



***This week at St Mary's      Sunday 18 November 2018***

## **ACCOMPANYING THOSE GETTING CONFIRMED**

I am delighted that John Perry, Anais Richards and Niamh Richards will be confirmed by Bishop Paul. There are in total 48 candidates from across the deanery.

*John describes how he 'went for a walk one Sunday morning and from outside heard the magnificent choir at St Mary's. I came back the following week and have attended regularly since.'*

*Anais says, 'I want to be confirmed so that I can have a closer relationship with God, faith is important to me and I want to develop a deeper relationship.'*

*The reason Niamh wants to be confirmed is 'religion and God has always played a big part of my life, from my home life to my school life. Because of its influence, it makes me want to develop my relationship further with God so that I can move forward to being a better person and a better Christian.'*

It's a great privilege to be the 'Presenting Minister'. We've met up on a number of occasions. Reading the Bible together, talking about what it is to be a Christian, why Jesus died on the cross, about communion, prayer and a range of other things creates wonderfully strong human bonds. I hope they feel they have benefited half as much as I feel I have and I can't wait to see how their lives will develop.

'Living a new life' lies at the heart of what it is to be a Christian. The grace of Christ has opened the way for newness and transformation and the gift of the Holy Spirit, at the heart of the Confirmation Service, is how this becomes reality – along with our continuing to open our minds and hearts to all He has.

Please pray for them and the other candidates and if possible come and support them.

*Tom Gillman*

**Raising Aspiration in Schools Today** Nottingham Workplace Chaplaincy **INSIGHT** meeting on **Wed 21 November 12-1.30**. Footballer **Jermaine Jenas** grew up in Nottingham is a partner with Nottingham based Aquinas Education. He 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](mailto:lensimmonds@aol.com) to confirm your attendance.**

**Visiting Preacher David Cole – 25<sup>th</sup> November 10.45 am**

David is coming to speak on behalf of Five Talents <https://fivetalents.org> This is an Anglican Church inspired charity which speaks of a ‘different’ way of being a missionary. The charity, through local partners, makes available small loans to allow people to start new small businesses. It’s mainly operational in Sub Saharan Africa. David lives locally and there will be an **opportunity to meet him after for a Q and A over a cup of tea or coffee, so do stay for that.**

**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. **Complete one of the One Off Donations or Standing Order Forms** (on the display board behind the Donations Chest given by the Friends) to participate, and put it in one of the envelopes marked for the Treasurer.

**RAISING MONEY FOR EMMANUEL HOUSE.** Having already raised £3,000, we are trying to boost this total to over £5,000 over the Christmas period. Beth Mitchell, in her article (4 November) on our behalf, is co-ordinating donations. Please either use the **envelopes on the Donations chest** by the south entrance or **pass contributions to her**. If you choose to make your donation **directly to Emmanuel House**, please let her know of your gift.

**St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival** Saturday 8 December – Friday 21 December. This year we are again holding a Christmas tree Festival, with all profits being donated to Emmanuel House. Please spread the word to friends and family to visit our beautiful church during this period. Donations can be made either during the festival (there will be a special box) or through the parish office.

**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!

**Winter Shelter.....Emmanuel House** is now providing beds for rough sleepers, in addition to the ongoing, daily work of Emmanuel House with some of the most needy and vulnerable folk in Nottingham. As a congregation, we want to be able to support, and to demonstrate our support, for such Christian love in action. 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](http://www.emmanuelhouse.org.uk/volunteer-at-the-winter-shelter) or 0115 950 7140 ...and please see our new Sock Box in the church!

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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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