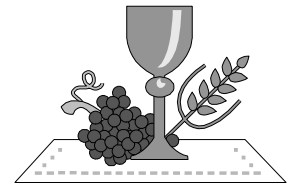




Weekly Newsletter

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, on Twitter and Facebook.

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

17th November 2019 2nd Before Advent/Trinity 22 (Outward Giving Sunday)

8.00am

Holy Communion (BCP Said)

Celebrant & Preacher: Jonathan Hearn

*The service begins in the Book of Common Prayer page 236
The collect and readings begin on page 192*

10.30am	Choral Eucharist Common Worship Order 1 Boys' and Men's Voices
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Celebrant & Preacher: Vaughan Roberts
Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13 - Jayne McHale
Intercessor: Elizabeth Rankin
Assistants: Victoria Bartholomew & Helen Fitzpatrick
Organ voluntary: *Marche Barié*

5.30pm	Choral Evensong (BCP) Boys' & Men's Voices
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Hymn: 265
Preces: Radcliffe
Psalm: 97
Reading: Daniel 6 - Jill Duffy
Magnificat: Stanford *in C*
Reading: Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23 - John Brown
Nunc dimittis: Stanford *in C*
Responses: Radcliffe
Anthems: *Jesu, joy of man's desiring* J.S. Bach

*Jesu, joy of man's desiring,
Holy wisdom, Love most bright,
Drawn by thee, our souls aspiring
Soar to uncreated light.
Word of God our flesh that fashioned
With the fire of life impassioned,
Striving still to truth unknown,
Soaring, dying round thy throne.*

*Through the way where hope is guiding,
Hark, what peaceful music rings,
Where the flock, in thee confiding,
Drink of joy from deathless springs.
Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure,
Theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure.
Thou dost ever lead thine own
In the love of joys unknown.*

"Herz und Mund und Tat und Leben", from Cantata 147

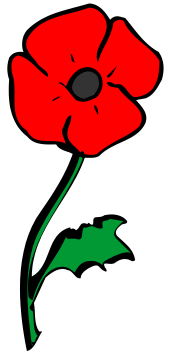
Hymn: 260
Preacher: Alycia Timmis
Hymn: 452
Organ voluntary: *Toccata Barié*

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

NOTICES

LAST SUNDAY

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our moving Service and Act of Remembrance last Sunday. An Act of Remembrance was also held with the Mayor of Warwick and the Rector on Armistice Day, the following day.



OUTWARD GIVING THIS SUNDAY

This month's charity nominated by a member of St Mary's congregation is for our cathedral and its ministry amongst us. In the past year, it has removed the entry charge introduced by the previous Dean and has asked churches in our Diocese to support them through the transition period of this significant and challenging decision.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING: ONLY 11 DAYS UNTIL VICTORIAN EVENING

Bottles have started to come but we could do with lots more. Christmas will soon be here, as will the Victorian Evening (28th November). The Bottle stall could have tripled its income last year but we did not have enough bottles. **Please donate bottles NOW.** They can be given to the Churchwardens, the Office, and the Visitor Team and can be anything in a bottle (please check best before date). A bottle a week from everyone would be fantastic (buy-one-get-one-free deals are available, of course) and any bottle bags will be gratefully received. Thank you.

Denise & Rita on behalf of St Marys.

POP UP CAFÉ



The very popular Pop up Café will once again be operating over the Christmas tree festival period. 10.00am-4.00pm Friday 29th and Saturday 30th November, Friday 6th and Saturday 7th December. If anyone is able to contribute by baking something for the café (cakes, tray bakes, biscuits, muffins) or could spare a few hours to help serve coffee please could you let me know? It will be very much appreciated. Contact: Anne Brar mob. 07714 523501 home 01926 475880; email: anne.brar@habinternational.co.uk

A PRESENT AT CHRISTMAS

As part of St Mary's continuing support for the Girls' Hostel run by the CMM Sisters in Tanzania, the Pastoral Care Team will be running a stall at the Victorian Evening to raise funds to provide small Christmas gifts for the girls living at the hostel. It will take the form of a 'Chocolate Tombola' and we are appealing for chocolate donations both large and small. Besides actual chocolate, other 'chocolate-related' items such as chocolate biscuits, chocolate spread and jars of drinking chocolate will be very acceptable. Please give your offerings to Doreen Mills, Noel Reeves, or Janet Newbery. Many thanks for your ongoing support of our outreach.



The Pastoral Team

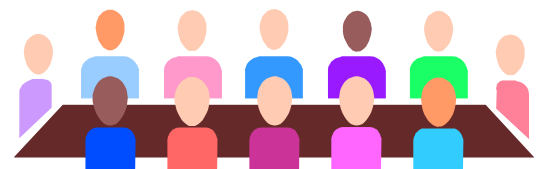
BISHOP CHRISTOPHER'S SAFEGUARDING LETTER

Over the next few months Coventry Diocese will be conducting a Past Cases Review where an independent reviewer will be looking at our safeguarding files and files relating to church officers, including those for Clergy and Readers, to reassure us that all safeguarding matters have been reported and dealt with appropriately. As part of this review I am writing to ask you to check all of your parish records to ensure that all known instances of concern about church officers either non-recent or current have been reported to the Diocesan Safeguarding Team. An attached leaflet will provide you with further information (see St Mary's noticeboard) that you need to undertake this piece of work. It is important that the Diocese is made aware of any concerns related to church officers and to this end I would ask that you inform your congregations about the content of this email in your parish newsletter and on your website. There are many demands on your time, I know, and this request will add to them in a way that may feel onerous. So please know that I am really grateful for your understanding and cooperation in undertaking this essential work which will help to ensure that our Churches are the safe places for everyone.

Yours in Christ, +Christopher

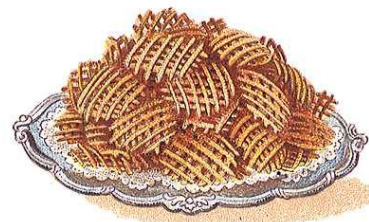
THE CHURCH COUNCIL

St Mary's PCC met last Wednesday to receive updates on finance and fabric, plus reports from Ministry Committee, Deanery Synod and Friends of St Mary's. The main item for discussion and approval was the proposal to create two posts (an Operations Manager and a Development Officer) following Felicity Bostock's recent decision to step back. We are enormously grateful for all that she has done during her busy and fruitful time at St Mary's.



FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S, WARWICK ...

...will once again be serving mulled wine and mince pies at the Victorian Evening on Thursday 28th November. We would be really grateful for donations of mince pies - homemade (if you can spare the time to bake) would be great, but bought ones will be equally acceptable. Please bring them to Church and mark them "FOSMW Victorian Evening", no later than Wednesday 27th November, so that we will have some idea of how many more we may need to buy. Thank you for your support. FOSMW



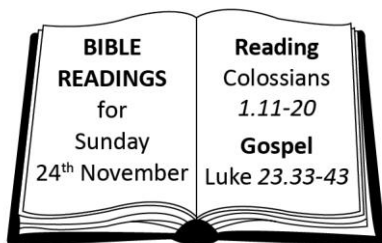
YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU

Sing it Loud will be holding their end of season finale concert on Saturday 30th November as part of the Christmas Tree Festival. The concert will be in aid of the Cleft Palate and Hair Lip Association. The interval drinks are being arranged by St Mary's and all proceeds from that will go towards the church funds; Felicity and Glynis would be hugely grateful for 4 volunteers to help serve on the night. They are a lovely group of people who raise large amounts for charities and are kind enough to let us benefit too. If you can help please contact the Parish



Office or email admin@stmaryswarwick.org.uk

BIBLE READINGS



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 1st December and finish at the crib service on Christmas Eve. The sign up sheet is at the back of the church. For further information see Mary Adams.

CHRISTINGLE



Please bring donations
for Foodbank Christmas parcels

Sunday 1st December 9.30am



Monday 23rd December

The
SnowmanTM

A screening with live orchestra



Tickets: adults £12, children (*under 16*) £5,
under 3s free (*must sit on an adult's lap*)

Family ticket (*2 adults 2 children*) £25

Available from the Church shop
or on the door

01926 403940

www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk



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Showings at

4.00pm & 5.30pm

✠ St Mary's, Warwick ✠

Candlelit Advent Carol Service



The Forerunner

Sunday 1st December 2019 at 6.30pm

MUSIC MATTERS

It has been a busy time for the Choirs since Half Term, with services for All Saints, All Souls and Remembrance, as well as the usual round of mid-week Evensongs. In addition, the Choristers took part in a performance of Elgar's masterwork *The Dream of Gerontius* at Coventry Cathedral last Saturday, alongside the Parliament Choir, Coventry Cathedral Chorus, the Southbank Sinfonia, soloists Catherine Wyn-Evans, Robert Murray, and Sir Thomas Allen; a truly fantastic experience. On Tuesday, the Girl Choristers took part in the Leamington Music concert, alongside 'Musica Secreta' - the UK's premier all-female early-music ensemble.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL LEAFLETS (1) ...

... have arrived hot off the press, we really need help distributing them to as many places as possible, but if you can only letterbox your own street every little helps. This is the 7th year of the Festival, it has raised much needed funds for and awareness of our church. Please support our efforts and help to make it another record breaking year. Leaflets can be collected from the west end noticeboards. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL LEAFLETS (2)

We urgently need volunteers to help deliver the leaflets to local Warwick businesses to make available and display in their shop. If you have a couple of hours free and can help take the leaflets around the town we would love to hear from you. Please contact Alice in the admin office who is co-ordinating this volunteering activity by emailing her on pethicka@gmail.com. Refreshments will be available.

da capo
a cappella chamber choir

Nowell

Start your Christmas with carols old and new
and festive fare in a relaxed atmosphere
TABLE SEATS SOLD OUT!
Supporting critical repairs to St Mary's Tower

St Mary's Church

7.30 pm, Thursday 19th December

Remaining tickets

available from: Mary Adams

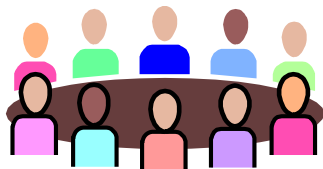
£7.50 or family £20

church shop 01926 403940

For more information email dacapo.warwick@gmail.com

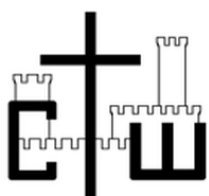
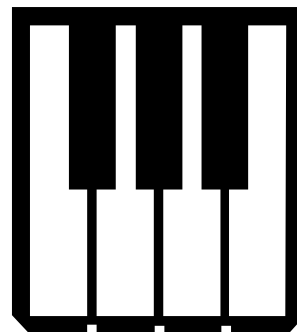
LOOKING AHEAD

The Warwick Team Council's Project Pool subcommittee met last Wednesday at St Nicholas Church to get updates on the building developments on Europa Way and funds available for 2020. A decision was taken to go ahead with the lease of a bus for projects in schools and with young people across Warwick, aiming to start later next year.



FORTHCOMING ORGAN RECITAL

At our next organ recital on Friday 22nd November, we welcome Ed Jones, who has recently taken up the position of Sub-Assistant Organist at Worcester Cathedral, having previously held other cathedral posts at Bradford, Blackburn and Exeter. His programme, which starts at 1.15pm, includes Jongen's exhilarating *Sonata Eroica* and Dupré's *Cortège et Litanie*. Admission is free with a retiring collection.



CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WARWICK

Saturday 23rd November HOTS (Healing on the Streets)
Please note the Special Service on 17th November for collecting Operation Christmas Child boxes will **NOT** be held.

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.

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 that every chorister has the opportunity to participate in at least one international tour during his or 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.

Christmas Services

at St Mary's

Sun 1st Dec

9.30am

6.30pm

Advent Sunday

Christingle for all the family

Candlelit Advent Carol Service

Fri 20th Dec

6.30pm

Candlelit Christmas Carol Service

– *doors open at 6.00pm* –

Sun 22nd Dec

6.30pm

Advent 4

Candlelit Christmas Carol Service

– *doors open at 6.00pm* –

Tue 24th Dec

4.00pm

11.15pm

Christmas Eve

Crib service

Midnight Mass

Wed 25th Dec

8.00am

10.00am

Christmas Day

Holy Communion (Said)

Choral Family Eucharist & Carols

Sun 29th Dec

10.30am

Christmas 1

Parish Eucharist with Carols



All Welcome!

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, Stephen Wilson, Sheila Young

PRAYERS FOR THE DEPARTED

Vivian Howard, Leigh Haskins

SERVICES THIS WEEK: Beginning 17th November

Wednesday 20 th November	10.00am 5.30pm	Holy Communion Choral Evensong
Friday 22 nd November	5.30pm	Choral Evensong

FORTHCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday 24th November - Christ the King

8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Choral Eucharist	5.30pm Choral Evensong
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Sunday 1st December - Advent Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion	9.30am Family Service	11.00am Choral Matins	<u>6.30pm</u> Advent Carol service
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Sunday 8th December - Advent 2 (Outward Giving Sunday)

8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Choral Eucharist	5.30pm Choral Evensong
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Sunday 15th December - Advent 3

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