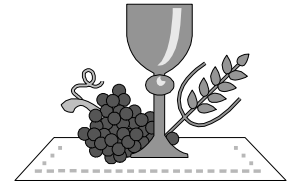




Weekly Newsletter

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.

19th January 2020 Epiphany 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 69*

10.30am

**Choral Eucharist Common Worship: Order 1
Boys' and Men's Voices**

Preacher: Vaughan Roberts
Celebrant: Alycia Timmis
Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9 - Kirsteen Robson
Intercessor: John Luxton
Assistants: Grahame Edmonds & Victoria Bartholomew
Organ voluntary: *Allegro maestoso e vivace* Mendelssohn

5.30pm

NO Choral Evensong at St Mary's

7.00pm

**Vespers: Churches Together Service
for the Week of Prayer of Christian Unity
at St Mary Immaculate Church**

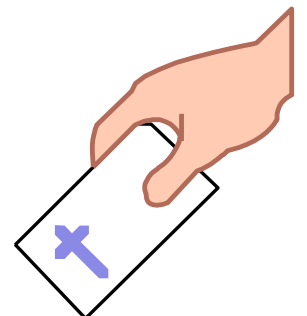
Preacher: Diane Thompson, Team Vicar of All Saints, Emscote

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

NOTICES

OUTWARD GIVING SUNDAY

Last Sunday was an Outward Giving Sunday when collections go to a good cause nominated by a member of our congregation. This month we raised over £280 for *Zaidi Ya Dreams* – a Christian charity working in Kenya, which offers a serene environment for children with traumatic backgrounds to heal and to grow. The next Outward Giving Sunday is on 9th Feb when our charity will be *Light & Hope for the Children of Syria*.



NEW OPPORTUNITIES AT ST MARY'S

If you would like to join the St Mary's leadership team, working 12-15 hours per week, please apply for one of our two new salaried positions, Operations Manager and Development Officer. Interviews will take place in early February and we hope that successful candidates will start with us early in March. If you are interested in either of these roles please contact parishadministrator@stmaryswarwick.org.uk for further details.



UNITY SERVICE TONIGHT



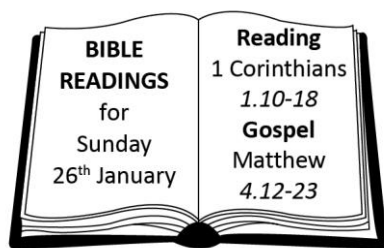
This year's *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity* begins this weekend and runs through to next Saturday. Kirsteen has prepared a special Prayer Diary for this important time, which is available in church today. It also includes a list of services and events for the coming week. And don't forget that our Churches Together Unity Service is this evening at St Mary Immaculate. There are refreshments at

6.30pm and Vespers begins at 7pm. All welcome.

ST MARY'S CHURCH/SHOP

Following discussions at St Mary's Standing Committee before Christmas we have decided to experiment with closing the church on Mondays and Tuesdays during January and February. This is not a decision we take lightly and there are several factors involved. First, we face serious challenges in recruiting volunteers: we lost three guides last year and two more are planning to step down, which means our Guiding Team is very stretched. In the same period we lost seven shop volunteers, mostly - sadly - from illness and death. Finding replacements is difficult in a world where, increasingly, many newly-retired folk are looking after grandchildren. Since the changes to reception and shop we're better able to keep track of visitor numbers and we know that in this forthcoming period they are particularly low on Mondays and Tuesdays. (It is no accident that the Lord Leycester Hospital and Warwick Museum also close on Mondays.) The Standing Committee will be reviewing whether or not this has worked in due course. In the meantime, if you have any new, bright ideas for recruitment of volunteers do let us know.

BIBLE READINGS



CONNECTING

The *MODEM Hub for Leadership, Management & Ministry* is an ecumenical Christian charity, which helps churches identify and make use of the best in organizational thinking and practice. It has been in existence for nearly 30 years and Vaughan has been involved for much of that time. This week he was elected the new honorary Chair for a three-year period. If you'd like to know more about this body, the website is here: <https://www.modemuk.org/>



A Hub for Leadership, Management and Ministry

LUNCHTIME RECITALS

Our Organ Scholar, Lucy Morrell, makes her debut in the Friday lunchtime series on 24th January with a programme including Mendelssohn's bubbly *Sonata No.4* and Elgar's evergreen *Chansons*. As always, admission is free with a retiring collection. Do come along if you can!

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 - the ideal post-Christmas gift if you are looking for something special.

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The new year has started and its 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

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 out more at www.ecclesiastical.com/trust130 or call their team on 08007830130 and quote Trust130.

ST MARY'S STANDING COMMITTEE ...

... met last Thursday. Main items under discussion were the end of year accounts – which have been adjusted significantly due to changes in the way that the King Henry Trust make payments; an update on the fundraising campaign – which should involve a major meeting of stakeholders in the near future; a report on fabric – including urgent repairs to rainwater goods by the Chapter House; and updates to the two new salaried positions, Operations Manager and Development Officer (see the ad in this edition) and will replace our Parish Administrator role.

OUT AND ABOUT

The boys and gentlemen of the Choir will be singing Evensong with their counterparts at Coventry Cathedral on Sunday 19th January, at 4.00pm, with music by Harris, Clucas, Wood, and Jonathan Dove. All are welcome!

LEAMINGTON MUSIC CONCERT

St Mary's Church Tuesday 28th January at 7.30pm

THE GONZAGA BAND

Faye Newton soprano

Jamie Savan and Helen Roberts cornets

Oliver Webber and Theresa Caudle violins

Steven Devine organ and harpsichord

VENICE 1629

In a remarkable year for new music, Heinrich Schutz returns to Venice from Dresden to meet Claudio Monteverdi.

The programme has music by these two well known composers and many other talented northern Italian composers including

Castello, Marini, Grandi, Pesenti, Tarditi, Carrone, Donati and Re.

Tickets from St Mary's Gift Shop and Visit Warwick at the Court House

Call 01926 334418 or go online on 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.

Christian Resources Exhibition - 4-5 March

iKnow Church, Church Edit and the Life Events Diary are going to be exhibiting at the Christian Resources Exhibition in Coventry on the 4th and 5th March and have complimentary tickets available for churches - saving up to £8 per person.

Bishop Christopher has said: 'I'm delighted that more than 100 specialist organisations will once again bring their skills, services, ideas and resources to Stoneleigh Park. I encourage people from all church traditions to enjoy a day of rich discovery.' To claim your complimentary tickets, please follow this link:

<https://iknowchurch.co.uk/about/news/christian-resources-exhibition.php>

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

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WARWICK JANUARY 2020

Saturday 25th HOTS (Healing in the Street)

10.00am-12 noon in the Market Place.

N.B. A change from the yellow programme:

Sunday 19th United Service at St Mary Immaculate at 7.00pm



PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

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

PRAYERS FOR THE DEPARTED

Corrie Phillips, Stephen Waters, Jacqueline Wood.

SERVICES THIS WEEK: Beginning 19th January

Wednesday 22 nd January	10.00am 5.30pm	Holy Communion Choral Evensong
Friday 24 th January	5.30pm	Choral Evensong

FORTHCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday 26th January - Epiphany 3

8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Choral Eucharist	5.30pm Choral Evensong
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Sunday 2nd February - Presentation of Christ

8.00am Holy Communion	9.30am Family Service	11.00am Choral Matins	5.30pm Candlemas service
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Sunday 9th February - 3rd before Lent (Outward Giving Sunday)

8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Choral Eucharist	5.30pm Choral Evensong
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Sunday 16th February - 2nd before Lent

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