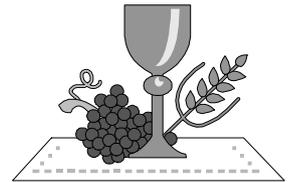




Weekly Newsletter

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.

19th March 2017 Lent 3

8.00am

Holy Communion (BCP Said)

Celebrant & Preacher: Stig Graham

The service begins in the Book of Common Prayer page 294

The collect and readings begin on page 133

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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Celebrant & Preacher: Vaughan Roberts
Reading: Exodus 17: 1-7 - Carol Johns
Intercessor: Alice Webber
Assistants: Christine Smeaton & Richard Warren
Organ Voluntary: *Fugue in f BWV 534/ii* J S Bach

6.30pm	Choral Evensong (BCP) & Lent Address Boys' and Men's Voices
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Hymn: 424
Preces: Radcliffe
Psalm: 40 vv 1-7
Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.26 - 2.5- Peter Briggs
Magnificat: D Purcell *in E minor*
Responses: Radcliffe
Anthem: *If ye love me* Tallis
If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may 'bide with you forever, even the spirit of truth.

Words: John 14: 15-17

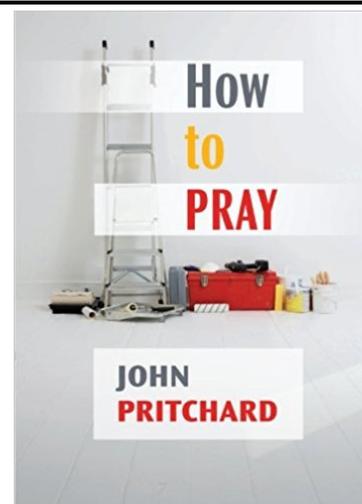
Hymn: 379
Preacher: John Pritchard
Hymn: 439 (omit *)
Organ Voluntary: *Herzlich tut mich verlangen* Brahms

Director of Music: Thomas Corns
Assistant Director of Music: Mark Swinton

NOTICES

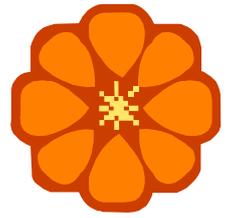
NEW REFORMATIONS

It's a delight to welcome Bishop John Pritchard as our third speaker in our highly stimulating series of Lent Addresses. Since his recent retirement as Bishop of Oxford, he remains in great demand as a speaker and as a writer, and we look forward to his thoughts on the challenges of prayer and spirituality in our contemporary world. We have had two excellent Addresses from Tom McLeish and Kristin Aune in our new series, both available to hear on our website.

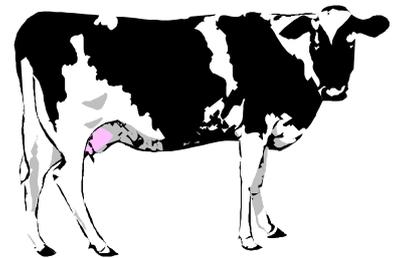


IN PRINT: Printed copies of Dr Aune's address are available in church today. Please note these will only be available if our Lent speaker has spoken from a full script. On or two people also asked for copies of the vicar's recent sermon about Lent and the gold statue of Kanye West, which are also available today.

MOTHERING SUNDAY: Next Sunday is the Church's annual celebration of motherhood in its many forms. Small posies will be given out during our 10.30 Eucharist so do come along to give thanks to God for who have given us the gift of life.



ST. MARY'S PROJECT FOR CMM SISTERS IN TANZANIA: St Mary's is further cementing its links with the CCM sisters in Tanzania by sponsoring the purchase of a cow for the Girl's Hostel in Masasi. Although the fees are very low, some of the girls come from families that cannot afford to buy breakfast for them. A cow will be able to provide milk, butter and cheese with any surplus milk being sold to provide other ingredients. The basic cost for a cow in calf is in the region of £750. Each donation of £5 will help to fill up the churn and ensure that all the girls go to school having had a nutritious breakfast. However any donation, however small will be gratefully received and, as a small 'thank you' please ask for a sticker to show that you have supported this worthwhile project. If you would like to contribute to this project. Please: Put your donation in the box provided or hand it to the Receptionist. Ask for a sticker which you may keep or stick on the Border of the Churn Board. If you would like to suggest a name for the cow (and the calf) please write it in the book under the Board along with your name if you wish to do so. If you would like your donation to make even more for the fund please consider Gift Aid (forms for this can be provided). Alternatively donations can be made by credit/debit card via the web site <africansisters.org.uk This Lent and Easter gift can make a huge difference by helping to support young girls who are longing to pursue their studies in what can be very challenging condition. Many thanks in anticipation of your generosity.

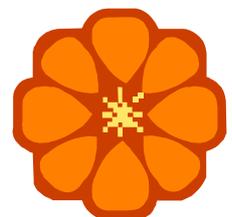


THE MINDFULNESS GROUP ... meets in St Marys Vestry on the first and last Wed in the month at 11am. Next session will be on Wed 29th March.

FOOD BANK: A reminder the box for donations is at the back of church. There is still a pressing need for: tinned fruit, tinned meat, pasta sauce, custard, noodles, UHT milk. Thanks for your help.

The Pastoral Team

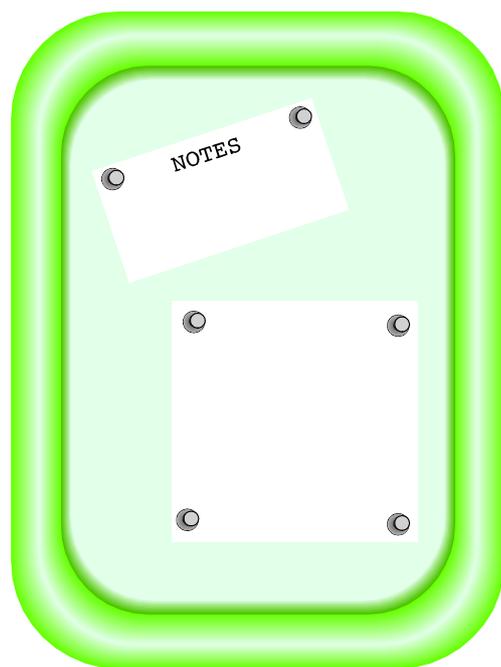
BIBLE READING: At the time of going to press, Mothering Sunday morning's readings have not been chosen. Normal service will resume next week.



PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Loving, tender God,
you know our sorrow and our joy,
be close to us as we walk this unknown path.
Send your light to lead us.
Comfort us when we are afraid,
so that, whatever we face,
we will know your strong arms supporting us. Amen.

THE REVISION OF ST MARY'S ELECTORAL ROLL ... will take place from 19th Feb until 22nd Mar. If you are not on the roll and would like to join, please collect a form, which can be found by the noticeboards and return it to the Parish Office by 22nd Mar. You can check if you are on the current roll there is a list on the noticeboard if you are unsure. If you think you have applied during the year since the last APCM your name will not appear, if you are unsure please contact the Parish Office. 01926 403940 Option 1 or admin@stmaryswarwick.org.uk



ANNUAL REPORTS: The Parish Office is compiling the Church Annual Report for 2017, for the APCM Sunday 9th April at 12 noon. Would church groups please email their reports to parishadministrator@stmaryswarwick.org.uk as soon as possible but no later than 10th March 2017. Thank you.

TRUSTEE VACANCY: New Hope Christian Counselling is looking for a Trustee to join their team from April 2017. No previous experience required but someone who has had previous management or HR experience will be particularly useful. Duties will include attending four trustees meetings per year held on Thursday evenings in Warwick, attending staff socials (2-3 per year) and assisting in interviews for new staff. Minimum age is 18. There is no upper age limit.

NAVE KNEELERS: Would you be prepared to carry out or supervise any repairs to the kneelers if and when required? All materials supplied. Please contact the Parish office.

HELP NEEDED: Maintaining robes/linen, silver, brass and the sanctuaries takes a lot of the vergers time. They would like to offer the opportunity for members of the congregation to offer their gifts to God in these regards. If you think you would like to help and would like to know more, please talk to any of the vergers on a Sunday.



COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- Team Council: Mon 20th Mar at 8pm (St Michael's Centre, Budbrooke)
- Safeguarding Committee: Wed 22nd Mar at 8pm
- PCC: Wed 29th Mar at 7.30pm
- APCM: Sun 9th Apr at 12 noon (St Mary's Nave)

All Meetings in St Mary's Vestry unless stated otherwise

AN ODYESSY (1): The St Mary's Music Committee met on Wed, which was the first meeting since the announcement of Tom Corns' new appointment as Director of Music (DOM) at Sheffield Cathedral. The committee congratulated him on his new position and thanked Tom for all that he has done at St Mary's. Tom presented his report to the members and there was much to be encouraged by, although it was acknowledged that some things would have to put on hold whilst a new DOM was appointed. The committee was pleased to learn that Mark Swinton will be acting DOM when Tom moves on. It looks as though his final Sunday with us will be 21st May, day of the live BBC Radio 4 broadcast and visit from the Bishop of Coventry.



AN ODYESSY (2): The PCC's Standing Committee met on Thu afternoon. Some of the main items on the agenda included approval of the Financial Report to go to Church Council ahead of our Annual Meeting; update on the large amount of fabric work that is being put in hand and a briefing on progress with appointing a new Director of Music. Representatives of the Standing Committee have met with the back row of our choir, members of the music department and further meetings are planned with an aim of advertising in April and appointing around the end of May or start of June. In terms of restoration and repair of our building much is happening and much is planned for 2018. As a consequence, we have a very challenging budget set for the coming 12 months and beyond.



AN ODYESSY (3): Thank you to our verging team of John, Sue and Phil for their lively and warm presentation at The Friends of St Mary's *Behind the Scenes ...* meeting on Wednesday evening. And thanks also to everyone who organized it.

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.

Open 10am-4pm Mon – Sat 12-4pm Sun



Tickets are of a limited number so book yours without delay!

YOU'D BE A FOOL NOT TO!

Early bird price £10.00 from Penny Mitchell

07504450277 or penmitchell@hotmail.com
or £12.50 on the night

7pm for 8pm start

St Mark's Church Hall, Rugby Road,
Leamington Spa CV32 6DL

Bring your own alcohol

Coffee/tea/luscious home make cakes on
sale from 7pm

All proceeds to St Mark's Restoration Fund

CAN ANYONE HELP PLEASE? Garage or storage space to let - urgent please contact Dee - Church Shop or call 07929 248094

REST IN PEACE: We were very sorry to hear of Maurice Frank's recent death and whose funeral was in St Mary's this week. He had been a stalwart member of St Mary's and will be greatly missed by family and friends so please keep them in your prayers.

NEW PROJECT ...

... setting up at St Paul's, Warwick, called TANGO (*Together As Neighbours Giving Out*). It's a community shop held in church on the first Mon each month from 10.30am - 12pm starting on the 3rd Apr. All items sell for 50p. The aim is to support people in the area around St Paul's that may sometimes struggle to afford things they need. There will also be opportunities to sit, chat and have a free cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit. We're looking for donations to help get this project up and running, particularly:

*clothes - adult, children and baby *books, *Cd's and Dvds *toys, *games/puzzles
*household items eg pictures, clocks, small ornaments

*Anything you would normally take to a charity shop. No electrical or really big items as we are storing in church. The best times to bring things to the church would be Mon, Thu and Fri mornings. I am happy to pick any donations up in the afternoons or weekends. If you have any questions contact me via:

Joanna.j.thompson@gmail.com Thanks for your help. *Jo Pinnington*

HEALING ON THE STREETS ... in Market Sq on Sat 25th March from 10am to noon.

The next CTW Prayer Breakfast
will be held at
Castle Hill Baptist Church
on Saturday 1st April at 7.30am
Everyone welcome
www.ctwarwick.org.uk

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL: Flo Carpenter, Sian Barnett, Christopher Browne, Clifford Browne, Alison Lee, Marian Spencer

PRAYERS FOR THE DEPARTED: Maurice Franks

THIS WEEK: Beginning 19th March

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

FORTHCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday 26th March - Lent 4

8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Choral Eucharist	6.30pm Choral Evensong & Lent Address
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Sunday 2nd April - Lent 5 Passion Sunday

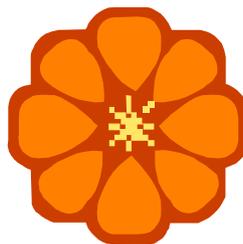
8.00am Holy Communion	9.30am Family Service	11.00am Choral Matins	6.30pm Choral Evensong & Lent Address
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Sunday 9th April - Palm Sunday (Outward Giving)

8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Choral Eucharist	6.30pm Choral Evensong
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Sunday 16th April - Easter Sunday

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