

# ***This Week at St Mary's***

**1<sup>st</sup> November 2020**

## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

I welcome the opportunity given following our Annual Meeting last week to clarify where we are with our worship services, in particular the 11.00am Eucharist.

We remain in uncharted territory. Nottingham now being put in 'tier 3' underlines this. Our 11.00 service has aimed to balance the following:

- **A congregation now present again in St Mary's.** For some, it may now feel like 'business as usual' but for many (myself included) it is not so. Distanced, masked, no communal singing, and more, has to be taken account of in the shaping a service.
- **A congregation present online.** Between March and June we were on a sharp learning curve about online worship. Some elements in the service needed keeping shorter, that some things worked well, some don't, etc.
- **Non-regulars present with us.** Across the nation, 'new' people have been joining online church services. The opportunity remains for us to speak directly of God's grace into the realities we are all facing.

I am not for a moment saying that we have got it all right. Quite the opposite and it is work in progress. Although as I said in 27<sup>th</sup> Sept TWASM the PCC decided ***that we therefore continue as we are for the time being***, what we have now is a 'holding operation' for the exceptional times we are in.

The PCC meets again on the 23rd Nov. Before that, the Worship sub committee will have met. We are considering both the short term position, but also the longer term way forward. Do let us have your thoughts. I remain committed to finding a way for St Mary's which preserves the distinctiveness of our historic worship, but at the same time ensures we do all we can to make much more widely accessible within Nottingham and beyond, the Gospel of

## BREAKING BARRIERS BUILDING BRIDGES

This year's High Sheriff of Nottinghamshire, Dame Elizabeth Fradd speaks with passion about what she is discovering in our city. Set up in 2014, Breaking Barriers Building Bridges runs a wide variety of services across Nottingham, all aimed at changing the lives of the city's young people.

Here is her 'report':

*"I had a warm welcome when I met some of the change-makers working with the charity Breaking Barriers Building Bridges recently and was incredibly impressed by the way they work. They were in Clumber Street in the centre of Nottingham with the Founder of the Charity, Maxine Crockett.*

*I observed them talking with young people walking in the street and those in line waiting to go into shops. Having gained their attention they use the time to find ways (if appropriate) to change the lives of the young people, who are too often involved in violent crime. They do this by offering advice, guidance and information.*

*It was clear to me the change-makers are highly respected and trusted by the young people they met, many of whom were well known to them. The Charity provides a range of other schemes for example holidays, youth clubs and football matches. It is administered by Nottingham Forest Community Trust.*

On their website <https://4bbbb.org.uk/> it says, 'We want young people in Nottingham to know they have a place in society, help them achieve their potential and give them the opportunity and support to do just that. We want to build strong and thriving communities that young people can - and

**GIVING MONEY** - Best done **online** via either the **QR code** or **Donate button** on the website. Preferable from St Mary's viewpoint is a **Standing Order** (NatWest 560061 00834602) For **one-off donations**, cheque, cash yellow envelope, in chest by South Porch Door.

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY** - 8th November 10.45am Notts TV will be televising the service. Numbers will be strictly limited, in line with regulations. Please let Di know asap if you would like to come and if you are able to help on the day. **PLEASE NOTE THAT WE CANNOT LET ANYONE ATTEND WITHOUT PRIOR CONFIRMATION**

**SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 6.30 SERVICE.** This will be our annual All Souls sung Eucharist, for anyone to attend, but especially if you have had a bereavement in the past months. If you cannot come, please let us have the name of anyone you would like to be remembered.

**ST MARY'S WILL BE CLOSED** because of use as exam hall, from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> incl and Monday 8<sup>th</sup>.

**MADONNA AND CHILD PAINTING** a faculty to allow the restoration work to proceed has been granted and it will be collected on 6<sup>th</sup> Nov for this to start.

**NEW TOWER ROOF...**funding for 80% of this work has been granted by the Culture Recovery Fund for Major Churches, once faculty confirmation is received, the work can proceed.

**GRIEF AND LOSS WORKSHOP** Transforming Notts Together is offering this (and other workshops, ie Covid Cash Recovery) free online to anyone living within Nottinghamshire.

Highly recommended, 2 hours long.

<https://transformingnottstogether.org.uk/areas-of-work/equipping-churches>

**THE MEADOWS FOODBANK** - this week they welcome toiletries, washing up items, tinned veg & meat. Contact Beth Mitchell 07775707855 0115 947 6736 [tony.m1941@icloud.com](mailto:tony.m1941@icloud.com)

**NEW PCC** - Churchwardens: Tony Mitchell & Nicholas Turner;  
Deanery Synod: Kevin Hancox; PCC: Peter Bartlett, Rachel Fiskin, Jean Hammonds, Emlyn Jones, Martyn Knight, James Persico, Lorna Richardson, Len Simmonds, Jonathan Stork, Margaret Wiedemann.

**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 11.30-2.30pm each weekday - please call to confirm if visiting.**

**11.00am SUNDAY SERVICE at St Mary's**

**Live & Streamed**

*(Livestreamed - see our website and follow the link, including Order of Service)*

**6.30PM SUNDAY EVENSONG**

**6.15PM WEDNESDAY EVENSONG**

**6.30 THURSDAY EVENING PRAYER (skype) Contact Tom**

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR**

Estelle Barks, John Bowers, Rosemary Clark, Barbara Davis,  
Harry Palmer, Mike Ridley

**SUNDAY WORSHIP AT ST MARY'S.**

- Numbers limited to 50, please let the office know if coming.
- Test and Trace signing in or by App, please.
- Automatic hand sanitiser at door and/or wash hands.
- Wearing of masks, please.

- Sorry, no communal singing.
- Communion, bread only.
- Please take away the paper service sheet you use
- Please avoid gathering at the South Porch on arrival/departure



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