



This Week at St Mary's

Sunday 3 February 2019

THANK YOU, THANK YOU – I'M NOT GOING TO FORGET

Thank you all so much for the many messages of goodwill I have received. I am extremely grateful.

I'm not going to give a detailed report – hip replacements are routine these days and the experience of those who have them is normally extremely positive. I went into the Nottingham Treatment NHS Centre at 1.00pm on Wednesday for the operation and Joanna collected me at 1.00pm two days later. Policy insisted I leave in a wheelchair. Admittedly there was a carrier bag full of pills and syringes to take, but I'm sure with the help of my crutches I could have walked out. Amazing, compared to how it was when my mother had her new hip, 25 years ago.

I want to say a huge thank you to the NHS – it's quite hard to know how to do that. The surgeon was brilliant, the facility was state of the art, the care I received was exceptional, the food was good, everything worked. The Alexander McCall Smith Mma Ramotswe books proved ideal companions.

Since coming out, I have been recovering at home, doing my physio, taking my meds and working out how much it's sensible to do. All things being equal, by the end of February I should be well on the way to recovery, as people have said to me, 'skipping about'.

Gratitude and memory go hand in hand. I can see how easy it would be for me to enjoy life with my new hip, forgetting that without it I'd not able to walk and (had I lived 100 years ago) been in constant pain. I want regularly to remember and be deeply grateful for what I've been given.

This touches on how (not just) young people today have not been brought close to the 'big' things which build memory. History soon becomes optional on the school curriculum, few learn the stories, songs and poems of the church, etc. Easy to end up just with memories created in our lifetime, and so we will miss many really important things for which we should often be saying, thank you.

Tom Gillman

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

Canon Eddie Neale	Sunday	3 Feb	10.45am
Canon Alan Hargrave	Sunday	3 Feb	6.30pm
Rev Ian McCormack	Wednesday	6 Feb	6.15pm
Rev Jo Tatum	Thursday	7 Feb	1.15pm
Rev Tors Ramsey	Sunday	10 Feb	10.45am
Rev Helen Hall	Sunday	10 Feb	6.30pm
Rev Ian McCormack	Wednesday	13 Feb	6.15pm
Rev John Vincent	Thursday	14 Feb	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.

FROM WENDY...

'Would you please pass on my sincere thanks for the kind words and very generous gift from St Mary's congregation. I really appreciate their recognition of the times we worked together. As I said on Sunday it has been a privilege to work in the office and share in the ministry to the city and beyond. Regards Wendy Pearce.'

VESTMENTS REVIEW

Hilary and Di are taking the opportunity to review the Church Vestments during the Vestry renovation and would like to put a working party together to meet and assess, categorise, renovate, archive, edit and catalogue. They would welcome any input at all from those with historical knowledge, practical skills or indeed any interest at all in this fascinating project.

CLERGY AND STEWARDSHIP COVER

Tom's absence 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 and avoid the rush!

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 - please email: lensimmonds@aol.com to confirm.

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 Matins

Sunday 6.30pm Patronal Festival Solemn Eucharist

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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