

ARTS PROGRAMME

St Mary's Church Banbury

September to December 2026



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Concerts - Fairs - Festivals - Workshops

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St Mary's Church



Sunday 6th September

10.00am to 1.00pm

Parish Communion celebrating our Patronal Festival

We will be celebrating the Blessed Virgin Mary through our Parish Communion service. This is a service of worship with hymns, readings and prayers, and invites everyone to join in.

Patronal picnic

Meeting at 12 noon in People's Park. Bring a picnic and celebrate by having lunch together. Dogs, picnic rugs and picnic chairs all welcome.

For further information:

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St Mary's Church



Banbury Town Council

Sunday 13th September

11.30am to 12.30pm

Battle of Britain Memorial Service

This memorial service marks the 86th anniversary of the decisive aerial battle in 1940, honouring the aircrews of the Royal Air Force and allied nations.

The service will feature hymns, readings, and poems paying respect to 'The Few'.

The event will include an RAF flypast, a military parade commencing at 11.00am from the Market Place, and a memorial church service at 11.30am.

For further information:

www.banbury.gov.uk/event/battle-of-britain-2



Banbury Early Music Festival



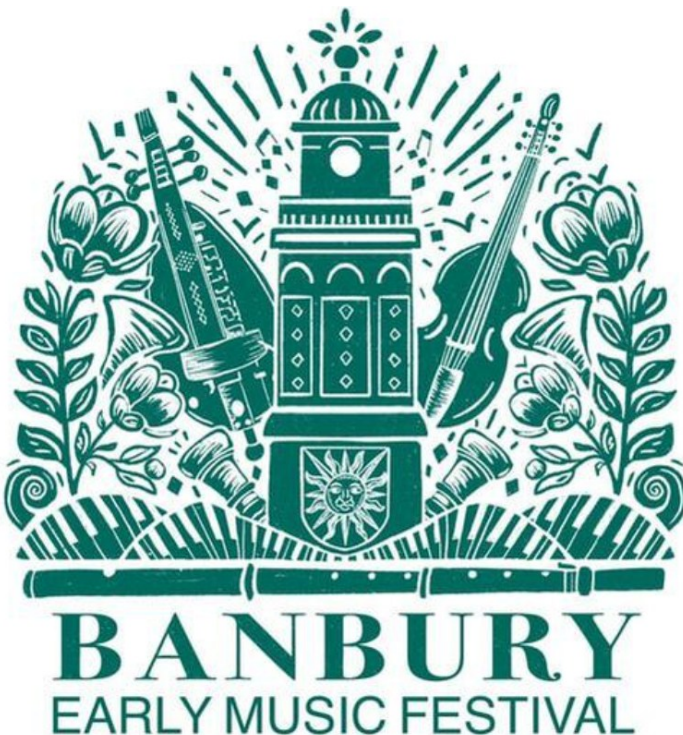
Heidi Fardell



Dylan McCaig



Alison Kinder



**Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th
September**

Organised by three local passionate and professional early music specialists, Heidi Fardell, Dylan McCaig and Alison Kinder, Banbury Early Music Festival is for early music fans and newcomers alike.

Come and participate in inspiring workshops, listen to world-class concerts, leaf through a myriad of music and try out early instruments to your heart's content!

For further information:

www.BanburyEarlyMusicFestival.com

Banbury Early Music Festival

The 2026 concert performers will include:



The Gonzaga Band



Ensemble Augelletti



The Linarol Consort



Lynda Sayce



Little Song Party



Blondel

CONCERT VOLUNTEERS

St Mary's Church Banbury



By volunteering at concerts you get to see live music, meet new people and gain transferable skills in a live events setting

Receive FREE entry to all music concerts you support

Roles include: Stewarding, serving refreshments, stage building, sound and lighting

Supports local community engagement and listening to music is proven to help your mental health well-being

***If you are interested in
volunteering please contact:
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St Mary's Church



Banbury Town Council

Sunday 8th November
10.45 to 11.45am

Remembrance Sunday Church Service

The service will consist of readings, hymns and prayers read by leading representatives of both St Mary's Church and local military organisations in honour of those who have lost their lives to war.

The Remembrance Sunday event will include a parade commencing at 10.15am from the Market Place to St Mary's Church, a church service at 10.45am and a wreath laying ceremony at 12noon in People's Park.

For further information:
***[www.banbury.gov.uk/event/
remembrance-sunday-2](http://www.banbury.gov.uk/event/remembrance-sunday-2)***



Banbury Rotary Club



**Monday 9th, Tuesday 10th,
Wednesday 11th and Thursday
12th November, 7.00pm**

Children Singing for Children

Each night around 20 choirs from local primary schools will sing songs from around the world.

About 180 children will sing and following individual performances by each school, they join together to form a massed choir for the finale.

The funds raised are donated to both local and international children's charities.

For further information:

www.banburyrotaryclub.org.uk

The Drifters

Tuesday 24th November

7.30 to 10.00pm

The Drifters

Candlelight Concert

The Drifters are back on tour in the UK performing all their classic hits including 'Saturday Night at the Movies', 'You're More Than A Number', 'Come on Over to My Place', 'Under the Boardwalk', 'Kissin' In The Back Row' and many more!

The legendary group have been inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, performed for the President of the United States and listed among the Greatest Artists of All Time by Rolling Stone magazine.

For further information:

www.thedrifters.co.uk/tour/banbury



St Mary's Christmas Craft Fair



**Saturday 28th November
10.00am to 4.00pm**

FREE admission

We have around 30 stalls selling handmade gifts created by crafters, both local and from further afield.

Also included is an adult's and children's tombola, together with a Grand Draw Raffle with a first prize of a Christmas Hamper worth £100.

We are very pleased to welcome many visitors into the church free of charge. We also serve hot drinks and homemade cakes at a reasonable price, to make the experience even more enjoyable.

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Katharine House Hospice

**Thursday 3rd December
7.00 to 8.30pm**

Lights of Love Remembrance Event

For many of our community, this is an important moment in the year; a chance to come together with others and remember those we have lost.

We will follow a similar programme to last year featuring special music, poems and reflections from members of staff at the hospice.

This event is open to those of all faiths and none.

The event will start at 7.00pm at Banbury Cross, for the traditional switching on of the Christmas Tree lights, followed by the main event at 7.15pm at St Mary's Church. We expect the event to finish by 8.30pm.

For further information:

www.khh.org.uk/whats-on/fundraising-events/lights-of-love



Lumos Live



Friday 4th December

Early sitting: 7.00 to 8.00pm

Later sitting: 9.00 to 10.00pm

A Christmas Classical Candlelight Experience

Tickets: £45 (Platinum), £30 (Gold), £27.50 (Balcony), £25 (Silver), £20 (Bronze)

Lumos Live brings you an enchanting concert experience paying homage to world famous artists.

Lumos Live has partnered with St Mary's Church to deliver a String Trio concert experience that will be nothing short of magical.

Full bar facilities will be available prior to the concert.

Seating is a first come first serve to your allocated zone (Platinum, Gold, Balcony, Silver, Bronze).

For further information:

www.lumoslive.co.uk

Banbury Symphony Orchestra



Saturday 5th Decemer

4.00pm to 6.00pm

Christmas Concert

Tickets £12. Under 18s FREE

The concert will feature a wide selection of festive music, together with an exciting selection of Christmas favourites and traditional carols.

As always, this will be a fun occasion with plenty of audience participation.

For further information:

www.banburysymphony.com



Banbury Choral Society



**Saturday 12th December
7.30 to 9.30pm**

Voices of Christmas

Tickets: £16. Under 16s: £5

A wonderful collection of music leading up to the Christmas celebrations.

Under the baton of Jonathan Kingston, the choir's Musical Director, the choir will perform the following programme:

- Cecilia McDowell 'Christus Natus Est'
- Bob Chilcott 'On Christmas Night'
- Herbert Howells 'A Hymn for St Cecilia' and 'Here is the Little Door'
- A selection of carols accompanied by the audience

For further information:

www.banburychoralsoc.co.uk

St Mary's Christmas Services

**Saturday 19th December
4.00 to 5.00pm**

Carols by Candlelight

Our main carol service to help celebrate Christmas!
Bring along your family and friends.

Mulled wine and mince pies will be available.
The perfect way to get that Christmas feeling!

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St Mary's Christmas Services



Thursday 24th December, 4pm **Crib Service**

Our lively service for younger children and their families. An informal and fun re-telling of the Christmas story. Come dressed up!

Thursday 24th December, 9pm **Christmas Night Eve**

A traditional service with carols, readings and a sermon, which prepare us to welcome the new born King on Christmas Day.

Friday 25th December, 10am **Christmas Day**

A service of Holy Communion, readings and hymns to celebrate Christmas morning.

Hiring St Mary's for an Event

The venue

St Mary's Church is foremost a place of worship, which means that we must consider whether certain events can take place within the church building. However, please do get in contact as we can often accommodate a wide variety of events.

When major repairs and refurbishment were carried out at the turn of the century, the chancel area was remodelled with a raised (one meter high), flat, stage with sides reaching out into the side aisles and a curved apron reaching forward into the nave. Total 'hall' capacity is 600 which includes up to 100 people on the stage, up to 400 in ground floor seating (cushioned pews) and up to 100 on the balcony.

Lightweight but robust purpose-built staging of various heights can be modelled, assembled and dismantled to suit your requirements.

Light and sound

St Mary's can provide operators of the sound and lighting systems according to requirements.

Instruments

For an additional charge the organ, a baby grand piano, a fully weighted digital piano, and drum set are available to hire. Care is taken to ensure all instruments are in good tune.

Accessible facilities

There are ramps for wheelchair access at both sides of the main entrance to the church. Within the church are designated areas in the auditorium for wheelchair users and escorts. A hearing loop is in operation. There are two wheelchair accessible toilets in the side entrance hallways at the rear of the church.

Refreshments

A licensed bar serving wine, beer, soft drinks, tea and coffee is operated by St Mary's to support the running of the church and the development of its work in the town. It is open before events and during intervals.

Stewarding

St Mary's will provide a Head Steward for each event, together with a number of welcomers to cover the fire exits, serve refreshments, direct customers to their seats, etc.

Hiring St Mary's for an Event

First Aid cover and Health & Safety issues

Hirers will need to provide two fully qualified first aiders for their event. We can recommend using either St John's Ambulance (01869 324625) or British Red Cross (01295 269457) who will send a form on request. Hirers may, of course, take advantage of any of their own members who may be suitably qualified to perform this role.

St Mary's carries out a regular safety risk assessment, and the administrator will be happy to send a copy on request. Hirers may be required by their insurers to do the same. St Mary's takes seriously the need to follow and prioritise such guidance, in particular the need to keep designated exit routes clear.

Using St Mary's Church Centre

The centre, which lies adjacent to the church yard, offers nearby space for gathering prior to and after an event, and has toilet, kitchen and changing facilities. If available, the centre can be booked through the Church Administrator.

Car parking

Unfortunately, there is no parking onsite. But, there are numerous car parks nearby, namely along Horse Fair, North Bar and South Bar (all free after 6.00pm). Alternative car parking is also available at Castle Quay.

Insurance cover

All users of the building are required to provide proof to the Church Administrator that they carry not less than £5m public liability insurance. St Mary's Church carries its own building and public liability insurance cover.

Hire charges

The Church Administrator will be able to give you details of the charges that apply. These will vary with the service you request, but the basic charge for a single performance allows the use of the building for ten hours to include rehearsal time. It also includes the use of sound and light services.

For further information contact our Church Administrator:

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Check out our service times, concerts, news, useful contacts, social media and other information related to the parish.



Useful contacts

General Enquiries: Kate Hiron

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caroline@banburystmary.org.uk

Churchwarden: Lesley Burge

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Director of Music: Dylan McCaig

dylan@banburystmary.org.uk

Treasurer: Phil Burge

treasurer@banburystmary.org.uk

Website

Detailed information about the church, its people, history, services of worship, concerts and booking forms: **www.banburystmary.org.uk**

Social Media

Services are 'live streamed', details of forthcoming concerts, local news and events: **www.facebook.com/stmaryschurchbanbury**
www.youtube.com/@stmaryschurchbanbury2551

Please donate to keep St Mary's Church open



To keep St Mary's Church open it costs around **£150,000** every year. That's over **£400** every day. We receive no financial support from the government, the Church of England or the Diocese of Oxford. Every penny we require for running costs, building maintenance and parish ministry has to be raised by the church community.

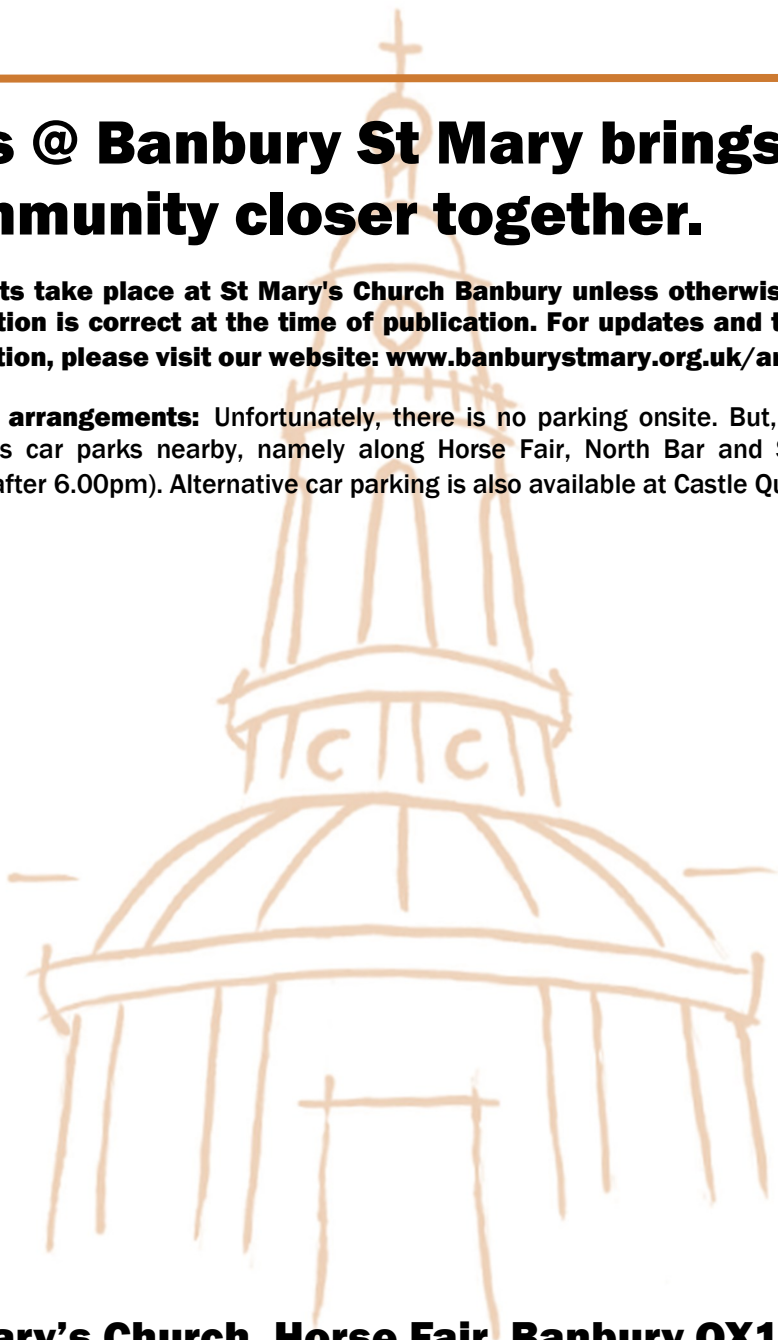
If you would like to donate, please scan the QR code or visit:

www.parishgiving.org.uk and enter **270627130** in the search box.

Arts @ Banbury St Mary brings our community closer together.

All events take place at St Mary's Church Banbury unless otherwise stated. Information is correct at the time of publication. For updates and the latest information, please visit our website: www.banburystmary.org.uk/artsevents

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