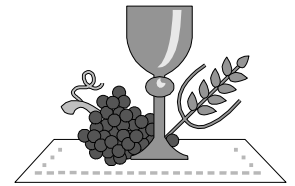




Weekly Newsletter

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 Gift Aid envelopes 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.

16th February 2020 2nd before Lent (Sexagesima)

8.00am

Holy Communion (BCP Said)

Celebrant & Preacher: Vaughan Roberts

*The service begins in the Book of Common Prayer page 236
The collect and readings begin on page 80*

10.30am	Choral Eucharist Common Worship: Order 1 Boys' and Men's Voices
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Celebrant & Preacher: Vaughan Roberts
Reading: Romans 8: 18-25 - Kirsteen Robson
Intercessor: Tony Fitzpatrick
Assistants: Helen Fitzpatrick & Frances Humphreys

5.30pm	Choral Evensong (BCP) Boys' and Men's Voices
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Hymn: 265
Preces: Rose
Psalm: 148
Reading: Proverbs 8 :1,22-31 - John Brown
Magnificat: Stanford *in C*
Reading: Revelation ch.4 - Peter Briggs
Nunc dimittis: Stanford *in C*
Responses: Rose
Anthem: *All wisdom cometh from the Lord Moore*

All wisdom cometh from the Lord, and is with him for ever. Who can number the sand of the sea and the drops of rain and the days of eternity? Who can find out the height of heav'n, and the breadth of the earth and the deep and wisdom. Wisdom hath been created before all things and the understanding of prudence from everlasting. The word of God most high is the fountain of wisdom, and her ways are everlasting commandments. To whom hath the root of wisdom been revealed? or who hath known her wise counsels? There is one wise and greatly to be fear'd, the Lord sitting upon his throne. He created her, and saw her and number'd her, and poured her out upon all his works. She is with all flesh according to his gifts, and he hath given her to them that love him.

The fear of the Lord is honour and glory and gladness, and a crown of rejoicing. The fear of the Lord maketh a merry heart and bringeth joy and gladness, and a long life.

Teach me O Lord the way of thy statutes: and I shall keep it unto the end. Give me understanding and I shall keep thy law; yea I shall keep it with my whole heart. Make me to go in the way of thy commandments: for therein is my desire. O stablish thy word in thy servant that I may fear thee. Behold my delight is in thy commandments: O quicken me in thy righteousness. All wisdom cometh from the Lord.

Words: Ecclesiasticus 1:1-6, 8-12; Psalm 119:33-35, 38-40

Hymn: 343
Preacher: Doreen Mills
Hymn: 148(omit*)
Organ voluntary: *Allegro cantabile (Symphonie Nr.5 / ii) Widor*

Director of Music: Oliver Hancock
Assistant Director of Music: Mark Swinton
Organ Scholar: Lucy Morrell

NOTICES

LENT APPROACHES

Lent is nearly upon us, so don't forget that Ash Wednesday is on 26th Feb and we shall have two services: at 10am BCP Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes, and 7.30pm Choral Eucharist also with ashes. Our exciting series of Lent Address on *Culture & Christianity* will start the following Sunday (1st March).



LAST SUNDAY ...

... was an Outward Giving Sunday when part of our collection goes to a charity nominated by a member of our congregation. This month we raised over £190 for the United Nations' project to bring help and relief to children caught up in the ongoing conflict in Syria. The next Outward Giving project is Cruse Bereavement on Sunday 8th March.

STIG'S RETIREMENT

The Revd Stig Graham, Chaplain to the Myton Hospices, has announced his retirement from the end of March. He's been in post and a stalwart member of the Warwick Team clergy since 2002 and will be greatly missed. As well as taking regular services across the Warwick Team, he's also helped cover a number of interregnums and we are enormously grateful for all that he's done. During March he will be taking his final services across the Team in his present role, which will include the 8.00am and 10.30am services at St Mary's on 8th March. There will also be a final celebratory Eucharist in St Mary's on 5th April at 5.30pm, followed by cake and wine. If you'd like to give a donation towards Stig's farewell gift please see Gail Guest.



SABBATICAL

Doreen Mills has been our Reader at St Mary's for over 10 years now and after discussion with the Vicar it's been decided that she deserves a sabbatical break. This will begin after Easter and should create significant space for her to study, think and pray about how her future role(s) might develop. We are enormously grateful for all that she does, wish her well for her break and look forward to seeing her back soon.

LUNCHTIME RECITALS

Undoubtedly one of the cornerstones of organ music, “Widor’s Toccata” has crowned countless weddings and funerals, from those of royalty and nobility at Westminster Abbey to those held in small village churches. It has appeared on recital programmes as a curtain raiser and a finale (and sometimes even as an encore), and it has been used as an organ solo item in concerts all over the world. Ironically, it is least often heard in its intended context, as the last movement of Widor’s magnificent Fifth Symphony for organ. Mark Swinton will be offering the chance to hear the complete symphony in his recital on Friday 21st February - coincidentally, Widor’s date of birth in 1844. Don’t miss it, if you’re able to come! The performance starts at 1.15pm and lasts about 40 minutes; as always, admission is free with a retiring collection, which will be in aid of the choir’s tour to Poland this summer.

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The new year has started and it’s time again to count The Children's Society boxes, so please start bringing your Children's Society boxes into church. We did very well last year and raised £828.16 so hopefully this year we can match this amount or indeed hopefully raise more. We will count the money and return the boxes to the back of the church within 2 weeks. With thanks for your help in raising money for the continuing work of The Children's Society.



Gill and David Benson

DIARY DATE!

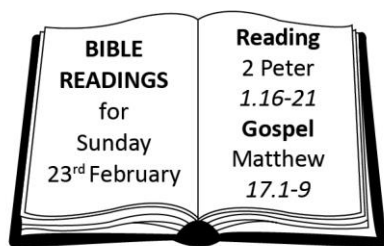
We are having a Gala Dinner in St Mary's Church Warwick to celebrate the 75th anniversary of VE Day in 1945. This will take place on Wednesday 6th May, 7.00 for 7.30pm. Tickets will be £40, and the dress code is Black Tie or “a hint of the 40s”. Guests will have a three-course meal with coffee, with entertainment supplied by Occasional Brass and the Sing Well Choir. Proceeds from the dinner will be shared between the Mayor's Charities, the Lord Leicester Hospital, and St Mary's Church. Tickets will go on sale in mid-March, but expressions of interest can be sent via email to applyfortickets@btinternet.com.

A BIG THANK YOU.

Having just returned from the Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, I would like to say thank you to all who supported us in prayer as we travelled and for the money given for charities we visited. The Pilgrimage was a very real, shared experience of God, led by Bishop John, Rev. Sheila Bridge and our local guide Peter. We visited and worshipped at sites such as the Garden of Gethsemane and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and also saw and heard, first hand, how difficult it is for Christians living in the Holy Land, and about the work done for orphans, children with disabilities and for reconciliation. You can read more about the Pilgrimage on sheilabridgeblog.com.

Frances Humphreys

BIBLE READINGS



LEAMINGTON MUSIC CONCERTS SERIES

St Mary's Church on Tuesday 18th February

Dame Emma Kirkby and Dowland Works

Dame Emma returns to St Mary's with four young singers, two lutenists and a gamba player in a programme of John Dowland and his contemporaries, John Danyel, Thomas Campion, William Lawes and Simon Ives.

Tickets from St Mary's Gift Shop or Visit Warwick at the Court House. Call 01926 334418 or online www.leafingtonmusic.org

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. Please speak to our Director of Music, Oliver Hancock, for more details.

FLANDERS & SWANN: Saturday 14th March, 2020, at 7.30pm. Samuel and Oliver Hancock present the songs of Flanders and Swann at St Mary's, Warwick. With madeira, mud, and mischievous French Horn thieves - as well as a fizz reception from 7.00pm and interval refreshments - it's an evening not to be missed. Tickets are available from the Church Shop: adults £15, under 16s £5. All proceeds in support of St Mary's Choir Tour to Poland.

MARATHON FOR ST MARY'S

On 26th April our Organ Scholar, Lucy Morrell, will be running the London Marathon. She is splitting her fundraising between the Friends of the Choir and Allergy UK. If you would like to sponsor her, please go to the following webpage: <https://justgiving.com/team/lucymarathon2020> or speak to Lucy directly. Any donations would be hugely appreciated!

#LiveLent: CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION

With weekly themes shaped around the first Genesis account of creation, *#LiveLent: Care for God's Creation* is the Church of England's Lent Campaign for 2020. It explores

the urgent need for humans to value and protect the abundance God has created.

This year's *#LiveLent* challenge offers 40 short reflections and

suggested actions to help you, your family and your church live in greater harmony with God, neighbour and nature. You can also sign up online for daily email reflections. It has been inspired and informed by the Archbishop of Canterbury's 2020 Lent Book, *Saying Yes to Life* by Ruth Valerio (SPCK).

There is more information, and some samples at

www.churchofengland.org/livelent. The **Adults'** edition is £2.00, the **Kids'** edition is £1.50 and *Saying Yes to Life* is £10.00. If you would like to buy a copy or any combination of books, please contact Kirsteen Robson by 17th February (in person, at kirsteenr@gmail.com or on 07799 682872).



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, and our Rebecca Tracey range of 100% natural scented candles and diffusers.

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

EXTENDED UNTIL 31ST DECEMBER 2020

Ecclesiastical Insurance Trust 130 promotion. If you take a new home insurance policy out with Ecclesiastical before 31st December 2020, they will donate £130 to the church. Find our more at www.ecclesiastical.com/trust130 or call 08007830130 and quote Trust130.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Helen Black, Ellie Booth, Christopher Browne, Clifford Browne, John Hosiene, Mandeep Madar, Gwen & Paul Shilton, Joanne Tubb, Paul Haynes.

PRAYERS FOR THE DEPARTED

Robert Benton.

SERVICES THIS WEEK: Beginning 16th February

Wednesday 19 th February	10.00am 5.30pm	Holy Communion <u>NO</u> Choral Evensong
Friday 21 st February	5.30pm	<u>NO</u> Choral Evensong

FORTHCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday 23rd February - Sunday before Lent

8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Choral Eucharist	5.30pm Choral Evensong
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Sunday 1st March - Lent 1

8.00am Holy Communion	9.30am Family Service	11.00am Choral Matins	5.30pm Choral Evensong & Lent Address
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Sunday 8th March -Lent 2 (Outward Giving Sunday)

8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Choral Eucharist	5.30pm Choral Evensong & Lent Address
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Sunday 15th March -Lent 2

8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Choral Eucharist	5.30pm Choral Evensong & Lent Address
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