



Vision2030 update

Our vision is rooted in the belief that with God, all things are possible (Matthew 19:26). We seek to be a thriving church, preserving our beautiful building and choral tradition, creating a new St Mary's Hall, and building an inclusive, caring and lasting legacy that shines as a light for Christ atop the hill in Warwick.

In Autumn 2024, our church community helped shape Vision2030, our plan for mission and growth, which was approved by the PCC in November 2024. We've seen real progress such as higher attendance, greater giving, more events and a stronger local presence (see overleaf for details).

There is still much to do such as raising capital funds for our cherished building, increasing our giving and growing our ministry. We seek to serve God with excellence through renewed facilities and a growing programme of outreach. All of this is sustained and nourished by our worship, shaped by one of the finest examples of the choral tradition. In January, we will share details of what we hope to achieve in 2026, explaining how resources will be used and inviting our church family to help raise an additional £20,000 in regular giving so that our vision may flourish.

Together, we can make Vision2030 a reality, building a welcoming, vibrant, and growing church community for generations to come. If you have any questions or would like to help in any way to bring our shared vision to life, do contact me.

Angus

The Reverend Canon Angus Aagaard CF
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Team Rector of Warwick Team Ministry



December 2025



Our Vision

What we seek our church to look like in 5+ years

Rooted in faith, reaching out in love

Our Mission

What are we to do as a church

Worship God

Encourage discipleship growth

Transform communities

Our Mission Action Plan

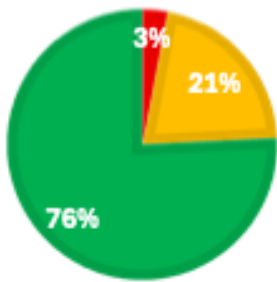
How we will achieve our vision

Pray for clarity and faithfulness

Share our vision with the local community

Contribute our God given skills, talents and financial support

Mission Action Plan - on track!



Our Mission Action Plan (MAP) describes how we will achieve our vision. It remains flexible as we grow in understanding God’s calling and as we adapt to new circumstances. The MAP comprises 33 key actions, which are grouped under four headings: **faith**, **community**, **world** and **stewardship** (see below for details). Over three-quarters of our key actions are progressing well, with good progress evident across most areas. A small number of actions have yet to begin or require further attention, and steps are being taken to address these. The only action currently facing challenges is the recruitment of volunteers.

Red indicates significant issues or risks that threaten progress; **Amber** indicates issues identified, but manageable with corrective action; **Green** indicates all is proceeding as planned, with no significant issue

Faith

We seek to deepen our spiritual life through inspiring worship and opportunities to explore our faith, helping us grow in numbers

- Appointed Canon Peter Holliday (Precentor), Revd Robin Griffiths (curate), 5 new deacons and servers
- 30 church members joined the Christian Formation course, which began on 14 June 2025
- St Mary’s College formed; 15 members meeting monthly to pray, discuss and support our ministry
- A ‘Teaching Eucharist’ to explain why we do certain things in a service was held on 4 October 2025
- Morning prayer now offered in church at 9.30am Monday-Friday
- A growing number of choristers (almost 60 under 18 yrs) and an increased use of instrumentalists during services

Community

We seek to be at the heart of our community, offering hospitality and support, grounded in faith

- Our Community Minister is now engaged with the Packmores Food Pantry and After-School Club, The Myton Hospices and has established “Singing for Mums” supported by members of St Mary’s
- Partnership formed with The Esther Project which helps vulnerable women rebuild their lives
- School visits and our concerts and events programme continue to grow each month
- St Mary’s hosted the first county “Change Makers” event with the High Sheriff and Warwick Castle
- St Mary’s volunteers are supporting refugees at the Delta Hotel
- Plans are underway for a town-centre hub offering advice and hospitality

World

We seek to work for God’s kingdom by helping build a more just and peaceful world

- St Mary’s recognised as a Cornerstone Church for the Global Centre for Peace-building and Business (GCPB)
- GCPB launch planning in progress: Cape Town on 8 February with the Archbishop of South Africa
- A partnership with Madagascar is being developed through the GCPB
- Plans are underway to establish a Cornerstone link with St John’s, Edinburgh, alongside other partner churches
- A Peace and Reconciliation Festival Steering Group has been established to guide future events e.g. St Mary’s Peace Festival (8/9 May 2026)
- We continue to pray for and support the CMM Sisters in Tanzania, connected with our peace and mission work

Stewardship

We seek to operate sustainably, securing the people and resources needed to fulfill our mission

- Statement of Need submitted ahead of a full National Lottery Heritage Fund bid
- Expanded staff team and hours: Clare Gould (Chief Operating Officer), Suzie Vogiaridis (Ops Mgr), Kate Rist (Comms & Events Mgr), Nancy Priscott (Admin Assistant), Ronnie Poole (Bookkeeper), Jay Clarke (Caretaker)
- Lent 2025 stewardship campaign increased giving by 150% (inc. Gift Aid) enabling the draw down of £45k pa from the King Henry VIII Endowed Trust Church Pool
- New visitor leaflets and signage introduced
- New church website being developed
- Discussions ongoing to secure additional office and storage space at Judges House, Northgate Street
- Established a Development Project Board to guide our next phase of renewal

