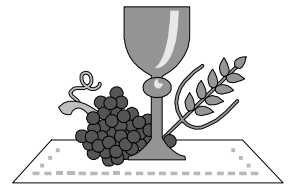




Weekly Newsletter

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.

March 18th Lent 5 (Passion Sunday)

8.00am

Holy Communion (BCP Said)

Celebrant & Preacher: Vaughan Roberts

The service begins in the Book of Common Prayer page 294

The collect and readings begin on page 138

Followed each third Sunday by breakfast at a local café

10.30am	Choral Eucharist & WCC Civic Service Common Worship: Order 1 Boys' and Men's Voices
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Preacher: Vaughan Roberts
Reading: Jeremiah 31: 31-34 - Diane Luxton
Intercessor: Tony Fitzpatrick
Assistants: Alex Harold & Janet Newbery

6.30pm	Choral Evensong & Lent Address (BCP) Boys' and Men's Voices
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Hymn: 94
Preces: Byrd
Psalm: 34.1-10
Reading: Luke 4: 14-30 - Jill Duffy
Nunc dimittis: *Second Service* Leighton
Responses: Byrd
Anthem: *Solus ad victimam*

Alone to sacrifice thou goest, Lord,
Giving thyself to death whom thou hast slain.
For us thy wretched folk is any word?
Who know that for our sins this is thy pain?
For they are ours, O Lord, our deeds,
Why must thou suffer torture for our sin?
Let our hearts suffer in thy Passion, Lord,
That very suffering may thy mercy win.
This is the night of tears, the three days' space,
Sorrow abiding of the eventide,
Until the daybreak with the risen Christ,
And hearts that sorrowed shall be satisfied.
So may our hearts share in thine anguish, Lord,
That they may sharers of thy glory be;
Heavy with weeping may the three days pass,
To win the laughter of thine Easter Day.

Words: Peter Abelard (1079-1142) tr. Helen Waddell;
Music: Leighton

Hymn 95
Preacher: The Revd Dr Hugh Houghton
Hymn: 86
Organ voluntary: *Herzliebster Jesu (Op.122, No.2)* Brahms

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

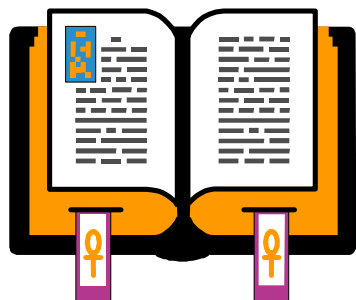
NOTICES

WELCOME: It's wonderful to welcome Cllr Clive Rickhards (Chair of Warwickshire County Council) together with many guests for the WCC Civic Service this morning at 10.30am. During the service we shall be dedicating some of the knitted poppies made for the Warwick Poppies 2018 project. These are being sent to Australia and USA as part of a 'poppy swap' and fostering links to Warwick Poppies across the world. To find out more visit the project's webpage:

<http://www.warwickpoppies.org.uk/>



THE BIBLE: PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE: It's great to welcome Hugh Houghton as our final speaker for the 2018 Lent Addresses. Hugh has an expertise in how the Bible has come down to us from earliest sources and how new developments in technology are changing how scripture is being translated. If that sounds arcane, Hugh is an excellent speaker who makes this all come alive. Apologies from Trevor Dennis who was poorly and unable to come last week. We are working on a couple of other dates for him, to enable him to visit St



Mary'. Previous addresses by Bishop Stephen Platten (*The Bible in Worship*), Prof Peter Marshall (*The Bible in the Reformation*) and Sharon Jones (*The Bible Now*) are now available on the St Mary's website under Recent Lent Addresses online in audio and text:

http://www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk/index.php?/stmarys/Lent_recent

And printed copies are also in church today.

ECCLESIASTICAL INSURANCE ... celebrates its 130 year anniversary of insuring Anglican churches. They are making a 'thank you' offer to donate £130 to the church each time anyone from the church family - you, clergy, church workers or volunteers take out a home insurance policy with Ecclesiastical during the next year. When a home insurance policy is taken out, by quoting Trust 130 and nominating St Mary's, Ecclesiastical will make a £130 donation. If you would like to a quotation, simply visit

www.ecclesiastical.com/Trust130 or call 08007830130 quoting Trust130

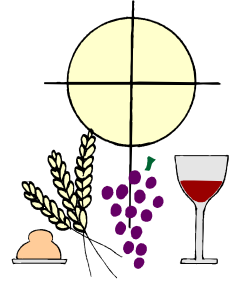


EASTER FLOWERS: Easter is rapidly approaching & we shall be decorating the Beauchamp Chapel with Lilies. If you would like to contribute in memory of a loved one and have their name on the scroll it would be appreciated. Donations to Noël Reeve or the Parish Office - Thank you. And thanks as well to everyone who provided the daffodils for last Sunday's Mothering Sunday service. They were much appreciated.

EASTER GARDEN: If any children with adult helpers would like come in on Good Friday at 10am to decorate the Easter Garden there will be Easter activities followed by hot cross buns at The Rectory.

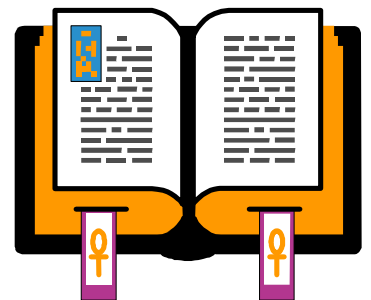
PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Loving God,
you are merciful and forgiving.
Grant that those who are suffering the hurts of the past
may experience your generous love.
Heal their memories, comfort them,
and send them all from here renewed and hopeful;
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



FLAG OF ST GEORGE ... the weather has once again taken its toll on our St George Flag atop the tower, it is in tatters. If anyone would like to offer to replace it, the emblem adopted by England in 1190, can once again fly from the tower. If you would like to donate a new flag please contact the Parish Office for further details on 01926 403940 or admin@stmaryswarwick.org.uk

THE BIBLE COURSE: After Easter, St Mary's Study Group will be following "The Bible Course", eight sessions that are designed to enhance and inform ongoing Bible study, whether for people new to Christianity, or for mature Christians wanting to increase their understanding of the Bible. Using a unique storyline, the course shows how the key events, books and characters all fit together. You'll get to see the BIG picture and discover how the Bible applies to your life. Each session involves a teaching DVD, small-group discussion, personal reflection and, of course, refreshments. Meetings will be at 4, Elizabeth Court, Warwick, CV34 6QB at 8pm on 2nd and 4th Thursdays, starting on **Thur 12th Apr**. The course handbook includes 150 pages of notes, quotes and visuals that accompany the video teaching and discussion at costs £5. If you would like to join us for The Bible Course, or would like more information about it, please see Kirsteen Robson (07799 682872 or kirsteenr@gmail.com) by Sun 25th March.



ANNUAL REPORTS: The Parish Office is compiling the Church Annual report 2018, for the APCM Sunday 29th April at 12 noon. Would church groups please email their reports to parishadministrator@stmaryswarwick.org.uk as soon as possible but no later than 6th April 2018 Thank you.

WARWICK DISTRICT FOODBANK NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Warwick District Foodbank operates from seven Distribution Centres across the Warwick, Leamington and Kenilworth communities. During the last 12 months it has distributed emergency food parcels to over 4,250 people, all of whom have experienced some form of recognised crisis and were referred to Foodbank by a statutory or charitable agency. Twenty one per cent of Foodbank's clients came from Warwick and of the 372 Foodbank vouchers that were redeemed at the Saltisford Foodbank Centre it resulted in the feeding of 590 adults and 305 children respectively. To aid the work of Foodbank they have recently received some generous gifts from a few different organisations to buy a much needed van. To support the running of the van without draining the charity's resources a new scheme has commenced called Club 50 where Warwick District Foodbank are hoping a minimum of 50 people will club together to each pay £5 a month via direct debit (see poster on the notice board). Can you help? This charity is doing a wonderful work in our town and for only £5 each month you could make a very valuable contribution to this work and without breaking the bank. For a direct debit form please see noticeboard



CONCERT & EVENT STAFF REQUIRED ... we urgently need paid staff to help manage concerts. St Mary's hosts concerts and events throughout the year mainly on Saturday evenings, but also occasionally on weekdays. We require staff who would be willing to manage 4 concerts per year, who are able to supervise and are also physically able. The hours are generally 6pm to open up for arrival of the concert giver until approximately 11pm. The staff should be available during the concert, then to supervise the return of the church to its normal condition after the event, which may include supervision of the take down of staging, replacing nave chairs in position, moving of other furniture, ensuring all debris is removed from the performance area, replacement of the altar and furniture, ensuring that the building is as it should be before locking and alarming once the building is vacated. If you are interested in joining the team please email admin@stmaryswarwick.org.uk or call 01926 403940 option 1 with your contact details and we will get back to you. Full instructions given.

THE REVISION OF THE ELECTORAL ROLL.... will take place from 1st April until 13th April. If you are not on the roll and would like to join, please collect & complete a form, which can be found by the noticeboards and return it to the Parish Office by 13th April. You can check if you are on the current roll, there is a list on the noticeboard if you are unsure. If you are unsure please contact the Parish Office - 01926 403940 Option 1 or admin@stmaryswarwick.org.uk

VISIT St Mary's Gift Shop Easter Cards & Gifts Now in Stock

Cards for every Occasion & Gifts in Stock

CD's, Trays and Candles, St Mary's Tea Towels & Notelets
St Mary's Gift shop can supply stamps at normal price but
buying them from the shop gives the church a small profit.

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S - SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 22nd April - AGM immediately after the morning Eucharist

Wednesday 23rd May at 7.30pm - Lecture by Prof Louise Campbell about
Coventry Cathedral and Sir Basil Spence. Details on the Friends' noticeboard.
(Please note this event will be at St Michael's Centre, Budbrooke). All welcome.

Friday 29th June - a guided visit to Coventry Cathedral and The Herbert.

MU WARWICK TOGETHER PROGRAMME

Mon 9th Apr - Diocesan Service for Lady Day, 2pm at St
Martin's Church, Green Lane, Finham, CV3 6EA. Speaker: Very
Revd John Witcombe, Dean of Coventry Cathedral. Lifts can
be arranged. More details from valbrant@sky.com, tel 01926
494021, Lorraine Jaeger on 07974 592263; or
denisegodfrey49@gmail.com



CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WARWICK EVENTS



Sat 24th Healing on the Streets in the Market
Square 10am to 12noon. There have been fantastic
healings.

Thu 29th Mar Maundy Thursday at Castle Hill
Baptist Church refreshments 6.30pm service at
7pm. You will be made very welcome.

Fri 30th Mar Good Friday Walks of Witness and

Service in the Market Sq. Walks start after 11.45am at 5 churches (St Mary
Immaculate, St Pauls, New Life, Castle Hill and Northgate) meeting for a service
at 12.15pm.

The next Prayer Breakfast
will be held at Castle Hill Baptist Church
on Saturday 7th April at 7.30 am
Everyone welcome

ST MARY'S SHARED BREAKFAST

at Apple Tree Tearooms ,opposite St Mary's. Join us, 24th Mar 2018 and 21st Apr 2018 8.45am onwards until approx 10am - Matthew 18 : 20

FIRST WORLD WAR BATTLEFIELDS TRIP

19th - 23rd Aug 2018 led by local author Alan Reed leaflets and more information available on the Christmas truce table.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL: Flo Carpenter, Christopher Browne, Clifford Browne, Mandeep Madar, Jack Dixon, Gwen Shilton

PRAYERS FOR THE DEPARTED: Trevor Owen

THIS WEEK: Beginning 18th March

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

FORTHCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday 25th March - Palm Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Choral Eucharist	6.30pm Choral Evensong
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Sunday 1st April Easter Sunday

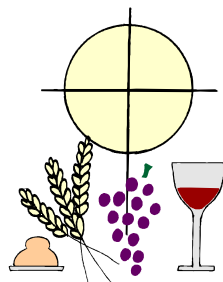
8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Family Choral Eucharist	6.30pm Festal Evensong
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Sunday 8th April Easter 2

8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Choral Eucharist & Commonwealth Thanksgiving	6.30pm Parish Evensong
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Sunday 15th April - Easter 3

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