



This week at St Mary's

19 May 2019

Over the recent Bank Holiday weekend St Mary's Choir enjoyed a few days on tour in the Pfalz region of Germany visiting Heidelberg and Newstadt-an-der-Weinstraße. The visit came about as two of our current choristers, Odila Schröder and Johannes Dombrowski, had previously studied in Heidelberg before commencing their Ph.D studentships at the University of Nottingham. The choir was led throughout by Joshua Xerri, a young musician and composer, who has over the past couple of years developed a close bond with our choir.

We arrived in Heidelberg throughout the day on Friday and the keen and adventurous began Saturday morning with a hike up the Philosophenweg ("The Philosopher's Walk"), a route up the surrounding slopes of the Neckar River. They were joined by the less energetic later in the morning at the Hochschule für Kirchenmusik (a dedicated school for church music) for a full rehearsal in preparation for Sunday. The later afternoon provided an opportunity for sight-seeing before meeting up in Heidelberg Old Town in the early evening to share a meal and enjoy some of the local cuisine, wine and beer.

Sunday saw a busy day with a rehearsal at Peterskirche (the university church) before joining the local congregation for their morning service. The choir sang the Mass in Four Parts by William Byrd and the service provided an opportunity for some of us to improve our ecclesiastical German. We were made very welcome and, as at St Mary's, we were able to stay and chat with the congregation over a cup of coffee after the service. There then followed a brisk walk to the station to travel to Neustadt, approximately one hour by train to the west of Heidelberg, arriving for a mid-afternoon rehearsal. The early evening saw the choir singing to a large audience in the Stiftskirche with a programme of music from the English choral tradition including works by Byrd, Gibbons, Tomkins and Purcell and solo organ works played by John Keys.

A thoroughly enjoyable time was had by all. Special thanks go to Odila for her organisation of the trip, and Joshua for his energetic direction of the choir.

St Mary's Choir

**A very warm welcome to all
especially anyone new to St Mary's this week**

OUR DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES

Very many thanks to all who came to the meeting on Sunday. For me, your contributions could not have been more encouraging or helpful. The PCC meet this week and we will have before us what you said, as well as other things people have kindly sent me. I am keen that we action as soon as we can to create in the Chapel the sort of prayer space we discussed and also how Wednesdays can become a 'business day', along the lines which were beginning to emerge. Watch this space.

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

NOTTM WORKPLACE CHAPLAINCY INSIGHT MEETING WEDNESDAY 22 MAY 12-1.30PM

Please join us at the next *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.*

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DANIEL HANSON FRIDAY 24 May 2pm

There will be a Memorial Service at St Mary's to celebrate Daniel's life.

ASCENSION DAY SERVICES THURSDAY 30 MAY 7.30 AM AND 7.30 PM

Weather permitting, the morning service will be held on the tower and spaces will have to be limited to 15 so it would be useful if you could let the office know if you would like to attend. Please bear in mind the ascent is quite a challenge!

THY KINGDOM COME (thykingdomcome.global)

Archbishop Justin's initiative for a global prayer movement to take place between Ascension Day (30 May) and Pentecost continues this year. It is traditionally a time for the church to pray together - there will be a special emphasis on prayer during all the usual services at St Mary's. Here is the St Mary's evening prayer programme to be held at 7pm in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit, and the Trent Vineyard event finale...

Fri 31 May Hospitality
Sun 2 June City of Nottingham
Mon 3 Social Justice
Tues 4 Growing Disciples
Wed 5 Creativity
Thurs 6 Wellbeing

Fri 7 7.30 Thy Kingdom Come night at Trent Vineyard
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/thy-kingdom-come-nottingham-2019-tickets-60465283290>

OVERSEAS COMMITTEE SMARTIE APPEAL

If you have not already handed in your tube could you please do so by Ascension Day to a Church Warden, Duncan, Di or Yvonne.

ORCHESTRA OF THE RESTORATION ST MARY'S SATURDAY 8 JUNE 7.30PM

Eagerly anticipated, this concert directed by St Mary's Musical Director John Keys features Oliver Latham - Stanley Trumpet Tune; Matthew Shipway and Jeff Snowden - Bach Brandenburg Concerto No 1; Aminata Kanneh-Mason - Mozart Violin Concerto in G; and Jeneba Kanneh-Mason - Ravel Piano Concerto.

Tickets £15 (£13 concessions, £5 under 23s) from www.trybooking.co.uk/JWE, Nottingham Tourism Centre 08444 77 56 78, Windblowers 0115 941 0543, on the door (*If available*).

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S ANNUAL LECTURE AND OUTING 2019

Tuesday 18 June 6.30pm at Saint Mary's - Lecture by Ellis Morgan - a local historian

Featuring the history and architecture of the Priory of Saint Peter at Thurgaton - the home of the famous fifteenth century mystic Walter Hilton, author of *The Ladder of Perfection*. Light refreshments will be served from 6pm - £1

Saturday 13 July 11am at Thurgaton Church - A Guided Tour of the Church and Priory remains led by Ellis Morgan. Coffee and tea will be available

We offer a warm invitation to attend either or both these events, free of charge (donation welcome in either Church). For further details or queries please contact Hilary Tinley on 0115 9814682 or hilary.tinley@ntlworld.com

ST MARY'S FACEBOOK PAGE

Harry is now posting on a regular basis - please note this has now been added in the details below - please do take a look and 'like' if you are active on social media.

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**Please continue to pray for**

Estelle Barks

John Bowers

Debbie Butler

Harry Palmer

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This Week's Services

Sunday 10.45am Sung Eucharist

Sunday 6.30pm Evensong

Wednesday 6.15pm Evensong

Thursday 1.15pm Holy Communion



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