

This Week at St Mary's

25th April 2021

THE NEW BROADMARSH

Following last year's collapse of Intu, the future of Broadmarsh has been a live issue. Now is a crucial time as in the coming months proposals are to be submitted to the Council. It was timely that at the April Nottingham City Prayer gathering, we laid the matter before God.

One of the strengths of the church in Nottingham is the NCP. At 7.00am once a month, well over 100 (mainly leaders) gather to pray. Zoom has hosted us for the past year. I had been asked to help lead and things got an immediate lift as our choir sang Thine Be the Glory. We spent some time reflecting on the resurrection of Jesus - how we encounter Him. Someone had researched Broadmarsh's history and she set out something of its poverty and squalor - reputedly some of the worst deprivation anywhere. In silence, we looked at past images. We were led through a time of lament into a new resolve to avoid the sins of the past.

I'd got help from (James) Lloydie in our choir to try to understand the politics. Alan Simpson (former MP) who chairs the independent panel advising the Council did a video to summarise where things are, the central issues for him being the extent to which the Council will see through staying close to its 2028 carbon neutral target and that whatever we end up with places a high value on nature, beauty, sustainability and inclusion. Chris Ives, on the staff at Nottingham Uni, encouraged us all to allow the Holy Spirit to work through us to inspire a new Broadmarsh worthy of the New Creation.

We all had the chance to pray about this in smaller groups, before our Archdeacon, Phil, closed the meeting in prayer as we reached 8.00am.



RUN THE MONTH

"Guys, please get checked out. It could save your life. I was unlucky in that I didn't have any symptoms. Don't be ignorant. Life is amazing. Live it to the full."

These words were spoken by Lloyd Pinder a prostate cancer sufferer but they could easily have come from the lips of others we know much closer to home. Chris Neep who recently received a 'clean bill of health', is now halfway through **Run the Month** to raise funds for Prostate Cancer UK and has run/walked 115.5miles/186km. He plans to keep going to reach 125 miles/200km by the end of April. His aim is both to raise the profile on this disease and the funds needed to support more research and treatment.

Chris believes that for many men, prostate health is too easily ignored; 'too many think that prostate cancer is something that afflicts older men and so they don't need to care. Perhaps Lloyd thought that, too'. He urges men not to make that mistake, prostate cancer affects all men - young and old. 'Talk to your doctor; get checked out'!

Chris is running to raise money for all the men like Lloyd and their families and for researchers and medical professionals everywhere focussed on finding more treatments to save lives. What he raises will help fund the likes of Dr George Seed, who, early in his career, is carrying out research which has the potential to make a huge difference to the lives of thousands of men, who are living with advanced prostate cancer. George aims to use his unique knowledge and skills to build a test to show which men will respond best to chemotherapy.

Sadly treatments did not come in time to save Lloyd who died last September, aged 48 years old.

The link to Chris' Just Giving page is <https://runthemonth.prostatecanceruk.org/fundraising/chris-run-for-prostate-cancer2022>

REVISION OF CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL IS NOW DUE & being updated. If you are not already on our ER please complete a form in church or download from the website. Send to Parish Office (full address below) or put in the box provided in church by 12 May. Any queries or changes in circumstances (change of name or address etc) please to lorna.richardson@live.co.uk or via the Parish Office.
<https://www.stmarysnottingham.org/2021/04/21/revision-of-church-electoral-roll/>

NOMINATION FORMS FOR PCC MEMBERS are now available in church or by email via the Parish Office. Please complete and post in the box by the South Porch, or by email. The **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING** is on Sunday 30th May at 12.30pm in St Marys Church.

SUNDAY EVENSONG 6.30pm resumes on 9 May.

MEADOWS FOODBANK - demand continues - Items welcomed: UHT dairy milk, Cereals, Soap bars, Surface cleaner, Shower gel, Laundry tablets, Cooking oil (small bottles), Jelly cubes, Puds/Instant desserts, Tins potatoes/rice pudding/custard, Biscuits, Toothpaste, Coffee (small), Fruit juice. If you are delivering, details of mitigation in place available through our office by email. Cash donations also welcome. Co-op members please also nominate the Foodbank as your 'local community cause.'

JOHN BOWERS - it is with much regret we announce that John died on 8th April. He had been ill for a couple of years and died hours after being admitted to hospital.

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

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

11.00am SUNDAY SERVICE in St Mary's Church
also Audio Broadcast live via our website
(follow the link, including for Order of Service)

6.15pm Wednesday Evensong (also Broadcast)

6pm THURSDAY EVENING PRAYER (skype) Contact Grant
(gwalton@stmarynotts.org)

ST MARY'S IS OPEN
Monday-Friday 10.30-2.30

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