



This week at St Mary's Sunday 19 August 2018

Today (Wednesday) is the Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It happens also to be the anniversary of my father's death in 2010 and I am taken back to the campsite outside Geneva where we were, on our way back from Italy. My brother phoned to tell me he had had a heart attack and died instantly. Also, a couple of days ago, I heard that my mother's hitherto remarkably good health was a little less certain. So for me a day with some mixed emotions.

Paul McCartney denied that his reference to Mother Mary in the 1970 Beatles' song 'Let it Be' was to Jesus' mother, although a lot of people may well have assumed that it was she who had comforted him at his own mother's death, as a 14 year old.

I have spent time meditating on some of the Bible texts associated with the Blessed Virgin. For me the striking thing about her is the way she always seems to deflect attention away from herself and onto her son. Elizabeth her cousin had told her God's blessing rested on her because of her trust in God to fulfil what had been spoken to her through the Angel Gabriel. Mary's 'blessedness' is directly connected to her believing that the baby in her womb is exactly who God has told her He is and of her acting accordingly.

Our parents will have been the primary formative influence for most of us. When they die, it is bound to have an impact, probably a very significant one. Not at all to diminish my sense of gratitude to them, but I think being a Christian has at its heart looking first to God for identity and security. Mary shining the light on her Son takes me to where I think I need to be directed.

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

SERVICES WHEN THE CHOIR IS AWAY

Until the choir is back (9 September) the PCC decided to **locate Sunday Services** as follows:

- **Parish Eucharist** (10.45) in **the Nave** (rather than in the choir stalls as in previous years)
- **Evensong** (6.30) in **the Lady Chapel** (Chapel of the Holy Spirit.)

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 or 0115 941 3922. (New members are also very welcome at the monthly group meeting.)

RAF100/BATTLE OF BRITAIN SERVICE – 16 September

Our 10.45 Service on 16 September will be a major civic event to be followed by an inspection in Market Square outside the Council Building and then a dramatic flypast of some of the iconic RAF planes. As a county, we have proud links with the RAF, right from its founding. Early on, Hucknall became an important training centre and in the 2nd World War many stations were established in Nottinghamshire. With our long links, continuing today with 504 Squadron, it is important in this centenary year of the founding of the RAF that we mark the occasion in a special way.

NOTTINGHAM WORKPLACE CHAPLAINCY INSIGHT MEETING: 19 September

Developing a Generation of Future Leaders

12 -1.30pm at YMCA, NCVS building on Mansfield Road opposite the House of Fraser. Beth Yearsley the College's Leader will speak about the Younger Leaders College, an initiative of the diocese. The aim is to develop younger Christian leaders and also help people use their gifts and passions in shaping culture and transforming society wherever they are called to serve. The goal - 1,000 new leaders by 2023. Buffet lunch provided, RSVP lensimmonds@aol.com

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

Deanery Pilgrimage – Saturday 29 September 2018

A chance to journey together to the Minster – walking, cycling or driving – please click on the link for more information <https://www.facebook.com/events/236994490443808/> and get in touch with Kirsty Cowley Kirsty.cowley@southwell.anglican.org if you would like to be involved in helping plan the event.

SETTING GOD'S PEOPLE FREE for MONDAY TO SATURDAY - Saturday 17 November

A conference for the laity at The Minster School, Southwell 9.30am-4pm. Key note speaker: **Alison Coulter** - Winchester Diocese Chair of Laity, General Synod Member and Co-author of the report, Setting God's People Free.

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.

<p><u>10:45am Eucharist</u> Celebrant/Preacher: Rev'd Tom Gillum</p> <p>Hymns: 139, 122, 391, 203</p> <p>Readings: 1 Kings:2.10-12 3.3-14 : John:6. 51-58</p>	<p><u>6:30pm Evensong</u> Officiant: Rev'd Tom Gillum</p> <p>Hymns:195, 248, 207</p> <p>Readings: Ps 100 (BCP) : Exodus 2.23-3.10 : Luke 12.49-56</p>
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Please continue to pray for

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Debbie Butler

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Iris Wright

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