



This week at St Mary's

28 April 2019

Open your heart and your home to those seeking sanctuary

Host Nottingham is a small charity which provides temporary accommodation for destitute asylum seekers and newly recognised refugees with volunteer hosts in their homes in Nottingham - offering a lifeline for some vulnerable individuals. These placements are for between one week and three months and hosts are supported throughout the placements.

Why is hosting important? Those seeking asylum in the UK have experienced untold horrors in their home countries, fled their homes and travelled with great difficulty across the world to find safety here. However, when they arrive in the UK they experience the hostile environment and little or no welcome. If they have had their initial request declined (which is the case for a very high proportion of asylum seekers) and they are working on their appeal or waiting for paperwork from the Home Office, they have no support of any kind. The experience of spending some time in a home where they receive a welcome and some security is a priceless gift. We know that hosting is a weighty decision for both Hosts and Guests, but we also know that it can be life changing for both.

We are looking for more households who would like to consider sharing their home in this way.

- ***Do you have a spare room?***
- ***Is it something that you might consider?***
- ***Would you like to talk to people who are hosts and ask questions about their experience?***

We have an **Open evening on Thursday 9th May from 6 - 7.30pm** at the Sycamore Centre, 33a Hungerhill Road, NG3 4NB. You would be very welcome. If you are unable to join us on 9 May, but would like some more information or someone to come and talk through the scheme with you, please contact host at hostnottingham@gmail.com or phone 07963 740 175.

(Some of St Mary's are already involved with Host Nottingham and it would be good if others felt able to do so, in whatever way may be possible)

Jane Henson, Chair of Host Nottingham

PAULINE MILLER

We have been praying for Pauline (and Brian) as she had been ill for a long time. She had a fall a couple of weeks ago following which the family noticed a decline, and she died on Easter Monday. She was at home, surrounded by family. Tom had anointed her Easter Day. *"I'll never forget that she was clasping tightly a small wooden hand cross in each hand. What a beautiful thing to be doing, as she prepared to die. The combination of that, and to die on Easter Monday gives particular poignancy and indeed confidence in our saying 'May she rest in peace and rise in glory'".* The Funeral Service is at St Mary's on Thursday 9 May at 2.15pm followed by Cremation at Gedling Crematorium.

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Next Saturday St Mary's poignantly hosts the 25 year Commemoration of the 1994 Genocide in Rwanda. It begins with a Walk to Remember at 12pm from the Motorpoint Car Park NG2 4LA to St Mary's for the 1pm Commemoration Service. All are welcome and refreshments will be served from 4pm.

OPEN MEETING - SUNDAY 12 MAY 12.20pm

All are invited to take part in discussing the draft **Development Priorities for St Mary's** - in giving comments, asking questions, etc. A paper setting out the priorities will have been circulated by end of April. The meeting will follow on after the 10.45 Service and will aim to be over by 1.15.

THE CHURCH AND REFUGEES - TUESDAY 21 MAY 7.30pm ST NICS Transforming Notts Together are partnering with Welcome Churches to explore **how refugees and asylum seekers can best be welcomed into a church community**. The meeting will hear from churches already supporting refugees and asylum seekers and explore what **steps we can take, tools we can use etc.**

Sign up at <https://every-refugee-nottingham.eventbrite.co.uk> or contact hannah.buck@transformingnottstogether.org.uk

INSIGHT MEETING WEDNESDAY 22 MAY 2019 NOON - 1.30PM

Please join us at the next Nottingham Workplace Chaplaincy **INSIGHT** Meeting when we will be hearing of the work **Nottinghamshire YMCA** does in developing skills, friendships and confidence in young people. We will learn about **Camp Williams**, where 4 -15 year olds take part in activities that promote positive, experience-led development for young people. We will be meeting at **Capital One on Station Street (NG2 3HX)**. As a buffet lunch is provided please email lensimmonds@aol.com to confirm your attendance. *Because of security arrangements at Capital One you will need to bring with you some form of identification.*

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**Please continue to pray for**

Estelle Barks

Debbie Butler

Harry Palmer

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This Week's Services

Sunday 10.45am Sung Eucharist

Sunday 6.30pm Evensong

Wednesday 6.15pm NO SERVICE

Thursday 1.15pm Holy Communion



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