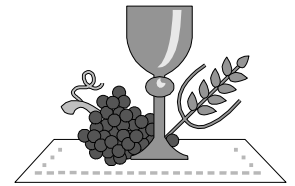




# Weekly Newsletter

**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](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.

## 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2020

# Sunday before Lent (Quinquagesima)

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP Said)
--------	---------------------------

Celebrant & Preacher: Stig Graham

*The service begins in the Book of Common Prayer page 236  
The collect and readings begin on page 82*

<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Choral Eucharist Common Worship: Order 1 St Mary's Scholars</b>
----------------	--

Celebrant & Preacher: Stig Graham  
Reading: 2 Peter 1: 16-end - Gail Guest  
Intercessor: Victoria Bartholomew  
Assistants: Grahame Edmonds & Christine Smeaton

<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Choral Evensong (BCP) St Mary's Scholars</b>
---------------	---

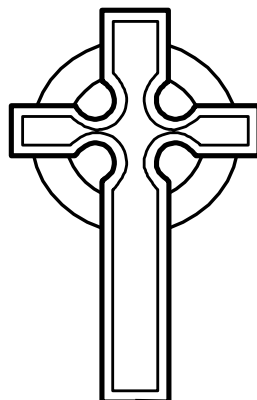
Hymn: 177  
Preces: Rose  
Psalm: 84  
Reading: 2 Kings 2: 1-12 - Jill Duffy  
Magnificat: Parry *in D*  
Reading: Matthew 17: 9-23 - Chris Hodgetts  
Nunc dimittis: Parry *in D*  
Responses: Rose  
Anthem: *As Moses lifted up the serpent*

As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have eternal life. I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me. For God, so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life.

*Words: John 3:14-15, John 12:32 & John 3:16; Music: Bairstow.*

Hymn: 494(t.413)  
Preacher: David Pettifor  
Hymn: 18  
Organ voluntary: *Fuga, allegro moderato* Mendelssohn

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



# NOTICES

**LENT APPROACHES:** Lent begins this week on Ash Wednesday and we shall have two services: 10.00am BCP Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes, and 7.30pm Choral Eucharist also with ashes. Our exciting series of Lent Address on *Culture & Christianity* starts next Sunday (1<sup>st</sup> March). Our first speaker is Elli Wort who will be sharing her research into Hull City of Culture 2017 (and has, in the past, sung in a choir under the baton of Mark Swinton!)

Lent

**STIG'S RETIREMENT:** The Revd Stig Graham, Chaplain to the Myton Hospices, has announced his retirement from the end of March. He's been in post and a stalwart member of the Warwick Team clergy since 2002 and will be greatly missed. As well as taking regular services across the Warwick Team, he's also helped cover a number of interregnums and we are enormously grateful for all that he's done. During March he will be taking his final services across the Team in his present role, which will include the 8am and 10.30am services at St Mary's on 8<sup>th</sup> Mar. There will also be a final celebratory Eucharist in St Mary's on 5<sup>th</sup> Apr at 5.30pm, followed by cake and wine. If you'd like to give a donation towards Stig's farewell gift please see Gail Guest.



**SABBATICAL:** Doreen Mills has been our Reader at St Mary's for over 10 years now and after discussion with the Vicar it's been decided that she deserves a sabbatical break. This will begin after Easter and should create significant space for her to study, think and pray about how her future role(s) might develop. We are enormously grateful for all that she does, wish her well for her break and look forward to seeing her back soon.

**TOWER FLAG:** Thanks to the generosity of members of the congregation we have been able to keep the St George flag flying consistently from the tower. On average we use two flags per year. Having replaced one recently, we are likely to have to replace again in Sept and we have only one flag left in stock. If anyone would like to purchase a flag, please contact the Parish Office, either on 01926 403940 Option 1 or email [admin@stmaryswarwick.org.uk](mailto:admin@stmaryswarwick.org.uk) Thank you.

**ANNUAL REPORTS:** The Parish Office is compiling the Church Annual report 2019/20, for the APCM Sunday 5th April at 12 noon. Would church groups please email their reports to [parishadministrator@stmaryswarwick.org.uk](mailto:parishadministrator@stmaryswarwick.org.uk) as soon as possible but no later than 11<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you.

**DIARY DATE!** We are having a Gala Dinner in St Mary's Church Warwick to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day in 1945. This will take place on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May, 7.00 for 7.30pm. Tickets will be £40, and the dress code is Black Tie or "a hint of the 40s". Guests will have a three-course meal with coffee, with entertainment supplied by Occasional Brass and the Sing Well Choir. Proceeds from the dinner will be shared between the Mayor's Charities, the Lord Leycester Hospital, and St Mary's Church. Tickets will go on sale in mid-March, but expressions of interest can be sent via email to [applyfortickets@btinternet.com](mailto:applyfortickets@btinternet.com).

**A BIG THANK YOU:** Having just returned from the Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, I would like to say thank you to all who supported us in prayer as we travelled and for the money given for charities we visited. The Pilgrimage was a very real, shared experience of God, led by Bishop John, Rev. Sheila Bridge and our local guide Peter. We visited and worshipped at sites such as the Garden of Gethsemane and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, and also saw and heard, first hand, how difficult it is for Christians living in the Holy Land, and about the work done for orphans, children with disabilities and for reconciliation. You can read more about the Pilgrimage on [sheilabridgeblog.com](http://sheilabridgeblog.com). *Frances Humphreys*

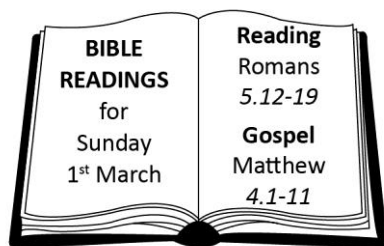
**THE REVISION OF THE ELECTORAL ROLL** will take place from 28<sup>th</sup> February until 18<sup>th</sup> March. If you are not on the roll and would like to join, please collect and complete a form, which can be found by the noticeboards, and return it to the Parish Office by Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March at the latest. The current roll is on the noticeboard, but if you are unsure as to whether or not you are on it please contact the Parish Office: call 01926 403940 (option 1) or email [admin@stmaryswarwick.org.uk](mailto:admin@stmaryswarwick.org.uk)

**COLLEGIUM WARWICK** celebrates Beethoven 250 on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February with his 'Mass in C' alongside the choral favourite that is Vivaldi's 'Gloria'. Collegium is joined by the Beauchamp Sinfonietta and a wealth of excellent soloists, including former choristers Mark Williams and Victoria Meteyard (now member of the Monteverdi Choir) and current choristers Orla and Emer Reid. Tickets £15 (accompanied under 16s free) available from St Mary's Church Shop or on the door, with interval refreshments available.

**FLANDERS & SWANN:** Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2020, at 7.30pm. Samuel and Oliver Hancock present the songs of Flanders and Swann at St Mary's, Warwick. With madeira, mud, and mischievous French Horn thieves - as well as a fizz reception from 7.00pm and interval refreshments - it's an evening not to be missed. Tickets are available from the Church Shop: adults £15, under 16s £5. All proceeds in support of St Mary's Choir Tour to Poland.

**THURSDAY 30<sup>th</sup> JANUARY** Sheila Freeman celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, however she was admitted to hospital the same day she is now in Leicester House for the time being.

## BIBLE READINGS



**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](http://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/warwickpolandtour). Please speak to our Director of Music, Oliver Hancock, for more details.

**MARATHON FOR ST MARY'S:** On 26<sup>th</sup> April our Organ Scholar, Lucy Morrell, will be running the London Marathon. She is splitting her fundraising between the Friends of the Choir and Allergy UK. If you would like to sponsor her, please go to the following webpage: <https://justgiving.com/team/lucymarathon2020> or speak to Lucy directly. Any donations would be hugely appreciated!

**WANTED - BELLRINGERS:** Warwick Bellringers (ringing at both St Mary's and St Nicholas') are keen to supplement our numbers by training new recruits. If you think you would like to pursue a new hobby why not come along and have a go at bellringing. We would like to welcome new ringers (anyone aged between approximately 10 and 60) into our friendly band and if you are interested please contact Simon Rogers (07498363304 or [simon.rogers17@ntlworld.com](mailto:simon.rogers17@ntlworld.com)). Alternatively feel free to come along to one of our practice sessions (Wednesdays 7.30) or Sunday service rings to get an idea of what it's all about.

**FOODBANK** ... is short of toothpaste, shampoo and toilet rolls. Donations welcome!

**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.

**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](mailto:dofm@stmaryswarwick.org.uk)

**EXTENDED UNTIL 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2020:** Ecclesiastical Insurance Trust 130 promotion. If you take a new home insurance policy out with Ecclesiastical before 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020, they will donate £130 to the church. Find out more at [www.ecclesiastical.com/trust130](http://www.ecclesiastical.com/trust130) or call 08007830130 and quote Trust130.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WARWICK MARCH 2020**

*Fri 6<sup>th</sup>* World Day of Prayer, at Castle Hill Baptist Church 11am with Coffee & Tea from 10.30am. This year prepared by Christian women in Zimbabwe.

*Sat 7<sup>th</sup>* Prayer Breakfast at St Mary Collegiate Parish Church 7.30am.

We usually enter at the side door at the left when looking at the main entrance.

*Sat 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>* HOTS (Healing in the Street) in the Market Place 10am -Noon.

*Tue 17<sup>th</sup>, Weds 18<sup>th</sup> & Thurs 19<sup>th</sup>* Deeper at Castle Hill Baptist Church at 7.30pm

The speaker is Dr John Andrews of One Church, Gloucester. "Freedom Through Forgiving" Studies in Philemon. You are invited to come to this Bible teaching for all 3 evenings or the ones that suit you.

**PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL**

Helen Black, Ellie Booth, Christopher Browne, Clifford Browne, Paul Haynes, John Hosiene, Mandeep Madar, Gwen & Paul Shilton, Joanne Tubb, Sheila Freeman, Donald McCall.

**PRAYERS FOR THE DEPARTED**

Robert Benton.

**SERVICES THIS WEEK: Beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> February**

Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	10.00am 5.30pm 7.30pm	Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes <b><u>NO</u></b> Choral Evensong Choral Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	5.30pm	Choral Evensong

# ***FORTHCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES***

## **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March - Lent 1**

<b>8.00am Holy Communion</b>	<b>9.30am Family Service</b>	<b>11.00am Choral Matins</b>	<b>5.30pm Choral Evensong &amp; Lent Address</b>
----------------------------------	----------------------------------	----------------------------------	--

## **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March -Lent 2 (Outward Giving Sunday)**

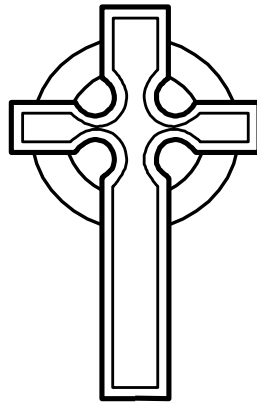
<b>8.00am Holy Communion</b>	<b>10.30am Choral Eucharist</b>	<b>5.30pm Choral Evensong &amp; Lent Address</b>
----------------------------------	-------------------------------------	--

## **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March -Lent 3**

<b>8.00am Holy Communion</b>	<b>10.30am Choral Eucharist</b>	<b>5.30pm Choral Evensong &amp; Lent Address</b>
----------------------------------	-------------------------------------	--

## **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March -Lent 4 Mothering Sunday**

<b>8.00am Holy Communion</b>	<b>10.30am Choral Eucharist</b>	<b>5.30pm Choral Evensong &amp; Lent Address</b>
----------------------------------	-------------------------------------	--



Parish Office: (01926) 403940

Felicity Bostock - [parishadministrator@stmaryswarwick.org.uk](mailto:parishadministrator@stmaryswarwick.org.uk)

Glynis Nixon - [admin@stmaryswarwick.org.uk](mailto:admin@stmaryswarwick.org.uk)