

This Week at St Mary's

12 June 2022

A WORTHY VISION FOR EVERY 21 YEAR OLD

In a special Jubilee message, the Queen spoke about '*looking to the future with confidence and enthusiasm*'. Once more she spoke with resilient hope not based on wishful thinking but inspired by her faith in God before whom, seventy years ago, she dedicated her life to the service of nation and Commonwealth.

On Pentecost Sunday we celebrate that the Holy Spirit sets people free to live and serve with renewed vigour and a calm perseverance. This is what the Queen has exemplified throughout her long reign. Aged 21, she said, '*If we all go forward together with an unwavering faith, a high courage, and a quiet heart, we shall (by God's grace) have a more powerful influence for good in the world.*'

Here is a worthy vision for every 21-year-old, whatever their particular talents or prospects. Through our prayers and vital encouragement to a new generation, we can play a part in creating a society where greatness is not measured by financial wealth, social media following or false notions of beauty. Becoming instead a society where to serve is perfect freedom and caring deeply for others, without fear or favour, is honoured as the truest form of what it is to be noble.

For Christians, it is in such sacrificial service that Jesus himself reveals the glory of God and brings salvation and hope to our world. It is why the Queen's own faith has been such a personal source of help and hope in every circumstance and season of life.

My Jubilee message for Nottingham is this: "*Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way; say to those with fearful hearts, 'Be strong, do not fear; your God will come...he will come to save you.'*" Here in Christ is our reason for confidence and the inspiration to renew our enthusiasm for life and service to others, in the power of the Holy Spirit and to the glory of God the Father.

From Bishop Paul's sermon for HM the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Service at St Mary's

RECONCILIATION VIA MANSFIELD

This is the memory Liell Francklin brought at the Platinum Jubilee Service about the visit of HM the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh to Mansfield on 28th July 1977.

My father, Commander Philip Francklin, was Lord Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire in 1977 and he organised Her Majesty's Silver Jubilee visit to Nottinghamshire, not without difficulty. His principal point of contact at Buckingham Palace was Sir Philip Moore, Assistant Private Secretary to the Queen, who took over from Sir Martin Charteris as Private Secretary later that year.

24 years later I went to a memorial service of one of my godfathers at St George's, Windsor at which Lord Moore (as he was by then) was present. At my mother's suggestion I introduced myself to him and said that I believed that he worked with my father on the Queen's Silver Jubilee visit to Nottinghamshire.

He said that he remembered my father well but what he particularly recalled about the day was sitting at lunch next to the Mayor of Heiligenhaus (I believe), the German town which Mansfield was twinned with. Within 20 minutes of sitting down to lunch Philip Moore worked out that the Mayor was the German night fighter pilot who had shot down the Lancaster bomber in which he was the navigator over the Ardennes in 1942. The plane broke in 2 throwing Philip Moore clear but the rest of the crew were killed. He spent the rest of the war in a prisoner of war camp, very lucky to survive.

So, 35 years after the event, the Queen's visit to Nottinghamshire in 1977 led to another unexpected act of post-war reconciliation.

LAST WEEK AT ST MARY'S

Sunday - HM the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Service

Monday - Grant's licensing by the Bishop of Sherwood as co-ordinating Chaplain for University of Nottingham.

Nottingham College students used the church for their exams

CHORAL SCHOLAR'S CONCERT Sunday 19th June 8.00pm. Come and join in this concert, an annual highlight, and enjoy listening to our choral scholars perform.

INSIGHT MEETING Wed 22nd June 12.00 - 1.30 *What was it like working during the pandemic? 'INDEPENDENT SINCE 1844.. AND STILL THRIVING'*. WEAVERS - Chief Executive Philip Trease. A stimulating lunchbreak alternative hosted by the Workplace Chaplaincy. At St Mary's, with a light lunch included. Free of charge but please email lensimmonds@gmail.com to book a place.

ST MARY'S BOOK GROUP The next meeting will be Thursday 7 July 11am in the church. All very welcome. We'll be discussing "To Sir, with Love", by E R Braithwaite. We read a couple of extracts to focus, so you don't have to know the book in detail.

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.

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 22 May TWASM.

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

10.45am SUNDAY CHORAL EUCHARIST BCP
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

12.45PM THURSDAY COMMUNION

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

COLLEGE EXAMS Please note that St Mary's will be closed to
visitors on both Monday & Friday mornings, this coming week.

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

Estelle Barks Jenny Du May & her husband Peter
Stephen Morris Kirsten Solway

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