

This Week at St Mary's

19th JULY 2020

PREACHING THIS SUNDAY - We are most grateful to Clive Burrows, Vicar of St Stephen's Hyson Green for preaching today. Clive will himself be doing St Stephen's weekly service on zoom, so he has pre-recorded for us. Clive writes:

I was born in Ipswich and have and, like +Paul, support Ipswich Town Football Club. I was brought up in a Christian home and decided to follow Jesus when I was 11 years old. After training to be a music teacher I went to Thailand and worked as a kind of social worker in a prison and a refugee transit camp in Bangkok for two years.

I came home and moved up to Huddersfield where Karen, my fiancée was living. I started working as a music teacher and we were married and had two children, who are now grown up and have children of their own.

God called me abroad again and we all went as a family to work in the Republic of Niger in West Africa for two years, with both of us teaching in a school for the children of overseas mission partners.

On return to the UK we went to All Nations Christian College with a view to going abroad again to continue working in mission but God renewed a calling to ordination in the Anglican Church. I did my curacy in Derby Diocese before coming to Hyson Green 10 years ago. I love working in this challenging but rewarding multicultural parish in which we have seen a large number of Iranian people becoming Christians.

A POEM WHICH HAS PARTICULARLY SPOKEN TO ME...

Thanks so much to everyone who has contributed to this. All sorts of positive adjectives come to mind and it has been fascinating to read what everyone has said and the poems chosen. If you've not had the chance to submit one, PLEASE DO SO. The first reaction of many has been along the lines, 'I don't know a poem to select'. With a little discussion and reflection, however, something will come to mind.

SUNDAY WORSHIP AT ST MARY'S.

- **Numbers limited to 50, please let the office know if you are coming.** Names to be recorded and kept for 21 days.
- **Automatic hand sanitiser at door and/or wash hands.**
- **All music pre-recorded, no communal singing.**
- **If you use a paper service sheet, please take it away with you.**
- **No collection** - chest by south door for cash, online/standing order options too.
- **Communion, bread only, person administering to wear a mask.**

V J DAY COMMEMORATION SERVICE - Saturday 15th August. This is at St Mary's and details to follow about livestreaming and TV coverage. Likely to be 12.30, following wreath laying at Cenotaph.

PRAYING TOGETHER 6.30pm every Thursday join via skype for Evening Prayer. Contact Tom to be included on group list.

THE MEADOWS FOODBANK - Buy each week an extra (non perishable) item as an act of self giving love, for someone you don't know. Particularly needed now: jam; rice pudding; tinned tomatoes, potatoes, sweetcorn, kidney beans; mashed potatoes; sugar. Let Beth Mitchell 07775707855 0115 947 6736 tony.m1941@icloud.com know when a few to collect.

GIVING MONEY - Best done **online** but **cheque** also welcome. Preferable from the church's viewpoint is a **Standing Order** (NatWest 560061 00834602) For **One-off donations**, use either the **QR code** or **Donate button** on the website. *Please continue (better still, increase) your financial support of St Mary's in this difficult economic climate.*

ST ANN'S ADVICE CENTRE

I was warmly greeted as I arrived at the centre. It's in an area off Robin Hood Chase which includes the health centre and Emmanuel Church. Much, including the café remains closed, it was only completed last year and a 2 course meal costs £3. They are working to get everything up and running.

The food bank remained open throughout the lockdown. In addition to food, they give out energy vouchers and when available, a cooker or microwave. It's open to those who have no income, although others can access it too, with the usual sort of voucher scheme. Normally there are 40-50 users a week, but in the lockdown it rose to 400 one week. It is anticipated that when the furlough scheme ends, demand will soar.

The advice centre includes a range of services and activities - all currently suspended. Slimming World run a group and there is an exercise group. There is a bank of computers so that job seekers can prove they are looking for work, help on offer with CVs and filling in a job application, and to develop interview skills.

Benefit advice and debt counselling is offered. They are part of the government Money Advice and Pension Services. Tiding things over while a benefit claim is pending, and negotiating repayments are the usual stated issues; talking about money owed to a loan shark is sensitive territory. The lockdown will have given rise to a sharp increase in debt.

Their work is mainly carried out by paid staff, although there are a few volunteers. Some NTU students are helping with their website, as well as fundraising and marketing. The Centre relies entirely on donations and they get no government funding. Giving money is one way any of us can help - although they also receive larger grants from big Trust Funds. Keeping informed of what they are doing is best done by visiting the website.

<https://stannsadvice.org.uk>

Tom Gillman

Wherever you are, we extend a very warm greeting to you, especially if you've recently discovered St Mary's

St Mary's open for private prayer and reflection

11.00-3.00 each weekday

**11.00am SUNDAY SERVICE at St Mary's
Live & Streamed**

*(See our website and follow the link, including for
Order of Service)*

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**Please continue to pray for**

Estelle Barks  
John Bowers  
Rosemary Clark  
John Conway  
Harry Palmer  
Mike Ridley

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