



Weekly Newsletter

7th January 2024

WELCOME TO OUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER.

Whether you are a regular worshipper or visiting St Mary's for the first time, we welcome you and hope that you enjoy worshipping with us today. Please do introduce yourself to one of the sidespeople or the clergy.



St Mary's seeks to be an inclusive church and welcoming to people of all ages and backgrounds. We have a carpeted area for the younger members of the congregation, if they wish to use it.

Communicant members of any Christian church are welcome to make their communion with us. If you do not wish to receive communion, but would like to receive God's blessing, simply hold the service booklet when you come to the altar rail.

We thank you for your donations. If you are a UK tax payer the money you place in the collection can be increased by around 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.

Further information about St Mary's, our life and ministry can be found on: our website www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk

St Mary's Campaign 2023 <https://www.stmaryscampaign2023.org.uk/> and <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/stmaryswarwickcampaign2023>

Twitter @StMarysWarwick and @ChoirsofWarwick

Facebook @StMarysWarwick and St Mary's Warwick Community

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

Please note that for legal and copyright reasons the taking of videos, photographs and recordings is not permitted during services.

LIVESTREAMING - help us to connect with our online congregation

We provide a live-stream of our 10.30am Sunday service on Facebook and YouTube, and the 10.30am order of service, weekly newsletter, monthly prayer diary and parish magazine can also be viewed and downloaded from our website. Please note that for our 10.30am service the South side of St Mary's (by the font) remains a zone just for those wearing masks and maintaining social distance.



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Under GDPR, St Mary's must have consent of anyone whose image might be included in our broadcast. 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, and side aisles and the back third of the centre of the church are not covered by our cameras. The full policy can be read on the noticeboards or from the "Featured" section of the front page of our website. Please indicate your consent by using the link to the online form on our website.

INTERREGNUM PRAYER

Loving Father

Your love for us is unchangeable.

You have welcomed each of us into the family of your church;

in Jesus, you called us to be His Body in this place.

Send down your Holy Spirit upon us in this time of uncertainty and change

to fill us with vision and energy and faithfulness in prayer

that we may be true to our Baptism

and bring new life to our parish community.

Guide with your heavenly wisdom those appointed to discern the way ahead and a new Rector for this parish

that we may receive the priest you have prepared for your people;

ready to serve us with joy, to build us up in faith,

and lead us by example in loving obedience to your Son

Our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

SERVICES

7th January 2024

Baptism of Christ (First Sunday of Epiphany)

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP - said)

Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Jonathan Hearn

Service begins in the Book of Common Prayer on page 294 and readings on p. 109

10.30am Choral Eucharist
Boys' and Men's Voices
also on Facebook & YouTube

Celebrant: Revd Canon Andrew Gorham

Reading: Acts 19.1-7 - Gail Guest

Intercessions: Elizabeth Rankin

Organ Voluntary: *Fanfare Mathias*

Everyone is warmly invited to stay for refreshments after the service.

5.50pm Choral Evensong
Boys' and Men's Voices

Hymn: 50

Preces: Ayleward

Psalm: 46

Reading: Isaiah 42.1-9 - Tony King

Magnificat: Dyson *in F*

Reading: Eph. 2.1-10 - Nicky Hendry

Nunc dimittis: Dyson *in F*

Responses: Ayleward

Anthem: *Bethlehem Down* Warlock

'When He is King we will give Him the Kings' gifts,
Myrrh for its sweetness and gold for a crown,
Beautiful robes,' said the young girl to Joseph
Fair with her firstborn on Bethlehem Down.

Bethlehem Down is full of the starlight
Winds for the spices, and stars for the gold,
Mary for sleep, and for lullaby music
Songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.

When He is King they will clothe Him in grave-
sheets,
Myrrh for embalming, and wood for a crown,
He that lies now in the white arms of Mary
Sleeping so lightly on Bethlehem Down.

Here He has peace and a short while for dreaming,
Close huddled oxen to keep Him from cold,
Mary for love, and for lullaby music
Songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.

Words: Bruce Blunt

Hymn:	46
Preacher:	Revd Canon Peter Holliday
Hymn:	51
Organ voluntary:	<i>Noël IV (en duo, sur les jeux d'anches)</i> Daquin

Director of Music: Oliver Hancock
Assistant Director of Music: Mark Swinton
Organ Scholar: Colin Millington

NOTICES

GREAT NEWS - NAME OF NEW VICAR ANNOUNCED

We are delighted to announce that the Reverend Canon Angus Aagaard, who is currently Team Rector in North Lambeth Parish in the Diocese of Southwark will be Vicar of St Mary's Warwick and Team Rector of the New Warwick Team subject to the normal formalities. It should be noted this is a Lord Chancellor Appointment.

A date for Canon Angus's licensing service will be confirmed by Simon Taylor, Assistant to the Archdeacons shortly. Thank you for your prayers during this time. Please continue to pray for us, and for Canon Angus and his family as they prepare to leave their current church and move to St Mary's Warwick and the Coventry Diocese to serve our church and community here.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Term-time children's activities during the Sunday 10.30am services, exploring faith through stories, crafts, singing and sharing begins on Sunday 14th January. The presence of at least one parent/carer each week would mean we can go out into the vestry for our activities (it doesn't have to be the same person each time). Otherwise, we will meet on the carpeted area in the North Aisle. For more information, please talk to Kirsteen Robson (07799 682872 / kirsteenr@gmail.com).

ST MARY'S PRAYER DIARY

The Prayer Diary produced by Coventry Diocese can be found here: <https://www.coventry.anglican.org/prayer-diary.php> January's theme is *Healthy People/Healthy Communities*.

PRE-EVENSONG RECITAL

Sunday 7th January, 5.00pm. All are warmly invited to attend this beginning of term recital given by Organ Scholar, Colin Millington. Free to attend, it will last 25 minutes and is followed by Evensong sung by the Boy Choristers and Gentlemen of the Choir. The programme includes Bach's joyous Prelude and Fugue in G major (BWV 541), Brahms' Fugue in A flat minor (WoO8) and - especially appropriate in this continued season of Christmas - 'Gloria' from Missa de Gloria by Leighton. Do come to support Colin in this endeavour.

CAROL SERVICES

We hope you enjoyed the Carol Services for Advent and Christmas last term. Please make a note in your diaries of next term's Carol Services, completing the full cycle of the Christmas period:

- Sunday 14th January, 5.30pm: Epiphany Carols
- Sunday 28th January, 5.30pm: Candlemas Carols

LET IT SNOW

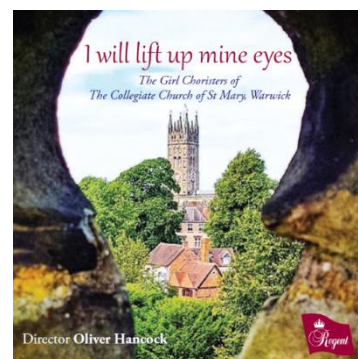
A word of thanks to all those who helped with the screenings of The Snowman last month, particularly Mary and John Adams, as well as those who marshalled the almost 1,000 visitors that day. Further thanks to members of the orchestra and our three chorister soloists, Harry, Alec, and Lysander. It was an excellent day with Christmas cheer in abundance. Watch this space for next year's date!

ROAD CLOSURES

St Mary's tower project is near completion. In order to enable the removal of scaffolding, and to ensure public safety whilst this work takes place, the roads surrounding the church will need to be closed for approximately 8 weeks. The roads affected are Northgate Street, Church Street and Old Square. Parking will be suspended on these roads and a one-way system will be in operation for diverting vehicles around these streets. We are doing what we can to work with these issues and expect to be in a position to ask the Council to re-open the roads in early March. We do apologise for the length of time that these roads will be closed and for the disruption that this will cause. We understand the difficulties that this can cause surrounding communities and would like to thank you for your continued patience.

GIRL CHORISTERS' CD

You may recall that in April the Girl Choristers recorded a CD of anthems for upper voices. We are very grateful to all those who contributed to the CD, and excited to hear the finished product in the New Year. If you would like to sponsor the CD, the Director of Music would be very pleased to hear from you: dofm@stmaryswarwick.org.uk



WINTER OPENING HOURS

St Mary's is now operating Winter Opening Hours: Sunday 12.00-4.00pm; Monday & Tuesday Closed; Wednesday 11.00am-4.00pm; Thursday, Friday, Saturday 10.00am-4.00pm.

CLEANING UP

Holy Dusters meet on the last Thursday of each month to help keep St Mary's clean and sparkling. The first date for 2024 is Thursday 25th January, 11.00am-1.00pm (to fit in with church opening times). Anyone wishing to join us for coffee, cake and cleaning would be very welcome.



FOODBANK

There is a container at the back of church for those wishing to donate items to help those in our community suffering hardship at this critical time. More information to follow on which items are most in need.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

Ellie Booth, Charles Brown, Christopher Browne, Clifford Browne, Chris Hodgetts, Elizabeth Holroyde, Mandeep Madar, Chris Shilton.

PRAYERS FOR THE DEPARTED:

Jill Hilyer, Brian Hobley, Suzanne O'Callaghan.

SERVICES WEEK BEGINNING 7th January

Wednesday 10 th January	10.00am 5.30pm	Holy Communion Choral Evensong
Friday 12 th January	5.30pm	Choral Evensong

FORTHCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday 14th January - Second Sunday of Epiphany

8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Choral Eucharist	5.30pm Epiphany Carol Service
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Sunday 21st January - Third Sunday of Epiphany

8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Choral Eucharist	No Evensong at St Mary's CTW United Service at Castle Hill
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Sunday 28th January - Presentation of Christ (Candlemas)

8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Choral Eucharist	5.30pm Candlemas Service
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Sunday 4th February - Second Sunday before Lent

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