



# Newsletter

*Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2025*  
*Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2025*

- Rooted in faith, reaching out in love -

## Lent 1 Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2025

**8.00am** Holy Communion (BCP - said)  
Celebrant & Preacher: Reverend Jonathan Hearn  
*Service begins in the Book of Common Prayer on page 294 and readings on page 129*

**10.30am** Choral Eucharist (Boys' & Men's Voices)  
also on Facebook & YouTube  
*Each Sunday morning's service sheet is uploaded [here](#) on the preceding Friday.*  
Celebrant & Preacher: Canon Peter Holliday  
Mass setting: *Missa Aeterna Christi munera* Palestrina  
Hymns: 67, 382, 68, 64 (New English Hymnal)  
Reading: Romans 10.8b-13 - Mark Swinton  
Gospel: Luke 4.1-13  
Intercessions: Ian Barnicoat  
Motet: *Nolo mortem peccatoris* Morley  
Organ voluntary: *Prelude on 'Southwell'* Mark Swinton

*To reflect the solemnity of the season, we ask that there be no applause after the voluntary.*

**Refreshments will be served following the Service.**

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Sunday School meets during the 10:30 service each week; we currently have members from pre-school to Year 8. This week we are thinking about temptation, how difficult it can be at times to stand firm (I'm sure anyone who has given something up for Lent will sympathise!) but that 'He will not let you be tempted more than you can bear'. Everyone is invited to assemble at the Welcome Desk at the back of church during the first hymn. Visiting children are always welcome (pre-schoolers are kindly asked to bring a parent/carer).

**5.30pm** Choral Evensong (Boys' & Men's Voices)  
\* Lent course: The Apostles' Creed - The Trinity - Doreen Mills  
Preces and Responses: Plainsong responses  
Psalm: 119:73-88  
Canticles: Dyson in F  
Anthem: *O Lorde, the maker of al thing* Joubert

*O Lorde, the maker of al thing,  
We pray Thee nowe in this evening  
Us to defende through Thy mercy,  
From al deceite of our our enemy.*

*Let neither us deluded be,  
Good Lorde, with dreame or phantasy;  
Our hearts waking in thee thou kepe  
That we in sinne fal not on slepe.*

*O Father, throughe thy blessed Son,  
Grant us this oure petition,  
To whom, with the Holy Ghost alwaies,  
In heaven and yearth be laude and praise.*

Hymns: 406, 70(i)

*Attrib. Henry VIII*

Readings: Jonah 3 - Desmond Jack  
Luke 18.9-14 - Chris Sharp  
Organ voluntary: Kyrie, Gott Vater in Ewigkeit (BWV 669) J.S. Bach

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## Lent 2 & Baptism

### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2025

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP - said)  
Celebrant & Preacher: Canon Angus Aagaard  
*Service begins in the Book of Common Prayer on page 294 and readings on page 131*

10.30am Choral Eucharist (Boys' & Men's Voices)  
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Celebrant & Preacher: Canon Angus Aagaard  
Mass setting: Missa Ave Jesu Oldroyd  
Hymns: 76, 63, 73(ii), 333 (New English Hymnal)  
Reading: Philippians 3.17-4.1 - John Luxton  
Gospel: Luke 13.31-end  
Motet: Salvator mundi (I) Tallis  
Organ voluntary: Jesus Christus unser Heiland (BWV 689) J.S. Bach

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### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Sunday School meets during the 10:30 service each week; we currently have members from pre-school to Year 8. This week we will be learning about an impossible-sounding promise God made to Abram, and how Abram learned to live in a state of "now and not yet", trusting that God would one day do as he had said. Everyone is invited to assemble at the Welcome Desk at the back of church during the first hymn. Visiting children are always welcome (pre-schoolers are kindly asked to bring a parent/carer).

5.30pm Choral Evensong (Boys' & Men's Voices)  
\* Lent course: The Apostles' Creed: The Holy Catholic Church -Canon Angus Aagaard  
Preces and Responses: Plainsong responses  
Psalm: 135  
Canticles: Walmisley in D minor  
Anthem: Insanae et vanae curae Haydn

Insanae et vanae curae invadunt mentes nostras, saepe furore replent corda, privata spe. Quid prodest O mortalibus conari pro mundanis, si coelos negligas? Sunt fausta tibi cuncta, si Deus est pro te.	<i>Vain and raging cares invade our minds, Madness often fills the heart, robbed of hope. O mortal man, what does it profit to endeavour at worldly things, if you should neglect the heavens? If God is for you, all things are favourable for you.</i>
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Hymns: 65, 66  
Readings: Jeremiah 22.1-9, 13-17 - John Brown  
Luke 14.27-33 - Robin Sjurseth  
Organ voluntary: Christe, aller Welt Trost (BWV 670) J.S. Bach

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### \* LENT COURSE

This year is the 1700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Council of Nicaea at which the Nicene Creed, which we usually say at the Sunday morning Eucharist, was agreed for use by the Church. The Apostles' Creed, usually said at Evensong, had already begun to be formed by the time the Council met and undoubtedly influenced the Church's profession of faith. During Evensongs in Lent we shall examine our understanding of the Apostles' Creed.

As it is permitted to use the Apostles' Creed at the Eucharist as well, during Lent we shall replace the Nicene Creed with the Apostles' Creed on Sundays at 10.30am and hope this might whet the appetite to come to Evensong to consider the meaning of what we are saying.

### **MIDWEEK SERVICES**

Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	10.00am Holy Communion; 5.30pm Choral Evensong
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	5.30pm Choral Evensong
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	10.00am Holy Communion; 5.30pm Choral Evensong
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	5.30pm Choral Evensong

### **FORTHCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES**

#### **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March - Lent 3**

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

#### **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March - Mothering Sunday**

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

#### **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April - Lent 5**

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

#### **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April - Palm Sunday**

8.00am Holy Communion; 10.30am Choral Eucharist & Baptism; 5.30pm Choral Evensong

### **PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:**

Patrick Carr, Claire Fisher, Harry Fox, Anthony Hancock, Ruby Hayes, Patricia Heaps, Phyllis Hole, Elizabeth Holroyde, Luke Ryan, Chris Shilton, Jennifer Tarney.

### **PRAYERS FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED:**

Tony Bannister.

### **PRAYER FOR THE CMM SISTERS**

*Lord of all Creation, we pray for the CMM Sisters in Tanzania and Zambia and for all who, with them, have been affected by recent violent storms. In dismay, we picture the damage to fresh-planted fields and vulnerable walls. With you, Lord, all things are possible, and that gives hope. We pray that the harvest might be enough to satisfy hunger and that walls might be rebuilt to restore shelter and safety.*

### **RENEWAL OF ELECTORAL ROLL**

As this year is a renewal year, everyone is required to complete a new Electoral Roll application form. Please collect a form from the back of church. It can also be done online via [Church Electoral Roll Enrolment Application](#). If done online, please email to [admin@stmaryswarwick.org.uk](mailto:admin@stmaryswarwick.org.uk). All forms must be completed by **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025**.

### **WOULD YOU LIKE TO VOLUNTEER WITH US?**

We have a wonderful group of loyal and dedicated volunteers who help us keep St Mary's Church running by welcoming all our visitors, giving fascinating tours and answering any historical questions!

#### **Visitor Team Volunteers**

We believe greeting visitors is a very important role within our Church and we couldn't open to the public without their help. No experience is necessary, but we do ask that you have a sociable nature and an interest in history. We would love to hear from you if you are interested and can spare as little as a few hours a week to volunteer at our wonderful church. *Currently we desperately need Visitor Team Volunteers on Sunday afternoons.*

#### **Do you have a love of history?**

We are also looking for volunteer guides to help with our visitor experience, imparting important historical facts, or just to be on hand to answer any questions about St Mary's Church. A willingness to engage with visitors; persons of any faith or none are welcome, although we do need empathy with the Christian faith.

*Please speak to the Visitor Team at St Mary's Church or contact 01926 403940 and leave your contact details. Thank you!*

## **THANK YOU**

Thank you to those of you who have kindly donated carpets for our forthcoming St Mary's Singing for Mums group. We have a wealth of carpet now but could still do with more floor cushions (old square sofa cushions would work well).

## **FOODBANK**

As promised, an update on Food Bank donations. As we develop stronger links with the Packmores Estate Food Pantry, we are taking over St Mary's donations for their twice weekly distributions. Thanks so much for the generous donations already received; there is a particular ask for tinned salmon and tuna, corned beef, tins of tomatoes, butter beans and chickpeas, pasta, noodles and pasta sauces. Any questions, please ask Suzette ([community@stmaryswarwick.org.uk](mailto:community@stmaryswarwick.org.uk)).

## **FLOWER TEAM WORKSHOP**

No Oasis Flower Arranging - Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2-4pm. Free with a retiring collection. There will be a demonstration using a range of equipment including practice using wire netting. To register, and for more information, see recipe (for what to bring) and registration sheets on the Welcome Desk. We look forward to seeing you.

## **A FRENCH CONNECTION**

The early music ensemble Castalia, directed by Clive Letchford, makes a welcome return to our lunchtime recital series on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March. Their programme will explore the influence of French music on German composers, through vocal and instrumental music by Blavet and Bodin de Boismortier, representing France, and Telemann, the most prolific composer of Baroque Germany. Please come and join us if you can, at 1.15pm; admission is free with a retiring collection.

## **THIS IS THE BBC**

We are very pleased to be welcoming BBC Radio 3 to St Mary's on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March to record Choral Evensong for broadcast on 2<sup>nd</sup> April. The Girl Choristers and Gentlemen of the Choir will be singing music by Purcell, Shephard, Howells, Byrd and Bairstow, and the service begins at 5.30pm. All are very warmly invited to attend, but please note the congregation must be seated by 5.15pm.

## **MAYOR'S MARKET TAKEOVER**

We would be grateful for one more volunteer to help run the two craft stalls during the Mayor's Market Takeover on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March 1-3pm. St Mary's will host two craft stalls, a children's game and refreshments; all money raised will go to the proposed new Packmores Community Centre. Please speak to Suzette if you are able to help ([community@stmaryswarwick.org.uk](mailto:community@stmaryswarwick.org.uk))

## **LEAMINGTON MUSIC**

The concert by Rune of Mediaeval music takes place on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 8.30pm in St Mary's Church, with a 'Behind the Music' FREE pre-concert talk at 7.45pm. Tickets and full details are available on [www.leafingtonmusic.org](http://www.leafingtonmusic.org) or call 01926 334418.

## **LIVESTREAMING**

We provide a livestream of our 10.30am Sunday service on Facebook and YouTube. To comply with data protection regulation, St Mary's must have consent of anyone whose image might be included in our broadcast. The full policy can be read on the noticeboards or on the "Featured" section of the front page of our website. The south side of St Mary's (by the font) is a zone for those who wish to maintain social distance or avoid the cameras from our livestreaming. In other parts of the Church 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.

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Canon Peter Holliday, Precentor

Director of Music: Oliver Hancock

Assistant Director of Music: Mark Swinton

Organ Scholar: Harry Sullivan

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

Further information about St Mary's, our life and ministry can be found on:

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