

This Week at St Mary's

4 September 2022

OUT OF MANY ONE PEOPLE

It was a privilege to participate in the recent celebration of the 60th anniversary of Jamaican independence. All, I am sure, will know what a vibrant and generous hearted Jamaican 'diaspora' there is in Nottingham.

I joined in the event on the Saturday evening at the Council House. Compered most skilfully by Diana McKenzie, from the start everyone who has not already been was urged to visit Jamaica. They were assured that when they do so, they will fall in love with the place and with the people. This was amply borne out by all participants, ranging from poet, singer and speaker. Evident was love for their homeland, pride of all that has been achieved over the past 60 years and confidence in the future. The evening included giving out of Certificates for outstanding contributions to life in Nottingham, be it cultural, civic, commercial, community or educational. I found it eye opening and inspiring. The evening ended with a delicious dinner.

On Sunday we hosted a Service arranged by the Nottingham Jamaican Friendship Society. It was a tremendous occasion of praise and thanksgiving at this golden jubilee celebration. The much loved James Stapleton welcomed everyone, and his daughter Ruth was the Moderator. With brass, drums and a strong vocal lead ensuring lively singing and music, there were many participants. Bishop Lincoln Davis preached, inspiring the congregation to 'wake up' to join in the adventure of all that Jamaica could be, with prayer, courage and commitment. Fresh with Elaine Thompson Herah's success at the Commonwealth Games, Jamaica in the Caribbean should be described as she was by one commentator, as being in a 'different class'.

I have never visited Jamaica, but from my rich contact with the Nottingham diaspora, I feel a love for the people and a solidarity to be part of the 'Out of many, one people' nation.

Tom Gillman

ST MARY'S CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

Our Children's Choir Director, Lucy Haigh, was thrilled with the start made by the three new choirs during July, with a total of 42 children taking part in rehearsals. The current members of the choirs are drawn from the following local primary schools: Cotgrave C of E, Forest Fields, Jesse Gray, Highbank, Sneinton C of E and Robert Shaw. The children have been looking forward to resuming rehearsals in September; the Boys' and Girls' Choirs will make their debut at the Harvest Festival service in October.

We are in great need of more volunteer choir chaperones, so please consider carefully whether you might be able to help. The rota will be arranged according to chaperones' availability: you could volunteer as infrequently as once a month or as often as every week. Being a volunteer choir chaperone means you can sit in on choir rehearsals and hear the children singing lovely music; the role will also look great on your CV! Being a chaperone is not particularly taxing, but there is some paperwork involved, such as a new DBS check, and a small amount of training. If you are able to help or would like more information, please email Lucy on lhaigh@stmarynotts.org as soon as possible, so that we can start your application. We are also looking for volunteers to help process chaperone paperwork and to do general music administration.

During September, our singing programme for schools, called 'Sing Nottingham!', will launch. Over 200 children will receive free, weekly singing tuition in class, in line with the new Model Music Curriculum. Initially, the schools involved will be Forest Fields, Sneinton C of E and Robert Shaw primaries. We plan to expand the programme further, to introduce even more of the children in Nottingham to the joys of choral singing.

FRIDAYS AT ONE at St Mary's. Informal lunchtime concerts lasting about 40 minutes - feel free to bring your own lunch. Free admission with retiring collection.

9 Sept John Keys (organ) Music from Bach to Mulet

16 Sept Benjamin Staniforth (baritone), John Keys (piano) Lost love told through classical art song.

23 Sept Solos by singers from Nottingham Girls High School tbc

30 Sept The Himley Duo - Anna Downes (violin), Tony Bridgewater (piano). Andrew Downes *Sonata no2 for violin and piano*, Robert Schumann *Sonata in A minor*

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RECENTLY AT ST MARY'S

INSIGHT meeting 17 August - Denis Tully presented '*Emmanuel House - before, during and after Covid*', a graphic presentation of the challenges and possibilities to come, supporting the most vulnerable citizens in Nottingham without prejudice or judgment in order to tackle isolation, vulnerability and homelessness.

WEDDINGS 19 Aug Emma Armstrong & Adam Glenn, & 27 Aug Laura Jowett & Garreth Frank. Hearty blessings & congratulations to both couples.

INSIGHT MEETING Wed 14 Sep 12-1.30pm. 'Live' COVID-19 and its' ramifications. Covid was a test like no other. Never before have the lives of so many people around the world been affected at this scale and speed. There is now a set of deeper impacts on health and wellbeing, communities and cohesion, skills, employment and the economy, which will have profound effects upon the UK for many years to come. Len Simmonds, the compiler of *Interesting to Know*, will be looking at our pandemic experiences and the disruption to our everyday lives. A buffet lunch is provided - please confirm at lensimmonds@gmail.com

ANNUAL TOWER TOURS Saturday 17 Sep 10-12.30 & 1.30-4pm (last tour 3.15pm). Sensible attire, a good level of fitness & restrictions on children's size/age necessary. Have a go at brass rubbing - materials provided, & explore our medieval heritage. Refreshments available &/or bring a picnic to enjoy in the grounds.

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 THIS WEEK

10.45am SUNDAY CHORAL EUCHARIST
also Audio Broadcast live via our website
(follow the link, including for Order of Service)

6.30pm SUNDAY EVENSONG Live & Broadcast

12.45PM THURSDAY COMMUNION

6pm THURSDAY EVENING PRAYER

On 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

Estelle Barks Ally, Ben & Ethan Betts
Jenny Du May & her husband Peter
Stephen Morris Rick Savage Kirsten Solway

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