



This week at St Mary's

Sunday 7 April 2019

One year on from re-constitution as a parish, St Mary's is now planning its future as a 'larger resource church'. We are working with the Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham and his team and are close to articulating our key development areas, what our vision for the future will be.

It's been a good year, at least from my perspective as Vicar (since 18/3/18.) I overlapped with Stephen Morris who continued his much valued ministry with us until his retirement at the end of May. Sunday by Sunday, at the Festivals and on most Wednesday evenings we have continued our fine choral tradition – thanks to John Keys and his team. Many volunteers come in early and leave late to work quietly and humbly in the background, with our churchwardens and with Duncan our verger to ensure services and other events go as planned and that we keep the church open for visitors nearly every day. We are immensely grateful to all. Di Illsley our administrator (who took over from Howard Rogers) does invaluable work, also mainly behind the scenes.

There were a number of larger Services, the High Sheriff's Legal Service, the High School Founders Day Service, RAF 100 Service, Remembrance Sunday and the Diocesan Confirmation Service, (3 of our own confirmed) as well as a number of Carol Services, culminating with our own on Christmas Eve. Bishop Paul was with us for a number of these occasions.

It has been a privilege to have hosted a number of concerts, ie by the Bach Choir, by our own Orchestra of the Restoration, by Solomon's Knot, the amazing Kanneh-Mason family and by Nottingham Peacebuilders. Performances of Strange Friends were also shown in the church. Light Night attracted 4,700 people and there were a number of other external events which took place in the church.

We greatly value our long relationship with Emmanuel House, continuing to raise money for them and we hosted their fundraising concert by the Belters Choir. We aim to strengthen our relationships with them and with other charities and projects working across Nottingham, eg the Refugee Forum, Stone Soup Academy and Clewer Trust.

We are pleased to have participated in Thy Kingdom Come, an initiative of the Archbishops, with communal prayer taking place most evenings in the days between Ascension and Pentecost. It was also wonderful to see St Mary's filled with Christians from across the city at New Year Prayer Gathering of the City Prayer Network. Members of the church also meet informally, socially and for prayer and study together.

Tom Gillman

DANIEL HANSON

This is to let you know that Daniel died at home on Thursday evening. This had been expected but is nonetheless very sad. Please hold Julie, Ros, Julian and Nick in your prayers at this time, that they especially will know God's compassion and are filled with confidence of the great Christian hope.

WORKPLACE CHAPLAINCY *INSIGHT* MEETING WEDNESDAY 10 APRIL 2019

You are welcome to join us at the next meeting at 12-1.30pm. This is your chance to get an *INSIGHT* into ACAS East Midlands – an organisation that helps to build thriving workplaces and working lives. It also shapes and informs policy thinking and practice on employment issues in the workplace so that businesses can succeed. The meeting is in the ACAS offices (the Dean Room) in Apex Court, City Link NG2 4LA on the BBC Island, London Road. A buffet lunch is provided. To help with the catering arrangements please email **lensimmonds@aol.com** to confirm your attendance.

LENT TALKS AT ST PETER'S

These will focus on the relationship between prayer and various areas of life more generally. They conclude on 11 April (Rev'd Jenny Jones, Prayer and Inclusiveness). Light refreshments available from 12.30 and the talks beginning at 1.00 pm, followed by discussion and ending by 2.00 pm. All are welcome to attend and entrance is free.

EASTER BREAKFAST MONDAY 22 APRIL

The Easter Breakfast, organised by the Overseas Committee, will be held at the home of Wilf and Lena Morgan in Bramcote, on Easter Monday 10 am to 12 noon. Please sign up on the sheet in church or contact Yvonne Harriss on 0115 989 2214. The address will be given to those intending to attend. Donations taken on the day to support The Mercy Ships.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

- Maundy Thursday 7.30pm
- Good Friday Reflections 12-3pm divided into half-hour sections to include Reading of Account of Jesus' trial and death, the Stations of the Cross, silence, prayer, meditative readings
- Good Friday 7pm Meditation with Choir and Orchestra performing The Seven Last Words
- Easter Day 5am Dawn Vigil with informal Communion and rejoicing. Coffee and pastries served

Palm Sunday 14 April	10.45am	Sung Eucharist
	6.30pm	Evensong
Wednesday 17 April		Please note no Wednesday Evensong
Maundy Thursday 18 April	1.15pm	Holy Communion
	7.30pm	Last Supper Communion Service with prayer vigil following
Good Friday 19 April	12-3pm	Reflections during the three hours at the Cross
	7pm	Meditation – MacMillan’s The Seven Last Words by the Choir of St Mary’s and The Orchestra of the Restoration
Holy Saturday 20 April	7pm	Easter Eve Confirmation Service
Easter Day 21 April	5am	Dawn Vigil
	10.45am	Sung Eucharist
	6.30pm	Evensong

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**Please continue to pray for**

Estelle Barks

Debbie Butler

Pauline Miller

Harry Palmer

Rick Savage

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**A very warm welcome to anyone new
to St Mary's this week**

This Week's Services

Sunday 10.45am Sung Eucharist

Sunday 6.30pm Evensong

Wednesday 6.15pm Choral Evensong

Thursday 1.15pm Holy Communion



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