

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

SERVICES COMING UP

SUNDAY 30th Apr: Choral Eucharist 10.45am

SUNDAY 30th Apr: Choral Evensong 6.30pm

WEDNESDAY 3rd May: Choral Evensong 6.15pm

THURSDAY 4th May: Holy Communion 12.45pm

SUNDAY 7th May: Service to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla 10.45am

SUNDAY 7th May: Choral Eucharist (BCP) 6.30pm

St Mary's is OPEN for private prayer & reflection
11.00-2.30 Monday-Friday

PLEASE NOTE

Church will be CLOSED on Monday 1st and Monday 8th May for the Bank Holidays.

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 Parish is currently in vacancy.

This Week at St Mary's

30th April 2023

A GREAT SEND OFF

Thank you all for giving us such a wonderful final Sunday. It has left us with a fantastic glow, just the way to end one and start this next chapter in Joanna's and my life.

One of the highlights of the past year has been the establishment of the children's choir. It had been long planned that they would lead an Easter Celebration and what a particularly joyful occasion it was. André acted out with great skill how St John described the grave clothes of Jesus as having 'collapsed'. I was delighted Dean Nicola from the Minister was with us too and that we ended the service with a Renewal of Baptismal Vows.

Then to have the adult choir singing at our traditional evening Eucharist was a perfect complement. A glorious Haydn setting had been chosen, John knew it is a favourite of mine. At the end it felt we were committing one another into God's strong hands.

What a lunch we'd had and huge thanks to all who had organised it. It was wonderful to be with so many of you, to have the chance to talk a bit. Margaret said really generous and warm things, and your many cards, letters, etc will be re-read at leisure. I have made sure the wadge of cash in the envelope was safely deposited in the Bank, with which we much look forward to getting something by which to remember St Mary's.

We will be based in the N Yorkshire Moors from the end of May, to reflect, take stock and from which to see family and friends. We are undecided where to base ourselves in the longer term, all options remain on the table. What we know is that wherever we are, in St Paul's words, we will 'have you in our hearts'. Thank you so much for all you have given.



ELECTORAL ROLL & APCM Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting is to be held on Sunday 21st May after the 10.45am service. If you are a new regular worshipper, please make sure to apply for your name to be added to the Electoral Roll by **Sunday 4th May**. Application forms and further details available by the South Door.

LAST WEEK AT ST MARY'S

SUNDAY: We said farewell to The Rev'd Tom Gillum, Vicar of St Mary's for the past five years, as he begins his retirement.

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY: Interviews were held for the two candidates shortlisted for the role of Vicar of St Mary's.

THE RUSHALL PSALTER

Tess Clothier writes:

The Rushall Psalter is a fifteenth-century illuminated manuscript in the University of Nottingham Archives, and contains not only the liturgical use of the psalms, but also a calendar, the Hours of the Virgin, and a litany of saints. The Hours of the Virgin, also known as 'Books of Hours', were popular personal devotional texts that developed in the fourteenth century, and were composed of eight short services to be said each day, based on the Divine Office said daily in monasteries. However, the fact that the manuscript contains no musical notation in order for the services to be sung suggests that it was produced as a 'gift-book' - that is, as a way of displaying the wealth of its patrons rather than for liturgical use.

This manuscript is also particularly of interest as it contains not only devotional material, but also secular works, including a prose History of Rushall (the Staffordshire parish for whom it was commissioned) and poems by Chaucer and Lydgate. These poets are often found bound together, suggesting that they were read alongside each other by medieval readers, and perhaps viewed as literary equals. Certainly they both wrote poems which were considered to give some level of moral guidance, and it could be suggested that their inclusion was in order to offer the reader moral counsel rather than due to their literary prowess.

The calendar included in this manuscript contains not only the greater and lesser feasts and fasts, but also familial births and deaths, thereby giving us an insight into the importance of the parish church in the recording of local history. We can still see this today—as a parish church, St Mary's holds baptism, marriage, and funeral records for our parishioners, and I am contacted several times a month by people looking to trace long-ago relatives who may have worshipped here. By being part of a church congregation we are each contributing to history, just a tiny bit, and I think that's rather special.

CALLING ALL WRITERS! We are looking for contributors to *This Week at St Mary's* during the interregnum. If you are interested in writing a short article of c.300 words, please email Tess at admin@stmarynotts.org.

THE WITNESSES: DISCIPLESHIP THEN AND NOW Running on Wednesday evenings in May and starting this Wednesday 3rd, this five-week course will explore the life and death of Jesus through performance poetry, Bible reading, discussion, and prayer. (There will also be tea and cake!) An ideal follow-on for anyone who was moved by The Nottingham Passion. To find out more, or to sign up, contact Tess in the office admin@stmarynotts.org.

ST MARY'S BOOK GROUP 11am 4th May (*A Child in the Forest* by Winifred Foley), 1st June (*The House on the Strand* by Daphne du Maurier). All welcome.

OUR BELLS WILL RING AGAIN Our bells will be rung for the Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla on Saturday 6th May at 2pm. We are thrilled that this is possible and we hope that those nearby will listen out to hear our wonderful ringers back at St Mary's for the first time in nearly a year.

MUSIC FIT FOR A KING Saturday 13th May, 7.30pm. Our Choir and the Orchestra of the Restoration will be performing music to celebrate the Coronation, including by composers such as Handel, Elgar, and Parry. Tickets available from Nottingham Tourist Office or www.trybooking.co.uk/BYQH. Adults £15, concessions £10, U23s £5.

INSIGHT MEETING 17th May 12-1.30pm Chief Executive and Principal of Nottingham College, Janet Smith, will give us an insight into this mega college with 20,000 students (who take 30,000 qualifications each year), nine centres across the Nottingham area and over 1,000 employees. A buffet lunch is provided. To help with the catering arrangements please email: lensimmonds@gmail.com to confirm your attendance.

FESTAL EVENSONG Saturday 27th May, 5pm. The Choir and Choral Scholars of St Mary's are delighted to invite you to a special celebratory service of Choral Evensong, where they will be joined by former St Mary's singers from years gone by. All welcome.

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.