



This week at St Mary's Sunday 10 February 2019

NEW YEAR CITY PRAYER NETWORK GATHERING AT ST MARY'S

Before a big flight, birds often flock together to feed, bond, gather strength and wait for the stirring of the wind to take them on their journey. As we start a new year, we're gathering to build each other up and to wait on the Lord in prayer - inviting the wind of the Spirit to move us forward in His purposes for our city.

So was the scene set for the gathering we hosted on the evening of 3rd January. Organised by the City Prayer Network, and with Steve Silvester, our area Dean, leading the evening, several hundred participated in what for me was a wonderfully memorable evening.

CPN is a group of Christians from various denominations in Nottingham who gather monthly at 7.00am to pray for our city. One of the distinctive aspects of this group is the palpable unity underlying it. We were excited that the evening of prayer and worship to mark the beginning of 2019 was to take place in St Mary's.

The beautiful space at St Mary's proved a wonderful setting and was used imaginatively and to the full. Chairs had been arranged so that the transepts, as well as the chancel were filled. The evening was broken into 3 sections: Gathering, Thankfulness & Anticipation; Consecration & Authority; and Preparation for the Journey – Prayer & Declaration. There was also opportunity to move to different parts of the church and pray on our own e.g. to the font as a focus of our authority in Christ. Towards the end of the evening Bishops Paul and Tony were available to anoint us with oil as a symbol of the Holy Spirit at work in and through us.

It is easy to become so accustomed to one way of "doing church" that we can overlook the diversity within the Body of Christ. This was an occasion to celebrate a more informal approach with contemporary music and very participative prayer for various aspects of life in Nottingham including education and crime. It was an occasion to reflect on what each of us can do, individually and corporately, to bring Gods love and hope to those around us and to our city.

Joanna Gillum

JOB VACANCIES AT ST MARY'S

- Events Co-ordinator
- Communications co-ordinator

Precise hours to be discussed, the Communications position is likely to be approximately 6 hours per week, and the Events position approximately 10 hours per week, each £12 per hour. Both roles could be carried out by the same person. Please email Di Illsley at admin@stmarynotts.org for details. Applications to be submitted by 22 February, interviews the following week. To discuss please call Tom Gillum 07825 041 432.

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.

VOLUNTEERS

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

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

Rick Savage

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The Parish of St. Mary's in the Lace Market, Nottingham, hopes to be a significant Place of Hospitality - a place where the hospitality of God can be encountered by all, regardless of gender, income, marital status, sexual orientation, nationality, disability, race or age.
For people who visit every day; for people who may visit once in their lives; for the young and old; worshippers and pilgrims; historians and tourists... **Welcome!**

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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