

✦WARWICK TEAM MINISTRY✦



Weekly Newsletter

WELCOME TO OUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER. The Westminster government has withdrawn Plan B but we still recommend wearing face coverings for all church worship, although it is not mandatory. The south side of St Mary's (by the font) remains a zone just for those wearing masks and maintaining social distance. Our regular services are all listed in this newsletter and online and we provide a live-stream of our 10.30am Sunday service on Facebook and YouTube.



We are following the guidance of the Church of England and other organisations, including when it comes to giving and receiving communion. Full instructions are in our service leaflets.

The current order of service, newsletter, prayer diary and parish magazine can still 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

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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

January 30th Presentation of Christ (Candlemas)

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP Said)
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Celebrant & Preacher: Vaughan Roberts

The service begins in the Book of Common Prayer page 114

10.30am	Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion Boys', Girls' and Men's Voices also on Facebook & YouTube
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Celebrant and Preacher: The Rt Revd John Stroyan, Bishop of Warwick
Organ Voluntary: *Deo gracias* Whitlock

5.30pm	Candlemas Service Girls' and Men's Voices
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See special order of service

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

NOTICES

WELCOME

This Sunday we welcome the Bishop of Warwick, Rt Revd John Stroyan, and those candidates that he'll be baptising and confirming as part of our 10.30am Eucharist. The candidates are Joseph Webster, Christopher Lewis, Alice Wynn-Evans, Ptolemy Walton-Hayfield, Rafferty Forsythe, Jack Forsythe, Isabelle Forsythe and Thomas Dodsworth, who were prepared by Alycia Timmis when she was curate at St Mary's and Chaplain at Warwick School. Please keep all of them in your prayers on this special day.



COVID UPDATE

Although the Westminster Government's Plan B ceased last Thursday it still makes sense to be COVID cautious. For instance, Sainsbury's and John Lewis are still urging staff and shoppers to wear masks. St Mary's also recommends the wearing of face coverings for the time being. It is worth noting that Lateral Flow Tests and mask wearing were recommended for last week's Churches Together in Warwick (CTW) Unity Service at Northgate Methodist Church. Even then, the CTW Secretary tested negative on the Sunday and positive on the Monday so all worshippers were then informed of the situation. Please remain vigilant.

OM OFF: A personal message from Mary Adams: "It is with regret that I announce that I have handed in my resignation as Operations Manager. I have done my absolute best to perform the role since my appointment in March 2020, but sadly am no longer able to cope with the relentless demands it has placed on me and the knock-on detrimental effect it has had on my family. My last day at work will be Wednesday 2 February, but I will still be appearing in St Mary's in my various other guises."

THE VICAR WRITES:

"I would like to add my personal words of thanks to Mary for all that she has done in her time as our Operations Manager. I'm acutely aware that this has been a challenging time to have taken on this role and I'm very grateful for all the energy, skill and expertise she's brought to the post. We shall miss her as our OM but are pleased that she she'll be around 'in other guises'."



Thank You

SERVING ST MARY'S:

We have had some responses to our appeal for more volunteers to join St Mary's serving team. If you feel that God might be calling you to this ministry it's not too late to contact Grahame Edmonds

gaedmonds@btinternet.com, Vicky Bartholomew
vickybartholomew@btinternet.com or the Vicar.

CARETAKING CONCERNS

Sadly our new caretaker, Simon, found just after Christmas that he was unable to continue in the post. We are enormously grateful to Anthony Charles for agreeing to step in and help out in the short term. Anthony has been recommended to us by St Michael's Budbrooke and will be working irregular hours to fit in with the other demands on his time.

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The new year has started and it's time again to count The Children's Society boxes, so could we please ask everyone to bring their Children's Society box into church. We did very well last year and raised £575.07 so hopefully this year we can match this amount or indeed raise more. We will count the money and return the boxes to the back of the church within 2 weeks. Unfortunately, church is only open for services during the week, as follows: Wednesday morning 10am, Wednesday evening 5.30pm, Friday evening 5.30pm and of course Sunday 8am, 10.30am and 5.30pm. If you are able to bring the boxes at any of these times the people on duty will take the box from you and place it safely in the vestry. With thanks for your help in raising money for the continuing work of The Children's Society.

Gill and David Benson

ONWARDS AND UPWARDS

It is very pleasing to be able to announce two elevations within the Girls' Choir: congratulations to Alex Thewlis on becoming a Full Chorister, and to Erin Stenner on her appointment as Head Chorister of the Girls' Choir. We look forward to hearing more from them over the coming months and years.

PLAY ON

Congratulations, too, to two siblings within the Boys' Choir: probationer Cove Leone has passed ABRSM Piano Performance Grade 4, and older brother River ABRSM Piano Performance Grade 7 with merit. Excellent work from both, and we hope to develop some performance opportunities as time goes on.

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.

THE RE-LAUNCH OF MEMORY CAFÉ PLUS at All Saints' Emscote's Church Centre on Monday 7th March 2022, from 1pm to 3pm. Free buffet lunch included. The re-launched project is being run through a new partnership between members of the Warwick Team of Churches and Warwick's GAP Community Centre. The Café's regular sessions will run on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month, from 2pm to 4pm, beginning on Monday 21st March. RSVP by Monday 7th February to: revdt.allsaints@gmail.com and cherylynneharrison@gmail.com

LIVE-STREAMING GDPR NOTICE

Some of St Mary's services (most Sunday mornings and some special services) are live-streamed or recorded for those who cannot attend church in person. Under GDPR, the church must gain the consent of anyone whose image may be captured, as this constitutes collection of "personal data". This includes clergy, readers/intercessors, servers, musicians and congregation. Whilst every attempt is made not to capture the faces of



members of the congregation, this may occasionally happen if people turn around or move around the church during the service. The exception is communion, when the congregation is not filmed. The side aisles and the back third of

the centre of the church are film-free areas not covered by our cameras. Anyone whose personal data is collected must give their consent. The full policy can be read on the noticeboards or from the "Featured" section of the front page of our website.

Would everyone please indicate their consent either by signing the form at the back of church or using the link to the online form on our website.

ORGAN RECITAL On Friday 4th February, our guest recitalist will be Da-Hee Kim, an award-winning pianist whose career as a soloist and chamber musician has taken her all over the world. She will be presenting a virtuosic programme of music by Bach-Busoni, Chopin and Rachmaninoff. Admission is free with a retiring collection and the performance starts at 1.15pm. Don't miss it!

NOSFERATU

St Mary's Church, 7.30pm, Saturday 5th March.
A live improvised organ soundtrack for a screening of F. W Murnau's 1922 film. Join us for a celebration of the 100th anniversary of Nosferatu's original release, with soundtrack improvised live by Mark Swinton at the organ. Tickets £15 (plus booking fee), available from <https://stmarysnosferatu.eventbrite.co.uk>.
In aid of Campaign 2023 and the Friends of St Mary's Choir.



EIGHT SEASONS HELP NEEDED

We are still looking for a few people to help in setting up for the Jean Liggins memorial fundraising concert on 26th February (see back page). If you are willing to help light candles around the church before the concert please contact Mary on om@stmaryswarwick.org.uk before 2nd February, or via admin@stmaryswarwick.org.uk after that date.

LOUD ORGANS, THEIR GLORY FORTH TELL

On Saturday 5th February, Coventry & Warwickshire Organists' Association will be holding their AGM in St Mary's, followed by a recital by Vice President of the Association, Oliver Hancock. The recital is an open event and will commence at 2.45pm. Members of the congregation and friends are warmly invited to come along to hear Oliver's recital. This is a free event, lasting approximately half an hour, with retiring collection for the organ fund. The recital will feature music by Walton, Ireland, and Lefébure-Wély among others, as well as tipping a wink to the recent festival of Candlemas with offerings by Dubois and J.S. Bach.

CWOA brings together organists, and those who love the organ, to share our passion for this fantastic instrument, learn more about the music written for organ, and the wonderful and varied instruments themselves. We encourage membership from anyone who is interested in the organ, particularly if you are not an organist! More information will be available on the day, or visit our website: www.covwarksorgan.org.uk or email: secretary@covwarksorgan.co.uk.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WARWICK

Sat 5th February Prayer Breakfast at St Paul's from 8am.

Wed 9th February Forum Meeting from 8pm at Collegiate Church of St Mary.

LIVING IN LOVE & FAITH COURSE FOR WARWICK AND LEAMINGTON DEANERY

Rev Jo Parker has kindly agreed to lead an LLF course for our Deanery starting on Wednesday 9th March on Zoom at 19.30 and continuing on Wednesday evenings for 5 weeks. For anyone who would like a taster session before they sign up there will be a taster evening on Wednesday 23rd Feb at 19.30 on Zoom. To download the course materials you need to register on the LLF Hub:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/living-love-and-faith/living-love-and-faith-learning-hub> and download from there. Jo will also have a limited supply of books for people who can't download the course materials. Jo would be happy to hear from people who would like to participate by emailing her on: vicar@st-marks.net.

IN MEMORIAM

A memorial service for the late Jim Reeve is to be at St Mary's on Friday 4th February at 3pm. Jim's funeral before Christmas was a small family gathering so this will be an opportunity for the wider community to give thanks to God for his life and celebrate his gifts. We have also been sad to learn this week about the death of Sheila Freeman, who was also a great friend of St Mary's. It seems that her funeral and memorial service are not likely to take place until towards the end of February, so we'll keep everyone posted. Please keep Jim's and Sheila's family and friends in your prayers at this time.

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

PRAYERS FOR THE DEPARTED: Sheila Freeman, David Selby

SERVICES THIS WEEK: Beginning 30th January

Wednesday 2 nd February	10.00am 5.30pm	Holy Communion Choral Evensong
Friday 4 th February	5.30pm	Choral Evensong

FORTHCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday 6th February - 4th before Lent

8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Choral Eucharist	5.30pm Choral Evensong
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Sunday 13th February - 3rd before Lent

8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Choral Eucharist	5.30pm Choral Evensong
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Sunday 20th February - 2nd before Lent

8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Choral Eucharist	5.30pm Choral Evensong
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Sunday 27th February - Sunday before Lent

8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Choral Eucharist	5.30pm Choral Evensong
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Collegiate Church of St Mary, Warwick

Saturday 26 February 2022, 7.30pm

Vivaldi and Piazzolla

The Eight Seasons

Vivaldi The Four Seasons
Piazzolla The Four Seasons
 of Buenos Aires

violin

David Le Page
Orchestra of the Swan

In aid of
Warwickshire Music Education Trust
and St Mary's Campaign 2023



Tickets: £15 (£5 students/children)

Available from The Bridge House Theatre

Box Office: 01926 776438

www.bridgehousetheatre.co.uk

