

This Week at St Mary's

26th September 2021

GORBIO OR MONTE CARLO?

One more memory from our recent time away - I promise this is the last.

We drove to Italy and on the way we chanced on staying at a place called Gorbio, just outside Menton, at the far south east corner of France. As we pitched our tent at the campsite, we drank in an amazing view of the hill village, church and tower at the top, with its medieval buildings nestling beneath. Beyond was the sea - although there was also the motorway in between (it's where it can help to be a bit hard of hearing). A photo with a rainbow ending at the tower was circulated on the family whatsapp group.

The tower is named after the Lascaris, Counts of Ventimiglia, who were the first lords of Gorbio. The Lascaris castle is 12th century and has been lovingly restored as a museum to house works of the Indian painter Raza. There was also going on a temporary exhibition of another painter who had lived nearby, Joseph Inguimberty.

Amongst charming landscapes and scenes from the area, it was his interpretation of Monte Carlo which stood out for me. There are 2 or 3 rather dominant white shapes in the foreground, hulls of yachts. The rest of the painting, sea and land is heavily grey and dull, painted without detail. Inguimberty summed up well my feelings for the place not many kilometres down the road.

We decided to sample the restaurant in the middle of the village. It proved an excellent choice, both for the food but also for a piano rendering of a Cole Porter number. We had not seen a piano but when it had finished the proprietor appeared from another part of the restaurant and admitted it had been he who had been playing. Multi-talented indeed.

Tom Gillman



**Do you want to grow in your relationship with God?
Then join us on THE PRAYER COURSE - An eight-week journey
through the Lord's Prayer**

The course is created by Pete Grieg, leader of the 24/7 world-wide prayer movement established in 1999 and explores connecting and communicating with God through prayer: hearing God's voice; experiencing more of His presence; unlocking the power of prayer.

Mike and Alison Davies who have set up Urban Abbey in Sneinton, part of the 24/7 prayer network, will be leading the course at St Mary's. They will be with us on Sunday 10th October at 11.00, speaking about it at the Service and then around afterwards over cake and coffee to discuss further. The course will be on Thursdays at 19:30, 21st October - 2nd December, by Zoom. Each session is 1 hour long. It includes watching a video and discussion, with a practical prayer activity.

To book your place please email dillsley@stmarynotts.org

RECENTLY AT ST MARY'S

Funeral of John Godfrey, 14th Sept: Some may remember John, who resided in Mansfield, but attended St Mary's with his family on an occasional basis some years ago. He was known as a person of warmth, affording anyone and everyone dignity and respect. We wish his family well as they mourn.

Heritage Open Day: on Saturday 18th: a steady stream of visitors, some of whom were waiting outside before the doors opened! The Tower Tours were as usual the highlight. Amazing flowers, cakes and drinks at ground level, amidst friendly conversation. A massive thank you to all who volunteered, contributed and served on the day.

Ferocious Dog, on Monday, a folk punk band based in Warsop transformed the church into a recording studio to video material for an upcoming tour. They have headlined tours in the U.K. and Europe. Several from our choir participated. Music and theatrical smoke filled the building and members of the public around the church enjoyed the free concert.

REFUGEES FROM AFGHANISTAN have now arrived in Nottm. Men's Joggers, Hoodies, Sweatshirts, T Shirts, Jeans in medium and large and good trainers. Phones, unlocked, good condition needed too. <https://www.hostnottingham.org.uk/donate>

HARVEST - Sunday 3 October 11.00 All Family Service. Please bring non perishable foods to be donated to Emmanuel House. Refreshments following. There will be a BCP Eucharist at 6.30pm.

THE ALPHA COURSE - starting week 27 September (specific date & time to be agreed with participants) online - further details to follow. 8 sessions to explore the Christian faith together. Good internet connection necessary. It would be great to have you join in - please contact Grant if you are considering it, or if you have any questions or suggestions gwalton@stmarynotts.org <https://alpha.org.uk>

CONCERT featuring Braimah Kanneh-Mason on violin & Beate Toyka on piano with the Orchestra of the Restoration, directed by John Keys, Saturday 23 October 7.30pm at St Mary's. Vivaldi's The Four Seasons and Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 1. £15 (£10 conc £5 U23s) via <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/BDWX> or Nottm Tourism Centre NG1 2BY 08444 77 56 78 & Windblowers NG1 5BA 0115 941 0543, or on the door subject to availability.

MEADOWS FOODBANK - donations please at the front entrance (larger ones still to the rear entrance). Please wear a mask & if dropping off at the rear, use the QR code, sanitise, complete a donor slip and give us a shout. We welcome: UHT milk; 500g bags sugar; toilet rolls; small bottles cooking oil; tinned meat, fruit, potatoes, pasta; shampoo; toothpaste, or cash donations. Tues 5.30-7.15, Fri 10-12, Sat 11-1pm NG2 2JD

GIVING AT ST MARY'S - We are most grateful for all donations which are our main source of income. Please use the new contactless donation station by the South Porch. Alternatively cash/cheques may be placed in the nearby chest, using Gift Aid if you are a UK tax-payer, or use the Donate button on the website. Please consider giving by Standing Order (NatWest St Mary's PCC 560061 00834602).

**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)**

6.30pm SUNDAY EVENSONG (Live & Broadcast)

6.15pm WEDNESDAY EVENSONG (Live & Broadcast)

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

**ST MARY'S IS OPEN
Monday-Friday 11.00-2.30**

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR

Estelle Barks

Stephen Morris

Harry Palmer

LIVESTREAM OF SERVICES. We regret there has been an issue with catching-up on recently broadcasted services - we are resolving the problem, and live listening is unaffected.

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