

This Week at St Mary's

16 February 2020

LIGHT NIGHT 2020

In her blog, Marysia Zipser artculturetourism.co.uk writes: *I brisked along to the beckoning St Mary's Church. Exciting music and pulsating lights adorned the churchyard, and inside, among the candle light, there was an enticing and mesmerising show of light sculptures and projected art of continuously different shapes one could walk through hither and thither. Lots of enraptured faces. I moved forward to see and hear the heavenly choir voices. What a stunning show performance throughout this ancient church!*

Light Night took place over two nights this year - Friday and Saturday. We hosted two installations, "Flock". The concert meant there was on Saturday only the one outside.

This was "Swan Song", a collaboration of Opera North's orchestra and Urban Projections, delivering an immersive audio and visual experience. Finnish composer Rautavaara's "Swans Migrating" inspired both inside and outside installations.

On Friday around 4,300 people in little more than 3 hours visited the church. Described as 'an ephemeral light installation which playfully danced through screens of mist and gauze', the artwork was the creation of Rebecca Smith (Urban Projections,) Sarah Palmer, Angus Macleod and young people from Foxwood Academy. Over four days, the young people had explored flock and migration patterns through print making and digital scanning.

Around the rest of the church, in the south transept, Nottingham Girls' High School presented a series of portraits by local primary school children depicting positive role models in their lives. Beautiful Daniel Hanson Limited designs were available for purchase and the Friends of St Mary's were busy serving refreshments and our choir gave three short concerts.

Nearly £1,500 was raised to support Emmanuel House from donations, people lighting "candles of hope" and the generous support of the Hanson family. As always, Light Night is a huge team effort - thank you to everyone, especially **Ed Mills**, who did so much to make it another great success!

**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...

SATURDAY Concert with Orchestra of the Restoration and our choir. Memorable rendering of English premiere of Vasks' Viola Concerto with then the well known majesty of Faure's Requiem.

SUNDAY James Halstead tweeted after preaching here at 1045 Service: *Jesus; "you're salt & you're light". Unrelated pics? Course not! Salt (Lev 2, 2 Chron 13) is a mark of faithful relations with God. Christians are only light if also salty. So grateful for invite to preach at StMaryNotts*

Tom preached at Evensong: *Intrigued why Mark tells us Jesus got up early and went off on his own to pray (1.35.) Seems more than personal refreshment, more likely prayer with sandwiched as it is in between contact with suffering, so takes us to His taking in Himself the pain to disempower the underlying powers - see Hebrews 5.7. What a Saviour we have!*

WEDNESDAY Visit of Nottingham University History of Art first year students to the treasures of St Mary's.

NOW AND COMING UP SOON...

Sunday 23 Feb 10.45 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. Discussion following (over lunch - please let Di know if you can come and/or help) and on how Nottingham's faith communities can help the city become carbon neutral by 2028.

Shrove Tuesday 25 February 630pm Pancake party in St Peter's Coffee Room. Organised by Overseas Committee and donations to CARF CA CMS 5 Talents and the disasters' contingent fund.

Ash Wednesday 26 Feb - 7.30pm Service of Ashing and Communion to mark the beginning of Lent

March 16 7.00pm CONCERT TO CELEBRATE THE COMMONWEALTH at Nottingham Playhouse. A spectacular night of dance and music by some of the greatest performers from Nottingham/shire. Featuring Kanneh-Masons • Xzibit • CRS - Omari & Nat • Jinda Biant • RavelleSadé Fairman • Manushi • Jerub • Jess Fisher • Take One • Hakiran & Harminder Sahota • Alfie Sharp • African Community Band • Freddie Kofi & Bridge Community Gospel Choir. Tickets: £5 www.nottinghamplayhouse.co.uk or 0115 9419419

Prayer Meeting

Every Wednesday (Vestry) 5.30-6pm

Praying for St Mary's & Nottingham

Upcoming Services

Wednesday 6.15pm Choral Evensong

Thursday 1.15pm Holy Communion

Sunday 10.45am Sung Eucharist

Sunday 6.30pm Choral Evensong

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Please continue to pray for

Estelle Barks
John Bowers
John Conway
Harry Palmer
Mike Ridley

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