

This Week at St Mary's

31 July 2022

STAND UP TO KNIFE CRIME

Our neighbour Stone Soup Academy put on an event last week at the Metronome to raise awareness and change perceptions of knife crime. Many memorable elements, but it's Zoe Cooke's story which has left a big impression on me and Joanna (she is a trustee of SSA).

On the morning of 4th July 2021, Byron, Zoe's adult son phoned to arrange to have a meal together later. At 1.15pm Zoe received a phone call from one of Byron's friends to say he had been stabbed in Ilkeston and was on his way to hospital. Zoe went straight to QMC, to discover they had no record of him. They contacted Derby, 'He'll only come to QMC if it's serious'. Shortly after, her worst fears were confirmed when he arrived in an ambulance. She saw him rushed into A and E. The reassured her they were doing all they could, that he would need a massive blood transfusion. At this point, she knew he was dead. She had not been able to be with him, unable to hold even his hand.

Just over a year on, Zoe described how she thinks of Byron near constantly. She spoke straight from her heart, her voice strong almost all the time. Her first aim now, she said, is to do all she can to help at least one other family not to have to go through what hers has suffered.

She has raised money to supply 'Bleed Kits' to be placed in 'Bleed Control Cabinets' in selected locations aiming to be close to victims of stabbing. Had one of these been close, Byron might have made it. Each costs £600 and has essentials in it and instructions. Donations can be made via the Daniel Baird Foundation [Bleed Control Kits | By The Daniel Baird Foundation | Campaign by Lynne Baird - Control The Bleed](#) | referencing Byron Griffin.

See also [Byron Griffin: Mum's bleed kit appeal on anniversary of son's death - BBC News](#)

Tom Gillman

'The NOTTINGHAM PASSION'

We are delighted to announce that St Mary's will host a Passion Play, on 31st March and 1st April 2023 to be directed by The Rev'd James Pacey.

The play is a tried and tested production having previously been staged in a variety of venues. St Mary's makes an ideal next venue for the project due to its splendid architecture, its wider missional reach and its position within Nottingham's creative hub.

This would be a fully inclusive project, not least in having a cast comprised of all ages and of varying understandings of faith. As well as 'onstage' roles, there is also ample opportunity for people behind the scenes. Auditions will be on Thursday 17th November.

The play can be seen through two lenses: a piece of theatre and an act of worship. Previous performances have been profound in their results: not only has it brought community together in a new and exciting way, people have come to faith as a direct result of their involvement in the project and their viewing of the performances. The expression of praise and faith would be the primary goal of the project.

James, who was before ordination a theatre director comments, *'I remain convinced that theatre has the power to move, to emote and to challenge on a massive level. In a very real way, through rehearsal and production, both cast and audience discover that in the telling and observing of the Gospel, their own stories are caught up in God's own story. There is an implicit decision that they wish to receive and participate in the story with which they are presented.'*

The PCC has agreed to underwrite the project, but in common with each previous production it is anticipated ticket sales and sponsorship will at least cover costs.

LAST WEEK AT ST MARY'S

Thursday - Nottingham Music Service Concert with c200 student musicians in 2 performances by Orchestral Connections & the twinning Karlsruhe Youth Orchestra to a very appreciative audience.

ST MARY'S BOOK GROUP Thurs 4 Aug 11am. We'll be discussing *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini, a tale of two Afghan boys with very different stories. All welcome, & let us know if you'd like to borrow a copy of the book.

INSIGHT MEETING Wed 17 Aug 12-1.30pm. Denis Tully, CEO of Emmanuel House, presents the challenges, complexities, responses and lessons learned when providing homeless services throughout the lockdown. *'Emmanuel House - before, during and after Covid'*. Please do join us but to help with the catering requirements please email lensimmonds@gmail.com to book.

QUIET DAY Sat 3 Sept The Third Thursday Prayer Group have organised a Quiet Day at Sacrista Prebend Retreat House including welcome guests. Angela Ashwin will lead us in meditation on St John's Gospel. The cost is c£20-£30. If you will struggle to afford this, please speak to Margaret Wiedemann in confidence. Lifts available. To sign up or for more, contact Margaret through the office, or have a word in church. These days prove very satisfying for the soul, and paradoxically we experience a great sense of community in the silence.

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.

WORKPLACE WEDNESDAY at St Mary's, each week, a third space to work away from home & the office. St Mary's is a unique setting with wi-fi & fresh coffee. 9 to 12pm, no fee or need to book.

MEADOWS FOODBANK please support with tinned fruit, meat & tuna; UHT milk; noodles; toilet rolls; shampoo; toiletries; bags for life. 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

SERVICES UP TO & INCLUDING 28TH AUGUST

Sunday 10.45 Parish Eucharist - each week

Sunday 6.30 Evensong - none, resumes 4th Sept.

Sunday Evening Worship 6.30 in the Vestry, each week - all welcome

Wednesday 6.15 Evensong - none, resumes 14th Sept

Thursday 12.45 Communion - none, resumes 8th Sept

Thursday Evening Prayer 6pm on skype each week - 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

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

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