



This week at St Mary's

Palm Sunday 14 April 2019

DANIEL HANSON: THE INCOMPREHENSIBILITY OF A LIFE WITHOUT FAITH

Frances Finn interviewed Daniel Hanson last spring at St Marys, his most significant spiritual place. These are extracts from the interview <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p073rc38>

I feel great comfort when I come into St Mary's. It's a place that has been part of my life intermittently since I was born. I was christened here and sang in the choir here so I feel above all else comfort, total comfort and at ease. I can remember when the organ was put in there when I was 11. I can remember marvelling at the cantilever and as a child and wondering how on earth those three poles could hold an organ that size.

I always feel a sense of joy coming into St Mary's because there are people around me here in this environment that I know, love and trust. My father used to preach here and when I was six I first became a member of the choir here. My singing now is enjoyable from my point of view!

I think for anyone to have a life without faith, whatever that faith may be, is incomprehensible from my own point of view. But not to have had a life with faith myself would have been a tragedy. I've always lived by a church, looking into a church, by a graveyard, the whole of my life even the children's homes I lived in were next to churches. When I finally came back to the church, which was in my early 50s, it was St Mary's, and it was a place I had grown up in.

My struggle was that which so many other people go through, which is not knowing where they belong, and where they fit in. I think that because I had an excuse and that excuse was that I was adopted, I was able to kick that much harder than other people.

It's a base from which I can go out, to pray and then to go out from and I feel recharged, spiritually recharged. There is a very strong relationship between what I do as a designer and my upbringing in the church. That sense of beauty comes from the church, the colours...the music...and colours and music are so intrinsically linked in my own mind, that it is a direct relationship between the two things.'

Daniel Hanson's funeral is on
Maundy Thursday 18 April
2.30pm at St Mary's

**A very warm welcome to anyone new to St Mary's this week -
do make yourself known and please stay
for refreshments after the Service**

CHURCH WARDENS, PCC AND CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2019

At the Annual Meeting held last Sunday, the following were elected -

- Churchwardens: Anthony Mitchell and Nicholas Turner
- Deanery Synod: (ex officio on PCC) Kevin Hancox (joining Margaret Wiedemann)
- PCC: Peter Bartlett, Roger Freeston, Jean Hammonds, Emlyn Jones, Yvonne Harriss, Martyn Knight, Lorna Richardson, Len Simmonds, Jonathan Stork
- Officers: Jean Hammonds (Treasurer), Len Simmonds (Secretary), Lorna Richardson (Electoral Roll), Beth Mitchell (Safeguarding Coordinator).

OPEN MEETING - SUNDAY 12 MAY 12.20pm

All are invited to take part in discussing the draft **Development Priorities for St Mary's** - in giving comments, asking questions, etc. A paper setting out the priorities will have been circulated by end of April. The meeting will follow on after the 10.45 Service and will aim to be over by 1.15.

THE CHURCH AND REFUGEES - TUESDAY 21 MAY 7.30pm ST NICS

Transforming Notts Together are partnering with Welcome Churches to explore **how refugees and asylum seekers can best be welcomed into a church community**. The meeting will hear from churches already supporting refugees and asylum seekers and explore what **steps we can take, tools we can use etc.**

Sign up at <https://every-refugee-nottingham.eventbrite.co.uk> or contact hannah.buck@transformingnottstogether.org.uk

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Wednesday 17 April		Please note no Wednesday Evensong
Maundy Thursday 18 April	1.15pm 7.30pm	Holy Communion Last Supper Communion Service with Stripping of the Altar followed by prayer vigil
Good Friday 19 April	12-3pm 7pm	The Three Hours of Jesus' Crucifixion, with Stations of the Cross 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 with the Rt Rev'd Paul Williams (Bishop of Southwell & Nottingham)
Easter Day 21 April	5am 10.45am 6.30pm	Dawn Vigil with Traditional Readings and Informal Communion Sung Eucharist Choral Evensong

PILGRIMAGE TO SOUTHWELL HOLY SATURDAY (20 APRIL)

This begins with prayer on St Peter's steps. A bus will transport to the starting point in Arnold. There are several stops along the way to pray in local churches, with the final prayer in the Pilgrims' Chapel at Southwell Minster before tea and biscuits in the refectory. It's 11½ miles, all are welcome to join in for the whole or part of the distance. Bring a packed lunch. Further details: John Burr 8542847 or 07941633289.

EASTER MONDAY BREAKFAST 22 APRIL 10-12 noon

The Easter Breakfast, organised by the Overseas Committee, will be held at the home of Wilf and Lena Morgan in Bramcote. 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.

Please continue to pray for

Estelle Barks

Debbie Butler

Pauline Miller

Harry Palmer

Rick Savage

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**This Week's Services**

**Please see the Easter Programme above**



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