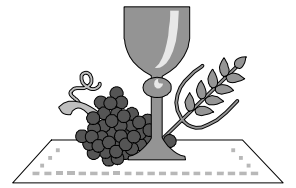




# Weekly Newsletter

**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](http://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 21<sup>st</sup> Epiphany 3

8.00am

Holy Communion (BCP Said)

Celebrant & Preacher: Linda Duckers

*The service begins in the Book of Common Prayer page 294*

*The collect and readings begin on page 112*

*Followed each third Sunday by breakfast at a local café*

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| <b>10.30am</b> | <b>Choral Eucharist Common Worship: Order 1<br/>Boys', Girls' and Men's Voices</b> |
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| Celebrant    | Vaughan Roberts                          |
| Preacher:    | Alycia Timmis                            |
| Reading:     | Revelation 19: 6-10 - Kirsteen Robson    |
| Intercessor: | Tony Fitzpatrick                         |
| Assistants:  | Christine Smeaton & Victoria Bartholomew |

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| <b>4.00pm</b> | <b>Choral Evensong &amp; Welcome to Oliver Hancock<br/>Boys', Girls' and Men's Voices<br/>with members of Portsmouth Cathedral Choirs</b> |
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| Introit: | The Gateway of Heaven<br>How awesome is this place. This is none other than the house of God and this is the gateway of heaven. I saw a ladder which rested on the ground with its top reaching to heaven and all the angels were going up and down it. You will see greater things than this. You will see heaven wide open and God's angels ascending and descending upon the Son of Man. Ye are the temple of the living God and the spirit of God dwells in you. The temple of God is holy and you are that temple of heaven. <i>Words from Genesis 28; Music by Trepte</i> |
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| Hymn:          | 336                                |
| Preces:        | Rose                               |
| Psalms:        | 33                                 |
| Reading:       | 2 Chronicles 29: 25-30 - Tony King |
| Magnificat:    | Dyson <i>in D</i>                  |
| Reading:       | Colossians 3: 12-17 - Peter Briggs |
| Nunc dimittis: | Dyson <i>in D</i>                  |
| Responses:     | Rose                               |
| Anthem:        | <i>Expectans expectavi</i>         |

This sanctuary of my soul,  
Unwitting I keep white and whole,  
Unlatch'd and lit, if thou should'st care  
To enter or to tarry there.  
With parted lips and outstretch'd hands  
And list'ning ears Thy servant stands,  
Call Thou early, call Thou late,  
To Thy great service dedicate.  
My soul, keep white, and whole.

*Words by C.H. Sorley; Music by Wood*

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| Hymn:            | 376   |
| Preacher:        | Vaughan Roberts                             |
| Hymn:            | 373 (t Coe Fen)                             |
| Organ voluntary: | <i>Praeludium in E b BWV 552/i</i> J S Bach |

6.30pm

NO Choral Evensong  
Christian Unity service at Castle Hill

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

# NOTICES

## NEW START

Last Sunday was Oliver Hancock's first in post as our new Director of Music and Mark Swinton returned to his duties on the organ having been our Acting DOM during last term. This morning we shall be saying 'Thank you' to Mark for his excellent work in steering through the very demanding Autumn term and how much all his efforts were appreciated by us all. Then this afternoon we have a special service of Choral Evensong at 4pm to formally welcome Oliver into post. It's wonderful to be able to welcome many members of Portsmouth Cathedral Choirs here for this occasion, along with the Precentor and other supporters. Thanks also to Oliver, Gail Guest and others for providing wine after our service. We do hope that worshippers are able to stay behind for that too.



## LAST SUNDAY ...

... was an Outward Giving Sunday when we have an opportunity to give to a good cause nominated by a member of our congregation. The charity was the Disasters Emergency Committee's current appeal for more than half a million people - mostly Rohingya women and children - who have fled violence in Myanmar's Rakhine state. We raised over £200 for those seeking refuge in Bangladesh and in urgent need of food, water, shelter and medical care. We are currently looking for more Outward Giving nominations to take us through 2018.



**DISASTERS  
EMERGENCY  
COMMITTEE**

## IN YOUR PRAYERS

We are in the midst of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The main unity service is tonight in Castle Hill Baptist Church at 6.30pm. This will be one of The Revd Peter Burns last duties before he leaves Warwick for his new post in Nailsea. Many thanks to Kirsteen Robson for putting together a prayer leaflet for this week – do pick one up by the noticeboard

## CONFIRMATION

Vaughan and Alycia are planning confirmation classes for this term ahead of a confirmation service in St Mary's with the Bishop of Warwick scheduled for May. If you're interested and would like to find out more about what it involves please speak to them.



## THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The New Year has started and its time again to count The Children's Society boxes, so could we please ask everyone to start bringing your Children's



# The Children's Society

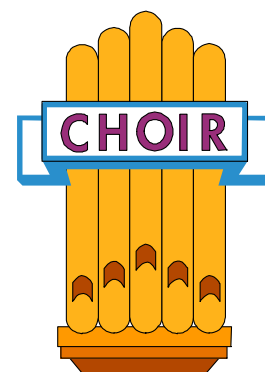
Society box into church. We did very well last year and raised £992.80 so hopefully this year we can match it or raise a little more. We will count the money and return the boxes to the back of the church within 2 weeks. There were a few boxes left at the

back of church last year, if you did not collect your box but would still like to make a donation in cash or cheque please see us and I will make sure you get your box back to you for the coming year. Every penny helps the work of The Children's Society.

If you have one of the Children Society Candle boxes that were given out at the Christingle Service could you also return them as well and I will send that money off to the society. With thanks for your help in raising money for the continuing work of The Children's Society. *Gill and David Benson*

## MANY THANKS

This week Eleanor Stratton was valedicted from our Girls' Choir at Wednesday Evensong. We are most grateful to her for all that she contributed in her time and wish her all the best for the future.



## **PANCAKE RACE FOR THE FRIENDS OF THE CHOIR ...**

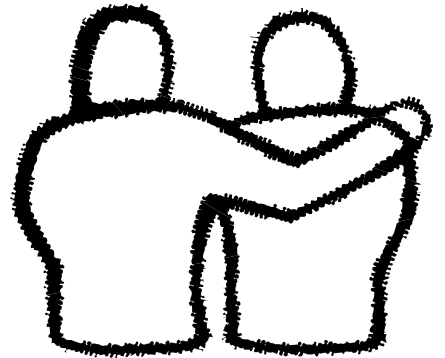
... Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February after the morning service. The Friends will supply pancakes for the race and to eat afterwards along with tea/coffee, squash. Everyone is welcome to join in & if any have a spare frying pan could they bring it with them.

## **PRAYER OF THE WEEK**

Arise, shine, for the Light of the World has come!  
Darkness covers the earth and its people,  
but the radiance of God's Light  
burns away its shadows,  
illuminates the smallest corner,  
and heralds in the start of a new dawn,  
where hearts no longer fear,  
souls might be set free,  
and sister shall follow brother,  
nation shall follow nation,  
and kings and princes bow down in awe  
before the one who comes to reign.  
Arise, shine, for the Light of the World has come! Alleluia!

## **SAFETY FIRST**

The PCC's Safeguarding Sub-Committee met this week. We are most grateful for all the work this group does on behalf of the church, including our Safeguarding Officers Margaret Gayler and Alice Webber. Alice has announced that she is stepping down from this role and will be replaced by Jayne McHale. Jayne has been secretary to the committee and will be replaced in that role by Chris Mew. Oliver Hancock was welcomed to the committee in his position as DOM. The meeting was updated on the ongoing process of DBS checks and online training, together with changes happening at a national level.



## **ST PAUL'S WARWICK ...**

... seeks a part-time Parish Administrator (9 hours per week over 3 mornings). If you would like to find out more, please contact the parish office for further information and an application pack - 01926 499533 or email [stpauls.warwick@outlook.com](mailto:stpauls.warwick@outlook.com) Closing date mid-day on Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Feb. Interviews on Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Feb.

**FUND-RAISING CONCERT SATURDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 7:30PM**

at St Mary Immaculate Catholic Church West St

All are welcome to attend a Concert in aid of the Friends of St Mary's Choir and the Catholic Church of St Mary Immaculate. Sung by Members of the Girls' Choir and Gentlemen of the Collegiate Church of St Mary's Warwick and Esteemed Guest Singers and ex-members of the Choir of the Collegiate Church Warwick.

Friendly Voices of Warwick

Missa Papae Marcelli Palestrina and other Sacred Music

£10 (concessions £5)

Conductor: Ron Binnie  
Organist: Oliver Hancock

**BAXI EARLY MUSIC CONCERTS SERIES**

St Mary's Church Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 7.30pm

**THE GESUALDO SIX**

directed by Owain Park

*The Flower of the Italian Madrigal*

Music from Italy's Golden Age of Music by Anerio, Gesualdo, Lassus, Monteverdi, Palestrina, de Rore, Vecchi and more

Tickets £13.00 to £21.00, students £1.00 from St Mary's Gift Shop or call 01926 334418. Book online on [www.royalspacentreandtownhall.co.uk](http://www.royalspacentreandtownhall.co.uk)

*Concert promoted by Leamington Music*

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WARWICK EVENTS**

Sun 21<sup>st</sup> Jan 6.30pm United Service Castle Hill Baptist Church join us for tea from 6pm. Celebrating the example of Christians working together for God in our area in Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> HOTS (Healing on the Street)

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 7.30am at St Nicholas Church Prayer Breakfast



## **WARWICK POPPIES 2018 ...**

... is starting the New Year with a variety of planned activities and we would really appreciate YOUR support. On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February please join us for an evening of light-hearted Prose & Poetry, compiled by our very own Godfrey Hill. This will be at 7.30pm., at the Warren's home - 46 Myton Crescent. No charge, but donations happily received! Tickets are limited, so apply early - list at the back of Church.

**Warwick Market Square Museum and Warwick Poppies 2018** are co-hosting another poppy making workshop, on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February & we are hoping for a bumper turnout. Everyone welcome, no charge, materials provided. Learn how to knit, crochet or make felt poppies.

**Two more display preparation workshops** are now booked for Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February. These will be at 6.30pm., at the Warrens home - 46 Myton Crescent. The previous get-togethers were very popular - it is a lovely way to meet new people. You will NOT be making poppies, rather preparing poppies for the display ..... and we have literally hundreds ready for counting and storage!

**“SING WITH YOUR SUPPER”** - on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March, join us for a lovely evening in the beautiful Great Hall at The Lord Leycester Hospital. The Sing Well Community Choir will be entertaining us, and we shall enjoy a Fish and Chip Supper - all for £10pp. Tickets available via our website; via Helen, Carol, Gill or Gail; or in St Mary's Shop.

**Further ahead, save the dates -**

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August - coach trip to The Poppy Factory in Richmond. Tickets available nearer the time.

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October - Gala Dinner & opening of the display. Tickets will go on sale in June.

**“The Royal Warwicks and the Christmas Truce 1914”** is a new display on show by the Regimental Chapel. It has been specially created to support the Warwick Poppies 2018 initiative, by well-known local historians Alan Reed and Sir Andrew Hamilton - with kind sponsorship from The Royal Warwickshire Regimental Association. Books to support this display are available in St Mary's Shop.”



## **FRIENDS OF ST MARYS WARWICK CHAIRMANS NEW YEAR LETTER...**

...is currently available on the Friend's web page. Those who have provided an email address should receive a copy of the letter by email. If you have not received a copy please contact Heather (see below). As our Chairman explained in the last newsletter, due to the ever increasing cost of postage we will no longer be sending "hard copies" to members. For those for whom we have no email address there are a limited number of copies available in Church today plus there is a copy on the Friend's noticeboard. If you have an email address and would like to receive a copy by email please contact [heather-partis@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:heather-partis@tiscali.co.uk) who will be pleased to respond".

## **FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S – A talk and tour by the St Mary's Church**

**Guides - As part of the 'Getting to Know St Mary's Programme'. On 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 11am. Are you a regular worshiper at St Mary's but never received information about its rich history and fascinating story from one of our guides?**



**This is an exclusive guided tour and talk with priority being given to members of the 'Friends' association. A warm invitation is also extended to any parishioners who might also like to attend.**

**This promises to be a fascinating and unique experience. It is a rare chance to hear of the work of our excellent and renowned guiding team. They will share some fascinating facts about our wonderful church and the part it has played in British history. There will also be a chance, over coffee, for questions about becoming a guide and the training and duties required.**

**There will be no charge but a voluntary donation to cover refreshments would be appreciated.**

**Please contact Heather Partis to reserve your place. ( 024 7642 2738 or E-mail [heather-partis@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:heather-partis@tiscali.co.uk))**



## VISIT St Mary's Gift Shop

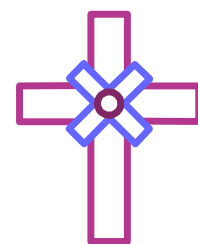
Cards for every Occasion & Gifts in Stock

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.

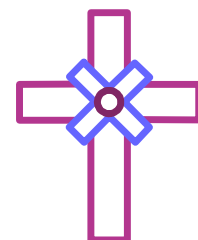
### HEALTH UPDATE

Regular morning visitors to St Marys will know Mark Rigney, our Custos/Caretaker, at least by sight. He went into hospital last week for a significant operation but people will be pleased to know it was successful and the prognosis is positive. He will be off work for at least a fortnight and we're most grateful to Mary Adams who is standing in for him in the meantime.



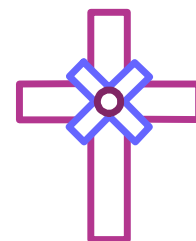
### CHARLECOTE QUIET GARDEN LAUNCHED

The old vicarage garden in Charlecote has recently become a member of the Quiet Garden Movement. In 2018 Charlecote Quiet Garden will be offering monthly guided retreat days, and a space (indoors as well as outside) for individuals and groups to come away and rest a while. Each guided day will include contemplative prayer, silence, conversation and creativity. If you naturally encounter God in and through creation then these retreat days might just be for you. For more information or to book a quiet day please see the website or contact Revd Rachel Saum at [charlecotequietgarden@gmail.com](mailto:charlecotequietgarden@gmail.com) Website: [charlecotequietgarden.org/](http://charlecotequietgarden.org/)



IN CHARACTER: Christmas Day would have been the 91<sup>st</sup> birthday of Michael Whelan who was a stalwart member with his wife Rosemary of our Wednesday Communion Service until his death in Oct 2016.

Michael was a civil engineer by training and had a passion for St Mary's Church, which included the upkeep of this beautiful building. We are most grateful to Rosemary and the family for a generous gift of £1,000 at Christmas towards the fabric of the church. We are very grateful for this kind act which reflects Michael's own enthusiasm and benevolence.



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

**PRAYERS FOR THE DEPARTED:** June Drinkwater, Christine Lord

**THIS WEEK: Beginning 21<sup>st</sup> January**

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| Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> | 10.00am<br>5.30pm | Holy Communion<br>Choral Evensong |
| Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>    | 5.30pm            | Choral Evensong                   |



# FORTHCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January - Epiphany 4

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| 8.00am<br>Holy Communion | 10.30am<br>Choral Eucharist | 6.30pm<br>Choral Evensong |
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Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February - Epiphany 5

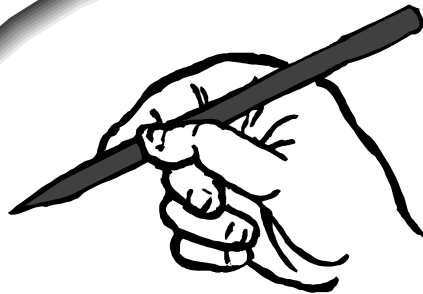
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| 8.00am<br>Holy Communion | 9.30am<br>Family Service | 11.00am<br>Choral Matins | 6.30pm<br>Choral Eucharist |
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Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February - Sunday before Lent (Outward Giving Sunday)

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| 8.00am<br>Holy Communion | 10.30am<br>Choral Eucharist | 6.30pm<br>Choral Evensong |
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Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February - Lent 1

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| 8.00am<br>Holy Communion | 10.30am<br>Choral Eucharist | 6.30pm<br>Choral Evensong & Lent<br>Address |
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SINCE GOD SO LOVED US,  
WE ALSO OUGHT TO LOVE  
ONE ANOTHER.

1 JOHN 4:11

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