

This Week at St Mary's

23 February 2020

AFRICAN PERSPECTIVES ON DAVID LIVINGSTONE

Belong Nottingham is a user-led community organisation supporting migrants and refugees. We help them reach their full potential and understand and so integrate socially and economically into their new home.

It was founded by African migrants, and so our Heritage projects have to date focussed on African migrants and visitors to Nottingham, seeking areas of common history between migrant and host communities.

Our present project explores the lives of three Africans who worked with the explorer David Livingstone. Our previous project explored the history of George Africanus, an African-born man who settled in Nottingham in the 18th century, becoming a well known businessman in the city. He is buried at St Mary's. David Livingstone was a prominent anti-slavery campaigner, and visited Newstead Abbey to write his record of the Zambezi expedition in 1864-5. He died in Africa in 1873, and his body and effects were carried 1,000 miles by a group of Africans on an epic nine month journey. Three of them visited Nottingham in 1874 because of this.

Our exhibition, currently at St Mary's, tells the extraordinary stories of Abdullah Susi, James Chumah and Jacob Wainwright. Through the project, our volunteers have visited the David Livingstone Centre in Scotland, the Royal Geographical Society in London, and learned about Heritage and Archives research and conservation, creative writing, using social media, presentation skills, and the use of video diaries. We have worked with a diverse group of volunteers from African communities now settled in the UK, as well as others in the local community and St Mary's Catholic Academy in Hyson Green.

It's great to have the exhibition at St Mary's, because of the connection with George Africanus. The exhibition will be in place until Friday the 28th of February.

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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...

African Perspectives Exhibition - on show all week - see main article.

Sunday 1045 - including christening of James Mills. What a memorable occasion as we all shared with Ed, Holly (and George) in this important moment. Thanks so much to them for the amazingly generous refreshments afterwards.

Tom reflected on *Anxiety/worry which all of us know. Let's become THANXEOUS (think plenteous, bounteous) for the gift of God's wonderful creation and esp for the riches in Christ; and let's as WARRIORS nurture courage in living the daily adventure of faith, inspired by films such as Des Hommes and Des Dieux.*

Alan Hargrave was with us in the evening. *'We never had a cross word' from the lips of a bereaved person sounds impressive, but may well reveal big 'no go' areas - just as can happen in our relationship with God. The Psalms are a priceless resource to take us to territory we should be willing to visit.*

Tuesday - Edward Byrne, our Organ Scholar, played with great distinction at St Lawrence Jewry (City of London) as part of the church's Schools Lunchtime recital series (John Keys reports).

Thursday - 170 law students from NTU did exams in the church. Some have suggested we leave the layout, putting out for the congregation bits of paper on each desk...!

NOW AND COMING UP SOON...

Please note - NTU exams will again be taking place on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and St Mary's will be closed to the public until 12.30pm on these days. Only the Vestry and Chapter House will be accessible and there will be a notice directing people to the rear (East) Vestry door.

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 5 'My work, my faith' by David Bagueley, Professor of Hearing Services, University of Nottingham - The first of a series of four lunchtime talks for Lent, in which local people will speak about the relationship between their Christian faith and their work. St Peter's Church (next to M&S). Thursdays through March at 1.00 pm. (Coffee/Tea & Biscuits available from 12.30 pm) All welcome.

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

Wednesday March 25 7.30pm The Choir of St Mary's with the English Cornett & Sackbut Ensemble perform glorious Marian music from the Renaissance, including splendours from Venice. Tickets £15, £10(conc), £5, at trybooking.co.uk/PHS, Nottm Tourism Centre 08444 77 56 78, Windblowers 0115 941 0543.

Sunday 26 April Annual Parochial Church Meeting at 12.15pm.

Prayer Meeting

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

Upcoming Services

Ash Wednesday 7.30pm Service of Ashing & Communion

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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