



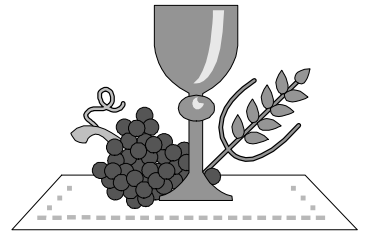
# Weekly Newsletter

22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020

## Mothering Sunday (Lent 4)

**WELCOME TO OUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER.** 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. 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.**

# NOTICES

## CORONAVIRUS UPDATE (1)

St Mary's is following the recommendation of the Church of England and the UK Government that public acts of worship be suspended for the time being, so there are no services in St Mary's presently open to the public. We are currently exploring the possibility of live-streaming a limited number of shortened services and more details will appear on our website and social media pages.



## CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

## CORONAVIRUS UPDATE (2)

We are also looking at whether we can set up a rota of volunteers to keep St Mary's open during part of the day, so that people can come in to pray. If you'd like to help with that, please let our Operations Manager, Mary Adams, know via her email address:

[om@stmaryswarwick.org.uk](mailto:om@stmaryswarwick.org.uk)

Again, further details of this will be available from our website and social media pages. We aim to keep producing our weekly newsletter and upload it each Friday to our website and Kirsteen Robson is also working on an April Prayer Diary, which can be accessed the same way.

## CORONAVIRUS UPDATE (3)



THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND

St Mary's is also exploring how to maintain our pastoral care of our congregation at this time. The Church's updated advice on the Coronavirus (Covid-19) can be found here:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches> which, Further information can be found here on the NHS website:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

## **CORONAVIRUS: NATIONAL CALL TO PRAYER**

In the midst of the Coronavirus pandemic, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York and Presidents of CTE are calling all churches to a National Day of Prayer & Action on Sunday 22nd March. They write:

“This Mothering Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March, we are calling all churches to a National Day of Prayer and Action. At such a time as this, when so many are fearful and there is great uncertainty, we are reminded of our dependence on our loving Heavenly Father and the future that he holds. At 7pm this Sunday, light a candle in the windows of your homes as a visible symbol of the light of life, Jesus Christ, our source and hope in prayer. We would pray for all in leadership at this time, making decisions about the containment of the COVID-19 virus, for those working in health and social care, and especially for the most vulnerable, whether elderly or those with underlying health conditions.”



## **LENT ADDRESSES**

It's with great sadness we have had to cancel the remainder of our 2020



Lent Addresses on *Culture & Christianity*. Last week's speaker, Canon Rachel Mann was unable to come as she was in self-isolation with flu-like symptoms and Vaughan stood in for her. Printed copies and audio files of the three addresses by Elli Wort, Fergus Butler-

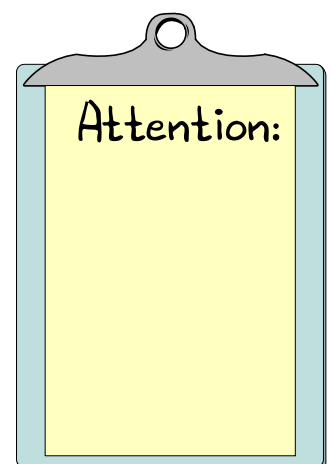
Gallie and Vaughan Roberts are available online here:

[http://www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk/index.php/?stmarys/Lent\\_recent](http://www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk/index.php/?stmarys/Lent_recent)

**THE REVISION OF THE ELECTORAL ROLL** ... has been completed and will be available in due course. Our Annual Meeting was due to have taken place on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April but is being postponed until a later date. The Church of England has extended the time that this needs to take place into October.

## **FRIENDS ANNUAL MEETING**

The Friends of St Mary's Annual Meeting which was due to happen on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March has also been postponed for the time being.



### **THE VE75 DINNER COMMITTEE WRITE:**

You will not be surprised to learn that we have decided to postpone the dinner on 6<sup>th</sup> May until later in the year. We will be in touch as soon as the new arrangements have been agreed. Please be assured that those who bought tickets will be given priority in booking tickets for the dinner when the revised date is known. Keep safe, warm, look after your relatives, friends and neighbours, and we pray that this national emergency may be resolved as quickly as possible. God bless and thank you again for your support.

*Carol Warren, Richard Warren, Helen Fitzpatrick, Tony Fitzpatrick*

### **ST MARY'S SHOP**

For the safety of staff and customers St Mary's Little Shop of Treasures will not be open until we are given the all-clear regarding the coronavirus situation. We look forward to seeing you when we re-open.

### **ST MARY'S HOME GROUP**

Sadly and somewhat inevitably, in the light of recent advice from the government and the Church of England, we will need to suspend our Study Group meetings for the foreseeable future, to protect ourselves and others.



### **LUNCHTIME RECITALS**

It is with great disappointment that we have to announce that our lunchtime recital series has also been suspended for the time being.

### **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 also 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](mailto:simon.rogers17@ntlworld.com)).



**THE FOODBANK** is running short of many items because donations have been hit by the Coronavirus. Please consider helping with donations at this very difficult time.



## **ROCKING FOR POLAND**

Despite his cherubic choirboy appearance, Ben Adams leads another life as a rock drummer, singer, guitarist and songwriter. Last summer he was lucky enough to spend a day at the famous Coach House Studio in Bristol, where he recorded three tracks which have just been released on an EP called Naturally, under the artist name BNADMS. You can hear them by searching on Spotify, YouTube or Apple Music. Ben wrote all of the music and lyrics of 'Mind Games' and 'In The Dark', and co-wrote 'Naturally' with our head chorister Tommy Perry. All vocals and instruments you hear are Ben, apart from the producer/engineer's lead guitar on 'Mind Games' and 'Naturally'. Instead of making and selling CDs, Ben is asking that if you enjoy listening to his tracks, or even if you don't, then you make a donation towards the choir's trip to Poland this summer. He has a fundraising page at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/bnadms-naturally>

## **THANKS FROM STIG GRAHAM**

Stig is stepping down as Lead Chaplain to the Myton Hospice at the end of March and we had a farewell on behalf of St Mary's earlier this month. Stig has written asking us to "pass on my gratitude and appreciation for the generosity of everyone at St Mary's for the whiskey and the tokens - both will be greatly enjoyed." We were due to have a Warwick Team farewell in St Mary's on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April but that has been postponed until a later date.



## **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.

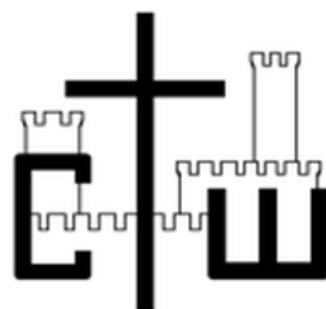
## **MARATHON FOR ST MARY'S**

Our Organ Scholar, Lucy Morrell, is very grateful for the support and sponsorship towards her London Marathon attempt. You may have heard or seen that the Marathon has been postponed until later in the year. All donations are secure and will be held by JustGiving, and further information will be issued when possible.

**ST MICHAEL'S BUDROOKE** seeks a Church Centre Assistant (Booking and Hospitality). 12 hours a week worked flexibly; Salary £19,500 (Pro Rata) - £10\* per hour. Closing date for applications: Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Mar. Interviews on Fri Apr 3<sup>rd</sup> More details on our noticeboard or <http://www.stmichaels-budbrooke.org.uk>

## **CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WARWICK**

All CTW activities are suspended for the time being. This will include HOTS, Prayer Breakfasts and the Good Friday Walk of Witness and Service in the Market Square.



## **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.

## **REST IN PEACE**

We are very sorry to hear the news in recent weeks about the deaths of Dot Ransome and Mollie Carless. Dot was a steadfast member of our Wednesday Holy Communion congregation until she moved to be closer to family and Mollie was a stalwart at Sunday Evensong until she was no longer able to get out. Please remember their friends and loved ones in your prayers.



## 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

Keith Collins, Dot Ransome, Mollie Carless

## NO PUBLIC SERVICES THIS WEEK: Beginning 22nd March

Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	10.00am 5.30pm	NO Holy Communion NO Choral Evensong
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	5.30pm	NO Choral Evensong

# ***FORTHCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES***

***—This will be updated when public worship resumes—***



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