



This week at St Mary's

28 July 2019

ART TO DELIGHT AND TO SURPRISE

Alex Kingswell was introduced to us by Alan Hargrave (who has been taking services at St Mary's.) She lives locally and makes beautiful textile art. Some of her pieces were exhibited (very successfully) at the NEC in Birmingham last year. Our hope is that in September some can be exhibited at St Mary's. www.alexandra-kingswell.co.uk

Alan describes the effect of her work on him as 'profoundly moving'. Her work has always drawn on her own deep spirituality, and in his view, recently it has moved in a new direction. Given its spiritual resonance, a church like St Mary's is an obvious choice of venue for giving her works a wider viewing. He comments, 'her aim is to delight, intrigue, provoke and engage.'

Alex discovered her love of textiles a number of years ago, which she admits she can now indulge full-time. She says, "I was fascinated by colour from an early age. As a child, I loved sorting my coloured pencils into pleasing sequences. My attention to detail saw me cutting glace cherries into 32 slices and arranging them in intricate geometrical patterns on top of my grandmother's sherry trifles!" Her fascination with detail, and particularly with the intricacies of number, has never left her and her work is characterised by "vibrant colours and strong, geometric shapes through which I seek a colourful physical expression of mathematical ideas". She says she starts with a harmonious colour-scheme, sometimes inspired by a poem or other text, or a special number, and imposes a mathematical sequence. She cuts, rearranges according to the sequence, and sees what happens, a process, she says, which "always delights and surprises me".

Exhibiting at St Mary's, Alex says, "I am delighted to bring my work to a more local audience. It is an honour to have some of my pieces in this beautiful and sacred building. I hope they will uplift, intrigue and inspire. And perhaps make you smile."

Tom Gillman

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

LAST WEEK AT ST MARY'S...

19 July

The Spooky Men Chorale - a 'rumbling, steam powered, black-clad behemoth' was spectacularly received, judged not least by the queue practically the length of High Pavement - a unique and original performance which we hope will return to St Mary's. Refreshments at the event raised £340 for Emmanuel House - many thanks to all involved for making this such a success.

With many thanks to The Friends on the arrival this week of the new altar chair seat and cushion covers, which will be appreciated for many years to come.

oneLIFE MISSION/HERITAGE OPEN DAY HELP NEEDED!

Here is an outline of what's planned. Could you please let Di have offers of help, not least, just being around on the day?

1. **Tower Tours.** Emma Jones is organizing ringers for this but may require extra relief help
2. **Refreshments** - a team of servers and home-made produce welcome
3. **Teddy Bear zip wire.** This will be done from mid-roof level - a team will be required at ground level
4. **Art Exhibition.** See article on Alex Kingswell
5. **Robin Hood.** Could you see yourself telling the story of his arrest at St Mary's as from a fellow worshipper?
6. **Brass Rubbing** - Yvonne has kindly agreed to oversee this stand and a team will be needed to assist
7. **Accommodation needed for oneLIFE team**

AND COMING UP SOON...

2 AUGUST FRIDAY 7.30pm

The Nottingham Youth Orchestra's Senior Orchestra present their summer concert here at St Mary's. Works from Weber, Wagner and Sibelius will be featured, among others, as this group of talented young people take you on a journey through the Romantic era.

14 AUGUST WEDNESDAY 12-1.30PM INSIGHT

WANT TO FIND OUT EXACTLY HOW A HOTEL WORKS? Then come along to the next Workplace Chaplaincy INSIGHT meeting. Julie Oliver, Crowne Plaza's HR and Enterprise Manager, will give an INSIGHT into working in an industry that is constantly changing and how she ensures the right people are in the right place at the right time. Join us at CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL ON WOLLATON STREET. A buffet lunch is provided. To help with the catering arrangements please email: lensimmonds@aol.com to confirm your attendance.

14 SEPTEMBER - oneLIFE MISSION/HERITAGE OPEN DAY

15 SEPTEMBER - Battle of Britain Sunday

<p>Please note the next edition of 'This Week at St Mary's' will be 8 September</p>
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This Week's Services

Sunday 10.45am Sung Eucharist

Sunday 6.30pm Evensong

Thursday 1.15pm Holy Communion

WEDNESDAY EVENSONG. Please note that over the Summer there will be no Wednesday Evensong. It will resume on 18 September

A Prayer for oneLIFE

We pray for the oneLIFE Mission with the Archbishop of York and all the Northern Bishops. Father God, help us to reach out in faith and love and witness to all. By your Spirit help us grow in unity, grow as followers of Jesus Christ, and grow your Kingdom in Southwell and Nottingham.

Amen

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Please continue to pray for

Estelle Barks

John Bowers

Debbie Butler

Harry Palmer

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