



This week at St Mary's Sunday 30 September 2018

WILL YOU JOIN IN PRAYING FOR £47,000?

This is not because there is a financial crisis. Jean, our Treasurer has estimated there will be a deficit of some £37,000 between income and outgoings for 2018, and I'm sure we'd all want to avoid this if possible, indeed end up with a small surplus, hence £47,000.

Prayer is, I am sure, the right context for us to start. Perhaps for some, we don't think of money as a 'spiritual' issue. Well, isn't 'give us this day our daily bread' a prayer for God to give us all we need, money included? A lot of Jesus' teaching is about money, the many dangers lurking under its stones (ie covetousness, avarice and greed) and positively, a freedom that comes when we choose to be 'rich unto God', our money thereby taking second fiddle.

£47,000 might at first seem quite a big sum. I find when I pray about it, the perspective changes. £47,000 for the God of heaven- very 'do-able'! It's up to God to gather it as He decides, the gifts from those with the least to spare the most precious, but all contributing. In praying, I feel I can trust, that however much or little may or may not come in, it's fine. We may end up having to use up part of our historic reserves, regrettable, as that means there's less for the future.

Almost as though said with a smile on His face, I imagine God looking at me, saying, 'So, are you planning to contribute anything, to be part of the answer to your own prayer?' That puts me on the spot a bit! When I've recovered my balance, I decide to turn it back to God. 'It's all your money', I say, knowing that to be true, 'so how much of it would you like me to give to St Mary's'? I think about our money and allow a figure to come into my mind. As generosity is one of the hallmarks of the Christian, I let that influence the figure. Conscious that sloth (procrastination, postponing and delay) will rear its head, the sooner I get on and write the cheque, the better.

We're getting more organised to make it easier for people to give to St Mary's, and in a tax efficient way. We are organising 'Contactless' giving, a 'Donate' section on the website – some churches let you give by text. Getting all that organised will be another part of how we can be an answer to our own prayer.

Tom Gillman

10:45 Sung Eucharist 30 September

Celebrant: Rev Tom Gillum

**Trinity 18
Mendelssohn *Missa Brevis*
O salutaris hostia Elgar**

Hymns 20, NEH 490, 262, 138

**Readings: James 5.13-end
Mark 9.38-end**

6:30pm Choral Evensong 23 September

Officiant: Rev Tom Gillum

***Responses* Leighton *Psalm* 121
Murrill in E
Antiphon Leighton**

Hymns 353, 136, 10

**Readings: Exodus 24
Matthew 9.1-8**

Weekly Services from 19 September 2018

Sunday 10.45am Sung Eucharist

Sunday 6.30pm Choral Evensong

Wednesday 8.30am Holy Communion (apologies NOT 3 October)

Wednesday 6.15pm Choral Evensong

Thursday 1.15pm Holy Communion

Harvest Service is Sunday 7 October

St Mary's looks forward to receiving Harvest Thanksgiving donations. which as usual will go towards supporting efforts at Emmanuel House. They are in urgent need of tinned produce – tomatoes, beans, meats (chopped ham & pork is especially high in protein!), together with socks, hats, blankets etc. All generously given and gratefully received.

Winter Shelter

Emmanuel House Manager, Viv Dickinson, reports ...'The Winter Shelter opens on 8 October' and we are in need of volunteers to help us run a safe and smooth experience for each and every individual who requires shelter this winter. There are different types of volunteer roles (preparing simple meals, checking-in guests, help set-up/take-down) which can be found on our website at

<https://www.emmanuelhouse.org.uk/volunteer-at-the-winter-shelter>

or call 0115 950 7140'



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### **NOTTINGHAM WORKPLACE CHAPLAINCY INSIGHT MEETING: Wed 17 October: What Triggers Homelessness**

Welcome: this is your chance to understand **WHAT TRIGGERS HOMELESSNESS**. The Friary's chief executive, Sam Crawford, will give us an **INSIGHT** into 'Why are the homeless homeless?', 'Who are they?' and 'Why people sleeping on the streets?'. We will also hear what is being done about tackling poverty caused by homelessness and unemployment and the work that is also being done to put people in a good position to rebuild their lives. Our host is **ACAS East Midlands** in the Dean Room at Apex Court, City Link NG2 4LA on the BBC Island London Road. The meeting time is **12.30pm – 2.00pm** - A buffet lunch is provided - to help with the catering arrangements please email: [lensimmonds@aol.com](mailto:lensimmonds@aol.com) to confirm your attendance.

**SETTING GOD'S PEOPLE FREE for MONDAY TO SATURDAY – Sat 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.

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IRIS WRIGHT's Funeral – Monday 1 October 12.30 Bramcote Crematorium, with a buffet afterwards at the Bestwood Lodge Hotel to which all are welcome

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**Please continue to pray for**

Estelle Barks

Debbie Butler

Daniel Hanson

Pauline Miller

Harry Palmer

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