



## ***This week at St Mary's 27 October 2019***

### **ART, COLUMNS, ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS**

It's always good when an idea quickly gathers support. That's what happened when I put out feelers about interest in groups from Nottingham doing artwork to communicate the Christmas story, using each of the 10 columns at St Mary's for the displays.

It will start in the NW corner of the church with 'People walking in darkness seeing a great light' and then work round the church to the column next to the font. In ten scenes will be depicted the angel Gabriel coming to Mary, the journey to Bethlehem, the birth of Jesus, then the angels and the wise men visiting the stable and the flight to Egypt. Each column is to be illuminated and so the effect from the west doors should be very striking.

The participating 'community' groups are: Nottingham Hospice, the Girl's High School, the High School, Emmanuel House, Stone Soup Academy, Framework, Football in the Community, Radford Care Group, L'Arche and Notts Refugee Forum. It's a great opportunity for us to build relationships within Nottingham - although of course we already know some of the groups. And some of them will already be coming in December to St Mary's, for others it gives a new point of connection.

The groups have been asked that their artwork comes from their experiences of life. Young asylum seekers/refugees are doing the flight to Egypt, Emmanuel House no room in the inn and L'Arche the journey of the wise men. I can't wait to see what they all do.

We shall be putting everything up in the last week of November (the Christmas trees will also be arriving then) so that at the Advent procession service our worship will be enriched.

*Tom Gillman*

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

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

Saturday saw the first **Ladies Dance Night**. Energetic dancing and lots of fun, ending with 'down time' to the gentle and soothing sound of distant gongs.

Liam O'Boyle, Diocesan Partnerships, was with us on **Freedom Sunday** to speak about modern day slavery.

The **Nottinghamshire branch of the Royal British Legion** held the dedication of their **new Standard** at the end of Evensong.

Many congratulations to **Gabrielle and Esther Mukuka**, married here on Monday. Great dancing down the aisle.

Wednesday we hosted the combined (and first time) **Nottingham Uni and NTU welcome to their international students**. Representatives from sport, business, culture, etc informed of what's going on in the city. Great atmosphere and well received (shown on BBC local news in the evening too.)

5.30 Wednesday, first time in the **Vestry to pray together** - for our city, the mission and ministry of St Mary's

The **NTU Architecture Masters students' model** of St Mary's and High Pavement stays till last week of Nov and the photos of **Dylan Bradford**, student at Stone Soup, 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 30 OCTOBER. 5.30 - 6.00pm** Prayer for St Mary's and Nottingham in the Vestry, ie before Evensong. All Welcome.

**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.

**SUN 10<sup>th</sup> - Remembrance Sunday** service with 5 Notts Hussars, C Troop Royal Artillery and High School Cadets. Then **Communion at 6.30pm, All Souls themed** with opportunity to remember recent (and not so recent) bereavements.

**SATURDAY 16 NOVEMBER 7.30PM** St James Church, Marshall Hill Drive, Mapperley NG3 6FY. Autumn Harmony with **HARLEQUIN** (choral music to suit all tastes). All proceeds to Nottm & Notts Refugee Forum (see also Tom's article). Tickets £10 to include wine and canapés from St James on 07940 548 832, or [fundraising@nottsrefugeeforum.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@nottsrefugeeforum.org.uk) or on the door.

**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.

**1<sup>st</sup> DEC - Advent Sunday** Procession service at 6.30 to include dedication of artwork on the ten columns.

**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**

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

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**Please continue to pray for**

Estelle Barks

John Bowers

Harry Palmer

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