



Weekly Newsletter May 22nd 2022

WELCOME TO OUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER. The Westminster government has withdrawn all COVID restrictions but the Church of England recommends wearing facemasks for enclosed spaces and encountering people you don't usually meet. The South side of St Mary's (by the font) remains a zone just for those wearing masks and maintaining social distance. We provide a live-stream of our 10.30am Sunday service on Facebook and YouTube.



Under GDPR, St Mary's must have consent of anyone whose image might be included in our broadcast. Every attempt is made not to show faces but this can happen if people turn around during the service. The congregation is not filmed whilst receiving communion, and side aisles and the back third of the centre of the church are not covered by our cameras. The full policy can be read on the noticeboards or from the "Featured" section of the front page of our website. Please indicate your consent by signing the form at the back of church or using the link to the online form on our website.



We are following the guidance of the Church of England, including when it comes to giving and receiving communion. At present communion at all services is received standing along the communion rail with an option to receive wine at the end of the rail. The current order of service, newsletter, prayer diary and parish magazine can also be viewed and downloaded from our website.

Further information about St Mary's, our life and ministry can be found on: our website www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk

St Mary's Campaign 2023 <https://www.stmaryscampaign2023.org.uk/>

Twitter @StMarysWarwick and @ChoirsofWarwick

Facebook @StMarysWarwick and St Mary's Warwick Community

YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/c/CollegiateChurchofStMaryWarwick>

Please note that for legal and copyright reasons the taking of videos, photographs and recordings is not permitted during services.

SERVICES

Easter 6 (Easter 5)

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP Said)
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Celebrant & Preacher: Jonathan Hearn

The service begins in the Book of Common Prayer on page 294 and the readings on 190

10.30am	Choral Eucharist (Common Worship) Boys' and Men's Voices also on Facebook & YouTube
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Preacher: Vaughan Roberts

Reading: Acts 16: 9-15 - Gail Guest

Intercessor: John Luxton

Organ Voluntary: *Fantasia on 'Diva Servatrix'* Tamsin Jones

Everyone is warmly invited to stay for tea or coffee after the service.

12.30pm	Baptism Ernie James Cuthill
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Officiant: Vaughan Roberts

5.30pm	Choral Evensong (BCP) Boys' and Men's Voices
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Hymn: 451

Preces: Sumsion

Psalm: 126

Reading: Zephaniah 3: 14-end - Desmond Jack

Magnificat: Stanford *in B flat*

Reading: Matthew 28: 1-10, 16-20 - Chris Hodgetts

Nunc dimittis: Stanford *in B flat*

Responses: Sumsion

Anthem: *Rejoice in the Lord alway*

Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God. And the

peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Words: Philippians 4: 4-7; Music: Purcell

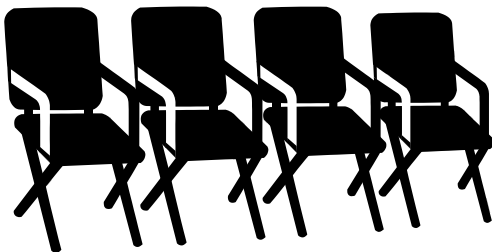
Hymn: 493
Preacher: Vaughan Roberts
Hymn: 427
Organ voluntary: *Wondrous Love* Rebecca Groom te Velde

Director of Music: Oliver Hancock
Assistant Director of Music: Mark Swinton
Organ Scholar: Matthew Howell

NOTICES

ANNUAL MEETING TODAY

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be this morning immediately after our 10.30am service. Please bring your coffee and stay for the meeting. The reports are finalised and copies are available in church along with the financial statements which have been approved by our auditors. Thanks to Alice Webber for pulling together our 2021 reports, and to John and Mary Adams for their hard work on the figures.



WHERE IS COVENTRY DIOCESE GOING?

The Bishop of Coventry has produced a video setting out his vision for our Diocese. He states that the purpose of the Diocese of Coventry remains unchanged. “We are called to worship God, make new disciples and transform communities. That is why we exist - why we have always existed. However, our shared vision will steadily evolve in response to our changing world. It puts the flesh on the bones of our shared purpose, especially as the Church takes time to heal from the effects of the pandemic. It paints a picture of what our diocese could look like in five years’ time.” The video answers the question, “Where are we going as a Diocese?” And can be found here:



[Diocese of Coventry | Our vision \(anglican.org\)](https://www.anglican.org/diocece-of-coventry/our-vision)

HOLY DUSTERS & HOLY MOPPERS

Thanks to the small band of Holy Moppers who cleaned some of our church last Thursday. Next Thursday (26th) the Holy Dusters will meet from 9am to 12pm to give our church a thorough spruce (with the help of fresh coffee and cake!). We are working on appointing some cleaners for June but the Holy Dusters plan to continue meeting on a monthly basis to clean those parts our cleaning team don't have time for.

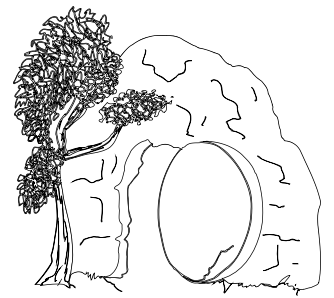


A NEW FACE

It's great to welcome Clare Gould as our new Church Administrator. Clare has a background in accounting in the energy industry and comes to us from managing the Chase Community Centre. The plan is that she will be working three days a week some of which will be in St Mary's office and some from home. Amongst other outside interest Clare is also a bellringer locally. Welcome Clare!

EASTER GARDEN

This year our Easter Garden has been made in our Easter Sepulchre on the North side of the High Altar. Feel free to go and have a look and thank you to all who helped.



CHOIR SUMMER CONCERT

The combined choir of boys, girls and men is delighted to announce its Summer Concert with the Beauchamp Sinfonietta on Saturday 25th June, at 7.30pm. Offering a feast of choral delights, including Vaughan Williams' *Five Mystical Songs* marking the composer's 150th birthday, Parry's *I was glad* and *Blest pair of sirens*, Mendelssohn's *Hear my prayer* and more. Tickets are £13 (accompanied under-16s free), with interval refreshments available, via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/summer-concert-the-choir-of-st-marys-warwick-tickets-154840316555> or tiny.cc/choirconcert22

FORTHCOMING RECITAL

The versatile German musician Petra Gries is due to present our next Friday recital on 27th May. Her programme will feature music performed on both the organ and the piano - music by Breuer, Handel and Vangelis is played on the former, whilst Chopin and Debussy are included on the latter. Ms Gries will also be presenting some of her own compositions on each instrument. The performance starts at 1.15pm and admission is free with a retiring collection.

MUSIC FOR ST MARY'S 2023

As part of the celebrations for St Mary's 900th anniversary in 2023, the Director of Music is looking to commission some new choral works. Cecilia McDowall has agreed to write an anthem, and enquiries are being made for a setting of the Magnificat and Nunc dimittis. A generous benefactor has offered to sponsor the anthem, so if you would be interested in contributing towards the cost of the Magnificat and Nunc dimittis - total cost is likely to be around £9,000 - please speak to or email Oliver Hancock, Director of Music: dofm@stmaryswarwick.org.uk



SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are exploring a way in which to get our Sunday School up and running safely in our current, uncertain COVID climate. Catherine Watkins is happy for interested parties and potential volunteers to call her on 01926 312861 and leave a message so she can call the same evening to co-ordinate a meeting at a venue to suit.

OPPORTUNITY TO USE YOUR PASTORAL GIFTS

St Mary's offers regular supportive phone calls (and visits when safe) to local people who ask for some listening and kindness. Are you able to join the volunteer members of our congregation who provide this, for one or two hours a week? Support and training is offered, as well as knowing you will be doing important work during these difficult times. Please contact Nick Edwards nicholas.edwards@ymail.com if you may be able to help.

WHAT'S A YOUTH LEADER?

St Mary's and the Warwick Team have started to work with *Thrive Youth Ministries* on outreach to young people in the Leamington and Warwick area. *Thrive* has posted a blog by James who works for them which is entitled: "I'm not a youth leader, but what does a youth leader really look like?" If you're interested in reading his thoughts, then follow this link:



<https://www.thriveym.org.uk/but-im-not-a-youth-leader-what-does-a-youth-leader-really-look-like/> If you're interested in exploring this further, there's a meeting with Ryan from *Thrive* at The Rectory on Wed 1st June at 7.30pm or speak to Vaughan to find out more.

SINGING FROM THE HEART: PLACES STILL AVAILABLE

Regular readers may recall that before the pandemic Andrew Clark (a former chorister at St Mary's and a retired psychiatrist/psychotherapist) led a therapeutic singing day in Warwick. He's planned another one on Saturday 4th June 2022 at The Unitarian Chapel, High St. Why not enjoy the



beauty of singing together? During the day we will learn simple sacred songs and harmonies, mainly drawn from the Christian tradition. Through singing from our hearts we can encourage our hearts to open so that we can individually and collectively connect with the flow of Universal Love and give joy. We will also experience and reflect on singing as a spiritual practice. As we will be singing by heart, you do not need to be able to read music or

be an experienced singer to enjoy this!

Programme:

10.00 - 10.30 Arrive/Refreshments

10.30 - 12.30 Introduction to singing from the heart. Singing as a spiritual practice. Singing in harmony. Learning and sharing sacred chants and songs.

12.30 - 13.30 Lunch - please bring your own lunch (the garden is lovely).

Coffee, teas and cake will be provided.

13.30 - 15.00 Learning and sharing sacred chants and songs

15.00 - 16.00 Singing offering in chapel.

Venue: The Unitarian Chapel, 31 High Street, Warwick, CV34 4AX.

Cost: Donations welcome.

Booking arrangements: for further information and booking please contact Andrew Clark, preferably by email:

andrewjbclark@outlook.com or by mobile: 07729118876.

ART AND DEMENTIA WORKSHOPS

Free arts and storytelling workshops for people living with dementia and their carers with tea and biscuits!

Storytelling workshops at Kenilworth library, 11 Smalley Place CV8 1QG

11am to 12.30pm on Thursday's June 16, 23, 30 and July 7, 14, 21

Arts and crafts at Rugby art Gallery, Little Elborow Street, CV21 3BZ

2pm - 3.30pm on Thursday's June 16, 23, 30 and July 7, 14, 21

To book www.artsuplift.co.uk/arts-for-dementia-warwickshire or email

jenny@artsuplift.co.uk or for more info call 07946 585978

COMMUNITY OF THE CROSS OF NAILS EVENTS



Three very special online events are taking place as part of the Community of the Cross of Nails online gathering around Coventry Cathedral's 60th anniversary thanksgiving celebrations later this month, and those across Coventry Diocese are very welcome to join any of them if they so wish.

- Monday 23rd May, from 3.30-6pm, Dean John Witcombe will be in conversation with Revd Canon Paul Oestreicher, on the subject Healing the Wounds of History in a time of War. Many will remember Paul Oestreicher from his time in Coventry in the 1980s: the conversation itself will be pre-recorded, but the questions and wider conversation to follow for the later part of the session will be very much live.
- Tuesday 24th May, 3.30-6pm, Dean John will chair a conversation and discussion with the Revd Mpho Tutu, daughter of Archbishop Desmond, and the Revd Wilma Jakobsen, the first female minister that he ordained, on the subject of Reconciliation, Justice and the Legacy of Archbishop Desmond. Don't miss this chance to hear two very inspiring speakers!
- Friday 27th May, from 2.30-4.30pm, Dean John will lead a discussion session on Building a Culture of Peace, and the role for the Community of the Cross of Nails, with the help and input of the lead partners from the CCN around the globe.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WARWICK

Sunday 22nd May from 13:30 at The Gap on Spinney Hill for the celebration of 5 years for Redeemed Christian Church of God.

Saturday 4th June Prayer Breakfast 8:00am at St Mary Immaculate with St Michael's leading.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL: Ellie Booth, Christopher Browne, Clifford Browne, Anne Cotton, Elizabeth Duffy, Elizabeth Holroyde, Frances Humphreys, Mandeep Madar.

PRAYERS FOR THE DEPARTED: Paul Grimes, Alan Baker, Alan Hopkins, Kevin Philpot.

SERVICES THIS WEEK: Beginning 22nd May

Wednesday 25 th May	10.00am 5.30pm	Holy Communion Choral Evensong
Thursday 26 th May Ascension Day	7.00am 7.30pm	Tower Service Choral Eucharist
Friday 27 th May	5.30pm	Choral Evensong

FORTHCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday 29th May - Easter 7

8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Choral Matins	5.30pm Choral Eucharist
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Sunday 5th June - Pentecost & Queen's Jubilee

8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Civic Choral Eucharist with the Bishop of Warwick	5.30pm Choral Evensong
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Sunday 12th June - Trinity Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Choral Eucharist	5.30pm Choral Evensong
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Sunday 19th June - Trinity 1

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