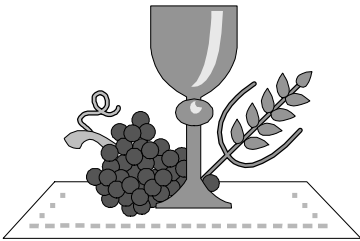




Weekly Newsletter

26th April 2020
Easter 3

WELCOME TO OUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER. Whilst all churches are presently closed due to the unprecedented circumstances we are continuing to produce our news sheet for upload to our website. If you are a newcomer to the area we hope that we have an opportunity to meet you soon and that you might enjoy worshipping with us when services resume.



These introductory paragraphs will give an idea of the kind of church we are. For instance, communicant members of any Christian church are welcome to make their communion with us. St Mary's seeks to be an inclusive church and welcoming to people of all ages and backgrounds.

We have a carpeted area available for the youngest members of our congregation, if they wish to use it. 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.



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

Twitter @StMarysWarwick and @ChoirsofWarwick

Facebook @StMarysWarwick and @WarwicksChurchofTreasures

YouTube

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbzEoVgLkoagKM7OW_5rb0Q.

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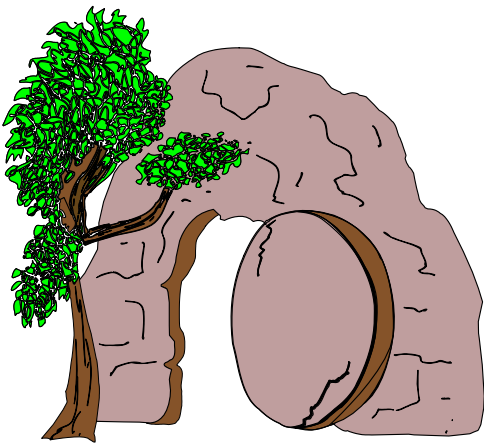
SUNDAY SERVICES

We're continuing with our online Agape Service on Sunday mornings. This week's is based around Luke 5: 27-39 which is the account of Jesus attending a feast in the house of Levi. Make sure you have some food and drink available to join in. (Some fruit would fit the theme!) Many thanks to everyone who's agreed to take part in this series of services and to Dave Clark who is editing and producing them for Facebook and YouTube.



EASTER GARDEN

This year's Easter Garden has been placed outside the main doors to St Mary's Church. Why not go and have a look if you are taking your daily exercise? We're also encouraging people to paint a rainbow on a pebble or stone and put it in the garden to honour all who're giving sacrificially at the moment to keep us safe and secure.



PASTORAL CARE

As people will be aware, we are not permitted to keep St Mary's open during part of the day, even for prayer. Even so, St Mary's is continuing to maintain the pastoral care of our congregation at this time, with Frances Humphreys co-ordinating. You can contact the team by email to pastoralcare@stmaryswarwick.org.uk or by leaving a message on 01926 403940 option 1, clearly stating your name and phone number, and we will try to get in touch.



LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTS – 2020-STYLE!

Thanks to the marvels of technology (and the skilful support of Ben Almond) St Mary's Study group has now successfully migrated online using Zoom video/audio conferencing. We are now greatly looking forward to starting a new study, on the book



Acts, facilitated by Alycia Timmis, Mark Timmis and Nicky Hendry.

From places of fear and isolation, behind locked doors, the first disciples encountered the Risen Christ. Empowered and emboldened by the Holy Spirit, Jesus's followers ventured forth to share the Good News – to make new disciples and to establish Christ's Church throughout the world. In this study series, we will journey back to the days of the early church. Perhaps, in the extraordinary times in which we are living, we can be inspired by the humble beginnings of the early church. Our journey will begin on the road to the Emmaus, as we follow Luke's narrative into the Acts of the Apostles.

Do join us. The journey will start on Thursday 30th April at 8.15pm, and fortnightly thereafter. All are welcome. If you would like to come along, from the comfort of your own home, please get in touch with Kirsteen Robson (kirsteenr@gmail.com) for further details. You are invited to bring your own refreshments!

REACHING OUT



Except in emergencies, the church is legally able to contact only those people who have completed and returned a GDPR form, which states contact details and permissions. If you would like to be contacted in any capacity (other than as a response to your own enquiries) but did not fill in a form in 2018, or if your details have changed, please email Mary Adams on om@stmaryswarwick.org.uk. Please note we are not able to communicate by post at present.

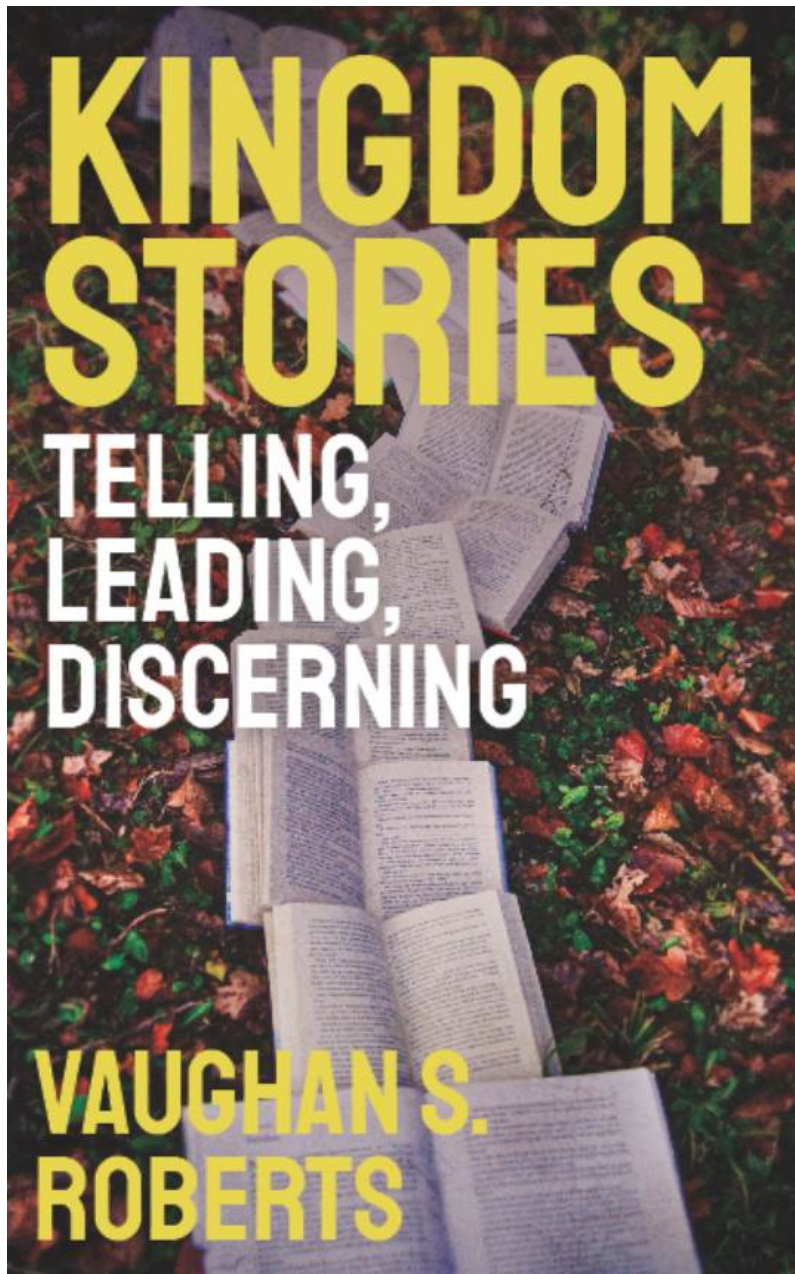
FINANCIAL HELP PLEASE!

With the closure of the church, most of our income streams have ceased to flow. If you normally give cash either by envelope (numbered or not) or straight onto the collection plate please, please consider switching to regular giving direct from your bank account. If you already have access to internet banking it is a simple matter to set up a standing order, weekly or (preferably) monthly. For more information please email our Operations Manager, Mary Adams, on om@stmaryswarwick.org.uk

VICAR'S NEW BOOK

Vaughan's new book entitled *Kingdom Stories Telling, Leading Discerning* is due out this coming week and includes a section on the Warwick Poppies Project. The launch event at St Mary's has had to be put on hold but if you'd like a taste then his publishers have posted a blog about story and the lockdown this week (which also includes a link to order a copy at a launch price):

<https://scmpress.hymnsam.co.uk/blog/kingdom-stories-rituals-and-stories-under-lockdown>



DIAMOND CONGRATULATIONS...

...to Joy and Jeremy Nugent, who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last weekend. If you would like to pass on any messages to them, please contact Mary Adams.

MAGAZINE

The May-June edition of the Parish Magazine has been published and is available from the website. It can be found in 'Latest Newsletter and Magazine' under the 'What's On' tab at the top of the page.



COVENTRY DIOCESE WEBSITE

The new diocesan website has been launched this week at:

<https://www.coventry.anglican.org>

It contains latest guidance, resources, news and stories relating to the current situation. The new website is for everyone so do make it widely known. For instance, in these demanding times there is a section on Wellbeing under *Equipping Disciples* as well as sections on prayer and other resources.

PPE UPDATE

There is a new email address for individuals, companies or organisations who are offering PPE to UHCW and this is PPE-Donations@uhcw.nhs.uk

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE

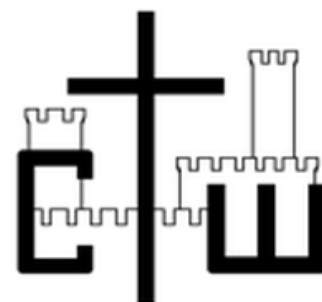
Updated guidance (including on social media) from the National Safeguarding Team at the Church of England can be found at:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2020-04/Video%20Calling.pdf>

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WARWICK PRAYER BREAKFAST

All CTW activities are suspended for the time being. Despite this, you can still hold your own Prayer Breakfast on Saturday 2nd

May. Claire Harris says, "A given church (due to have been St Michael's in May) hosts this service and provides a simple breakfast. That church then forms and leads the service the next month at another church and the chain continues. Every service is different because it is led by a different church and different people and lasts about 1/2 hour. If you have not joined us before, or even if you have, now you can join in prayer at not 'the hair shirt time of 7.30am' but whenever you have breakfast or at another time. Our Prayer Breakfasts encourage us to add prayer for needs of which we are aware. Please do so too. I have included a hymn, to sing in your way or to say."



The service sheet can be found at

www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk/images/uploads/Prayer_Breakfast_030520.pdf

WANTED - BELLRINGERS



Warwick Bellringers (ringing at both St Mary's and St Nicholas') are keen to supplement our numbers by training new recruits. We have had to suspend bellringing for the time being but if you think you would like to pursue a new hobby when it restarts, please contact Simon Rogers (07498363304 or simon.rogers17@ntlworld.com).

EXTENDED UNTIL 31ST DECEMBER 2020

Ecclesiastical Insurance Trust 130 promotion. If you take a new home insurance policy out with Ecclesiastical before 31st December 2020, they will donate £130 to the church. Find our more at

www.ecclesiastical.com/trust130 or call 08007830130 and quote Trust130.



A MESSAGE FROM THE FORMER HIGH SHERIFF OF WARWICKSHIRE:

“A lot of you will have “silver surfers” in your family - those less tech savvy friends and family - I know I do! I have been asked to send this link to you all which has been put together and which sets out in really simple chapters how the less tech savvy can prevent themselves getting stuck on iPhone/iPads, etc. It is all free and features Mark Pougatch from TV and radio www.boldnewworld.co.uk/get-connected/”

CHOIR TOUR

Witamy w Polsce! (Welcome to Poland!) The boys, girls, and back row of our Choir are still hoping to go 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.



Are you unable to leave your home because of Coronavirus (COVID-19)?

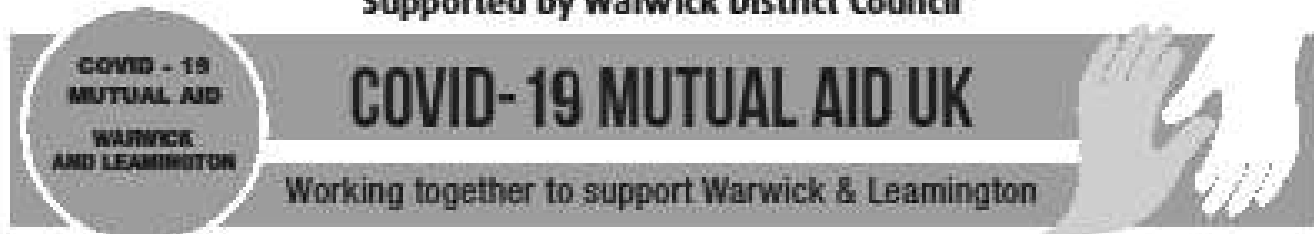
We are a group of local residents and we want to support the community to make sure nobody is left isolated or without support. We don't ask for anything in return, we just believe in helping each other in a time of difficulty.

We can help with the things you can't get out to do, like shopping and collecting medication, or be a friendly voice at the end of the phone.

We are your local neighbours and not a professional body.

We can only offer help within reason, and in ways we can all also stay safe.

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NEED SUPPORT?

If you can get online, fill in a help request here

<https://warwickleamingtoncovidhelp.wordpress.com/request-help>

Email us at: warwickleamingtoncovidhelp@yahoo.com

Call 01926 674065 and leave a message and you will get a call back.

If you need medical advice, use the NHS 111 online coronavirus service at 111.nhs.uk/covid-19

or, if you have no internet access, call NHS 111 from your phone.

In a medical emergency, dial 999

If you want to volunteer to help the Warwick & Leamington Covid-19 Support Group, sign up using the volunteer form at: warwickleamingtoncovidhelp.co.uk

If you want to verify this leaflet is genuine call Citizens Advice Consumer Service on **0808 2231133**

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! Once the coronavirus crisis is over, please contact the Director of Music if you can help: dofm@stmaryswarwick.org.uk

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

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

PRAYERS FOR THE DEPARTED

Andrew Clark, Dot Ransome.

NO PUBLIC SERVICES THIS WEEK: Beginning 26th April

Wednesday 22 nd April	10.00am 5.30pm	NO Holy Communion NO Choral Evensong
Friday 24 th April	5.30pm	NO Choral Evensong

FORTHCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

—This will be updated when public worship resumes—



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