

This Week at St Mary's

24 November 2019

OUR NEW OPERATIONS DIRECTOR

I am delighted to announce that we have appointed an Operations Director. This is a post made possible for St Mary's as a result of the generous funding package from the Church Commissioners, under their Strategic Development Project.

As you will know, we recently interviewed and following that process, Julie Hilton was offered and has accepted the post. She lives in Plumtree and for the past 8 years has been with the NSPCC, managing the 'rolling out' of their National 'Speak Out Stay Safe' programme with schools in the East of England. Her first job was as a teacher and she has spent her working life with various projects/organisations mainly working with vulnerable children and families but also with adults with learning disabilities. Her experience includes both managing at a time of change and of working with both paid staff and with volunteers.

The role of OD is framed to enable St Mary's to 'move from vision to achievement'. It is first and foremost a strategic role, developing the life and mission of St Mary's. However, it also covers all operational matters and so Julie, who is an active Christian, will lead and manage both the paid staff and also our many wonderful volunteers.

Lorna Richardson who was part of the interviewing team reported after the second interview: *I would be very comfortable with this appointment as an ideal situation, and therefore have no hesitation in recommending Julie for appointment.*

Julie herself comments: *it is a privilege to be appointed as Operations Director for St Mary's and I would like to thank the PCC for entrusting me with this position. I am excited about the role and I am really looking forward to working with everyone to achieve the vision for the church.*

Tom Gillman

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

We are usually open between 10am and 3pm Mon-Sat and during services on Sunday

LAST WEEK AT ST MARY'S...

Grant Walton preached and here is his summary of what he felt God saying...Sunday morning: Jesus & the Temple. A discussion about permanence and splendour leads to what's really important: Jesus' presence with us and the Christian hope for real life. Response? Faithful service and telling others!

...and Tom tweeted his Evensong sermon as...Evensong sermon on developing a veg patch, based on Jesus' story of the sower. An incredibly rich harvest takes us right into the amazing Christian vision of God's life with us - both present and future - especially seen in character and relationships inspired by Jesus.

Extremely useful meeting after the 10.45 Service to discuss **welcome and other pastoral issues**. A number of most helpful comments and suggestions made. Tables and chairs will be put out for tea and coffee after the 1045 Service. We are re-visiting having a regular 'bespoke' Service sheet.

A 'Slider' was added to the Home page on our website - allowing us to draw attention to things coming up.

Jean, our extremely hard-working Treasurer's best guestimate of our end of year figures 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. The Dove and the Donkey cards have been well received and a number have been sold, but still plenty in stock to be bought. These are from the St Mary's 'animal safari' range and all proceeds will be donated to Emmanuel House. £1 a card (as last year) and do buy lots!

NOW AND COMING UP SOON...

ENDING MODERN DAY SLAVERY - an evening of information and learning **WEDNESDAY 27 NOV 7.30pm at St Nic's**. This is one of the central social justice issues of our time. slaveryfreenotts.com to sign up or for info

TICKETS FOR BBC CAROL SERVICE 12 Dec. These are free and will go fast but an allocation of 50 has been reserved for St Mary's. If you would like any, please phone or email the church office Friday 29 Nov. First come first served.

WELCOME TEAM FOR BBC CAROL SERVICE. Please help host this important Nottingham evening - please let Di in the office know if you can help.

ADVENT SUNDAY 1 DEC 10.45. At this Service **we will be** dedicating the artwork on the columns. Local people from 10 community groups are currently working hard on their part of the Christmas story.

SUNDAY 1 DEC Silver Smartie Appeal – tubes of Smarties will be available for us to collect 20p pieces in aid of the Overseas Committee support of Five Talents, CARF, and our CMS partners.

FRIDAY 13 DEC 7pm - Hope Community Gospel Choir Christmas concert for Emmanuel House at St Mary's. £5 entry. Promises to be a great evening '*...absolutely blown away...excellent harmony which only got better!*' hopegospelchoir.com emmanuelhouse.org.uk
Can you help volunteering - cakes, finger food and help on the night please? Let Lorna Richardson know how you can help.

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 or for more detail and/or volunteering visit christmastoyshomesteadcloud.com

This Week's Services

Sunday 10.45am Sung Eucharist

Sunday 6.30pm Evensong

Wed (Vestry) 5.30-6pm Praying for St Mary's & Nottm

Wed 6.15pm Choral Evensong

Thurs 1.15pm Holy Communion

Advent & Christmas Services

Sunday 1 Dec 6.30pm An Advent Procession

Friday 20 Dec 1pm Lace Market Carol Service

Tuesday 24 Dec 7pm Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

Tuesday 24 Dec 11.30pm Midnight Communion

Wednesday 25 Dec 10.45 Christmas Day Sung Eucharist

Community Christmas Services at St Mary's

Thursday 5 Dec 7.30pm Nottingham University Carol Service

Saturday 7 Dec 4pm Nottinghamshire Hospice Service

Tuesday 10 Dec 6.30pm Civic Carol Service

Thursday 12 Dec 7pm BBC Carols

Wednesday 18 Dec 7.30pm Nottm High School Nine Lessons & Carols

Thursday 19 Dec Nottm Girls High School Carol Service

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Please continue to pray for

Estelle Barks

John Bowers

Harry Palmer

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