



This week at St Mary's

23 June 2019

We are all living in the midst of sin.

Recently the rough sleeping count in Nottingham reached an all time high. 55 people were counted on one night. In April this year 332 individuals attended Emmanuel House a total of 2085 times. Both these figures are maximum highs for the past 3 years. Nottingham City Council receives presentations from between 80 to 100 homeless families each week.

Recently the Government granted £420,000 to boost homelessness services that fund additional accommodation and specialist staff to help people move off the streets and support them into accommodation. Despite all that the voluntary and statutory sectors are doing the number of people becoming homeless is increasing.

The situation is nothing short of being an out and out crisis. Institutions and services that we take for granted are under so much pressure they cannot cope. People are discharged from prison and hospital into homelessness. Mental health and alcohol services are under pressure. Opportunity Nottingham, a specialist service for people with high level of needs is, at least for the moment, not taking any more referrals.

Whilst £420,000 for homelessness services is to be welcomed it is in the context of the Local Government Grant being reduced from £126M to £25M and this will be cut further. The bottom line is that the system is bust. If the Government wants to empty the bath, it must turn off the tap.

In the midst of writing this article a member of staff came to me and said that we will have to stop taking referrals for her team because they are overwhelmed.

The Biblical meaning of 'meek', is to respond emotionally in a way that is appropriate to the situation you are facing. We should be enraged.

Denis Tully
Chief Executive
Emmanuel House



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

LAST WEEK AT ST MARY'S...

Nottingham High School Founder's Day Service, an important annual event for both school and city. Many girls and boys from the school, parents, the Lord Lieutenant, Lord Mayor and the Sheriff of Nottingham and many distinguished guests filled the church. The Rev'd Sam Hustwaite, a parent preached.

Choral Scholar's Concert gave opportunity to enjoy these brilliant singers (a jazz piano item too) on Sunday evening. Sad, though, to have to say goodbye to some.

Nottingham College held their end of year fashion show transforming the space into a catwalk. Certainly no shortage of creative designs.

Ellis Morgan gave fascinating insight (the Friends' Annual Lecture) into Thurgarton Priory, and through that into England in the 500 years before the dissolution of the monasteries. Fuller report to be included in later edition of TWASM.

AND COMING UP SOON...

6 JULY 7.30PM CONCERT featuring Nottingham Symphony Orchestra with 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

7 JULY FRIENDS OF ST MARY AGM 12PM. Nominations invited for secretary, treasurer and committee members, forms available in the church by the South Porch or nominations can be sent to the secretary, Rachel Farrand (details in the current edition of the Friends' magazine).

13 JULY FRIENDS ANNUAL OUTING to Thurgaton Church. Ellis Morgan will lead a guided tour. **11am.** Anyone welcome - for further details or queries contact Hilary Tinley 0115 9814682 or hilary.tinley@ntlworld.com

11 - 13 JULY JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR 7.30PM (Lloyd Webber and Rice) an immersive staging of the biblical rock musical. Audiences will be taken back to Jerusalem and whilst drinking complimentary wine, will be surrounded by a 360 degree professionally performed production, put together by one of the UK's most exciting young musical directors Tom Bond. Tickets available on Groupon.

14 JULY BISHOP TONY PORTER will be with us at 10.45am

17 JULY INSIGHT BY WORKPLACE CHAPLAINCY into how the Roosevelt Scholarship is 'Expanding Young Minds and improving Nottinghamshire'. Since 1946 over 150 local people have been awarded this prestigious Scholarship to visit America to investigate a work-related topic of their choice. We will hear of the scholarship's history, the experiences of a number of scholars and how it benefits organisations and individuals today. 12-1.30pm at Congregational Church on Castle Gate. All welcome. To help with catering, if coming, please email: lensimmonds@aol.com.

19 JULY SPOOKY MEN'S CHORALE 7.30pm. 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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