

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

SERVICES COMING UP

SUNDAY 26th Feb: Choral Eucharist (with St Mary's Boys' and Girls' Choirs) 10.45am

SUNDAY 26th Feb: Choral Evensong 6.30pm

WEDNESDAY 1st Mar: Choral Evensong 6.15pm

THURSDAY 2nd Mar: Holy Communion 12.45pm

THURSDAY 2nd Mar: Evening Prayer (Skype) 5.30pm

SUNDAY 5th Mar: Legal Service 10.45am

SUNDAY 5th Mar: BCP Choral Eucharist 6.30pm

ST MARY'S is OPEN for private prayer & reflection
11.00-2.30 Monday-Friday

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

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR

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This Week at St Mary's

26th February 2023

SEEING NO ONE EXCEPT JESUS

In 1996, the 6th century church of Sant'Appolinare in Classe, near Ravenna, was added to UNESCO's World Heritage List. About 20 years ago our family found ourselves nearby in Italy and I'll never forget the visit, primarily for the mosaic in the east end apse, depicting the story of Jesus' Transfiguration.

The eye is taken up through a pastoral scene to a rich deep blue orb (the world) with gold stars, filled by a gold Cross before rising into the swirling gold of the heavens, with details from the Biblical story, eg the presence of Peter, James and John, Moses and Elijah with Jesus. In the centre of the Cross is the face of Jesus Christ. This is the focal point of this amazing church, the intention I feel sure to capture, as St Matthew does at his climax, that the three disciples "saw no one except Jesus, himself alone".

It's the central message of the New Testament. None of us need look further than the person of Jesus. In Him everything has come together. What He has done affects the entire world. What was prepared by Moses and the hopes symbolically resting on Elijah are now fulfilled in Jesus, the second Adam. God has invested His all in Jesus and following the Day of Resurrection, that He will make all things new is now sure.

We went that day to Classe as tourists, along with many others. The intention of the mosaic is to call and challenge us to become worshippers, those who recognise the rightful place of Jesus Christ at the centre of everything, and decide to live accordingly, shaped by Good Friday and Easter in particular. The inclusion of the Cross emphasises that the Transfiguration story anticipates.

Let us, as Jesus took Peter, James, and John by the hand that day, arise as obedient worshippers, striving for His centrality in everything.

Tom Gillum

GET OUR BELLS RINGING AGAIN Huge thanks to all who have responded to this appeal. We have raised £65,000 so far, including £15,000 from Nottingham Civic Society. This makes up 36.7% of the £180,000 we need to raise, so please keep the donations coming! We now also have a QR code which can be used to donate online.



LENT, as we prepare for Good Friday and Easter gives an extended time to visit areas of life easily skirted past. Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving are the traditional 'spiritual disciplines', but anything which helps enter more into all that God in Christ has done for us is encouraged. The aim is to help a movement from a self centred to a God in Christ centred life.

- Prayer opens our hearts and our beings to God's grace and truth.
- Fasting, doing without food or drink (or it could be our phones, some luxury, etc) urges us instead to feast on God.
- Giving away money helps break mammon's all too strong grip on us.

Rather than seeing it as a time when we do things *for* God, a mindset which can easily be more about us than on God, Lent is a time to do things **WITH** God.

LAST WEEK AT ST MARY'S

SATURDAY 'Worth the Weight' Vintage Market

MONDAY Our Nave Angels featured on BBC East Midlands Today

TUESDAY Completion of the gilding of the Nave Angels - all looking fantastic! With huge thanks to Sue Lee and her team.

AN INSIGHT FROM ACAS Senior Advisor Robert Crosby stimulated an important discussion at lunchtime on Wednesday about trends in the workplace since the pandemic. ACAS has a key role in the industrial and commercial sphere, but can only do so if invited in. Training, tribunals, conciliation and arbitration services are amongst what it offers. A change of culture in the workplace is being identified arising from flexible working, notably where there is reduction in human interaction it's harder to build trust. A staff canteen has proved the best single means of encouraging in person working. Increased costs for the employer have followed more flexible work patterns. With reduced footfall, there are bound to be implications for how city centres will function. A trend of rising unemployment amongst the over 50s has been noted. ACAS has been involved behind the scenes in some of the recent industrial actions, the strength of the unions he saw as reduced, especially in the private sector, with declining memberships.

RICK SAVAGE'S FUNERAL St Magnus the Martyr, London, EC3R 6DN, 1st March 12.30pm. To be livestreamed at www.facebook.com/stmagnusthemartyr

ST MARY'S BOOK GROUP 11am 2nd March (*A Town Like Alice* by Neville Shute); 6th April (*Shuggie Bain* by Douglas Stuart). All welcome.

LEGAL SERVICE Sunday 5th March, 10.45am. All welcome to the High Sheriff's service of thanksgiving for our freedoms under the law. Refreshments in church to follow.

CONCERT Sun 5th March, 3pm, St Edmund's Church Holme Pierrepont. The Neville Consort (includes some members of our Choir) perform music for Lent and Easter, featuring Lotti's *Crucifixus*. Tickets £10 on the door, £8 in advance Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/crucifixus-tickets-534907722397>.

THE NOTTINGHAM PASSION 31st March & 1st April, 7.30pm. Tickets at www.TicketSource.co.uk/nottinghampassion, Nottingham Tourist Office, St Peter's Church Office, or from Margaret Wiedemann or Lorna Richardson after Sunday Eucharist. Adults £5, U14s £4. Over 60% have sold so get yours fast!

MEADOWS FOODBANK please support with especially: tinned fruit, meat, fish & soup; UHT milk; cereal; biscuits; fruit juice; toiletries. Tues 5.30-7.15, Fri 10-12, Sat 11-1pm NG2 2JD

DONATIONS - from members and friends are a vital part of our income. Please prayerfully consider how you might so be able to help.

Options for making a donation. **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.