

This week at St Mary's

9 June 2019

NEVER BEEN SO GOOD

Sitting in St Mary's listening to the music, whether it be the organ or the choir or the music of silence releases a lot of emotions for me. I have been, as far back as I remember, attending church but never have I felt so moved than by the grandeur of St Mary's. There is something about the building that brings me close to God, add in the music and the architecture and my mood and faith is enriched.

I have been surrounded by music all my life as my father was a music teacher and a great musician. He taught me the basics of music. I was privileged to sing my first solo at the age of 5, with his coaching and can still remember the calm I felt afterwards. Over the years it has taken me places I never ever dreamt I would go to. Including being on the radio and television, telling my story.

Some of you may know I do have many health problems and last year I took the decision to stop the antidepressants that I had been on for almost 32 years. My faith took a tumble as I dragged myself through the many ups and downs but have managed to get through as I write, to 9 months free. Recently I found myself feeling a lot happier and more human without the brain fog that I lived with when on the tablets. I still do have bad weeks but these are becoming less and as I try to return as a regular member of the congregation listening to the music, the organ and the silence has bought me to a place where both my faith and my health have never been so good.

A very warm welcome,

especially to anyone new to or visiting St Mary's

THE SCHOLARS' CONCERT SUNDAY 16 JUNE 8PM
Our Choral Scholars present their year-end finale. All welcome.

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S ANNUAL LECTURE AND OUTING

<u>Tuesday 18 June 6.30pm at Saint Mary's</u> - Lecture by Ellis Morgan - a local historian, on 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

<u>Saturday 13 July 11am at Thurgaton Church</u> - 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

INSIGHT MEETING WED 19 JUNE 12-1.30PM

'EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR' Workplace Chaplaincy INSIGHT Meeting at the Park Plaza Hotel on Maid Marion Way to gain an INSIGHT into the work of the NSPCC, some of their campaigns, and how they give a voice to children when no one is listening. A buffet lunch is provided so to help with the catering arrangements please email lensimmonds@aol.com to confirm your attendance.

LIGHTEST NIGHT FRIDAY 21 JUNE 5-8PM

Building on the success of Light Night, Nottingham is holding its first ever Lightest Night. On the longest day it's hoped venues will stay open later, to encourage families to enjoy the city centre on what we trust will be a lovely summer evening. The Creative

Quarter Company and St Mary's are marking the occasion by holding a garden party in the church grounds between 5pm to 8pm. With kind support from Bildurn, based in nearby St Mary's School, and Castle Rock Brewery, we will be pleased to offer you a drink or two. There will also be live musical entertainment with a finale at 8pm by St Mary's Ringers. Come for a short time or for the whole time.

PAUL HALE - A FAREWELL CONCERT WITH THE NOTTINGHAM BACH CHOIR SATURDAY 22 JUNE 7.30-10PM

Paul Hale Conductor and Organ
Stephen Cooper Baritone
Peter Siepmann Organ & Piano
NBC String Quartet
Works by Parry, Vaughan Williams, JS Bach and Joseph Haydn,
Wesley & Franck

Tickets £16 (concessions available) at Nottm Tourism 0844 477 5678, tickets@nottinghambachchoir.org.uk or on the door

NOTTINGHAM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA 6 JULY 7.30PM

Derek Williams Conductor
Braimah Kanneh-Mason Violin Soloist
Violin Concerto in E Minor Mendelssohn
Overture der Freischütz Weber
Symphony No 4 (Romantic) Bruckner
£16 with concessions at nottinghamsymphony.org.uk or
ticketsource.co.uk/nottinghamsymphonyorchestra or 07733 312
322 or on the door

SPOOKY MEN'S CHORALE 19 JULY 7.30pm

These are a 16 piece male acapella choir from the Blue Mountains of Australia. Expect wry humour, pathos and Georgian songs. Tickets £19.80 from gigantic.com

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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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