

This Week at St Mary's

2nd AUGUST 2020

SUNDAYS IN AUGUST

- **2nd Rev'd Canon Alan Hargrave** celebrant and preacher. Alan's last post was as Canon Missioner at Ely Cathedral.
- **9th Rev'd Bridget Baguley**, Vicar of St Martin's Sherwood preacher, Tom is celebrant.
- **16th Tom** is celebrant and preacher.
- **23rd Rev'd Helen Hall** is celebrant and preacher. Helen is a senior law lecturer at NTU.
- **30th Rev'd Canon Alan Hargrave** celebrant and preacher.

NB NO LIVESTREAMING - on 16th, 23rd and 30th August. We regret that during this holiday season, whilst there will be worship in St Mary's, it is not going to be possible for us to broadcast these services.

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.**
- **Wearing of masks in church is mandatory from 8 August.**
- **All music pre-recorded, no communal singing.**
- **If you use a paper service sheet, please take it away with you.**
- **No collection - cash/yellow envelopes in chest by south door.**
- **Communion, bread only.**

CHORAL SCHOLARS' CONCERT *today* 6pm - a range of solo and group pieces, all recorded from the comfort of the Scholars' own homes. The concert will reflect the talents of our young musicians and the novel ways in which music-making has continued in the pandemic. Support our Scholars by listening-in via the website - same way as for services.

THE MEADOWS FOODBANK - gratefully received: Shampoo, soap bars, toothpaste, pasta sauce, custard, rice pudding, tinned peas/potatoes, macaroni cheese, sugar. Contact Beth Mitchell 07775707855 0115 947 6736 tony.m1941@icloud.com

A POEM WHICH HAS PARTICULARLY SPOKEN TO ME...

John Donne, Holy Sonnet 19 chosen by Hilary Tinley

At a conference Christian Arts invited John Moses, Dean Emeritus of St Paul's Cathedral, to speak on the life of John Donne who was Dean of St Paul's from 1621 to 1631. The talk inspired an exhibition of art works and *'One Equall Light'* was exhibited at two London churches: St Giles, Cripplegate and St James Piccadilly - and later at Southwell Minster.

I approached Donne's Holy Sonnets cautiously as I didn't think I would understand the intent within the language of his time but the frankness with which Donne confesses his tendency *'to blow hot and cold'* in his devotion struck me and the honesty of *'in prayers and flattering speeches I court God'* rang true.

The last line appears contrary, *'Those are my best days, when I shake with feare'*. When it was written 'feare' is closer to being 'in awe of' or 'having respect for' rather than being afraid.

Holy Sonnet 19 John Donne

*Oh, to vex me, contraries meet in one:
Inconstancy unnaturally hath begot
A constant habit; that when I would not
I change in vows, and in devotion.
As humorous is my contrition
As my profane love, and as soon forgot:
As riddlingly distempered, cold and hot,
As praying, as mute; as infinite, as none.
I durst not view heaven yesterday; and today
In prayers and flattering speeches I court God:
Tomorrow I quake with true fear of his rod.
So my devout fits come and go away
Like a fantastic ague; save that here
Those are my best days, when I shake with feare.*



Embroidery which this poem inspired Hilary to make

V J DAY COMMEMORATION SERVICE Saturday 15th August

2020 marks the 75th anniversary of the end of the second world war. Back in February, discussions began with both the city and county how Nottingham will mark this important event. The Minster would host VE Day and St Mary's VJ Day. Covid threw everything into uncertainty but it is really good news that things are to proceed.

Notts TV has agreed to show the service live, starting at 12.30. The first part will be edited highlights from a Wreath laying ceremony at 11.00 to have taken place, with limited numbers at the Cenotaph. St Mary's will be kept to just around 30 people, the Lord Lieutenant, High Sheriff, and civic and military representatives from across the county.

The service has the sorts of elements you'd expect - and more. As it turns out, there is expected to be a rather larger than usual audience.

- We are taking the opportunity to include still shots of historic photos from 1945 to give a poignant added dimension.
- There is an interview with Colonel James Gunn, who lives locally. In 1945 he was a 20-year-old soldier, just trained as part of the army who were to advance from India east to 'clear' that region of Japanese forces, to meet US forces, advancing west.
- Colonel David Sneath of the South Notts Hussars will outline the City and County's historic links with the 'forgotten' 14th Army.
- The sermon will be preached (he's recorded it) by Major General Tim Cross.
- Prayers will be introduced by representatives from different Commonwealth nations involved in the campaign - Indian, Pakistan, West African, Nepali, Polish.

I am so glad that this is going ahead as it is and I am sure it promises to be a most memorable occasion. Do get the word around and tune in to this 'must watch'.



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.*

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

St Mary's is usually open for private prayer and reflection 11-3pm each weekday - please call to confirm if visiting as current opening is curtailed

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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