



This week at St Mary's Sunday 24 February 2019

UNITING BEHIND AN INSPIRING VISION

You will remember that last summer we made the exciting announcement that St Mary's was one of the churches awarded 'Strategic Development Funding'. Before the funding will be released, a development plan needs to be in place, and we have been working on this with the Bishop's team.

Over the past few weeks, small working groups have been meeting to consider different areas of potential development for St Mary's. Each group has included members of St Mary's but has drawn more widely. The five groups are

- New ways in **prayer**
- **Worship** which is more '**family friendly**'
- Mission initiatives within **the city**
- Ministry with the **Lace Market and Creative Quarter**
- Use of our **church building**.

In early March, the Bishop's Steering Group (our representatives are Tony Mitchell, Lorna Richardson, Ed Mills and me) will meet again to reflect on an interim basis on these small working group discussions. Our hope is that clear themes will be beginning to emerge, so that when each working group meets again, there can be more focused discussion within the emerging broader context. There will then be important work on more practical implications, timelines, staffing needs, etc so that when the PCC comes to consider, they can be as fully briefed as possible to make decisions.

It's clearly an important as well as an exciting time for St Mary's. Please would you pray that through this process we do indeed discern what the right priorities should be? It's going to be vital that we have an inspiring vision of what the new will be. There is the pragmatic and logical side, that the proposals stack up, but also there needs to be great sensitivity so that we are, as St Paul would say, 'in step with the Holy Spirit'. We will want to end up with a few specific things we are developing, to make sure we do them well, giving everything of our best.

Tom Gillman

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

Rev Paulina Hlawiczka	Sunday	24 Feb	10.45am
Rev Ian McCormack	Sunday	24 Feb	6.30pm
Rev Stephen Morris	Wed	27 Feb	6.15pm
Rev Jean Lamb	Thursday	28 Feb	1.15pm
Rev Amanda Lees	Sunday	3 Mar	10.45am
Canon Alan Hargrave	Sunday	3 Mar	6.30pm

Catch up!

The Songs of Praise team visited St Mary's recently to film Aled Jones and our very own Robin Hood, where Aled discovers that Robin's unique brand of social justice may have sprung from a strong Christian faith. The Albert Hall, Nottingham Caves and the charities Pulp Friction and Care After Combat are also featured. It is due to be televised today, 24 Feb, at 1.15pm on BBC1 or catch up on iplayer.

Overseas Committee

The Shrove Tuesday pancake party will take place at St Peter's Coffee Room at 6.30 pm on Tuesday 5 March. There will be a sign up sheet in church to give us an idea of numbers to cater for, but otherwise please just come along on the night. Donations will be collected at the event and will go towards Christian Aid, CARF and our CMS partners

Ash Wednesday Service 6 March 7.30pm

All are welcome to this special evening Sung Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes. Featuring the Choir of St Mary's conducted by Musical Director and Organist John Keys.

Legal Service 10 March 10.45am

This is always one of the annual highlights at St Mary's, and this year Nicholas Ebbs, High Sheriff of Nottinghamshire, has departed from the usual format in spectacular fashion by engaging the Hope Gospel Singers, followed by a luncheon for the entire congregation. We look forward to welcoming everyone.

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.

One Life Encounter Tuesday 19 March 7.30 St Peter and St Paul Hucknall Worship evening to celebrate the gift of life in all its fulness, led by Archdeacon David - theme With Humble and Contrite Hearts. Combining the best of liturgy and informality, the focus will be on both proclamation of the word and celebration of the sacraments in a creative way. Come and join in this evening of refreshment and bring friends you think would be interested.

24 March 10.45am

Adrian Chatfield will be preaching at 1045 on 24th March and also will lead a short 'workshop' on an aspect of prayer. Adrian was on the staff at St John's, Nottingham for many years, and then went on to Ridley College, Cambridge. He is now retired and lives near Ilkeston. He is very experienced at leading quiet days, retreats and the like. Light lunch following the service, then workshop to finish by 3.00pm. Let Tom know please if you can stay for lunch and the workshop.

THE BUSINESS OF THEATRE is the topic of the next Nottingham Workplace Chaplaincy *INSIGHT* Meeting on **Wednesday 20 March** 12-1.30pm— taking place at **The Royal Concert Hall** – Level 4 foyer. This is your chance to have *INSIGHT* into the business side of the Theatre Royal and Royal Concert Hall complex and hear how the management team has maximised the use of these fabulous assets of our city. You will also be able to see, firsthand, the changes made as a result of **The Royal Transformation Project**- all for the benefit of both theatre/concert goers and businesses community alike. A buffet lunch is provided. To help with the catering arrangements **please email: lensimmonds@aol.com** to confirm your attendance.

MUTHURAJ SWAMY's *Reconciliation* is the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book this year. A Bible study for each day of Lent, in which Swamy draws out from a wide range of passages lessons about reconciliation — its foundation, its impediments, its risks, and its heart as represented in the recurring phrase “radical openness to others”, which, the author holds, summarises “the whole essence of Christianity”.

Video focuses on chaplain's work

The latest in a series of videos focusing on the social and campaigning work carried out by churches across the diocese has been released. Produced by the Partnerships and Mission Department, it focuses on the role of the Revd Jo Tatum, Workplace Chaplain whom we are blessed to have as a regular at St Mary's It follows her during a visit to the Nottingham City Transport depot in Nottingham and now we can see her in her varied roles. Watch the video - Faith and Love in the Workplace on YouTube.

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sDtov1zaKfc&t=2s>)

Please note Di is on annual leave from 23 Feb, returning 11 March. Please leave any urgent messages on the answerphone or by email which will be redirected to Duncan during the first week, and to Tom who will be back in harness as from 4 March, during the second week. The next TWASM will be 17 March.

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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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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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