

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

### SERVICES COMING UP

**SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> May:** Civic Service to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla 10.45am

**SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> May:** Choral Eucharist (BCP) 6.30pm

**WEDNESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> May:** Choral Evensong 6.15pm

**SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> May:** Choral Eucharist with Baptism 10.45am

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

### **PLEASE NOTE**

Church will be **CLOSED** on Monday 8th May for the Bank Holiday.

**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**

Estelle Barks  
Jenny Du May & her husband Peter  
Stephen Morris Helen Latham

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*This Parish is currently in vacancy.*

## ***This Week at St Mary's***

7th May 2023

### **UPDATE ON THE RECRUITMENT OF A NEW VICAR**

*The Churchwardens write:*

As you will be aware, the Reverend Tom Gillum retired at the end of April and we have been in the process of advertising for a new vicar. The Churchwardens and diocesan representatives interviewed two candidates last week and we are very grateful for the time that both candidates put into the process. Both had positive qualities and experience but after careful consideration the panel decided not to appoint either of the candidates.

We realise this may be disappointing; however, the process of clearly defining our vision for St Mary's has given us great clarity over the qualities, experience and character needed in a new leader to help us achieve this vision. The Churchwardens and diocesan representatives were in agreement that the candidates did not sufficiently meet these criteria.

We hope to readvertise the role in the very near future and we are hopeful that further applicants may come forward. In the meantime, we will continue to make arrangements for cover during the interregnum.

Please continue to pray that the right candidate will come forward to help us achieve our ambitious goals for the next few years.

O God, who providest for thy people by thy power, and rulest over them in love: Grant unto thy servant CHARLES, our King, the Spirit of wisdom and government, that being devoted unto thee with his whole heart, he may so wisely govern, that in his time thy Church may be in safety, and Christian devotion may continue in peace; that so persevering in good works unto the end, he may by thy mercy come to thine everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*1953 Coronation Collect*

## THE WITNESSES: DISCIPLESHIP THEN AND NOW

*Margaret Wiedemann writes:*

*The Witnesses* by Clive Sansom is a collection of poems spoken by people who met Jesus, including Judas, the disciple John, the woman at the well with five husbands, Caiaphas, Lazarus. Some years ago I was commissioned to write a discussion/nurture course based on these poems, and I've recently revised it. It's in five units, each with two poems and accompanying Bible passages for comparison.

To take an example: Caiaphas's monologue opens with the words "Proceed with the utmost caution: the man is cunning". Would we apply the word "cunning" to Jesus's dealings with the authorities? Why might Caiaphas use this word? Did you know Caiaphas managed (precariously) to stay in office as High Priest for almost 20 years? How do we ourselves feel about bringing our faith into politics?

We planned to run this course on Wednesday nights in May as a follow-up to the Passion Play, but there wasn't enough commitment to proceed. If you enjoy discussing faith-related issues and might be interested in the course in future, please contact Tess in the office. The units are self-contained so participants can drop in and out.

**FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS** The Churchwardens are writing to inform you that our Operations Manager, Julie Hilton, has given in her notice, and will be leaving in June. Julie has a new post as Operations Manager with the Clifton churches, where she will have opportunities to do more work with families. Julie's unobtrusive administrative skills have supported all our initiatives in recent years and she has been a vital bridge between St Mary's and the Diocese. She will be greatly missed and we shall keep her in our prayers.

**HEAR THE BELLS RING FOR THE NEW KING!** Thank you to everyone who donated so generously to this appeal. We are delighted to have met our target, and the scaffolding up for the repairs will allow us to ring this Saturday 6th May at 2pm for 45 minutes. This event will also be broadcast live on Facebook.

**ELECTORAL ROLL & APCM** Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting is to be held on Sunday 21st May after the 10.45am service. The ER has now been revised and a copy is on the notice board in the South porch. Amendments can still be made but no further names can be added until after the APCM on 21 May. If you have any queries please contact the Parish Office [admin@stmarynotts.org](mailto:admin@stmarynotts.org), or the Electoral Roll Officer, Lorna Richardson, [lorna.richardson@live.co.uk](mailto:lorna.richardson@live.co.uk).

**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](mailto:admin@stmarynotts.org).

**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](http://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](mailto:lensimmonds@gmail.com) to confirm your attendance.

**ASCENSION DAY** Thursday 18th May We will have two special services for Ascension Day: at 7.30am there will be a short service at the top of the tower. Breakfast will be provided, and booking via the office is essential. At 7.30pm there will be a Choral Eucharist (BCP) with music by Mendelssohn.

**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. Music to include Howells, Finzi, and Clemens non Papa. All welcome.

**ST MARY'S BOOK GROUP** 11am 1st June (*The House on the Strand* by Daphne du Maurier). 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.