



This week at St Mary's Sundays 26 Aug & 2 Sep 2018

If there is a word we instinctively think we know what it means, then I'd say there's no better example than friendship. However, a little digging will reveal it's not as simple as that as friendship means different things to different people.

Friendship has attached to it a rich 'theology'. One of its clearest exponents is a German who in 1945 was held in a POW camp at Norton Camp, Cuckney. Jurgen Moltmann, now 92, was captured as the allies advanced into Germany. Tormented by memories and gnawing thoughts of what had been going on in concentration camps, Moltmann said he would rather have died than live to face what his nation had done. A US army chaplain gave him a New Testament and as he said, 'I did not find Christ, Christ found me'.

He ended up in Cuckney. The camp was run by the YMCA, and it was there that he read his first theological book. So began his life's work (he is one of the most influential theologians of the 20th Century.) He sees Christ's central command, that we love one another, most of all lived out in friendship along these lines,

- Being present to another human, with a sensitivity and open heartedness.
- An offering of self with honesty and without pretence.
- Recognition of our need of the other person.
- Willingness to allow another, as they are, to share at the heart of our life.

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 16th 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 26 August</u></p> <p>Celebrant: Rev Tom Gillum</p> <p>Hymns: 199, 135, 115, 394 Readings: Ps 84 : John 6. 56-69</p>	<p><u>6:30pm Evensong 26 August</u></p> <p>Officiant: Rev Helen Hall</p> <p>Hymns: 106, 12, 394 Readings: Ps 116 : Exod. 4.27-5.1 : Luke 13.10-17</p>
<p><u>10.45am Eucharist 2 September</u></p> <p>Celebrant/Preacher: Rev John Vincent</p> <p>Hymns: 143, 166, 95, 172 Readings: Mark 7.1-8, 14-15, 21-23</p>	<p><u>6.30 Evensong 2 September</u></p> <p>Officiant: Rev Helen Hall</p> <p>Hymns: 149, 174, 296 Readings: Ps 119 1-16 : Exod. 12.21-27 : Matthew 4.23-5.12</p>

Please continue to pray for

Estelle Barks

Debbie Butler

Daniel Hanson

Pauline Miller

Harry Palmer

Iris Wright

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