

This Week at St Mary's

6th SEPTEMBER 2020

GRANT WALTON APPOINTED CURATE AT ST MARY'S

I am delighted to be able to announce that Grant is shortly to be licensed to serve as a curate with us. Many of us over the past year have greatly enjoyed getting to know him and Elizabeth, valuing their ministry among us. For him now to be devoting more of his time and his many gifts to St Mary's is for us all very good news.

Craig Hunt, the DDO comments, *'Grant brings with him a wealth of ministry experience, and a growing love of the Church of England. He will be a great resource to the ministry at St Mary's in the coming years.'*

He is to be ordained deacon at Southwell Minster on 27th of this month and will begin with us thereafter. It is a 2 year appointment, a training post. He will be involved in a bespoke pathway through St Mellitus College, East Midlands, which will take the equivalent of 1.5 days a week. He will also be attending Curate training provided by the Diocese (no more than half a day a week). There will also be residential weekends that will take him away from the parish in the first year.

Here is his 'mini bio'. *Grant was born and grew up in Zimbabwe and came to follow Jesus at a young age. He studied at university in Johannesburg, South Africa, where he met Elizabeth, also a university student. They were married in 1985 and both were high school teachers for more than a decade. Grant has been involved in church ministry for over thirty years, since 2000 in senior leadership roles. In 2018 he and Elizabeth embarked on a new adventure, relocating to Nottingham where she took a post at the University of Nottingham. They love the city and its people and are pleased to call it home. They have three adult children, two huskies and two cats, all of whom presently reside in Johannesburg. Both Grant and Elizabeth enjoy travelling and celebratory meals with friends amongst other things.*

Tom Gillman

V J DAY COMMEMORATION SERVICE

This was broadcast live from St Mary's on Saturday 15th August. Notts TV has reported that *'we had around 10,000 people watching live on the channel, reached around 10,000 people on the Facebook live and around 150 people have since watched the programme on catch-up.'*

This way exceeded numbers who could have been present in 'normal' times. Notts TV declared themselves *'from a technical and editorial standpoint to be really happy with the programme and that the whole thing was really positive for us.'*

Sir John Peace, the Lord-Lieutenant wrote to thank us *'for organising a very special VJ Day service under unprecedented circumstances. The service could not have gone better - a very big thank you.'* And Colonel Tim Richmond, the Vice Lord-Lieutenant described it as *'a moving tribute to those who served and paid the ultimate sacrifice.'*

John and Francis, working with our choir had recorded hymns and an Anthem, providing a strong musical core to the Service. Colonel James Gunn from his beautiful garden, spoke of his memories from 1945, waiting in India to advance east. Colonel David Sneath drew out the strong local connection with the campaign through the Foresters. Major General Tim Cross preached and representatives from Nepal, Pakistan, Poland, India and West Africa (nations whose troops had served in the campaign) participated in the prayers. Wreaths were laid at the Burma memorial before the pledge for peace and the National Anthem.

If you've not already seen it, go to Notts TV website for their catch up. Further future 'live OB's for other ceremonies' now being discussed. An exciting opportunity for the church and city at this time.

SUNDAY WORSHIP AT ST MARY'S.

- **Numbers limited to 50, please let the office know** if you are coming (see office hours). Names to be recorded and kept for 21 days.
- **Automatic hand sanitiser at door and/or wash hands.**
- **Wearing of masks, please.**
- **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.**

THE MEADOWS FOODBANK - for this week's update they are particularly in need of razors, shaving foam, toothpaste and soap bars/shower gel; washing-up liquid; and washing powder, tablets or liquid.

Also welcome are food donations of the following - tinned peas, carrots, potatoes, kidney beans; pasta sauce; rice pudding; and jelly.

We are very grateful for all your support - please contact St Mary's office (below) re any queries for the time being.

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

We are usually open weekdays 11-3pm - please check with the office (details below) to avoid disappointment if you are planning to visit

**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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