

This Week at St Mary's

13th November 2022

THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES

We are remembering at this time especially Nottingham people who gave their lives in national military conflicts. St Mary's has memorials for the South African war (1899-1901) and for the Great War, including the bronze for the Robin Hood Battalions of the Sherwood Foresters. For 1939-45, the South Notts Hussars and the 150th Regiment of the Royal Horse Artillery have plaques. There is also the Burma memorial.

In the north aisle, there are Colours/Standards for the Old Contemptibles (WW1 veterans), the Normandy Landings Veterans, the Korea Veterans, the Burma Star and the Parachute Regiment Associations, and for the Grenadiers. The ensign from HMS Nottingham sunk on 18th August 1916 at the Battle of Jutland hangs, remembering the 21 who went down with her.

First and foremost, it is important to stop to remember with deep gratitude those who gave their lives in the service of our nation. Each name speaks of a unique person and for whose death a family/friends will have grieved. All of us identify with that. In recent times lives have been given in other conflicts, at this 40th anniversary, the Falklands is especially remembered.

Gatherings of Associations and Regiments will recall stories of the exceptional courage and selflessness to which humans are capable. There is nothing which stirs us more. Human bonds like no other are created when 'lives are on the line'.

I'm glad we hold services to remember and that memorials are in churches. Military conflicts arise from and lead to suffering and injustice. Think of Ukraine, it's messy and we all wish it could have been otherwise. Either denying the past or choosing to ignore it is no solution. The Church gives the ideal context to draw close, in confidence that Christ's death and resurrection makes it possible for God to redeem and make ALL things new.

Tom Gillman

CHRISTMAS OPPORTUNITIES

With our city centres and many shops now leaving us in no doubt that the countdown to Christmas has well and truly begun, it's a good time to plan the Christmas season. You may like to consider helping in some way with one of the many organisations helping those in hardship this winter. Here are some ideas - but please let us know of others.

SALVATION ARMY - Christmas Present Appeal. New unwrapped toys and presents required for 0 to 18-year-olds. Please bring your donated gifts to William Booth Memorial Halls, King Edward Street, Nottingham, NG1 1EU on 22nd and 23rd November 2022 between 10am-3pm or to the SA TOY SERVICE on Sunday 27th November at 10.30am or telephone 07341 864282 to arrange a suitable time.

THE GREAT NOTTS CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL collects new gifts in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire and distributes them with the help of local Government agencies. Closing date 6 Dec. For details see <https://www.stewardship.org.uk/pages/GreatNottsChristmasToy22>

OPEN HOMES (Emergency housing for teenagers) **The Big Give Christmas Challenge 2021** is now live! All Open Homes Nottingham donations through the Big Give until 12 noon on Tuesday 7th December will be DOUBLED through match-funding. Follow the link: <https://donate.thebiggive.org.uk/campaign/a051r00001Mw7VrAAJ>
For more information take a look at this... [View Article](#)

FOODBANKS - St Mary's supports the Meadows foodbank - see next page - but there are others - see <https://hope-nottingham.org.uk>

LAST WEEK AT ST MARY'S

SATURDAY - Nottingham Symphony Orchestra with popular European Classics.

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; via the website, or standing order, using Gift Aid if you are a UK tax-payer.

INSIGHT MEETING WED 16th Nov 12-1.30PM. 'Company Culture and Ethics Matters to Workers.' Louise Third and Katie Conley explore the emphasis on business culture & ethics in a strong job seekers' market, especially hearing how Millennials, Gen Z and Generation Alpha are discerning who they might work for and why. Email lensimmonds@gmail.com to confirm for buffet numbers.

NOTTINGHAM PASSION AUDITIONING Weds 16th and Thurs 17th. Actors of all ages, backgrounds, abilities needed. [facebook.com/nottinghampassion](https://www.facebook.com/nottinghampassion) nottinghampassion@gmail.com
www.nottinghampassion.co.uk

TALK BY MARGARET WIEDEMANN-27 Nov 12.30 to 1.30 "The Man Born to be King": In 1941, crime writer Dorothy L Sayers caused a national furore with her radio dramatisation of the gospels, though Archbishop William Temple judged it to be "one of the great contributions to the religious life of our time". Margaret did her doctorate on Sayers' plays & describes the dramas both on air & off.

ST MARY'S BOOK GROUP 1 Dec 11am (*Clear Light of Day* by Anita Desai), 5 January (*Miss Benson's Beetle* by Rachel Joyce), 2 February (*The Clock Winder* by Anne Tyler). All welcome.

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANT Di Illsley, after over 4 years in St Mary's office, has decided the time has come to step back. She will be VERY MUCH missed. We will soon be advertising for her replacement - details to be posted on the website. We are taking the opportunity to define a new paid **Financial Assistant** role, to be 8 hours a week, who will work closely with our bookkeeper, payroll advisor, accountant, gift aid processor and with our (yet to be identified) Treasurer. The **Parish Administrator** role (25 hours a week) will involve being a key part of our small office team, often the first point of contact, and with specific responsibilities for Services, office administration, returns and supplies. With suitable skills, the two roles could be carried out by the same person. Please pray that we quickly identify the right person and please pass the word on to anyone you think might be suitable.

MEADOWS FOODBANK needs UHT milk; pet food; items for Christmas - biscuits for cheese, nuts, mince pies, Christmas puddings and cakes, biscuit boxes, chocolates. 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 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE

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

6.30pm VICTORIA'S REQUIEM Live & Broadcast

6.15pm WEDNESDAY EVENSONG

12.45PM THURSDAY COMMUNION

6pm THURSDAY EVENING PRAYER ON SKYPE

WORKPLACE WEDNESDAY at St Mary's, each week, a third space
to work away from home & the office. 9 to 12pm, no fee or booking.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR

Estelle Barks Jan Buckland
Jenny Du May & her husband Peter
Stephen Morris Rick Savage Kirsten Solway
Oliver Webb & Helen Latham

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