

This Week at St Mary's Jubilee Edition

5 June 2022



SO IT'S FINALLY OVER

It must be said it's been a great few days for Nottingham - at least for the 'red' half. We'd all want to say, 'Really well done, Forest'. I for one want County to prosper as well.

I'm a great fan of the TV programme, The Repair Shop. The recent story told by Gary Fischer's about his grandparents' Jewish prayer book brought in for repair was as moving as any.

His grandparents had been allowed to keep it during their time in Theresienstadt, a concentration camp in Czechoslovakia. This was a "show" camp, to dupe outsiders of fair treatment towards Jews whilst in truth, just a mile up the road were gas chambers, where others in Gary's family were murdered. "My grandparents were very lucky," he added, his eyes welling up with tears.

On one page in the book were signatures which his grandfather obtained from fellow camp inmates on the day of liberation. "So it's finally over," one had written. When the restored book was revealed, Gary said, "that's unbelievable - it's just a complete work of art". There was not a dry eye in the house, nor I feel sure in many sitting rooms up and down the country.

Gary commented that he thought his grandparents' faith must have helped them. There's something really significant being identified. Success on the football pitch creates an amazing sense of euphoria, for 'the glory days'. However, isn't it in stories of hope in the depths of suffering that we most powerfully experience hope?

In those who manage to continue to pray to God in the ghastliness, I think we see through to the place where love and suffering meet. Christians see God Himself there, God-with-us, in those hell holes, as he was with Jesus on the Cross. Almost instinctively we humans sense something deep within. The step we all need to take is to put our trust in Him and go on doing so.

Tom Gillman

ROYAL VISIT 28th JULY 1977

Most of us will know the meticulous planning which, behind the scenes, goes into every royal visit. 1977, the Silver Jubilee year was packed with royal visits and Nottingham was included on 28th July. Here is a window into the planning of the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh's visit that day.

After visiting Derby and having lunch in Chesterfield, the itinerary informs us the royal party made the 12¼ miles journey to arrive in Mansfield at 2.45pm. *'Wearing a light green wide brimmed hat and matching coat, the Queen looked happy and relaxed'*. After presentations, she was shown round the new library and lecture theatre, *'observing the concluding stages of a performance by young people'*. She unveiled a plaque *'which will be conveniently placed on an easel'* before officially opening the building.

The royal party then *walked the 300 yards through the market to the Town Hall* where there were more presentations. Gifts of a photograph of Sherwood Forest, a crock of whisky (to the Duke) and of a carving were made. At 3.15 their car left to cover the 16 miles to Trent Bridge Cricket Ground.

However, that journey did not go to plan. The Times reports that *'record crowds spilling onto the roads in front of the royal cars'* meant that they arrived at the Test Match 1¼ hours late. The players were back on the pitch after tea and the match had to be interrupted for the English and Australian teams to be introduced to H.M. *'Get on with the game!'* was the view of some in the crowd.

They hastened to open the new hospital. *Her Majesty unveiled the plaque in the entrance hall at 5.45pm, declaring, 'I am very pleased to declare this complex open and name it Queen's Medical Centre'*. She was given a scale model of the hospital, made of cake.

In today's Jubilee service, we are including reflections of what, 45 years later, is still remembered and the lasting legacy.

LAST WEEK AT ST MARY'S

Saturday. Urban Abbey Prayer Morning, with a focus on mission to the city. A really uplifting time of worship and prayer.

Wednesday. Live broadcast of Ey Up Notts, featuring the Platinum Jubilee Service

WORKPLACE WEDNESDAY at St Mary's, each week. If you're looking for a third space to work away from home & the office, look no further than this alternative new workspace. St Mary's is a unique setting with wi-fi & and there will be fresh coffee. 9 to 12pm, no charge & no need to book. Get the word round too.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES - Please note that there are many opportunities to volunteer, both in the services, with children's work and in many other ways - please see last week's TWASM.

.Please note that due to college exams St Mary's will only be open to visitors on Wednesday this coming week. However, there will be Thursday Communion at 12.45.

GIVING TO ST MARY'S We rely on your financial support. Kindly use online banking (NatWest 56-00-61, St Mary's PCC a/c 00834602); cash or cheque in the donations chest; the card reader; or via the website. Please use Gift Aid if you are a UK tax-payer. Standing order forms are by the south porch.

FROM MEADOWS FOODBANK Needed please - UHT milk; sugar; coffee; jam; oil; tinned meat, tuna, fruit, sweetcorn, tomatoes, potatoes; noodles; peanut butter; toiletries; laundry tabs; washing-up liquid; or cash donations. Also good condition children's books. Tues 5.30-7.15, Fri 10-12, Sat 11-1pm NG2 2JD

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

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

11am CIVIC SERVICE FOR HM THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE

also Audio Broadcast live via our website
(follow the link, including for Order of Service)

6.30pm CHORAL EUCHARIST Live & Broadcast

6.15pm WEDNESDAY EVENSONG

12.45PM THURSDAY COMMUNION

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

ST MARY'S REMAINS COVID SENSITIVE,
especially to the most vulnerable,
in respect of the use of masks, distancing and sanitising.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR

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Stephen Morris Kirsten Solway

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