



# Weekly Newsletter

*Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2024*

## Remembrance Sunday

**8.00am** Holy Communion (BCP - said)  
 Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Canon Angus Aagaard  
*Service begins in the Book of Common Prayer on page 294 and readings on page 249*

**10.00am** Remembrance Service  
 (Boys', Girls' and Men's Voices)  
 also on Facebook & YouTube  
*Each Sunday morning's service sheet is uploaded [here](#) on the preceding Friday.*

*See Special Order of Service*

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Sunday School meets during the 10:30 service each week (10am is exceptional for the Remembrance Sunday service); we currently have members from pre-school to Year 8. This week we will be making poppies for a Sunday School wreath to offer our own Act of Remembrance at the 11am gathering. Children are invited to assemble at the Welcome Desk at the back of church during the first hymn. Visiting children are always welcome. (Pre-schoolers are asked to bring an adult with them). Thank you so much to those who have already offered to join the Sunday School team - do speak to Kirsteen or Suzette if you would like to know more!

**5.30pm** Choral Evensong  
 (Girls' and Men's Voices)  
 Hymn: 484(t.167)  
 Preces: Paul Spicer (Set II)  
 Psalm: 46  
 Reading: Isaiah 10.33-11.9 - Desmond Jack  
 Magnificat: *The Gloucester Service* Howells  
 Reading: John 14. 23-29 - Chris Sharp  
 Nunc dimittis: *The Gloucester Service* Howells  
 Responses: Paul Spicer (Set II)  
 Anthem: *Set me as a seal* Walton

Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal upon thy arm; for love is strong as death. Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it. *Words: The Song of Solomon 8:6-7*

Preacher: Revd Canon Angus Aagaard  
 Hymn: 392  
 Organ voluntary: *Elegy in B flat* Thalben-Ball

### MIDWEEK SERVICES

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November - 10.00am Holy Communion; 5.30pm Choral Evensong  
 Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November - 5.30pm Choral Evensong

## **FORTHCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November - Second Sunday before Advent**

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

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November - Christ the King**

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

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December - Advent 1**

8.00am Holy Communion; 10.30am Choral Eucharist; 5.30pm Advent Carol Service

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December - Advent 2**

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

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

Vicky Bibby, Ellie Booth, Christopher Browne, Clifford Browne, Patricia Heaps, Audrey Hill, Phyllis Hole, Elizabeth Holroyde, Mandeep Madar, Chris Shilton.

## **PRAYERS FOR THE DEPARTED:**

Charles Brown, Sybil Samouelle.

## **FUNERAL SERVICE - CHARLES BROWN**

A memorial service for the late Charles Brown will take place at St Mary's on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, at 2.30pm.

## **VISION 2030**

A big thank you to all of those who responded to the vision questionnaire during late September/early October. Responses were received from 97 people, either individually or as part of group discussions. This level of engagement is very encouraging as we seek to develop a 5 year vision for St Mary's. The consolidated feedback runs to over 600 lines of constructive comments and suggestions. Judging by the length and detail of many of the responses, it is evident that the questionnaire has been carefully considered, for which I'm truly grateful. The next steps are to review the survey results and draft a vision document, including a mission action plan, for consideration by the Parochial Church Council (PCC). Thereafter, we hope to finalise the vision so that it may be communicated to everyone connected with St Mary's early in the New Year. Please join me and continue to pray that God equips us and helps us use our gifts, so we can become the church we seek to be, in accordance with His will. Thank you, *Fr Angus*

## **ST MARY'S CALENDAR AND CHRISTMAS CARDS**

The St Mary's Church 2025 calendar and a selection of 5 Christmas Card designs are available to view, preorder and pay for in the Church Shop.

## **PRAYER FOR CMM SISTERS**

*Loving Father, we pray for the CMM Sisters in Tanzania and Zambia as they share what they have with those in need. Sustain them and those who are coming to them for food, after extreme weather damaged crops and while war in Ukraine diminishes the importation of vital grain. Renew in us all a hunger to tackle climate change, a thirst for peace, and a deep desire for your equilibrium to be established on earth. Amen.*

## **CHURCH TOWER UPDATE**

I wrote in the 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 Newsletter that that was my last report as Chair of the Tower Project Team. However, there are two items which I thought needed to be covered in an update. The first is good news, the second less so but manageable.

On October 1st, St Mary's Church was given a national architectural award for the recent tower refurbishment work. This was awarded, by the London based Georgian Group, for the best restoration of a church in the country. In its citation, it says that the renovation work was needed following stone falls in 2021, which covered stone replacement using lime mortar, the refurbishment of the clock faces, the repainting of the heraldic shields and the refurbishment of the finials and weathervanes. It also mentions the work of the church architect, Mark Stewart, and the building contractor, Ackroyd Construction.

Clare Gould and I collected the award certificate in a ceremony in London. Unfortunately, Mark Stewart, the real star of the show, had covid and was unable to attend. I think it is fair to say

that we sat waiting for the results announcement more in hope than expectation but were both surprised and delighted when the name St Mary's Church, Warwick was read out. That is the good news. The not so good news is that the clock has stopped working. The main project covered the removal of the four clock dials and hands for restoration offsite, along with the overhaul of the dialworks. The view taken at the time was that the separate clock mechanism would not need any major work. Sadly, this has not turned out to be the case. The carillon and time bells still work but not the basic clock. The clock manufacturer has now been asked for a quote to refurbish the clock and, separately, a quote to bi-pass the clock with an electronic clock either as a temporary or permanent solution. Angus and the PCC will have to consider how any cost can be afforded.

*John Edwards 21/10/24*

### **RECITAL WITH A DIFFERENCE**

Our lunchtime recital on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November is a different flavour than usual, so it's definitely not to be missed! Benedict Adams is part of St Mary's family, having progressed from our family service choir aged three to treble and junior man in the robed choir. However, he is also a keen jazz percussionist and, together with other top musicians from Warwick School, he will be showcasing his talents on both drum kit and tuned percussion with a programme comprising favourites from Miles Davis and Joe Henderson along with jazz covers of classics by Joseph Kosma and Rodgers & Hammerstein, among other items all guaranteed to raise a smile! As usual, admission is free with a retiring collection and the performance begins at 1.15pm.

### **POUR VOYAGER EN FRANCE**

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, Mark Swinton takes to the organ to present a programme of French music spanning the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. Admission is free with a retiring collection, and the performance begins at 1.15pm.

### **CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2024**

Our Christmas Tree Festival 2024 opens on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November (Victorian Evening). We are looking volunteers to help us welcome visitors. If you are interested, please speak to Helen Fitzpatrick or Carol Warren or call 07889420993. The Festival will be open every day until Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December.



### **CHRISTMAS POP UP CAFE**

During the Christmas Tree Festival, the Pop Up Café will be open 10am-4pm Friday 29<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December. If anyone is able to contribute by baking something for the café or could spare a few hours to help serving refreshments please contact Val King on 07880 728909 or 01926 497349; email: [aandvking@gmail.com](mailto:aandvking@gmail.com). Thank you.

### **DA CAPO CHAMBER CHOIR - MAKE WE JOY**

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm

Start your Christmas with carols old and new and festive fare in a relaxed atmosphere.

Table seating has now sold out; remaining seats are unreserved at the sides of the church. Tickets are £12 adults, £6 under 16s, available from Mary Adams, [dacapochoir.org.uk](http://dacapochoir.org.uk) or St Mary's Shop. In aid of St Mary's Church.

### **THE SNOWMAN 2024**

Screenings with live orchestra, Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 12pm, 1.30pm and 3.00pm.

Adults £15, Under 16s £3, Under 3s free (must sit on an adult's lap).

The 3pm performance has now SOLD OUT. Tickets for the earlier performances are available from the church shop and online via the church What's On webpage

<https://www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk/index.php?/stmarysredesign/events>. If you have any questions, please speak to Mary or John Adams, or email [eventmaster@stmaryswarwick.org.uk](mailto:eventmaster@stmaryswarwick.org.uk)

### **I WILL LIFT UP MINE EYES**

'I will lift up mine eyes' - featuring a selection of anthems for upper voices, sung by St Mary's Girls Choristers are available from St Mary's shop at £14.99 or can be purchased online via: <http://tiny.cc/warwickcd> at £18.50 (incl. postage and packaging). It is also available on streaming services.

### **GIFT AID**

We thank you for your donations. If you are a UK tax payer the money you place in the collection can be increased by 25% if you fill out an envelope available by the main entrance. This allows us to retrieve the tax you have already paid and put it towards the work of St Mary's. You can also donate using the contactless payment points at the West end of the church.

### **JOIN THE CLUB TO SUPPORT THE CHOIR!**

The '100 Club' is a prize draw of 100 tickets, giving out three prizes each month: £11, £5 and £3. Each ticket costs just £1 per month and you are welcome to sign up for as many tickets as you like. Proceeds from the '100 Club' help to support the activities of the Choir through the Friends of the Choir. If all tickets were sold, it would raise almost £1,000 a year that could go towards the work of the Choir. To get your ticket(s), please contact the Treasurer of the Friends, Niki Marklew: [nikimarklew@outlook.com](mailto:nikimarklew@outlook.com).

### **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. The 10.30am order of service, Weekly Newsletter and Parish Magazine can also be viewed and downloaded from our website.

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

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