



This week at St Mary's Sunday 4 November 2018

GIVING EMMANUEL HOUSE MY CHRISTMAS PRESENT

Have you had your first Christmas card yet? The question seems ridiculous, but the shops are already filling up with Christmas goods and thoughts start to turn to what Christmas presents to buy family and friends.

It's great fun to see a child opening a longed-for present. It's wonderful when you can tell that a gift has really made a difference and been appreciated by someone.

Whilst finding the right gift for younger family is a continuing joy, for some of us as we get older, being asked to list presents which we ourselves would like to receive becomes more difficult. Not another ornament! More handkerchiefs! Another box of chocolates!

This year, could the solution be to ask family and friends for a different sort of present; a donation to a favourite charity?

In St Mary's, we have for some years supported Emmanuel House, our local hardworking homelessness charity who will be manning their night shelter throughout the winter months as well as providing much need practical support and advice to some of the most vulnerable in our society throughout the year.

So this year, when family and friends ask "What would you really like for Christmas?" why not **request a donation to Emmanuel House?**

We have already raised about £3,000 for the work of Emmanuel House this year; let's see whether by diverting our own gifts to their cause or by personal donation, we can make that sum considerably greater. I have volunteered to co-ordinate our donation, so as a congregation, we can see how much we can do to support the work of Emmanuel House. Please contact me if you feel able to help.

When we celebrate with family and friends at Christmas, we will also be celebrating the spreading of God's love to the vulnerable in our society through the good work of our friends at Emmanuel House.

BETH MITCHELL

Remembrance Sunday Services 11 November

Please note the Remembrance Service will start at **10.45** (not 10.55)

6.30pm - Communion Service with opportunity to remember loved ones who have recently (or not so recently) died. Do get the word out to people you know might appreciate this opportunity.

PLEASE FILL IN A REMEMBRANCE PRAYER REQUEST FORM OR GIVE THE NAME TO TOM

Praying for £47,000 Please join with us in praying that we will more than bridge the gap of the 2018 projected deficit (see TWASM 30/9/18). If you feel you would like to be part of the answer to these prayers by either making a one-off donation, or by setting up or increasing a Standing Order to St Mary's, this would be very much appreciated. Forms including a Gift Aid facility are now available.

Verdi: REQUIEM Saturday 10 November 7.30pm here at St Mary's

This promises to be a stunning performance by The Choir of St Mary's and Orchestra of the Restoration, directed by John Keys. Please see the posters. Tickets £15 (£13 con) Unreserved from Nottingham Tourism Centre 08444 775 678 or Windblowers 0115 941 0543

Threads Through Revelation has been touring cathedrals during the last three and a half years and its final destination is Southwell! This amazing 14 panel exhibition by Jaqui Parkinson is probably the largest work of textile art by a single artist in the world. An estimated 700,000 people have been to view it, provoking discussion and interest in the most challenging book of the New Testament. It will be in the Quire of the Minster from 16 October to 30 November. Please tell your friends and come see!

The live auction at St Mary's Church in the Lace Market of the decorated Hoodwinked robins that have been around the city centre for the last couple of months raised £133,300 gross for the Nottinghamshire Hospice. Well done all!

Raising Aspiration in Schools Today is the topic for the next Nottingham Workplace Chaplaincy **INSIGHT** meeting on **Wed 21 November 12-1.30** Footballer **Jermaine Jenas** is a partner with Aquinas Education which is based right here in Nottingham. He grew up in Nottingham and realises the importance of education through his own experiences and beliefs. Managing Director, **Craig Anderson** will also give an INSIGHT into Aquinas Education – a unique education recruitment agency and will explain how they promote the positive meaning of the phrase ‘to be ambitious’. Our host is Capital One on Station Street NG2 3HX. You need to book a place for this event and bring some ID to show at the security desk. **Please email lensimmonds@aol.com to confirm your attendance.**

Winter Shelter.....Emmanuel House Manager, Viv Dickinson, reports that the Winter Shelter is now open, and they need volunteers to help 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 at www.emmanuelhouse.org.uk/volunteer-at-the-winter-shelter or 0115 950 7140 ...and please see our new Sock Box in the church!

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.

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**Please continue to pray for**

Estelle Barks

Debbie Butler

Daniel Hanson

Pauline Miller

Harry Palmer

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This Week's Services

Sunday 10.45am Sung Eucharist

Sunday 6.30pm Choral Evensong

Wednesday 8.30am Holy Communion

Wednesday 6.15pm Choral Evensong

Thursday 1.15pm Holy Communion

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