



This week at St Mary's

16 June 2019

MODERN DAY SLAVERY

We are all aware of the historic horrors of slavery and the work of William Wilberforce and others to abolish the slave trade. What is shocking is that the numbers of people in slavery TODAY far outnumber those from the past: 40.3 million men, women and children worldwide and up to 136,000 potential victims in the UK.

We were privileged to host a day at St Mary's, facilitated by the diocese (<https://www.theclewerinitiative.org>) exploring the reality of slavery in our city. The day was well structured with input from the police and others with space to discuss in small groups how we can play our part.

We heard about a girl who was duped into coming to the UK with the promise of work but who ended up trapped, working in a nail bar. When she complained about her conditions and not being paid her abusers threatened to attack her mother and children back in her home country - a real threat as she was trafficked locally so her family were known to the perpetrators.

It was acknowledged that, faced with such a huge issue, many of us feel at a loss to know how we can make a difference. The first step is to recognise what is going on, hidden from plain sight, all around us. Car washes, nail bars, domestic servitude, agricultural enterprises all can be places of victimhood. Download an app to check if the manual car wash you are planning to use is deemed legitimate. <https://www.theclewerinitiative.org/safecarwash>

The gospel message is unequivocal: Christians are called to befriend those on the margins of society, just as Jesus did; He came to free the captives. We may be daunted but can each play our small part, with God's strength and equipping. Together we really can make a difference. What will you and I do?

JOANNA GILLUM

**A very warm welcome,
especially to anyone new to or visiting St Mary's**

WELCOME TO THE WORLD James Nicholas Mills, born on Monday, weighing 9lb 7oz (the doctor had thought he was on the big side.) We look forward to Holly, Ed and George introducing us to him.

THANK YOU TO IRIS (who died in August last year) for donating her china dinner service to the flower fund. **£200 raised at auction!**

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S ANNUAL LECTURE AND OUTING

Tuesday 18 June 6.30pm at Saint Mary's - Lecture by Ellis Morgan on the history and architecture of the Priory of Saint Peter at Thurgaton - the home of the famous fifteenth century mystic Walter Hilton. Light refreshments 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 (donations welcome). For further details please contact Hilary on 0115 9814682 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 browse and enjoy!

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

FRIENDS OF ST MARY AGM SUNDAY 7 JULY 12PM ST MARY'S

Nominations are invited for secretary, treasurer and committee members, forms available in the church on the table by the south porch door or nominations can be sent to the secretary, Rachel Farrand (details in the current edition of the Friends' magazine).

SPOOKY MEN'S CHORALE 19 JULY 7.30pm

These are a 16 piece male acapella choir from the Blue Mountains of Australia. In live performance, the Spooky Men draw on a combination of musical and theatrical values which are elusive and multifarious. Expect wry humour, pathos and Georgian songs as they seek to commentate on the absurdity and grandeur of the modern male armed only with their voices, a sly collection of hats and facial hair, and a twinkle in the eye. Not so much comedic as hilarious, not so much shimmeringly perfect as human in a very deeply resonant way. Tickets £19.80 spookymen.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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