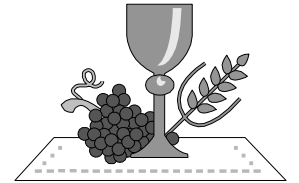




# Weekly Newsletter

**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. If you would like a kneeler please ask a sidesperson.



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 are a wheelchair user please speak to one of our sidespeople and they will happily move chairs to open up a space for you in the Nave.

If you're a UK tax payer the money you place in the collection can be increased by around 25% if you fill out one of the blue or brown envelopes 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](http://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.**

## 15<sup>th</sup> December 2019 Advent 3

8.00am

Holy Communion (BCP Said)

Celebrant & Preacher: Alycia Timmis

*The service begins in the Book of Common Prayer page 236  
The collect and readings begin on page 51*

<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Choral Eucharist Common Worship Order 1 Boys' and Men's Voices</b>
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Celebrant:	Alycia Timmis
Preacher:	Vaughan Roberts
Reading:	Isaiah 35: 1-10 - Chris White
Intercessor:	John Luxton
Assistants:	Ian Barnicoat & Helen Fitzpatrick
Organ voluntary:	<i>Toccata on 'Veni Emmanuel'</i> Carter

<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Choral Evensong (BCP) Boys' &amp; Men's Voices</b>
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Hymn:	406
Preces:	Radcliffe
Psalm:	12
Reading:	Isaiah 5: 8-end - Peter Briggs
Magnificat:	<i>Second Service</i> Leighton
Reading:	Acts 13: 13-41 - John Brown
Nunc dimittis:	<i>Second Service</i> Leighton
Responses:	Radcliffe
Anthem:	<i>Never weather-beaten sail</i>

Never weather-beaten sail more willing bent to shore.  
Never tired pilgrim's limbs affected slumber more,  
Than my wearied sprite now longs to fly out of my troubled breast:  
O come quickly, sweetest Lord, and take my soul to rest.

Ever blooming are the joys of Heaven's high paradise.  
Cold age deafs not there our ears nor vapour dims our eyes:  
Glory there the sun outshines whose beams the blessed only see:  
O come quickly, glorious Lord, and raise my sprite to thee!

*(Words: Thomas Campion; Music: Shephard)*

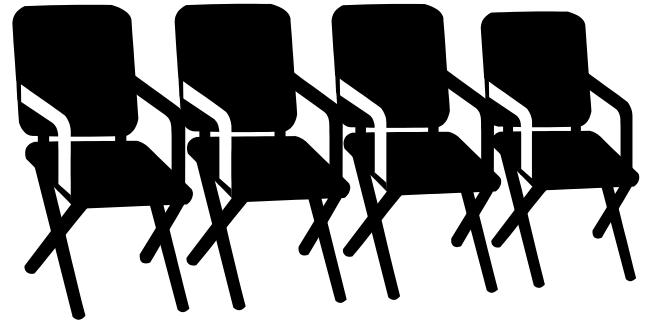
Hymn:	492
Preacher:	Vaughan Roberts
Hymn:	13
Organ voluntary:	<i>Wo soll ich fliehen hin?</i> (BWV 646) J.S. Bach

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

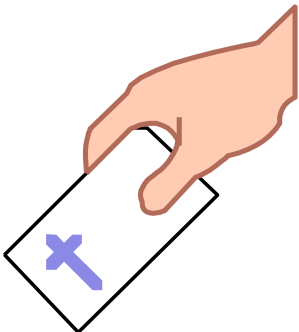
# NOTICES

## PLEASE BE SEATED

As you can see the new chairs have arrived in St Mary's in time for our Christmas services. We are grateful to the St Mary's Hall Trustees and to Warwick Poppies who have financed this important project which should enable our church to develop its ministry to our local community. Many thanks as well to Carol and Richard Warren, David and Gill Benson, Felicity Bostock and Francis Burns for all their fantastic work on Tuesday getting the chairs in place.



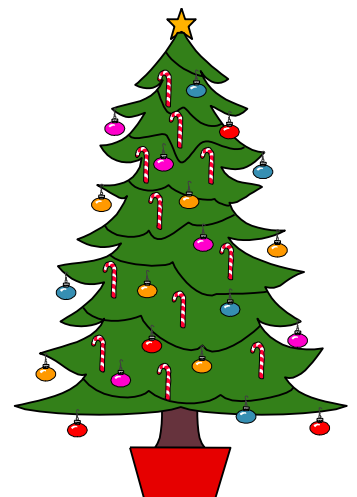
## ENVELOPE GIVING



One change worshippers will note is that we no longer have slots for our giving envelopes and pens. This would be a good time to think about taking out a standing order for Sunday-by-Sunday giving and there's a form on the back page of this newsletter. Alternatively, why not join our weekly envelop giving scheme and there are boxes of envelopes available to take away today by the noticeboard.

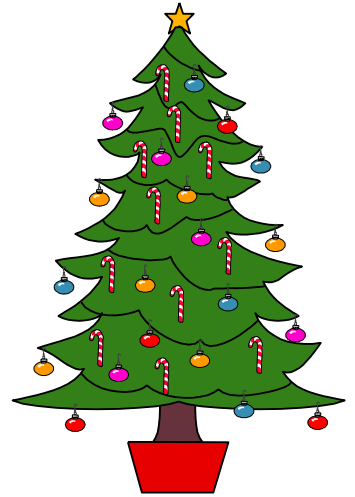
## THE 7<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CHRSTMAS TREE FESTIVAL ...

... has once again been a wonderful success, with 47 exhibitors taking part. The church and the Beauchamp Chapel were filled with trees, enjoyed by over 4000 visitors who voted for their favourite. The results are: Organisations and Businesses - 1<sup>st</sup> - Warwick Bell Ringers; 2<sup>nd</sup> - Warwick Woodloes Townswomen's Guild; 3<sup>rd</sup> - Guide Dogs for the Blind Association and in the Young People's section: 1<sup>st</sup> - Emscote Infant School and runners up were Warwickshire Young Carers and King's High & Warwick Preparatory School.



## **CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL (2)**

Thank you to our enthusiastic and committed volunteers who ran stalls and looked after over 2500 visitors on Victorian Evening, particularly Alice Pethick who works tirelessly on promotion, Sally Tomlinson, Sandra Verney and Ann Prout-Richardson for managing the door for the entire night, Denise Godfrey, Rita Ray & June Stocker who ran the bottle stall and raised £420, Ann Mew who sold from our craft stall and raised £160, Chris Mew who braved the cold standing under the tower greeting visitors as they arrived, our guides Peter & Gary Stocker, Tim Clark and Claire Spivey who engaged people with the history, the Visitor Team along with Glynis Nixon and Felicity Bostock who 'live' the festival from September onwards.



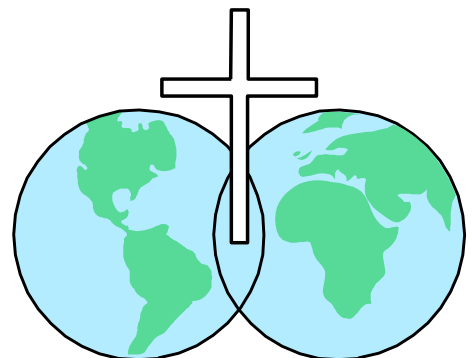
## **CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL (3)**

Well done to the Friends of St Mary's who sold out of mulled wine and mince pies on Victorian Evening and raised £685.

## **CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL (4)**

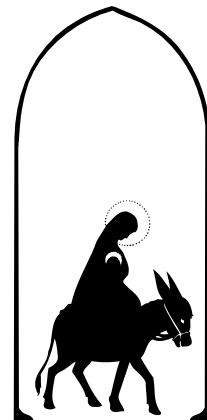
Thank you to everyone who served coffee, baked cakes, washed up, cleared away and welcomed visitors to our annual pop up café held over 4 days during the Christmas Tree Festival. We received so many lovely comments about the friendly welcome that the visitors enjoyed together with plenty of requests for recipes, which made the 4 days such a joy to be part of! We raised £1200 this year. Thank you for the magnificent team effort. *Anne Brar*

**OUTWARD GIVING SUNDAY:** Last week's Outward Giving raised around £162 is to help charities in the Holy Land which will be visited by The Bishop of Warwick and parishioners from our diocese (including St Mary's) on their 2020 pilgrimage. They include those working for peace and reconciliation; supporting orphans, schools and hospitals and the Anglican archdiocese of Jerusalem with its large network of schools, hospitals and disability rehabilitation units across Israel, East Jerusalem, the West Bank, and Gaza. Our next Outward giving will be on 12<sup>th</sup> January in aid of Scoliosis Campaign.



## CRIB SERVICE

Casting is underway for this year's crib service at 4.00pm on Christmas Eve. If you are a primary-school-aged child, or if you know one who would like to join in, please see Mary Adams or email her on [maryeadams75@gmail.com](mailto:maryeadams75@gmail.com). No acting experience or line-learning is necessary, and costumes can be provided if required. Children taking the main roles will need to be at church from 3.00pm on the day.



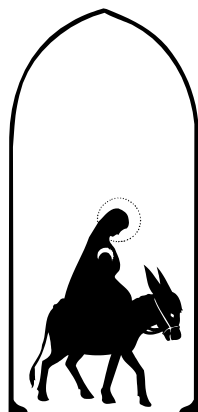
## LITTLE SHOP OF TREASURES

Our shop is packed with great gift ideas, from jewellery to books, tempting treats to luxurious scented candles. We have something for everyone and everyone's pocket. Our range of Byzantium Jewellery is a favourite with many of our visitors. Also our Rebecca Tracey range of 100% natural scented candles and diffusers - the ideal Christmas gift if you are looking for something special. Let's not forget our Christmas range: cards, decorations, advent calendars, advent candles and much more ...

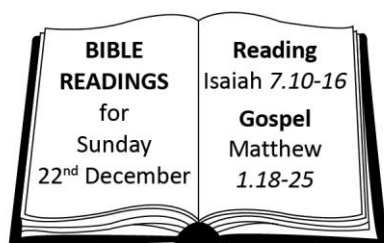


## POSADA - PEREGRINATION AND PRAYER

After a restful 11 months, the knitted figures of Mary, Joseph and their donkey are keen to embark upon another adventure around the homes of the congregations of St Mary's. Taking part in the Posada involves receiving the figures from their previous hosts, sharing in fellowship and maybe getting to know new people in the process. The holy knitted couple (and their donkey) are undemanding, asking only that you stop and reflect on the true meaning of Advent and Christmas, before helping them on with their journey to their next hosts the following evening. Their travel around Warwick will start at the Christingle family service on 1<sup>st</sup> Dec and finish at the crib service on Christmas Eve. A sign up sheet is at the back of the church. For more information see Mary Adams.



## BIBLE READINGS



## **FRIENDS OF THE CHOIR CUFFLINKS**

The Friends of the Choir have commissioned cufflinks, designed to include the adaptation of the Beauchamp Coat of Arms which has long been a symbol of the Church and Choir. Perfect for Christmas presents, there is a limited number available to buy for £20 per set with all proceeds going to Choir funds. Please see Simon Tyldesley.

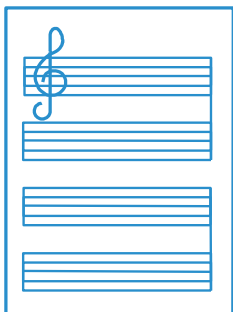
## **FORTHCOMING LUNCHTIME RECITAL**

A Christmas banquet with a difference! For our last organ recital of 2019 on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December, Mark Swinton will be serving up variations on old Christmas tunes by two Bachs (J.S. and J.M.) and Dupré, along with fizzier fare by Robert Cockroft and a reindeer-inspired work from the combined pens of three American songwriters. If you've missed out on tickets for "The Snowman" on 23<sup>rd</sup> December - or even if you have a ticket, and would like an appetiser - there'll be something for you as well! Admission is free with a retiring collection and the performance runs from 1.15pm-2.00pm.



## **MUSIC MATTERS**

Congratulations to Head Chorister, Tommy Perry, on achieving not just Grade 5 Viola (with a comfortable merit) but a stonkingly good 138 in Grade 6 Singing. This is a very impressive result; well done, Tommy! And congratulations also to Ben Adams, on gaining a place in the National Children's Orchestra Under 12s Orchestra. The NCO is one of the premier children's orchestras in the country, and provides expert instrumental training, guidance, and superb performance opportunities. Well done, Ben!



## **FRIENDS OF THE CHOIR**

At the last AGM of the Friends of St Mary's Choir, the current Treasurer Tony King announced that, after holding the position for some 40 years, it was his intention to retire at the end of December. The Friends are therefore looking for a replacement. Details of the job are available from the Parish Office, and Tony is also available to discuss the position with anyone interested after morning or evening services at St Mary's.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS AT THE BACK OF CHURCH** We have a Christmas card box out for this Sunday and the next. Please do check whether any cards have been left for you.



## #FollowTheStar 2019

Following last year's successful participation, everyone at St Mary's is invited this Christmas to join the Church of England's campaign to #FollowTheStar. Drawing inspiration from the well-known carol "We Three Kings", the Follow The Star app offers daily reflections for each day between Christmas Day and Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January.



Each one includes a picture, short Bible passage, simple prayer and a challenge to reflect or act differently. The FollowTheStar app can help you:

- Find a few minutes each day of Christmas to pause and reflect
- Read a welcome from Archbishops Justin Welby and John Sentamu and a sample day's material
- Read/listen to 12 days of new reflections, written & read by Mina Munns
- Explore daily Christmas family activities to help all ages engage with the daily themes of Follow The Star.

Wherever you are on your own journey, Follow The Star will help you see your life afresh through the light of the Christmas star, a sign of God's hope and promises. **The app is free to download and does not offer any in-app purchases or subscriptions.** Download the app or visit the website

<https://www.churchofengland.org/followthestar>



A small number of printed copies are available if you are unable to access the app or website. Please see one of the Vergers, or ask a member of Clergy, if you would prefer a printed copy of the booklet.

# *da capo*

*a cappella chamber choir*

## *Nowell*

Start your Christmas with carols old and new  
and rest your feet in a relaxed atmosphere  
Supporting critical repairs to St Mary's Tower

# TABLE SEATS SOLD OUT!

St Mary's Church      7.30 pm, Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December  
Remaining tickets      available from: Mary Adams  
£7.50 or family £20      church shop 01926 403940

For more information email [dacapo.warwick@gmail.com](mailto:dacapo.warwick@gmail.com)



The Collegiate Church of  
St Mary, Warwick

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December

The  
Snowman<sup>TM</sup>

**BOTH SHOWINGS  
SOLD OUT!**  
No tickets remaining





# Christmas Services

## at St Mary's

Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Dec

9.30am

6.30pm

Advent Sunday

Christingle for all the family

Candlelit Advent Carol Service

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec

6.30pm

Candlelit Christmas Carol Service

– doors open at 6.00pm –

Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec

6.30pm

Advent 4

Candlelit Christmas Carol Service

– doors open at 6.00pm –

Tue 24<sup>th</sup> Dec

4.00pm

11.15pm

Christmas Eve

Crib service

Midnight Mass

Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Dec

8.00am

10.00am

Christmas Day

Holy Communion (Said)

Choral Family Eucharist & Carols

Sun 29<sup>th</sup> Dec

10.30am

Christmas 1

Parish Eucharist with Carols

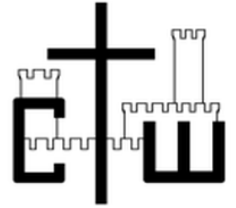


**All Welcome!**

## **CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WARWICK DECEMBER**

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> HOTS (Healing on the Streets) in the Market Place 10.00am to 12 noon

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> Nativity Live! 1.30pm in the Market Square, a delightful, prayerful event for all ages.



## **EXTENDED UNTIL 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2020**

Ecclesiastical Insurance Trust 130 promotion. If you take a new home insurance policy out with Ecclesiastical before 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020, they will donate £130 to the church. Find out more at

[www.ecclesiastical.com/trust130](http://www.ecclesiastical.com/trust130) or call their team on 08007830130 and quote Trust130.

**CHOIR TOUR:** Witamy w Polsce! (Welcome to Poland!) The boys, girls, and back row of our Choir are going to Poland in August 2020, but they need your help. Tours are a hugely important part of our Choir life: a tour enables us to act as ambassadors for Warwick and further afield; it improves the singing of the choir as a unit - one 'tour' day is equal to almost two weeks of our normal singing routine; it is an invaluable, positive, team-bonding experience; it enhances the cultural education of the choristers. We hope every chorister has the opportunity to participate in at least one international tour during his/her time in the Choir. Please donate whatever you can to support our musical ministry, via our JustGiving fundraising page:

[www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/warwickpolandtour](http://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/warwickpolandtour). Please speak to our Director of Music, Oliver Hancock, for more details.

**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](mailto:dofm@stmaryswarwick.org.uk)

### **PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL**

Christopher Browne, Clifford Browne, Mandeep Madar, Gwen & Paul Shilton, Ellie Booth

### **PRAYERS FOR THE DEPARTED Flo Carpenter**

## SERVICES THIS WEEK: Beginning 15<sup>th</sup> December

Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00am 5.30pm	Holy Communion Choral Evensong
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	<u>6.30pm</u>	Candlelit Christmas Carol Service

## ***FORTHCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES***

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December - Advent 4

8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Choral Eucharist	<u>6.30pm</u> Candlelit Christmas Carol Service
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### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas 1

8.00am <u>NO</u> Holy Communion	10.30am Holy Communion with carols	5.30pm <u>NO</u> Evensong
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### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January - The Epiphany

8.00am Holy Communion	9.30am Family Service	11.00am Choral Matins	5.30pm Choral Eucharist
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### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January - Baptism of Christ (Outward Giving)

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