



Weekly Newsletter

25th October 2020

Last Sunday after Trinity

WELCOME TO OUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER. St Mary's has begun to reopen and restart services in church following the pandemic lockdown. At present this includes socially-distanced private prayer on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 1 to 3pm, Choral Evensong on Wednesdays at 5.30pm, and Sunday Worship at 10.30am. Please remain aware that face masks are mandatory for all public worship.

Our Sunday service is either a liturgy based around the Church of England's *Daily Prayer* or a Eucharist – both of which include prayers, readings, music sung by our choir and a sermon and last about 35 minutes. We also live stream it on *Facebook* and upload it to our *YouTube* channel afterwards. Please note that congregational singing remains prohibited at the moment, as does serving coffee after our worship. We are also required to record worshippers' names and a phone number for track and trace purposes.



St Mary's continues to produce our news sheet, prayer diary and parish magazine which can be viewed and downloaded from our website. The church office is working from home at present and can be contacted through the details at the end of the newsletter or online.

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 St Mary's Warwick Community

YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/c/CollegiateChurchofStMaryWarwick>

SERVICES

10.30am

Sunday Worship

Men's Voices

Officiant:	Vaughan Roberts
Preacher:	Nick Edwards
Reader:	Leviticus 19: 1-2, 15-18 – Chris White
Reader:	Matthew 22: 34-46 – Clare Sawdon
Anthem:	<i>View me, Lord</i> Wood
Intercessor:	Ian Barnicoat
Anthem:	<i>Teach me, O Lord</i> Byrd
Organ Voluntary:	<i>Praeludium in D (BWV 532)</i> J.S. Bach

Director of Music: Oliver Hancock

Assistant Director of Music: Mark Swinton

Organ Scholar: Lucy Morrell

NOTICES

THIS SUNDAY ...

... we welcome Nick Edwards as our preacher for Sunday Worship. Nick is a familiar member of the congregation and St Mary's serving team. He is one of a number of people in church exploring their vocation and his sermon today is part of that process. We also welcome back Clare Sawdon, who will speak again about the 2023 Campaign which seeks to restore the financial health of St Mary's for the years ahead. If you would like to know more about the challenges we face, Clare is very willing to chat face-to-face, by phone or via video communication (such as Zoom). There are cards available in St Mary's and online so please do pick one up as you go or online. It would be great to have your support as we seek to secure the future of this wonderful church.

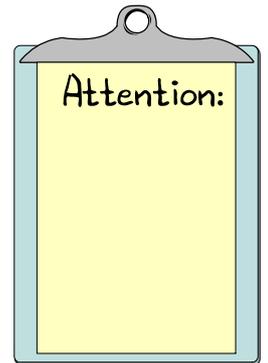


YOUR ASSISTANCE IS MUCH APPRECIATED

We are frequently up to our seating capacity for our Sunday Worship services, which means it's very important for people to be seated by our team of sidespeople so we can get the optimum number of worshippers into church each week. Please remember that we have to keep 3 seats between each person/bubble so your help with this is greatly appreciated.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

As people will be aware this year's Remembrance Sunday will be like no other both in church and at the war memorial. There will be very limited seating in St Mary's and a much shorter Act of Remembrance and wreath laying afterwards, which will not be open to the public. We have divided seats equally between St Mary's congregation and the civic party. If you would like a place for the 10am service on Nov 8th they will be issued on a first-come first-served basis, maximum 3 per household. To apply, please email remembrance@stmaryswarwick.org.uk. This email address will go live at 8am on Monday 26th October, and our system will reject any early requests. We are sorry that we have very few tickets available, and apologise in advance for those who are disappointed.

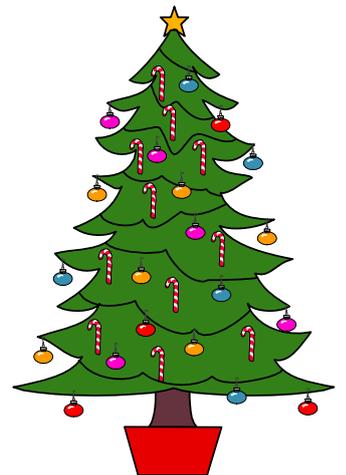


ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

Towards the end of his recent diocesan video, the Bishop of Coventry talks about how Christmas will need to be celebrated so differently this year:

<https://vimeo.com/467715233/5c435372a3>

Already St Mary's is putting up an online Christmas Tree Festival but we shall also be streaming our Advent and Christmas Carol Services, as well as our Christmas Eve Crib Service, rather than opening our doors. The reasons for this are various: (i) Many of our paid staff are on part-time furlough, so we don't have the capacity we've had in previous years let alone any extra scope; (ii) Although we could ticket services that is most unlikely to meet demand, particularly from those who only come at this time of year; (iii) And that would cause additional problems for our sidespeople as they deal with the frustration of those turned away; (iv) Part of the congregational joy is singing seasonal carols, which could be very difficult when we can't sing them in church; (v) The UK governments are planning for a really challenging winter so we don't know what the state of play will be in the weeks to come. It's prudent to plan for an Advent and Christmas we can deliver safely, and we are aiming to have extra capacity to deliver additional Eucharists in church on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.



CHRISTMAS CARD DONATIONS

A congregation member has suggested that, as this Christmas is going to be a very different, and probably challenging, experience for churches and Christians this year, members of St Mary's may consider making donations to the church in lieu of cards to each other. If you would like to take part, please either give your donations (which can be Gift Aided) to Mary Adams or email her (om@stmaryswarwick.org.uk) for bank details. Please do not put your money in the normal collection or we will not be able to gauge the success of the idea.

STANDING COMMITTEE



The Church Council's Standing Committee met last Thursday via Zoom to discuss the many challenges which are before us in terms of finance, fabric and maintaining our worship during the pandemic. One piece of good news is that work will be starting next week to repair the leak in the nave roof above the pillar by the lectern. The dangerously uneven vestry floor will also be fixed. The Committee also approved further consultation with various stakeholders in

respect to upgrading how we stream our services.

21st CENTURY GIVING

Do remember that many of our income streams are predicted to be either very low or non-existent for the rest of this year. 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 have access to internet banking it is a simple matter to set up a standing order, weekly or (preferably) monthly.



Alternatively we have a giving page at <https://www.give.net/20220625> or use the QR code to the right, where you may choose to give a one-time donation or set up monthly giving, including Gift Aid where appropriate. The service provider will take 3% of your total giving for each transaction so, if you are

considering monthly giving, a Standing Order is still the best option! For more information please email our Operations Manager, Mary Adams, on om@stmaryswarwick.org.uk.

SURPLUS INKS

The Parish Office has surplus genuine Canon inks to sell. Please email admin@stmaryswarwick.org.uk if you would like any of 551 XL in yellow, black and magenta, 550 XL PGBK, CLI-8BK, CL-41 colour or PG-40 black.

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



DAILY HOPE PHONELINE

Daily Hope is a free national phone line which offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line. The line is available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044. Callers will hear a special greeting from the Archbishop before being able to choose from a range of options, including hymns, prayers, reflections and advice on COVID-19. A section called Hymn Line offers callers a small selection of hymns, updated daily. An option entitled 'Hymns We Love' provides a hymn and reflection."



da capo a cappella chamber choir

Reflections for All Souls'

Take a short time to reflect and remember with the help of music and words.

Da Capo will sing movements of Victoria's Missa Pro Defunctis interspersed with thought-provoking readings.

Please join us for 40 minutes of peace and reflection at the end of the day.

Collegiate Church of St Mary 8pm, Monday 2nd November

Free entry, but seats **must** be reserved.

Retiring collection for St Mary's.

Contact: Mary Adams
or dacapo.warwick@gmail.com

CHURCHES TOGETHER EVENTS

Saturday 7th November **Prayer Breakfast**. 10.30am Zoom. Please contact claire@philipandclaireharris.uk for ID and Password.

HOTS is unable to operate in the Market Square as before but they would be very pleased to hear of people who need prayer.

Contact: warwickhots@gmail.com



WANTED - BELLRINGERS

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

REST IN PEACE

We were sorry to hear about the recent death of Linda Burke. She is greatly missed and her funeral is on Monday morning (26th). So please keep her daughter Elaine Dixon and all Linda's family and friends in your prayers then and in the coming days.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Helen Black, Ellie Booth, Christopher Browne, Clifford Browne, Sheila Freeman, Gillian Gould, Paul Haynes, John Hosiene, Frances Humphreys, Mandeep Madar, Gwen & Paul Shilton, Joanne Tubb.

PRAYERS FOR THE DEPARTED

Linda Burke, Denise Godfrey

THIS WEEK: Beginning 25th October

Wednesday 28 th	5.30pm	<u>NO</u> Choral Evensong
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FORTHCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

Some public worship has restarted at St Mary's with a shortened service each Sunday at 10.30am (also available online) and Choral Evensong on Wednesdays at 5.30pm

Sunday 1st November - All Saints & All Souls

	10.30am Sunday Eucharist	
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Sunday 8th November - Remembrance Sunday

	<u>10.00am</u> Remembrance Service	
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Sunday 15th November - 2nd before Advent

	10.30am Sunday Eucharist	
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Sunday 22nd November - Christ the King

	10.30am Sunday Worship	
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