



This week at St Mary's Sunday 27 January 2019

HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT. IN OUR COMMUNITIES.

Modern day slavery is one of the ugliest blots on our world today. The most visible expressions are found in the car washes and nail bars. More hidden can be the adults and children trapped in poverty, forced to work against their will, some in illegal activities, eg drugs and sex 'trades'. Criminality at its most ruthless and ugly.

More than 200 years after the abolition of the slave trade there are still an estimated 40.3 million men, women and children trapped in modern slavery, at least 13,000 potential victims in the UK alone.

'Hidden in plain sight. In our communities', so states the Clewer Initiative. Clewer was set up by the Archbishop's Council to *'enable dioceses and wider church networks to develop strategies for detecting modern slavery in their communities and help provide victim support and care.'* <https://www.theclewerinitiative.org>

I was at a meeting recently discussing how in Nottingham the church might step up to the mark to help end this blight on our world. I heard how criminal gangs target the homeless. Someone present knew a foreigner lured over here with his family only to find himself in bottom end, sub-standard accommodation and trapped in poverty. It was impossible not to come away with a sense of urgency. Indeed, 'Hidden in plain sight. In our communities'.

Clewer is confident that the tools to end modern slavery already exist within the local community, and looks to the Church, present in all communities and at the heart of many, to take a primary responsibility in leading these efforts.

Whilst it will need careful thought and working closely with others, the priority is to inform, motivate and empower the church together and as individuals to arise and engage. Each of us can start today. Look at Clewer's website; phone 020 7898 1792; get the Car Wash App; sign up to their newsletter.

Tom Gillman

Please give a very warm welcome to the Reverends who have kindly agreed to conduct services this week in Tom's absence – with blessings and gratitude from all at St Mary's.

Rev Jo Tatum	Sunday	27 Jan 10.45am
Rev Michael Phillips	Sunday	27 Jan 6.30pm
Rev Ian McCormack	Wednesday	30 Jan 6.15pm
Rev John Vincent	Thursday	31 Jan 1.15pm

New Church Electoral Roll

Every six years we are required to prepare a new Electoral Roll. All persons who wish to have their names entered on the new Roll, whether their names are entered on the present roll or not, are requested to apply for enrolment **not later than 17 March 2019**. Forms are available on the table by the South Porch. Once completed please put in the box provided. If you fail to complete and submit this form by the due date you will not be included on the new Electoral Roll for this year.

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 today Sunday 27 January. Card to sign and contributions for a gift are invited (by South Porch).

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 absence (he is recovering well after his hip operation) is 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, or sign up by the South Porch, and avoid the rush! The kindness of all our volunteers is most appreciated.

PATRONAL FESTIVAL SUNDAY 3 FEBRUARY

On Sunday 3 February 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.

Nottingham Workplace Chaplaincy *INSIGHT* Meeting

You are welcome to join us on **Wednesday 20 February 12-1.30pm** at the **Malt Cross on St James's Street**.

"Who is wise? - the person who learns from all the people."

Our communities and workplaces comprise people of different faiths and cultural backgrounds. The challenge we all have is *'understanding'* and *'learning'* about each other's ideas and ways of life, so as to be able to respect the distinctiveness of different traditions within our communities and organisations. Nottingham's very own *Inter Faith Council* was set up to help with just that. **Godfrey Nix**, will give an ***INSIGHT*** into how this local charity actually encourages local people to get to know each other in and beyond their communities and places of work.

A buffet lunch is provided so to help with the catering arrangements please email: lensimmonds@aol.com to confirm your attendance.

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!

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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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