



This week at St Mary's Sunday 2 December 2018

JAHRYAH'S BRIGHT FUTURE

Hi! My name is Jahryah, I am 16 years old and I was excluded from school when I was 13 because I found it difficult to behave in school. I wasn't sure what was going to happen to me and that made me feel nervous. I arrived at Stone Soup Academy and I haven't looked back.

My attendance is now 100% and I am doing really well. I study media, construction, multi skills and sport alongside GCSE's in English and Maths and I've already achieved 2 qualifications in level 2 Media and level 1 Hairdressing. Stone Soup has really had a positive impact on me by changing my behaviour, the staff try to help me in as many ways possible. They are polite and it is very different to mainstream. I never wanted to go to my mainstream school and now I look forward to coming to Stone soup and I come all the time.

We always shake hands when we arrive and leave. The teachers always discuss the future and what I can do which really helps and we earn money for our behaviour and attendance which is just like the real world.

I have really enjoyed my time at Stone Soup Academy and to be honest I will miss it when I leave but without Stone Soup I wouldn't have become the person that I am today, a person with a bright future.

Kerrie Henton the Principal writes:

The Stone Soup Academy is an Alternative Provision Free School based in High Pavement that opened in September 2012 as part of The Stone Soup Project. In May 2014 it was rated 'Outstanding' by Ofsted.

Our school works with local schools and local authorities to ensure that students who fail to thrive in a mainstream school environment have a genuine educational alternative.

We believe that every young person should have the opportunity to succeed by being motivated and inspired. With this as a foundational belief, we aim to develop young people into unique, responsible, discerning members of society with a sense of their own value and our school is structured to nurture the social development of all the young people we work with.

RAISING MONEY FOR EMMANUEL HOUSE. Having already raised £3,000 this year, we are aiming to boost this to over £5,000 in the run up to Christmas. See Beth Mitchell's article (4 November,) she 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...

...and also there will be **SPECIAL REFRESHMENTS ON 2 DECEMBER** after the morning service, real coffee, homemade cakes, and Christmas cards (100% of the £1 price goes to Emmanuel House - they have been designed, produced and sponsored with love at St Mary's) will be part of our final push - as a church - to raise this £5000 for Emmanuel House.

Please come prepared to enjoy and to give generously!

Winter Shelter – Emmanuel House is now providing beds for rough sleepers, in addition to the ongoing, daily work, with some of the most needy and vulnerable folk in Nottingham. As a congregation, we want to be able to support, and 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, helping with set-up/take-down) which can be found at www.emmanuelhouse.org.uk/volunteer-at-the-winter-shelter or 0115 950 7141 ... and please contribute to our new Sock Box in St Mary's!

DENIS TULLY, Emmanuel House's Chief Exec, is preaching at the 10.45 Service on 9 December.

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.

HELPING ON SUNDAY MORNINGS. We need to increase the number of people who help by preparing the Altar Table on a Sunday morning. It would involve arriving at about 10.00 and getting everything out and arranged. Simple training. Please could you contact Di if you'd like to consider it.

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.

Silver Smartie Appeal From Advent Sunday tubes of Smarties will be available for members of the congregation to collect 20p pieces in aid of the Overseas Committee support of Five Talents, CARF, and our CMS partners.

Advent & Christmas Services

Sunday 2 Dec 6.30pm Advent Carols and Procession
Friday 21 Dec 1pm Lace Market Carol Service
Monday 24 Dec 7pm Christmas Eve Nine Lessons & Carols
Monday 24 Dec 11.30pm Midnight Communion
Tuesday 25 Dec 10.45am Christmas Day Sung Eucharist

Community Services at St Mary's

Tuesday 4 December 7pm Belters Choir for Emmanuel House
Wednesday 5 December 4pm Notts Hospice Light Up A Life Carols
Thursday 6 December 7.30pm Nottingham University Carol Service
Tuesday 11 December 6.30pm Nottingham Civic Service
Wednesday 19 December 7.30pm Nottingham High School Carol Service

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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 Advent Procession

Wednesday 8.30am Holy Communion

Wednesday 6.15pm Choral Evensong

Thursday 1.15pm Holy Communion



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