



## ***This week at St Mary's 3 November 2019***

### **“I WOULD HAVE PHONED YOU OR THE RSPCA”**

*The importance of what Liam O'Boyle (Diocesan Partnerships Officer) was talking about on Freedom Sunday exceptionally painfully struck home a couple of days later with the finding of the 'death lorry' in Tilbury.*

It's reckoned that over 40 million people are victims of modern slavery around the world, with a suspected 136,000 in the UK. Often 'tricked, trapped and traded', they may end up painting our nails, washing our cars, picking the fruit and veg we eat, gratifying sexual lusts and some as 'live-in household help'.

In Aspley last year, a decrepit rusty caravan in a garden turned out to be 'home' to two men, held in slavery. A Police Officer asked neighbours if they'd noticed anything suspicious. One said, "Well - they're the Poles aren't they...that's just what they're like! Why would I report it" The Police Officer asked: "What would you have done if you saw a dog treated like this?" "Oh, I would have phoned you or the RSPCA." Pope Francis drew attention to this 'culture of indifference' - "let us lift the veil of indifference that weighs on the destiny of those who suffer. Nobody can wash their hands when faced with the tragic reality of modern-day slavery."

Freedom Sunday helps raise awareness around this issue and asks us how, as churches we can respond. We can all **pray**. Vulnerable people in crisis may come to a church, a **place of safety and refuge**. At **foodbanks, debt centres, homeless drop-ins and shelters**, we may come across victims. Look at the **Clewer Initiative** website for ideas, resources and ongoing training to help us notice, spot the signs and care for victims. Download their **Safe Car Wash app**. Volunteer to **help care for survivors** with the local Salvation Army Project or **drive victims** to places of safety. Phone **0800 121700**, the Helpline, if you're suspicious about a situation.

*Tom Gillman*

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

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

The **Craft and Flea Market** took place on Saturday. In the afterglow of England's Rugby team's success, 700 people passed through, impressive numbers in the heavy rain.

It was **Harry Calcutt's** last day with us on Monday, he starts next week with Derby Council as part of their Communications Team. He will be missed. Amber, a freelancer is taking on his duties.

A **new banner** has gone up at the north east corner of the grounds. Intention is that it sends out to passers-by a message that St Mary's is very much open for business.

The **Kean's Head's** photoshoot to mark Castle Rock getting commitment for planting of 40 Oak Trees to enrich our communities took place in our grounds. A scheme run by Robin Hood Energy, so a Robin look-a-like present may well have dominated images in the local press.

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

**SATURDAY 9 NOV 7.30PM TUDOR & STUART MUSIC FOR VOICES AND VIOLS** at St Mary's, performed by the Choir of St Mary's and the Chelys Consort of Viols. Tickets £15 (with concessions) at Nottingham Tourism Centre 0844 775 678, Windblowers 0115 941 0543 or [trybooking.co.uk/MMU](http://trybooking.co.uk/MMU)

**SUN 10 NOV - 10.45 Remembrance Sunday** service with S Notts Hussars, C Troop Royal Artillery and High School Cadets.

**6.30pm Communion All Souls** themed with opportunity to remember recent (and not so recent) bereavements.

**SATURDAY 16 NOVEMBER 7.30PM** at 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. £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.

**SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER OPEN MEETING** immediately following 10.45 Service, to discuss ways we might best welcome, support and help one another.

**WED 20 NOVEMBER INSIGHT MEETING 12-1.30PM** 'Interesting to Know...Live'. Len Simmonds, the compiler of Interesting to Know, will be looking at trends that are transforming our lives, reshaping businesses and influencing behaviours. At YMCA within the NCVS building on Mansfield Rd opp House of Fraser. A buffet is provided so please email: [lensimmonds@aol.com](mailto:lensimmonds@aol.com) to confirm

**1 DEC - Advent Sunday 6.30** Procession service. This will mark the opening and dedication of the artwork on the columns depicting the Christmas story which 10 community and other groups are currently working hard on.

**FRIDAY 13 DECEMBER** - Emmanuel House Christmas concert at St Mary's with **Hope Community Gospel Choir** (who sang at the legal service at St Mary's in March.) Promises to be a great evening: '*..absolutely blown away.. excellent harmony which only got better!*' [hopegospelchoir.com](http://hopegospelchoir.com) £5 on the door. Let's raise lots of money for Emmanuel House. Bring family & friends! [emmanuelhouse.org.uk](http://emmanuelhouse.org.uk)

# 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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