
Tower Repair Work and Road Closures

This document will be updated whenever we have more information

Background

The skyline of Warwick would not be the same without the iconic tower of St Mary's, but after 300 years it requires major restoration work. The core tower structure is sound but, as many of you will have seen from our warning signs and barriers at the foot of the tower, there is a real risk of falling masonry.

While the church was closed during the pandemic we were busy raising the necessary funds to construct protective scaffolding around the lower half of the tower. We are delighted that we now have the funds in place for this first phase of work, which will commence 16th August.

During the scaffolding work there will be some disruption to the roads surrounding the church, but we have been working closely with the County Council, District Council, Town Council and Chamber of Trade to keep these to a minimum and ensure that Warwick is still open for business and that residents have access to their homes. We are aware that this will cause inconvenience, but due to the emergency nature of the work and the size of the tower the roads around the church need to be closed.

Road closures, traffic management plan and parking

For information about road closures, traffic management and parking, see the leaflet produced with our local councils. It can be downloaded from

[http://www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk/images/uploads/Warwick Town Centre Open for Business leaflet.pdf](http://www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk/images/uploads/Warwick_Town_Centre_Open_for_Business_leaflet.pdf).

FAQs

1. When will the work start?
Monday 16th August 2021
2. How long will the road closures be in place?
It will take around seven weeks to build the protective scaffolding half-way up the tower. The road closures will be lifted and the construction site removed once this phase is complete.
3. Will the church still be open during the work?
Yes, the church will remain open to visitors and for services.
4. Will we be able to climb the tower?
No, this will not be possible while the scaffold is constructed.
5. Where will we enter the church?
The main entrance will be moved to the south door of the church, through the churchyard from Church Street. Please note that there is a step and a steep slope up from the pavement.
6. What about disabled access?
We regret that there will be no step-free access for visitors. We are working closely with our contractors and hope to arrange disabled access for Sunday services. More information to follow.

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7. What about the market?
The market will be slightly reduced in size to allow for traffic flow past Shire Hall to Old Square. For up-to-date information about Warwick Market, keep in touch with CJ's Events:
<https://www.cjseventswarwickshire.co.uk/news/>.
 8. Will I be able to walk through from Old Square/Church Street to The Butts?
Yes, there will be a pedestrian tunnel from Old Square to Church Street. Pedestrian access to Tink-a-Tank and College Gardens will be unaffected.
 9. Will I be able to walk through the churchyard?
Yes.

If you have a question about the tower works which is not answered here, please email it to tower@stmaryswarwick.org.uk.