



This week at St Mary's

30 June 2019

THE HIGHS AND LOWS OF THURGARTON PRIORY

Ellis Morgan's lecture about Thurgarton gave a fascinating window into English life in the nearly 500 years following 1066. His presentation included a visual reconstruction of the Priory in its heyday - it was very large.

William the Conqueror quickly ensured all English land was held by Normans. Walter D'Ayncourt was lucky enough to end up with land at Thurgarton (and elsewhere) but part of the 'deal' was an expectation that he fund a religious house. Thurston, the persuasive Archbishop of York, brought together Ralph, Walter's son, with the Augustinians, the black canons. Part of the Pope's drive to renew the church, Augustinians also came more cheaply than some other monastic orders.

Thurgarton Priory was duly built and endowed with land. Hoping prayers on their behalf would reduce time spent in purgatory, South Nottinghamshire gave generously so that the Priory grew to become the second wealthiest in the county (after Lenton.) By 1270, however, scandal struck and the Archbishop sent in his investigator. The Priory was in debt to the Sheriff of Nottingham, they could not agree on the choice of a new prior and there had been fighting in church. Rumours spread of underground passages, one to a pub, another a farm, a leper's house, and a nunnery at Halloughton.

Things had stabilised but in 1348 the Black Death struck, taking 30-50% of the Priory, including the prior. However, in 1386 Thurgarton's best known son, Walter Hilton, one of England's mystics and known for his book *The Scale of Perfection*, became prior.

By Henry the Eighth's reign, land in England held by monasteries amounted to a staggering one third. In 1538 the prior and eight canons signed over the Priory lands to the Crown. Half was allocated to Henry's new foundation at Cambridge, Trinity College and the other half sold to Mr J.G. Cooper. The Priory itself was largely destroyed.

Tom Gillman

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

LAST WEEK AT ST MARY'S...

LIGHTEST NIGHT 21 June 5-8pm

Over 200 people enjoyed a beautiful evening in the church garden, food and drink generously donated and with live guitar and jazz piano, our choir doing a couple of pieces in the Church, and ending with a quarter-peal of bells. Huge thanks to all who helped.

BACH CHOIR CONCERT

An excellent concert performance as usual, with an emotional final farewell for Paul Hale who has now stepped down as Director of Music after almost thirty years.

VISIT BY GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL on Monday
Lively, joyful chatter and lots of healthy lunch-boxes!

And please note...

THE CARRINGTON NATIVITY - a dynamic, fresh and exciting portrayal of the Nativity story, by the community for the community. Actors needed of all ages, backgrounds and abilities, informal auditions 9 and 11 September. Register interest at www.carringtonnativity.co.uk

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 07733 312 322 or on the door or ticketsource.co.uk/nottinghamsymphonyorchestra

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 Thurgarton 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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