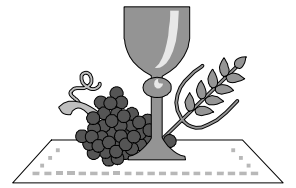




Weekly Newsletter

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.

November 18th 2nd Sunday before Advent

8.00am

Holy Communion (BCP Said)

Celebrant & Preacher: David Pettifor

The service begins in the Book of Common Prayer page 236

The collect and readings begin on page 72

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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Preacher:	Alycia Timmis
Reading:	Hebrews 10: 11 - 14, 19-25 - Alan Wellan
Intercessor:	John Luxton
Assistants:	Lizzie Adams & Ian Barnicoat

6.30pm	Choral Evensong (BCP) Boys' and Men's Voices
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Hymn:	410
Preces:	Byrd
Psalm:	95
Reading:	Daniel 3: 13-30 - John Brown
Magnificat:	<i>Fourth Service</i> Batten
Reading:	Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43 - Peter Briggs
Nunc dimittis:	<i>Fourth Service</i> Batten
Responses:	Byrd
Anthems:	<i>Almighty and everlasting God</i> Gibbons
	Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us, through Christ our Lord. Amen.
Hymn:	351
Preacher:	Doreen Mills
Hymn:	382
Organ voluntary:	<i>A Fancy</i> Byrd

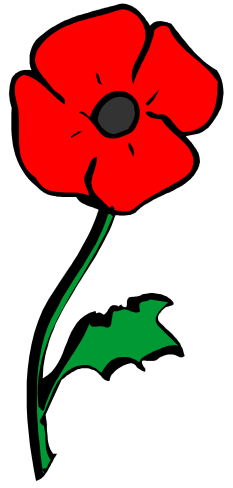
Director of Music: Oliver Hancock
Assistant Director of Music: Mark Swinton

NOTICES

REMEMBRANCE

The Vicar writes: "Last Sunday's Remembrance Sunday in church was exceptional. It began immediately after the 6am *The Battle's O'er* ceremony at the War Memorial when the piper, Andy Wheeler, came and played further songs

and hymns to well over 200 people in St Mary's. Our annual *Service of Remembrance* was a most moving occasion and it was a privilege to welcome the Bishop of Warwick as our preacher. Every seat was taken for that service (including the Regimental Chapel), with 120 people standing in church and a further 40 joining in around the main door. Afterwards, Bishop John and our choir processed to the War Memorial for the *Act of Remembrance* where 40 wreaths were laid in memory of those who have died in conflict. In the evening we had *We Will Remember* comprising readings and Duruflé's Requiem under the auspices of Warwick Poppies with nearly 400 people in church. Plus over the whole weekend we had had over 6,000 visitors to see the poppy display, which is 20% of our usual annual number of visitors in just three days! So, as Vicar, I would like to record my thanks to: our visitor team; Warwick Poppies; the *We Will Remember* team; the church office; our choirs, vergers, servers, sidespeople, guides and flower team; indeed everyone who made last weekend into something that will never be forgotten."



ST MARY'S POP UP CAFÉ: Please get baking! We require donations of cakes/mince pies for our Café - and although bought cake is absolutely fine, the homemade variety is especially popular! Cakes can be left in Church or we can collect if that would be helpful. The dates we need donations for are: Friday 30th November/Saturday 1st December **AND** Friday 7th /Saturday 8th December. Thank you so much, in anticipation.

VICTORIAN EVENING - 29th NOV As usual the FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S WARWICK will be serving mulled wine and mince pies at the Victorian Evening. We would be really grateful for your 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 your donations (clearly marked FOSMW Victorian Evening) to Church by Wed 28th Nov so we have some idea of how many more we may need to buy. Thank you for your support. *FOSMW*



VICTORIAN EVENING HELP WANTED

One of our visitor team will be running a bottle bag stall at the Victorian Evening to raise much-needed funds for the Church. We now have all the bags so we just need the bottles to fill them! Ketchup to cola, bubble bath to beer, shampoo to champagne: all are requested and gratefully received.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL LEAFLETS have arrived and we need help distributing them. Even if it's just your street, it all helps, but if you can do more that's even better. Leaflets are available to pick up by the notice board. Your support is vital to the success of the Festival. Thank you.

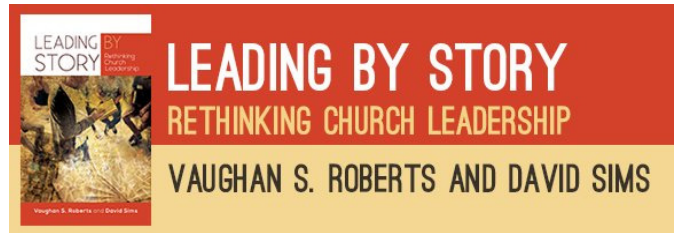
ONLINE RECENTLY (1)

The fascinating story of our bell ringers' contribution to Warwick Poppies can be found on the Central Council of Bell Ringers website here:

<https://cccbr.org.uk/>

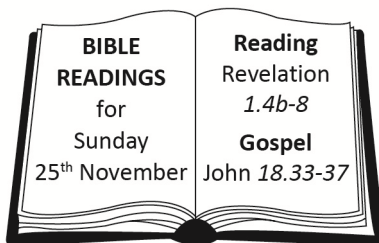
ONLINE RECENTLY (2)

A lively review article about *Leading by Story* – the book co-written by Vaughan and Professor David Sims – which applies their ideas to practical church ministry has been published in the journal *Holiness* and can be found here:



<https://www.wesley.cam.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/10-Stobart-1.pdf>

BIBLE READINGS



PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Look upon us, Heavenly Father, and bless our work in your Name. We offer to you the many events to be held in this church in coming weeks. May our welcome embrace those who do not yet know you, Lord, so that as disciples of your precious Son we add to our number through kindness, patience and love. Amen.

COME AND JOIN US IN THE SERVING TEAM

We are an active and enthusiastic team of altar servers who help (mainly) with Sunday services. As a new team member you would be given full training with the opportunity of becoming licensed to administer communion, reading the Gospel or becoming lead server. You could volunteer, usually between once and twice a month, or for whatever number of services would suit your wishes. And swaps are always available. We are looking for new members of any age from 14 years upwards.

If you are interested, please speak to: Vicky Bartholomew (vickybartholomew@btinternet.com), Grahame Edmonds (gaedmonds@btinternet.com), Or a member of the Clergy Team



ASBESTOS

Please note that there will be limited access to St Mary's on Mon 26th and Tue 27th Nov as asbestos is professionally removed from both gents toilets.

LUNCHTIME RECITALS 2018-2019

1st and 3rd Fridays of the month, 1.15-2.00pm

7th December Mark Swinton *organ* (St Mary's Warwick)

21st December Oliver Hancock *organ* (St Mary's Warwick)

4th January No recital

18th January Luke Barker *trumpet* (Warwick School)

1st February Samuel Bristow *organ* (Birmingham Cathedral)

15th February Mark Swinton *organ* (St Mary's Warwick)

1st March Oliver Hancock *organ* (St Mary's Warwick)

15th March Anna Turner *oboe* (King's High School)

5th April Mark Swinton *organ* (St Mary's Warwick)

19th April Good Friday; no recital

For information about organ recitals throughout the UK, please visit

www.organrecitals.com

POSADA

After a year's break to visit local organisations, this Advent the congregations of St Mary's will once again be offering hospitality to knitted figures of Mary, Joseph and their donkey. 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. At the start of their journey they will be going on a very exciting trip to Mexico, the birthplace of the Posada, returning full of illuminating (if silent) tales of their experience.

Their travel around Warwick will start on Tuesday 4th Dec and finish at the crib service on Christmas Eve. The sign up sheet is at the back of the church.

da capo
a cappella chamber choir

with
Charles Matthews

Wassail!

Start your Christmas with carols old and new
and festive fare in a relaxed atmosphere

Supporting critical repairs to St Mary's Tower

St Mary's Church

7.30 pm, Tuesday 18th December

Tickets:

available from:

Table seats – £10 or Family £28

Mary Adams or

Non-table seats – £7.50

Parish Office 01926 403940

For more information email dacapo.warwick@gmail.com

CHURCHES TOGETHER NOVEMBER EVENTS

Sun 18th *Operation Christmas Child* Celebration Service at St Paul's at 3pm. It is a heart-warming service. Tea will be served from 2.30pm and you can bring boxes from 2.15pm. The church is open Mon, Thu and Fri, 9am-12pm, or phone 01926 930312 to arrange collection of packed gift boxes.

Big Knitted Christmas Tree Community Project at All Saints:

Come and help to attach 3000 knitted green squares and Christmas decorations to their branches: **Monday 18th** from 7.00pm; **Tuesday 20th** from 11.00am; **Thursday 22nd** from 11.00am and from 7.00pm. Further dressing of the BIG TREE during week beginning **26th** November. Come & celebrate what we've built together. See the BKCT unveiled at COMMUNITY CAROLS at All Saints Church at 5pm on 1st December. Seasonal refreshments included.

THIS CHRISTMAS we are all invited at St Mary's to 'Follow the Star', the Church of England's 2018 Advent and Christmas campaign inviting us to share in the joy of Jesus' birth.

Look out for our star display, which we will share with many other churches in a 'Night of the Stars' on 21st December.

You may also wish to #FollowTheStar, A Journey Through the 12 Days of Christmas, through a published booklet of reflections. For a copy of the booklet, please ask either Doreen

Mills (doreen@mills37.plus.com) or

Grahame Edmonds

(gaedmonds@btinternet.com), or

one of the clergy.

Archbishops Justin Welby and John Sentamu write:

"For many of us, Christmas brings up so many emotions, memories and expectations. We have one nativity story, but it can seem like we all have very different Christmases.

For you it might be a time of joy and togetherness. Or perhaps it's all about planning and to-do lists. Many others can find it a sad and lonely time - nagged by the feeling that your Christmas is not like those 'perfect' ones we see in the media.

But just like the unexpected assortment of people who were invited to meet the baby Jesus, #FollowTheStar doesn't ask you to be perfect. It says: come just as you are to take the life-changing Christmas journey".



DIRK JUTTNER WRITES: “Just back from visiting the CMM Sisters in Tanzania for a month I hear that a collection for the Sisters has taken place while I was with them. Many thanks indeed your support, which is highly appreciated, especially as there is a great need of getting rainwater harvesting systems installed at some of their Houses, due to water shortages. Also to help with the cost of education of the Sisters which is ever increasing. Further education is so important to be more effective in their work with the many disadvantaged people in their country.” Many thanks
Dirk

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.

PRAYERS FOR THE DEPARTED: Ken Young, Tony White, Richard Wormnell

THIS WEEK: Beginning 18th November

Wednesday 21 st	10.00am 5.30pm	Holy Communion Choral Evensong
Friday 23 rd	5.30pm	Choral Evensong

FORTHCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Choral Eucharist	6.30pm Choral Evensong
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Sunday 25th November - Christ the King, Sunday before Advent

8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Choral Eucharist	6.30pm Choral Evensong
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Sunday 2nd December - Advent Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion	9.30am Christingle	11.00am Choral Matins	6.30pm Candlelit Advent Carol Service
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Sunday 9th December -Advent 2

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