



The Parish of
St. Mary the Virgin in the Lace Market
Nottingham

Parish Notices – Sunday 15th April 2018 – Third Sunday of Easter

10:45am Sung Eucharist

Celebrant: Rev. Tom Gillum

Preacher: Rev. Stephen Morris

Morning Readings:

(Zephaniah 3 v14 – 20)

Acts 3 v12 – 19

Luke 24 v36 – 48

6:30pm Evensong

Officiant: Rev. Stephen Morris

Evening Readings:

Deuteronomy 7 v7 – 13

Luke 16 v19 – 31

Collect:

Almighty Father, who in thy great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve thee continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Please pray for The Church of Ireland and The Most Rev. Richard Lionel Clarke, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland and Metropolitan

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Please pray for St John's College, Nottingham and its Principal, David Hilborn

Parish Cycle of Prayer:

Please pray for Estelle Barks, Rev. Paul Watts, Debbie Butler, Harry Palmer, Daniel Hanson, Pauline Miller, Martyn Jewers, Gregory Jackson

Notices

Jean Pennington: A reminder that, after this morning's service, we will process outside to the East end of the Church where, at the Garden of Remembrance, we will conduct a short ceremony to inter Jean Pennington's ashes with those of her late husband, John.

John Pennington was Lecturer at St. Mary's for 17 years and Jean was the 'power behind the scenes' who kept the diary and made sure John was in the right place at the right time. She was warm-hearted, intelligent and caring, providing the love and laughter that underlay the formality of the services. She also found time to be a much-loved maths teacher at Arnold Hill High School and subsequently enjoyed being a member of the St. Mary's Ladies who Lunch group. She moved to Scotland last Autumn to be nearer to two of her children; but she loved Nottingham and St. Mary's, and is very much missed by those who knew her here. RIP.

Final Annual Parochial Church Meeting for the combined parish: The parish of St. Peter & All Saints warmly invites members of St. Mary's church to St. Peter's church on **Wednesday 25th April at 7.30 pm** to receive the final annual report and accounts of the former parish of St. Peter, St. Mary and All Saints. Business relating to the new parish of St Peter and All Saints will be conducted prior to 7.30 pm. This will an occasion for some reflections and giving thanks for the achievements of the combined parish, and for expressing gratitude for the contributions of all those who were involved in its ministry and mission. Light refreshments will be served (something more than tea and biscuits!)

Easter Week at St. Mary's: Thanks to the hard work of our volunteers, we were able to keep the church open throughout Easter week. Although the weather was poor on the Bank Holiday Monday, we welcomed over 100 visitors, including several from different parts of Europe and some former members of the congregation. Throughout the week, a number of children took the church trail -and very obviously enjoyed hunting down the doves, unicorns and lions that lurk in various parts of the building! The Easter flowers looked wonderful -and were commented on by dozens of visitors. As the week progressed, our duty stewards were joined by various volunteers gardening, cleaning, filling oil lamps and replacing candles, taking photographs for the website, preparing for the week-day services... and generally performing all manner of tasks to keep both church and fellowship vigorous and alive. **We are most grateful for their effort and enthusiasm!**

Easter-tide Picture Galleries: If you haven't already been keeping an eye on the Parish's website, you should visit <http://bit.ly/stmarypalms> and <http://bit.ly/stmaryeasterflowers> for a glimpse of what was happening from Palm Sunday through to Easter Day -including a special appearance of **Evelyn and Eleanor Drummond's** Easter Bonnets!

Last Combined Parish Annual Report now available: The final annual report for the joint parish is now available (in full colour!) at the back of the Church. Please feel free to take a copy.

Rev. Stephen Morris: As announced in the services last Sunday, our good friend Rev. Stephen Morris will be retiring on May 31st. His ministry at St. Mary's began way back in 2000 and after a break of nearly four years, during which he served as vicar of St. Mary Magdalene Newark, he returned to St. Mary's in September 2017 to see us through the transition to being a single parish -something he has accomplished with grace and skill. We have been blessed by this latest spell of service with us... and many of us will be very sad to see him go.

Accordingly, please make a note in your diaries: we are seeing Stephen off in style after the **Sunday service on May 27th**: festivities kick-off **around noon**. More specifics will be available in due course, but you can probably predict with a fair degree of accuracy that cake and drink will be involved in it somewhere!



Future Services:

Wednesday 18 th	8:30am	Holy Communion
	6.15pm	Evensong
Thursday 19 th	1:15pm	Holy Communion
Sunday 22 nd	10:45am	Sung Eucharist
	6:30pm	Evensong

Future Notices:

Any news, information or notices to be included in next week's notice sheet need to be submitted to Howard Rogers (hjr@stmarynotts.org) by Wednesday 18th April, please.

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