



***This week at St Mary's      Sunday 9 September 2018***

**Light Touch, Deep Wisdom: Second Thursday Group Quiet Day**

"In the desert you discover your true name, and God calls you by that name"  
(Alessandro Pronzato).

The Desert Fathers and Mothers of the 4th and 5th centuries retreated into harsh and unwelcoming landscapes in order to escape the clutter of life in the Roman Empire, where Christianity was now the established religion.

Last Saturday, twelve people met for a Quiet Day at Sacrista Prebend, in which Lay Canon Angela Ashwin opened our eyes to the richness of Desert writing, inviting us to take its insights into our own spiritual lives.

Desert practices that seem alien to us, such as standing with arms outstretched from sunset to sunrise, meant for them not just a physical discipline but also the mental challenge of being awake through the pitch-black hours of night, facing the things that are unfaceable, whatever those are for you.

Something that resonates strongly with us now is the concern of the Fathers and Mothers for individual needs within the community: they mentored each other and gave gentleness and physical comfort to those of their number who were ill. When violence threatened them, they took refuge, but the former bandit Abba Moses would remain outside, in penance for the slaughter in his previous life.

The model of a personal journey within a loving and sometimes demanding community is one we can all bring into our spiritual lives today.

Margaret Wiedemann

## **Weekly Services from 9 September 2018**

**Sunday 10.45am Parish Communion**

**Sunday 6.30pm Evening Prayer**

**Wednesday 8.30am Holy Communion**

**Wednesday 6.15pm Evensong**

**Thursday 1.15pm Holy Communion**

### **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 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](mailto: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 runs 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](mailto: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.

### 10:45 Sung Eucharist 9 September

**Celebrant: Rev Tom Gillum**

*Palestrina Missa Brevis*

*Jesu! the very thought is sweet* Wood

**Hymns: 96, 113, 263(i), 402**

**Readings: James 2.1-10, 14-17  
: Mark 7.24-end**

### 6:30pm Evensong 9 September

**Officiant: Rev Tom Gillum**

*Responses Clucas Psalm 119*

*Brewer in D vv.49-56*

*My soul, there is a country* Parry

**Hymns: 123(ii), 8, 117 (t.Billing)**

**Readings: Exodus 14.5-end  
: Matthew 6.1-18**

**Please remember in your prayers...**

**Iris Wright**, who was a much loved member of St Mary's Church, died on Thursday 30 August in the Queen's Medical Centre, following a long period of ill health.

Iris worked quietly behind the scenes for many years, tirelessly helping prepare for many of the church events and services.

She was a keen member of the church flower arranging team and spent many quiet hours perfecting lovely flower arrangements which we've all had the opportunity to appreciate over the years. The flowers in the church today are in memory of our friend.

Iris was a dedicated member of our congregation and will be greatly missed.

Funeral arrangements are to be announced.

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**Please continue to pray for**

Estelle Barks

Debbie Butler

Daniel Hanson

Pauline Miller

Harry Palmer

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