

## ***This Week at St Mary's 17 November 2019***

### **ALL SENSES WORKING TOGETHER**

Just over two years ago, my sister in law died. In her early fifties, her health had been poor for many years but she had been an inspiration to many, keeping going against a lot of adversity. The sadness of her death was unavoidable, especially for Joanna and the rest of her family.

Six or so weeks later, there was an all souls communion service at Southwell Minster. Joanna and I decided to go and were delighted to have done so. The choir sang Faure's requiem, and in the darkened atmosphere of the Minster it was just what was needed, to help face a close bereavement.

I was, therefore, delighted on coming to St Mary's to discover that such a service takes place here each year. Last Sunday, there were a number present for whom it was their first time. Our choir (magnificently) performed Duruflé's Requiem, a powerful musical experience. Incense was liberally present. Communion brought the service to a climax. There was opportunity to light a candle in memory of someone.

What I experienced again was the importance of a communal opportunity to mourn and something which engaged the range of emotions. In our individualistic age so much around us says, 'I'll have work through it, on my own'. All my experience says mourning does not lend itself to this. How good it was to be with others in this setting where we could let the grace of God in Christ minister to us.

I came away feeling I had been enveloped and carried along by the whole occasion. What we saw, heard, smelt, tasted and the chances we had to speak all worked together to carry us to a new place. I felt that the 'whole of me' had been ministered to by Jesus Christ, resulting in my feeling strengthened to serve and follow Him.

*Tom Gillman*

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

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

Tudor and Stuart Music for Voices and Viols on Saturday was 'suberb. Very much for lovers of early music, beautifully performed by both choir and orchestra'

Just under 500 attended the Remembrance Service. The South Notts Hussars, C Battery and cadets from the High School, military bands and many guests swelled the numbers. A bugler led us into and then ended the 2 minute silence at 11.00. The salute was then taken outside the Council House.

Durufle's Requiem was the musical setting for the All Souls service. See main article.

Jean our extremely hard working Treasurer has been working on our likely year end figures. The best guestimate she makes is that we are looking at a **£20,000 deficit for 2019**. If you have been meaning to, or you now think you'd like to give some money to St Mary's, now would be a good moment to translate intention into action.

**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** - £1 a card (as last year.) On sale now and buy lots!

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

**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.

**SAT 23 NOV 7.30PM Nottingham Bach Choir** perform Mozart's 'Great' Mass in C Minor & Symphony No 41 in C 'Jupiter'. See poster for tickets (£15) or [nottinghambachchoir.org.uk](http://nottinghambachchoir.org.uk)

**SAT 23 NOV 10am-10pm BUT I KNOW THIS CITY!** A community performance to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of B S Johnson's classic Nottingham-based novel 'The Unfortunates'. One map. Twenty-five locations (one of which is St Mary's and during the concert it will be whispered in the South Porch). Unique and free. See poster or [excavate.org.uk](http://excavate.org.uk) or details from Broadway Cinema.

**ADVENT SUNDAY SUN 1 DEC 10.45.** At this Service (not at Advent Procession) we will be dedicating the artwork on the columns. Representatives have been invited from the 10 community and other groups who are currently working hard on the artwork, depicting the Christmas story.

**FRIDAY 13 DECEMBER - Hope Community Gospel Choir** (who sang at the legal service in March) Christmas concert in support of Emmanuel House at St Mary's. 6.30 doors open, 7.00 start. £5 on the door. Promises to be a great evening '*...absolutely blown away... excellent harmony which only got better!*' [hopegospelchoir.com](http://hopegospelchoir.com). Bring a party. [emmanuelhouse.org.uk](http://emmanuelhouse.org.uk)

**Volunteers needed to help at this concert.** Lorna Richardson has agreed to co-ordinate and we need cakes, finger food and help on the night, please!

**THE GREAT NOTTS CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL** which St Mary's is supporting, please bring toys/games/toiletries on Advent Sunday 1 DEC which will then be distributed to local children in need. See poster by the South Porch or for more detail and/or volunteering visit [christmastoyshomesteadcloud.com](http://christmastoyshomesteadcloud.com)

# This Week's Services

**Sunday 10.45am Sung Eucharist**

**Sunday 6.30pm Evensong**

**Wednesday 6.15pm Choral Evensong**

**Thursday 1.15pm Holy Communion**

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

## PRAYING FOR ST MARY'S AND FOR NOTTINGHAM

**Wednesday 5.30 - 6.00 pm in the Vestry**

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**Please continue to pray for**

Estelle Barks  
John Bowers  
Harry Palmer

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