



This week at St Mary's Sunday 20 January 2019

Bishop Paul (and his wife Sarah) was with us on Sunday morning. Here is a summary of what he said – the full text is on our website and available on paper.

When God affirmed Jesus Christ in front of others (at the Baptism) saying, 'You are my Son' – you are worth everything to me and I'm so proud of you', Jesus Christ's unique identity and worth was revealed in front of others. , It reveals our value too – God has never made a person he didn't love.

St Mary's exists to give glory to God in the centre of this city, creating a place where people can discover their true value to God: homeless, business people, those serving in civic life, in arts and creative industries, students, school children, tourists, late-night revellers, early-morning survivors of late-night revelling, friends, strangers, enemies, the broken and hurting, the seriously successful. The purpose and plan behind establishing as a parish is that St Mary's might play its full part in the mission of God in the heart of this city.

Priorities for the future will include *new worshipping services* that are wildly creative, innovative and enterprising; *becoming a centre of prayer for the nations*, with a rhythm of prayer all through the week; *increasing the opportunities for Christian education*, as a place where people can explore the faith and in strengthening family life and relationships; *extending hospitality and friendship* – with a clear sense of being the principal Anglican church in the city; and *above all telling the story of Jesus* – through music, the arts, and through skilled communicators of the faith – to thousands who have never heard it or seen its relevance to life today.

To make this fruitful journey, he suggested five simple things. 1. *Learning to value each other as God values us.* 2. *Being creative and courageous in our planning, and soaking it in prayer.* 3. *Being purposeful in our action, not prevaricating too long.* 4. *Being prepared to make mistakes and learn from them.* 5. *Giving the glory to God.*

St Mary's value is not the result of any special status, but the consequence of what we are becoming by the grace and truth of Christ Jesus our Lord: A church where all manner of people will wonder, worship, witness and work for the transformation of society to the glory of God. A 21st Epiphany of Christ's healing presence through his church in a broken and divided and yet still beautiful world.

Tom Gillman

**NOTTINGHAM WORKPLACE CHAPLAINCY *INSIGHT* meeting
SAVING LIVES AND SPEEDING RECOVERY.**

Wed 23 January 2019 12-1.30pm – hosted at BioCity on Pennyfoot Street NG1 1GF
Dr David Boocock, Group Leader of the Clinical Proteomics Group, will be giving us an ***INSIGHT*** into the work of the dedicated and world class scientists at the John van Geest Cancer Research Centre, a purpose-built facility on NTU's Clifton campus. The Centre incorporates state-of-the-art technologies for discovering the genetic basis of the disease and developing new methods of diagnosis and treatment. As a buffet lunch is provided please email: **lensimmonds@aol.com** to confirm your attendance.

WENDY PEARCE has just retired as the parish administrator at St Peter's. She is held in great affection by us having done a lot of work for St Mary's over the years and we wish her our very best as she enters this next chapter of her life. A presentation will be made to her during St Peter's morning service on Sunday 27th January. Card to sign and contributions for a gift are invited.

ARCHDEACON SARAH'S LEAVING GIFT. Contributions can be sent to Nigel Spraggins at Jubilee House, clearly marked for the Archdeacon's farewell gift. Cheques payable to "Southwell & Nottingham Diocesan Board of Finance". Online payments to Sort code is 30 96 18 A/c no 02919360 ref "Archdeacon's gift". Or via card details, emailed to finance@southwell.anglican.org or phone Caz Thornton on 01636 817215.

TOM'S HIP REPLACEMENT is to be done on 23 January. More details to follow as to service and pastoral cover while he is convalescing.

This is also an ideal opportunity to consider volunteering for stewardship in the short term over the next few weeks, especially Wednesdays, so we can ensure St Mary's is open for visitors! Please see Duncan or Di at the earliest and avoid the rush!

PATRONAL FESTIVAL SUNDAY 3 FEBRUARY

On Sunday February 3rd we'll be celebrating our Patronal Festival with two fine choral services. Matins [10.45am] will feature the Te Deum and Jubilate settings by Stanford along with the anthem Senex puerum portabat (The Old Man Carried the Child...) by Byrd. The mass setting for Solemn Eucharist [6.30pm] will be by Alessandro Taddei da Gandria and this will be accompanied in style by The English Cornett and Sackbut Ensemble. Everyone is welcome.

NOTTINGHAM LIGHT NIGHT FRIDAY 8 FEBRUARY

St Mary's will again be participating in Nottingham's annual Light Night which typically attracts thousands of people through the doors.

There will be music by the Choir of St Mary's 7-9.30pm.

As usual, we will need a number of volunteers to help with stewarding, welcoming and serving refreshments from 6pm – 10pm. We will be preparing a rota so you don't have to do the same duty all evening. Whether you can help for the whole evening or just one hour, your support would be greatly appreciated. Please let Ed Mills (edwardmills1@hotmail.com) or Rachel Farrand (farrand.rachel@btinternet.com) know if you are able to help.

CONCERT SATURDAY 23 FEBRUARY 7.30PM

Oboe Concerto and 'Harmonie-Messe' Haydn

Piano Concerto No 3 Beethoven

Daniel Fawcett oboe, Isata Kanneh-Mason *piano*

The Choir of St Mary's

Orchestra of the Restoration *directed by* John Keys

Tickets from www.trybooking.co.uk/HRC

Nottingham Tourism Centre 1-4 Smithy Row NG1 2BY 08444 775 678

Windblowers 75-77 Derby Road Nottm NG1 5BA 0115 941 0543 (cash/cheque)

Unreserved seats – early booking essential for this spectacular performance!

VESTRY REDECORATION

The painting and restoration is now complete in the Vestry and it is looking splendid. Once the flooring has been done, the room can be furnished for its new incarnation.

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**Please continue to pray for**

Estelle Barks

Debbie Butler

Daniel Hanson

Pauline Miller

Harry Palmer

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**A very warm welcome to all our regular worshippers
and those visiting St Mary's this week**

This Week's Services

Sunday 10.45am Sung Eucharist

Sunday 6.30pm Evensong

Wednesday 6.15pm Choral Evensong

Thursday 1.15pm Holy Communion

Please note that **WEDNESDAY 8.30am COMMUNION**
is **suspended** until further notice.



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