

# ***This Week at St Mary's***

**26 January 2020**

## **DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES UPDATE**

### **Hospitality**

- Full Christmas Programme, with our hosting the University, the Hospice, the Lord Mayor, the BBC, both High Schools (NGHS for the first time) for their Carol Services, as well as our own Lace Market.
- Christmas events attended by 914 under 16s and 3,392 over 16s.
- Students from Nottingham College sat their exams in the nave.
- New look 'Coffee and Cake' after the Sunday morning service.
- New banner for outside Notice Board.

### **Prayer**

- New weekly prayer meeting on Wednesdays 5.30 - 6.30pm, the focus of which is as much our city as well as St Mary's part in it.

### **Social Justice and Life at the heart of Nottingham**

- As part of our ongoing relationship with Emmanuel House, we hosted Hope Community Gospel Choir's Christmas concert.
- Aim to develop links made through the Art Project with Stone Soup Academy, Football in the Community, Radford Care Group, Framework Recovery Group and Nottingham Refugee Forum.

### **Creativity**

- Community Art Project, depicting the Christmas story in 10 parts and created by different Community groups and schools, displayed on illuminated columns in the church from Advent to Epiphany. On a number of occasions, including the Christmas Day service, attention was drawn to individual works of art.
- Christmas Tree Festival, in partnership with Spencebeck and the Creative Quarter also from Advent to Epiphany.

### **Wellbeing**

- Wellbeing in the Workplace - series of 8 workshops to start on 5<sup>th</sup> February.

### **New Ways of Worship**

- The Christmas Day Service combined in a contemporary liturgy brilliant choral music.
- The first of a St Mary's 'All Family Service' to be trialed on 2 February, Candlemas.

### **General**

- Julie Hilton, our new Operations Director came into post on 6<sup>th</sup> January.

# **A very warm welcome, especially to anyone new or visiting St Mary's**

**We are usually open between 10am and 3pm Mon-Sat  
and during services on Sunday**

## **LAST WEEK AT ST MARY'S...**

**Grant Walton preached at our 10.45 service -**

What you are looking for? Jesus offers himself as the answer - the Lamb of God who conquers sin and death, delivers us from slavery, forgives our sins, and submerges us in the Holy Spirit! Will you follow him to discover this?

**At Evensong** Tom reflected on how little detail we are given by John in his gospel about Philip's decision to follow Jesus, and how this is consistent with many contemporary stories, the emphasis being much more on our new life together and in our continuing discovery of who Jesus is and what God has done through Him

**Monday - Brenda Palmer's funeral** at which Stephen Morris officiated and James Saxby assisted. We knew it, but it was so good to hear it said, how loved Brenda had been and all she meant to so many.

**Wednesday** - Madonna and Child painting by Fra Bartolomeo restoration. Dian Hall's Conservation Report arrived confirming that urgent restoration work is needed as well as cleaning. The estimated cost is £4-5000 with a PCC resolution to move forward, and a Faculty Application is being submitted.

## **NOW AND COMING UP SOON...**

**2 FEBRUARY** - The 10.45 Service will not be a Eucharist (which will be at 6.30pm.) In the morning, we will be doing a first of a **'more family friendly' service**. Aim is to create a service with worship true to our choral tradition, but one tailored draw in new people, not least families. Candlemas procession included (one also will take place at the Eucharist.) Please invite anyone you think might be interested.

**WELLBEING AT WORK COURSE** starts 5 February (7.15 - 8.30 am.) A new initiative led by Tom, and Jo Tatum (Workplace Chaplain). As a Church we want to be part of the realities people at work face each day, so that we can discuss key topics for flourishing and well-being.

### **FRIDAY 7 FEBRUARY LIGHT NIGHT AT ST MARY'S 6-9pm**

Enjoy the ancient beauty of St Mary's church by candlelight, view some spectacular light sculptures and projection art and hear the mesmerising sounds of the choir of St Mary's with short performances throughout the evening. Team needed to welcome visitors and help the event run smoothly. If you are willing to help, either all evening or just for an hour or two, please let Ed Mills know (edwardmills1@hotmail.com)

**SATURDAY 8 FEBRUARY 7.30-9.30pm** Music by Puccini, Vasks and Fauré at St Mary's performed by Ewart Hodge (viola), the Choir of St Mary's and the Orchestra of the Restoration directed by John Keys. Tickets (unreserved) £15, £10 concessions, £5 student standby, details on website and posters.

**Sunday 23 Feb 1045.** Richard Bull, Deputy Dean of the School of Architecture, Design and the Built Environment at NTU and a Professor of Energy and Behaviour Change, is our preacher, opening up one of our world's most urgent issues today, the environmental crisis. He will speak on Nottingham's recent Climate Emergency declaration and then facilitate a discussion afterwards (over lunch - please let Di know if you can come and/or help) and on the role of Nottingham's faith community in helping the city become carbon neutral by 2028.

## Prayer Meeting

Wednesday (Vestry) 5.30-6pm  
Praying for St Mary's & Nottingham

## Upcoming Services

Sunday 10.45am Sung Eucharist  
Sunday 6.30pm Choral Evensong  
Wednesday 6.15pm Choral Evensong  
Thursday 1.15pm Holy Communion

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Please continue to pray for

Estelle Barks  
John Bowers  
John Conway  
Harry Palmer  
Mike Ridley

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