Said)

Celebrant & Preacher: Vaughan Roberts

The service begins in the Book of Common Prayer page 190

10.30am

**Choral Eucharist (Common Worship)
Boys' and Men's Voices
also on Facebook & YouTube**

Preacher: Vaughan Roberts

Reading: Acts 11: 1-18 - Sarah Faulkner

Intercessor: Ian Barnicoat

Organ Voluntary: *Christ ist erstanden (BWV 627)* J.S. Bach

Everyone is warmly invited to stay for tea or coffee after the service.

5.30pm

Choral Evensong (BCP) Boys' and Men's Voices

Hymn: 434

Preces: Radcliffe

Psalm: 98

Reading: Daniel 6: (1-5) 6-23 - Desmond Jack

Magnificat: Dyson *in F*

Reading: Mark 15: 46-16.8 - Clive Black

Nunc dimittis: Dyson *in F*

Responses: Radcliffe

Anthem: *And I saw a new heaven* Bainton

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away; and there was no more sea. And I, John, saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband; and I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people; and God himself shall be with them, and be their God; and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away."

Revelation 21:1-4

Hymn: 393

Preacher:

Doreen Mills

Hymn:

272

Organ voluntary:

Dies sind die heil'gen zehen Gebot (BWV 678) J.S. Bach

Director of Music: Oliver Hancock

Assistant Director of Music: Mark Swinton

Organ Scholar: Matthew Howell

NOTICES

A NEW FACE

It's great to welcome Clare Gould who has started this week as Church Administrator. Clare has a background in accounting in the energy industry and comes to us from managing the Chase Community Centre. The plan is that she will be working three days a week some of which will be in St Mary's office and some from home. Amongst other outside interest Clare is also a bellringer locally. Welcome Clare!

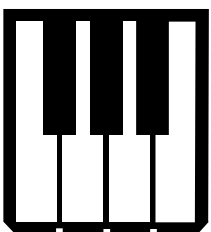
SOME OLD HANDS

Last Sunday's 10.30am Eucharist was a town civic service and we were joined by the outgoing Mayor of Warwick, Cllr Richard Edgington, and incoming Mayor Cllr Parminder Birdi. Our next Civic Eucharist will be at 10.30am on Sunday 5th June to celebrate the Queen's platinum jubilee and we shall be joined by The Rt Revd John Stroyan (Bishop of Warwick) and Tim Cox (Lord Lieutenant of Warwickshire). Do join us if you can. And many thank you again to all who organised last Sunday's toast after the Eucharist to celebrate the 'canonization' of our vicar.



IN TUNE

Thank you to our Director of Music for his organ recital given to the Order of St Mary's last Wednesday. It was a most enjoyable and fun occasion, which was very well received. The Order is planning to reschedule the previous event, a talk on the St Mary's Tower Project by our architect Mark Stewart, after it was postponed when Mark contracted COVID. Watch this space!



HOLY DUSTERS & HOLY MOPPERS

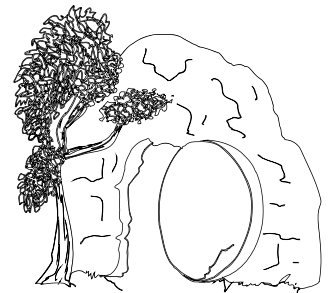
The Holy Dusters have been working hard to ensure that St Mary's is gleaming and shining (with the help of fresh coffee and cake!). They meet on the last Thursday of the month so will gather on the last Thursday in May (26th) from 10.00-12.00 and there's an extra get together on Thursday 19th for some cleaning of our church's parquet flooring. One section has been done: can anyone see which it is? All welcome on one or both occasions.

HOUR AT THE CROSS

Some people have asked for copies of the Vicar's reflections on Domenico Tiepolo's Stations of the Cross on Good Friday so further copies are available in church today.

EASTER GARDEN

This year our Easter Garden has been made in our Easter Sepulchre on the North side of the High Altar. Feel free to go and have a look and thank you to all who helped.

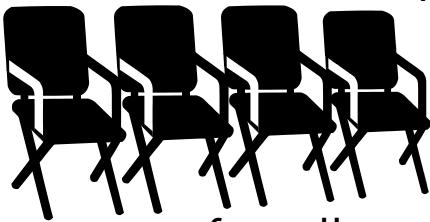


FLOWER DONATIONS

The Flowers this week have kindly been donated by Lily Thompson in memory of her husband Professor John Campbell.

ANNUAL MEETING

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be on Sunday 22nd May to immediately after our 10.30am service. Please bring your coffee and stay for the meeting. The reports are nearly finalised and copies are available in church along with the financial statements which have been approved by our auditors but not formally endorsed by our PCC. Thanks to Alice Webber for pulling together our 2021 reports, and to John and Mary Adams for their hard work on the figures.

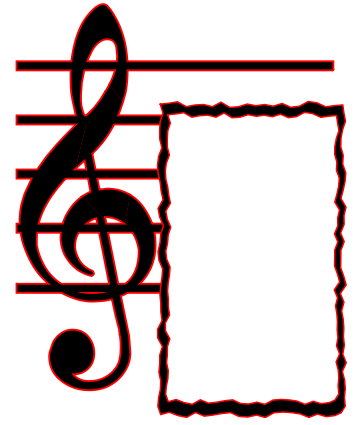


CHOIR SUMMER CONCERT

The combined choir of boys, girls and men is delighted to announce its Summer Concert with the Beauchamp Sinfonietta on Saturday 25th June, at 7.30pm. Offering a feast of choral delights, including Vaughan Williams' *Five Mystical Songs* marking the composer's 150th birthday, Parry's *I was glad* and *Blest pair of sirens*, Mendelssohn's *Hear my prayer* and more. Tickets are £13 (accompanied under-16s free), with interval refreshments available, via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/summer-concert-the-choir-of-st-marys-warwick-tickets-154840316555> or tiny.cc/choirconcert22

CONGRATULATIONS...

...to three of our Choir: Nicholas Lewis has achieved a clutch of merits for ABRSM Double Bass Grade 6, Rock School Electric Bass Grade 4, and LAMDA Performance Grade 7 - Silver Award; Charlotte Coombe has passed ABRSM Grade 5 Theory - the gateway to the higher ABRSM grades; and Hannah Maxwell has gained ABRSM Grade 6 Singing with distinction. Well done to them all!



MUSIC FOR ST MARY'S 2023

As part of the celebrations for St Mary's 900th anniversary in 2023, the Director of Music is looking to commission some new choral works. Cecilia McDowall has agreed to write an anthem, and enquiries are being made for a setting of the Magnificat and Nunc dimittis. If you would be interested in contributing towards the cost of these, please speak to or email Oliver Hancock, Director of Music: dofm@stmaryswarwick.org.uk

OPPORTUNITY TO USE YOUR PASTORAL GIFTS

St Mary's offers regular supportive phone calls (and visits when safe) to local people who ask for some listening and kindness. Are you able to join the volunteer members of our congregation who provide this, for one or two hours a week? Support and training is offered, as well as knowing you will be doing important work during these difficult times. Please contact Nick Edwards nicholas.edwards@ymail.com if you may be able to help.

LUNCHTIME RECITALS

Mark Swinton will be giving the next Friday lunchtime recital on 20th May, and in his programme he will pay homage to two giants of the organ music world for whom 2022 is a significant year: César Franck, born 200 years ago, and Francis Jackson, who passed away in January at the age of 104. There'll also be one of Vivaldi's sparkling concertos, transcribed for the organ by Bach. Admission is free with a retiring collection and the performance begins at 1.15pm.



SINGING FROM THE HEART

Regular readers may recall that before the pandemic Andrew Clark (a former chorister at St Mary's and a retired psychiatrist/psychotherapist) led a therapeutic singing day in Warwick. He's planned another one on Saturday 4th June 2022 at The Unitarian Chapel, High St. Why not enjoy the



beauty of singing together? During the day we will learn simple sacred songs and harmonies, mainly drawn from the Christian tradition. Through singing from our hearts we can encourage our hearts to open so that we can individually and collectively connect with the flow of Universal Love and give joy. We will also experience and reflect on singing as a spiritual practice. As we will be singing by heart, you do not need to be able to read music or

be an experienced singer to enjoy this!

Programme:

10.00 - 10.30 Arrive/Refreshments

10.30 - 12.30 Introduction to singing from the heart. Singing as a spiritual practice. Singing in harmony. Learning and sharing sacred chants and songs.

12.30 - 13.30 Lunch - please bring your own lunch (the garden is lovely).

Coffee, teas and cake will be provided.

13.30 - 15.00 Learning and sharing sacred chants and songs

15.00 - 16.00 Singing offering in chapel.

Venue: The Unitarian Chapel, 31 High Street, Warwick, CV34 4AX.

Cost: Donations welcome.

Booking arrangements: for further information and booking please contact Andrew Clark, preferably by email:

andrewjbclark@outlook.com or by mobile: 07729118876.

WHAT'S A YOUTH LEADER?

St Mary's and the Warwick Team have started to work with *Thrive Youth Ministries* on outreach to young people in the Leamington and Warwick area.

Thrive has posted a blog by James who works for them which is entitled: "I'm not a youth leader, but what does a youth leader really look like?" If you're interested in reading his thoughts, then follow this link:

<https://www.thriveym.org.uk/but-im-not-a-youth-leader-what-does-a-youth-leader-really-look-like/> If you're interested in exploring this further, there's a meeting with Ryan from *Thrive* at The Rectory on Wed 1st June at 7.30pm or speak to Vaughan to find out more.



VISION ON

The Warwick and Budbrooke Team Council met last Thursday to continue the discussions on the Team's listening process in seeking God's vision for our next few years. The Council has identified a number of priorities which will be fed back to PCCs for their thoughts and input.

COMMUNITY OF THE CROSS OF NAILS EVENTS



Three very special online events are taking place as part of the Community of the Cross of Nails online gathering around Coventry Cathedral's 60th anniversary thanksgiving celebrations later this month, and those across Coventry Diocese are very welcome to join any of them if they so wish.

- Monday 23rd May, from 3.30-6pm, Dean John Witcombe will be in conversation with Revd Canon Paul Oestreicher, on the subject Healing the Wounds of History in a time of War. Many will remember Paul Oestreicher from his time in Coventry in the 1980s: the conversation itself will be pre-recorded, but the questions and wider conversation to follow for the later part of the session will be very much live.
- Tuesday 24th May, 3.30-6pm, Dean John will chair a conversation and discussion with the Revd Mpho Tutu, daughter of Archbishop Desmond, and the Revd Wilma Jakobsen, the first female minister that he ordained, on the subject of Reconciliation, Justice and the Legacy of Archbishop Desmond. Don't miss this chance to hear two very inspiring speakers!
- Friday 27th May, from 2.30-4.30pm, Dean John will lead a discussion session on Building a Culture of Peace, and the role for the Community of the Cross of Nails, with the help and input of the lead partners from the CCN around the globe.

REST IN PEACE

We were saddened to learn of the death of Alan Baker at the start of last week. He was a longstanding member of St Mary's choir and congregation. His funeral plan has specified a cremation with no one in attendance and his family are respecting his wishes but are also planning a memorial service in Sutton Coldfield later in June and we'll publish more details in due course. Please keep Alan and his family in your prayers.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL: Ellie Booth, Christopher Browne, Clifford Browne, Anne Cotton, Elizabeth Duffy, Elizabeth Holroyde, Frances Humphreys, Mandeep Madar.

PRAYERS FOR THE DEPARTED: Paul Grimes, Alan Baker.

SERVICES THIS WEEK: Beginning 15th May

Wednesday 18 th May	10.00am 5.30pm	Holy Communion Choral Evensong
Friday 20 th May	5.30pm	Choral Evensong

FORTHCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday 22nd May - Easter 6

8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Choral Eucharist	5.30pm Choral Evensong
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Sunday 29th May - Easter 7

8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Choral Matins	5.30pm Choral Eucharist
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Sunday 5th June - Pentecost & Queen's Jubilee

8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Civic Choral Eucharist with the Bishop of Warwick	5.30pm Choral Evensong
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Sunday 12th June - Trinity Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Choral Eucharist	5.30pm Choral Evensong
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