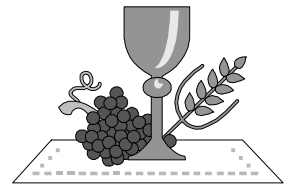




Weekly Newsletter

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. 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.

January 20th Epiphany 2/Epiphany 3

8.00am

Holy Communion (BCP Said)

Celebrant & Preacher: Vaughan Roberts

*The service begins in the Book of Common Prayer page 236
The collect and readings begin on page 69*

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: Vaughan Roberts
Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11 - John Luxton
Intercessor: Tony Fitzpatrick
Assistants: Victoria Bartholomew & Helen Fitzpatrick

6.30pm	<u>NO</u> Choral Evensong Christian Unity service All Saints', Emscote
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Director of Music: Oliver Hancock
Assistant Director of Music: Mark Swinton

NOTICES

THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY started last Friday and Kirsteen Robson has produced an excellent prayer leaflet for *Churches Together in Warwick (CTW)* to support this important opportunity for our churches to work ecumenically. They are available in church today, so please do pick one up. Also, the annual CTW unity service is **this Sunday evening (20th) at All Saints, Emscote (6.30pm)** so there will be **NO Choral Evensong at St Mary's**.

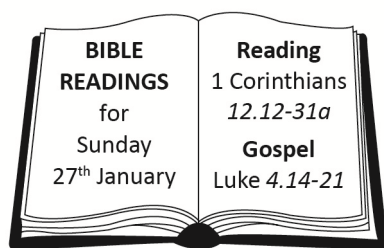


Justice, Only Justice, you Shall Pursue –
Dt.16:18-20

EVENING SERVICE TIME We have been exploring the possibility of moving the time of our Sunday evening service from 6.30pm to 5.30pm. Before this is discussed by the PCC it would be helpful to have the thoughts of our Evening congregation. There will be a meeting in the vestry on Sunday 10th February at 5.30pm for people to share their thoughts and views.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES We are running confirmation classes ahead of the Bishop of Warwick taking a Confirmation and First Communion Service on Easter Eve at St Mary's. There will be two groups, one for younger candidates on Wed afternoons and one for adults on Thursday Evenings in the vestry. It's not too late to join so to find out more please speak to Vaughan or Alycia.

BIBLE READINGS



2019 NUMBERED GIVING ENVELOPES are available at the back of church. If you are new to the scheme, please take a pack and complete your name and sign against one of the available numbers. If you are a regular scheme member and would like to change your number, please take one of the available numbers and sign next to that number and delete your name against the old number.

LUNCHTIME RECITALS 2019

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

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)

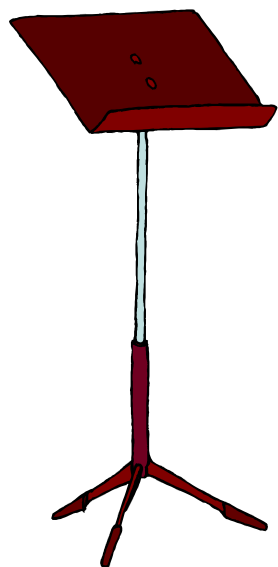
15th March Anna Turner *oboe* (King's High School)

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

19th April Good Friday; no recital

For information about organ recitals in the UK, visit www.organrecitals.com

INVITATION TO ALL ... A talk by our Director of Music, Oliver Hancock on Wednesday 23rd January at 6.30pm. This event, organised by The Friends of St Mary's, is part of the 'Getting to Know St Mary's Programme' (Behind the scenes). It hardly seems possible, but Oliver Hancock, our Director of Music, has just completed his first year with us at St Mary's. He is very keen to share his review of the past 12 months but, more importantly, his vision for the future. He has many exciting and ambitious plans for the choirs and church music in general, so this promises to be a fascinating and enlightening experience. We hope that many of those attending will come to Choral Evensong at 5.30pm and stay on for the talk. Tea and biscuits, or a glass of wine, will be offered during the question and answer time at the end. There is no charge and no tickets will be issued but we do need to know numbers, in advance. There is a sign-up sheet near the



Friends noticeboard or alternatively please contact Heather, Hon. Sec. to reserve a place - 024 7642 2738 or email: heather-partis@tiscali.co.uk

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY The new year has started and it's time again to count The Children's Society boxes, so please start bringing your Children's Society boxes to church. You can bring them on a Sunday and if we are not there please put them in the vestry, or if you drop them in during the week please give them in to the shop and they will give them to us. Whilst we did very well last year and raised £949.25, our collection was a little down on the previous year, so hopefully this year we can raise a little more! Lots of boxes never come in or come in every other year so please can you make a point of bringing your box in this year as every penny helps. We will count the money and return the boxes to the back of the church within two weeks.

If you would like a box please let us know and we will sign you up, or if you would like to make a donation in cash or cheque please see us. Every penny helps the work of The Children's Society. Thanks in advance for your help in raising money for the continuing work of The Children's Society.

Gill and David Benson

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WARWICK EVENTS

Saturday 2nd and 16th February: HOTS (Healing on the Street) in Market Square, 11.00am-12.00pm.

The team need more prayers and helpers: a new year's resolution maybe?

The Annual CTW Service of Unity on 20th January, at All Saints' Emscote Refreshments from 5.30pm and the service begins at 6.30pm All are welcome.

Saturday 2nd Feb Prayer Breakfast Nothgate Methodist Church 7.30am

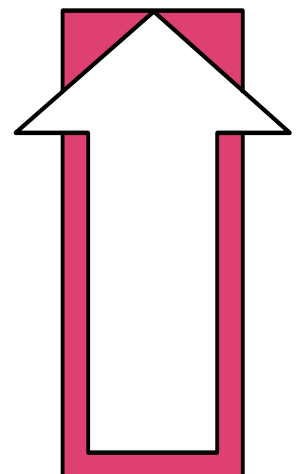
A very good way to start the month.

Tuesday 12th February Churches Together Forum at Charles Borremeo 8.00pm

SCHOOLS TEAM VOLUNTEERS WANTED

We are developing a team of volunteers to go into local schools and deliver much needed social and emotional aspects of learning through courses addressing Mental Health Resilience, Anger Management, Self Esteem, and Significant Loss. We are looking for volunteers who are willing to be trained by a sector-leading Christian youth organisation which has developed and delivered these highly effective courses for over a decade. Are you:

- Passionate about loving and serving our local schools?
- Flexible, friendly, committed and compassionate?
- Able to commit to term time delivery of courses in school hours (2 hours a week for a 6-week period)?
- Able to attend schools work (half a day training) and course delivery training (1 day per course)?
- Available from February onwards to be involved in the project?
- Willing to fill in an application form, provide references, and undergo a DBS check?



For an application form or more information about the project

please contact Stacey Bains on 07507 722537 or email stacey.bains@covcofe.org

HAMPTON COURT: Our boy choristers and gentlemen of the Choir are off to join forces with the Choir of the Chapel Royal, Hampton Court for Evensong on this afternoon, with music by Leighton, Dyson, and Dove. All are welcome to attend the service, which starts at 3.30pm.

MUSIC MATTERS: There is a time in a boy chorister's life when he has to take a deep breath, trade in his ruff for a neck-tie, and join the back row of the Choir. We would like to thank Patrick Stiven for his excellent work and singing as a treble and especially, more recently, for his firm and fair leadership as Head Chorister. This is, of course, not the end - Patrick joins the ranks of Junior Men - and we look forward to many more years of music-making together.

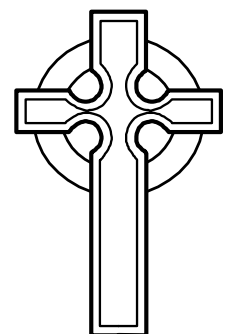
IT IS WITH SOME SADNESS ... that we have to announce the closing of the Teas and Friendship Meeting organised by The Pastoral Team and friends from St Mary Immaculate. Ten years ago when the sessions started on the first Friday of each month there was little available for those people who wanted to meet and chat in a safe environment. However, rising costs and falling numbers have made it impossible to continue. Happily there are now many other regular events on offer and it is now possible to attend similar meetings in Warwick on almost every day of the week. We would like to thank all those who have supported us over the last ten years and wish all of our friends the very best in the future.



Doreen and the Pastoral Team

STANDING COMMITTEE: The PCC's Standing Committee had a long meeting last Thurs with updates on church finances and fabric. As we begin to get a clearer idea of our year-end accounts, our deficit is not as much as budgeted because we have not spent as much on fabric as anticipated. One vital fabric project that will be going ahead in March is the long awaited replacement of our sound system (due to start on 11th). One suggestion that's too costly is installing a dishwasher in our kitchen. This has been costed at £2,000 as it requires bespoke carpentry and would also need a faculty from the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC).

IN MEMORY: One of the things our PCC and Standing Committee have been working on over the past three years is placing a plaque in memory of The Revd Michael Freeman (a former vicar of St Mary's). After years of debate with the DAC this was finally fixed in the chancel just before Christmas and was dedicated after last Wednesday's service of Holy Communion with Sheila Freeman and other family members in attendance. We remain enormously grateful for Michael's ministry in Warwick and in the wider church.





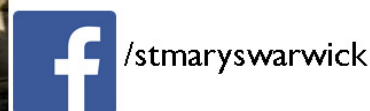
We are looking for boy and girl choristers to join the Choirs of St Mary's, Warwick.

If you know a boy aged 7 or a girl aged 8 or above who loves to sing, has a good musical ear, and a clear voice, get in touch!

No previous experience necessary.

Benefits include a free, world-class musical education; concerts, broadcasts, tours, and recordings; developing leadership skills, self-confidence, and self-discipline; Choir pay; great fun!

For more details email musicadmin@stmaryswarwick.org.uk



KNEELERS: Kneelers are readily available from our sidespeople for those who wish. Please just ask and they can be provided.

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: Joy Farrow

THIS WEEK: Beginning 20th January

Wednesday 23 rd	10.00am 5.30pm	Holy Communion Choral Evensong
Friday 25 th	5.30pm	Choral Evensong

FORTHCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday 27th January - Epiphany 4

8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Choral Eucharist	6.30pm Choral Evensong
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Sunday 3rd February - Presentation of Christ

8.00am Holy Communion	9.30am Family Service	11.00am Choral Matins	6.30pm Candlemas Service
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Sunday 10th February - 4th Sunday before Lent

8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Choral Eucharist	6.30pm Choral Evensong <i>with the Choir of Rugby School</i>
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Sunday 17th February - 3rd Sunday before Lent

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