



## ***This week at St Mary's 20 October 2019***

### **A VERY UPBEAT INSIGHT INTO NOTTINGHAM**

Len Simmonds does an amazing thing in organising, month by month, really interesting insights into life in Nottingham. This Wednesday, in the comfort of Jury's Inn Hotel, 45 of us were introduced to Susan Hallam.

It did not take long to appreciate why it is that she wears the many hats that she does and that the digital agency carrying her name recently won an EMEA Google Premier Partner award. Originally from the US but long resident (now citizen) in UK, she is clear Nottingham needs to talk a lot more about so much that is so good in our city. She urged us to be more up front about all we have to celebrate.

As a Trustee of the Castle, she showed a video of how this landmark site is being transformed. The Visitor Centre café, in the grounds, will be open to all, as a draw for us city residents. There is also to be a large children's adventure playground. Much has been made of the caves, so get ready for all sorts of virtual experiences! An exhibition will reveal the story of Nottingham's lace - and the fine paintings will be seen as never before (Nottingham was the first museum outside London.)

As Chair of the Creative Quarter she spoke of what is happening to generate jobs and help businesses grow to become significant employers. The CQ exemplifies 'intentional 'place making', for both economic development and business support. 50% of Nottingham's creative and digital companies are in the CQ and Lace Market. Let's persuade NTU/University graduates stay on to work and set up businesses in Nottingham. She commented how brilliant the recent Big House Expo was at St Mary's.

I came away inspired and expectant of what the future holds - not least the part God has for St Mary's.

*Tom Gillman*

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

## LAST WEEK AT ST MARY'S...

**SUNDAY'S OPEN MEETING** to discuss development priorities. Many thanks to all who came and for the comments, questions and wisdom. The **Operations Director** post has been advertised, do encourage people to apply. Timely to be discussing **communication**, as with Harry about to leave we are taking stock for the future. This does seem the time to be moving forward with **Workplace Wednesday** and the aim is for something to begin in the New Year - to be advertised over Christmas.

**PCC MEETING** on Wednesday. Thank PCC members for all they give, willing to ensure St Mary's meets its obligations as we prayerfully and boldly move forward in mission and ministry.

**VISIT OF GIRLS FROM NGHS** on Thursday. A great pleasure to welcome 8/9 year old girls studying religious and secular rites as part of RE. Our look together at Baptism, Weddings and Funerals covered a wide and interesting range. The visit ended with Mr Cox, by popular demand, putting on a cope.

**NOTTINGHAM BUSINESS SCHOOL NETWORKING EVENT** on Thursday evening. Reception for nearly 200 new students from all over the world. Easy opportunity to meet lecturers and other students. Buzzing atmosphere from start to end - and beyond.

DYLAN BRADFORD'S PHOTOGRAPHS continue to 5 November

**CHRISTMAS CARDS.** Building on the success of last year (which raised about £700 for Emmanuel House) we have designed cards using pictures from St Mary's 'animal safari' range, **the Dove** and **the Donkey**. Suggested price - £1 a card (as last year.) The more printed, the cheaper they become to produce. Please indicate how many you would like to buy.

## **NOW AND COMING UP SOON...**

**WED 23 OCTOBER. 5.30 - 6.00pm** Prayer for St Mary's and Nottingham in the Vestry, ie before Evensong. All Welcome. (We will be trialling this for 6 weeks as a regular meeting.)

**WED 23 OCT 7PM - WILLIAM BOOTH, A TALK BY AUTHOR GORDON TAYLOR FREE ENTRY** - at William Booth Birthplace Museum, Notintone Place, Sneinton, NG2 4QG, 0115 979 3464 or visit [salvationarmy.org.uk/william-booth-birthplace-museum](http://salvationarmy.org.uk/william-booth-birthplace-museum)

**THURS 24 Oct TRENDING: THE GREAT TOPICS OF OUR TIMES 6-9PM** St Peter's. "All You Need Is Love? Dispelling Myths about Love and Romance in Popular Culture". Introducing cutting edge research and insights into the different routes that love can now take. [tinyurl.com/trendinglove](http://tinyurl.com/trendinglove) or email [marketing@rotherasharp.co.uk](mailto:marketing@rotherasharp.co.uk)

**SUN 3 Nov 8pm THE NOTTINGHAM BAROQUE SOLOISTS** perform **RICHAFORT'S REQUIEM**. Music and readings for All Souls' Day performed by Nottingham's premier vocal ensemble, incl current and former members of our choir specialising in Baroque and Renaissance music. Free entry with a retiring collection in aid of St Mary's music fund. Will Burn or Jonathan Stork for more info.

**WED 20 NOVEMBER INSIGHT MEETING 12-1.30PM** **History is the Ultimate Passport to the Future**. Workplace Chaplaincy Meeting with Richard Brackenbury, founder of Brackenbury's Britain who will give an INSIGHT into our how our city centre has evolved as a result of its natural surroundings, history, culture and the passage of different peoples and industries. At YMCA in NCVS building on Mansfield Road, opp House of Fraser. A buffet lunch is provided. To help with the catering arrangements please email [lensimmonds@aol.com](mailto:lensimmonds@aol.com) to confirm your attendance.

**FRIDAY 13 DECEMBER** - Emmanuel House Christmas Concert at St Mary's with Hope Community Gospel Choir.

## **This Week's Services**

**Sunday 10.45am Sung Eucharist**

**Sunday 6.30pm Choral Evensong**

**Wednesday 6.15pm Choral Evensong**

**Thursday 1.15pm Holy Communion**

**Also, St Mary's is open between 10am and 3pm Mon-Sat**

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**Please continue to pray for**

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John Bowers

Harry Palmer

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