



## ***This week at St Mary's      Sunday 29 July 2018***

I have been in St Mary's all morning (as I plan to be each Wednesday) and a steady stream of people has been coming in. The main, west doors are wide open, by far our best way saying to everyone: COME ON IN!

A young Spanish man wanted to photograph gargoyles. I disappointed him by not being able to let him go up the tower. He was being careful with his rather elderly camera not to run out of battery. A local lady came to look at a memorial of a relation and she lit a candle too. It was really good to see some members of the church, one bringing friends. Many who came were tourists (we are seeing more with the Castle closed.)

Earlier in the week, I met one of the Diocese's new curates. As we talked, I told him I shared his hopes that students would find at St Mary's a place to come to pray. Our location lends itself brilliantly to this being combined with going for a night out – seriously, he thought! I told him I'd had the same thought some months ago.

A church like St Mary's serves various functions, but foremost it is a place of prayer. On Tuesday a group who have been faithfully meeting here monthly, for no less than 18 years, came to pray... whether it's groups of students or people working locally or those who know St Mary's as a spiritual home with a rich sense of God's presence drawing them here to pray, I'd love to do all I can to make that more and more of a reality...the tourist and visitor seeing a church where people come because they love to pray, sensing God drawing them into His presence.

*Tom Gillman*

## **PLEASE NOTE THAT SERVICES UNTIL 9 SEPTEMBER ARE**

**Sunday 10.45am Parish Communion**

**Sunday 6.30pm Evening Prayer**

**Thursday 1.15pm Holy Communion**

### **NEW ADMINISTRATOR**

Di Illsley has now started in the office and works 10.00 – 2.00pm Monday to Friday. She comes with a wealth of experience and we are delighted to have her.

### **INSIGHT MEETING: Money – Good or Evil?**

15 August, St Nic's Church, Maid Marian Way, 12 -1.30pm. Chris Sheldon, chief executive will speak about Kingdom Bank, a Christian bank with a difference based in Nottingham. To challenge our thinking and explore how money be used for good. Buffet lunch provided, RSVP [lensimmonds@aol.com](mailto:lensimmonds@aol.com)

### **QUIET DAY – 1 September**

All welcome to join with the 2nd Thursday prayer group's day of silent meditation at Sacrista Prebend, Southwell, 10am - 4pm. To be led by Angela Ashwin on the theme 'Light touch, Deep Wisdom: Insights from the Desert Fathers and Mothers'. Cost between £20 - £25, bring a packed lunch. Contact Margaret Wiedemann [mjwh57@gmail.com](mailto:mjwh57@gmail.com) or 0115 941 3922. (New members are also very welcome at the monthly group meeting.)

### **REAL LIFE COURSE**

Discipleship course designed to envision, empower and equip God's people in making the life-long journey of following-after Christ. Three ten-week blocks (Life CORE, Life CREDO and Life STORY), which in their own different ways will look at ten aspects of discipleship that emerge from the teaching and example of Jesus in Luke 9. To hear more watch 'Real LIFE discipleship course' on youtube. It begins in week of 24 September, and running on Tuesdays at St Giles, West Bridgford NG2 6AY and Wednesdays at St Margaret's, Aspley NG8 5GE

### **CONFIRMATION**

**Please discuss with Tom if you think this might be the right time for you -**

**Deanery Confirmation service is 6pm on Sunday 18 November, here at St Mary's.**

**10:45am Eucharist  
Celebrant/Preacher:  
Rev'd Tom Gillum**

**Readings:  
2 Samuel 11.1-15  
John 6.1-21**

**Hymns**

**6:30pm Evensong  
Officiant/Preacher:  
Rev'd Tom Gillum**

**Readings:  
Job 19.1-27  
Luke 11.1-13**

**Hymns**

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever Amen

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Please continue to pray for

Estelle Barks

Debbie Butler

Simon Clark

Daniel Hanson

Pauline Miller

Harry Palmer

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