



Weekly Newsletter

Sunday 24th November, 2024

Christ the King

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 251

10.30am

Choral Eucharist (Boys' and Men's Voices)

also on Facebook & YouTube

Each Sunday morning's service sheet is uploaded [here](#) on the preceding Friday.

Celebrant:

Revd Canon Peter Holliday

Mass setting:

Collegium Regale Howells

Hymns:

352, 499, 295, 443 *New English Hymnal*

Reading:

Revelation 1. 4b-8 - Tony King

Intercessions:

Elizabeth Rankin

Motet:

O King, all glorious Willan

Organ voluntary:

Final (1re Sonate) Guilmant

Refreshments will be served following the Service to which everyone is invited.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

St Mary's Sunday School is thrilled that one of our stalwart members, Evelyn, now has a baby brother, Oscar James (born on 1st November). Huge congratulations to Alice and Andrew (and, of course, Evelyn)! Our Sunday School meets during the 10:30 service each week; we currently have members from pre-school to Year 8. Last Sunday we revisited our designs for a new kneeler in the Beauchamp Chapel and were delighted with the children's imaginative artwork. This week we will be celebrating the feast of Christ the King. 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 (Boys' and Men's Voices)

Hymn:

494

Preces:

Radcliffe

Psalm:

72

Reading:

Daniel 5 - Desmond Jack

Magnificat:

Collegium Royale Howells

Reading:

John 6. 1-15 - Nicky Hendry

Nunc dimittis:

Collegium Royale Howells

Responses:

Radcliffe

Anthem:

Let all the world Vaughan Williams

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!

The heavens are not too high, his praise may thither fly,

the earth is not too low, his praises there may grow.

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!

The church with psalms must shout, no door can keep them out;

but, above all, the heart must bear the longest part.

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!

Words George Herbert

Preacher:

Reader Doreen Mills

Hymn:

497

Organ voluntary:

Acclamations Carolingiennes (from Suite Médiévale) Langlais

MIDWEEK SERVICES

Wednesday 27th November - 10.00am Holy Communion; 5.30pm Choral Evensong

Friday 29th November - 5.30pm Choral Evensong

FORTHCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday 1st December - Advent 1

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

Sunday 8th December - Advent 2

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

Sunday 15th December - Advent 3

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

Sunday 22nd December - Advent 4

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

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

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

PRAYERS FOR THE DEPARTED:

Vicky Bibby

FLOWERS

Many thanks to the donor of this week's flowers in memory of a special person.

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.

RED CHAIR PROJECT

Over the next few days you may notice a red chair sitting alone in church. St Mary's is supporting the Red Chair Project, part of the Mothers' Union's 16 Days of Activism campaign. The Red Chair Project involves reserving an empty chair at a public place with a sign in red highlighting facts about domestic violence. The empty chair will also serve as a visual symbol of the lives lost to gender-based violence. The colour red reminds us all of the violence faced by millions of women in war zones, on city streets, and also in their own homes. As Karen Morris, the Mothers' Union Diocesan President says, 'this is a simple way to relay a powerful message about domestic abuse', and is designed to encourage conversation about a very difficult subject.

BELLRINGING

Congratulations to one of our young bellringers, Josh Warren, who rang his first quarter peal at Barford, St Peter on the 18th November. Josh successfully ran the Tenor and achieved the quarter peal at his first attempt which is a great achievement. The quarter peal was rung as part of the Coventry Diocesan Guild's "New for November" initiative. Pictured are the band : Jane Rogers, Maxine Browning, Philip Sealey, Charles Hayward, Annie Hall and Josh.



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2024 (CTF)

This year, a record-breaking 70 trees will be twinkling in our beautiful church, and a bumper number of visitors is expected. Everyone will be very welcome, and there are events for young and old alike. It will again be a truly community event. The Festival opens at 5pm on Thursday 28th November (Warwick Victorian Evening). Mulled wine and Mince pies will be available, and there will be "live" music from both Occasional Brass and the Two Castles Choir. The evening will round off with a short Carol Service at 8.45pm.

The CTF is then OPEN EVERY DAY until Sunday 8th December .

Friday 29th November - Guide dogs visit ; Pop-up-Cafe

Saturday 30th November - 10am Santa & the Mayor judge the trees, and then SANTA meets children. The Pop-Up-Cafe will be open and Occasional Brass will play.

Monday 2nd December - a wonderful MUSICAL MORNING, performed by the girls from Warwick Prep School, at 11am (doors open at 10am). All are welcome, especially the elderly, less mobile and young-at-heart. Special guest the High Sheriff of Warwickshire.

Pop-Up-Cafe open. Monday is also our LATE NIGHT OPENING, with refreshments and live brass music. Last entry at 7.30pm.

Tuesday 3rd December - MUSICAL MORNING with children from local primary schools, at 10am.

Wednesday 4th December - SANTA & his ELF will be with us to meet pre-school children from 10.45am till 12 noon.

Saturday 7th December - Pop-Up-Cafe, and music from Occasional Brass.

More details via our Facebook & Instagram pages; and via www.stmaryschristmas.org.uk

Please come along and join the fun!



CHRISTMAS POP UP CAFE

During the Christmas Tree Festival, the Pop Up Café will be open 10am-4pm Friday 29th & Saturday 30th November, Friday 6th & Saturday 7th 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: aandyking@gmail.com. Thank you.

BUYING A CHRISTMAS TREE

The St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival 2024 opens at 5pm on Thursday 28th November. At the end of the Festival, the trees are available for purchase, with proceeds benefiting St Mary's. The trees will be regularly watered, and the cost for a five foot real tree will be just £27. They can be collected on Monday 9th December between 9am and 2pm. Let us know ahead of time which of our 70 trees is of interest and we will reserve it for you. Please visit the Festival when it is open to make your choice! Thanks for your support.

BBC SONGS OF PRAISE YOUNG CHORISTER OF THE YEAR

Huge congratulations to Girl Chorister, Anna Chester, on getting through to the Final of Young Chorister of the Year last week. The Final is broadcast at midday on Sunday 1st December on BBC One TV and BBC Radio 2. Fingers very much crossed, and good luck!

DA CAPO CHAMBER CHOIR - MAKE WE JOY

Saturday 19th 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 or St Mary's Shop. In aid of St Mary's Church.

THE SNOWMAN 2024

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

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

Tickets for all performances have SOLD OUT ONLINE. A few tickets for the 12pm and 1.30pm performances are available in person from St Mary's Shop. Please note that there will not be a waiting list for tickets; any returns will be put back on general sale. If you have any questions, please speak to Mary or John Adams, or email 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.

LEAMINGTON MUSIC

The Choir of Clare College, Cambridge Concert takes place on Tuesday 10th December at 7.30pm in St Mary's Church, with a 'Behind the Music' FREE pre-concert talk at 6.45pm. Tickets and full details are available on www.leafingtonmusic.org or Visit Warwick in the Court House or call 01926 334418.

GIFT AID

We thank you for your donations. If you are a UK tax payer, your donation 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 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.

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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Revd Canon Peter Holliday, Precentor

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Assistant Director of Music: Mark Swinton
Organ Scholar: Harry Sullivan*

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

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