

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

SERVICES COMING UP

SUNDAY 14th May: Choral Eucharist with Baptism 10.45am

SUNDAY 14th May: Choral Evensong 6.30pm

WEDNESDAY 17th May: Choral Evensong 6.15pm

THURSDAY 18th May: Ascension Day Tower Service 7.30am

THURSDAY 18th May: Funeral of The Rev'd Stephen Morris 1.30pm

THURSDAY 18th May: Ascension Day Eucharist (BCP) 7.30pm

SUNDAY 21st May: Choral Eucharist (with St Mary's Boys' and Girls' Choirs) 10.45am

SUNDAY 21st May: Choral Evensong 6.30pm

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

NOTTS COLLEGE EXAMS Please note that church will be **CLOSED** for examinations on 19th, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, and 25th May.

THURSDAY COMMUNION We have been unable to find regular cover but we are hoping to run it once a month. Please look out for further announcements.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR

Estelle Barks
Jenny Du May & her husband Peter
Helen Latham

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This Parish is currently in vacancy.

This Week at St Mary's

14th May 2023

INTRODUCING THE WORKPLACE CHAPLAINCY

Louise Third is the new volunteer workplace chaplain for the Creative Quarter. She bases herself in St Mary's on Wednesdays to support Workplace Wednesday and then to be available from 2pm in her role. Here she describes what drew her to volunteer.

"With the encouragement of The Rev'd Jo Tatum, head of Workplace Chaplaincy for the diocese, I completed the national training for volunteer chaplains in 2021. Then followed several months discerning where I should be placed. My heart is for the self-employed and those who run small businesses as I have been a director of my own PR company for over 35 years. I understand the pressures they are under. So, I am working amongst the diverse community of the Creative Quarter with artists, designers, and entrepreneurs who call this vibrant area their workplace.

On a practical level, I am walking the area and introducing myself to staff in the smaller shops and workspaces, especially around the Lace Market, Hockley, and Sneinton Market. The offer is of someone to talk to at work. Without access to an HR department, these folk have no one they can confidentially share their hopes and fears with. So, whether it's offering a listening ear to someone going through a difficult time, or simply sharing a cup of coffee and chatting about life, it's about being present and available to people around and building trust and rapport.

As a chaplain, I am not there to preach or proselytize, nor am I a trained counsellor - more a befriender - and able to signpost where necessary. I am also learning to be better at listening and not offering solutions!

My home church is in the village of Gotham, part of the 453 Parish, where the challenges of rural ministry and outreach can bring great opportunities too. But I really enjoy being part of the wider St Mary's team in our service to the city centre."

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

LAST WEEK AT ST MARY'S

SATURDAY: Our bells rang out across Nottingham for the first time in nearly a year to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla.

THE REV'D STEPHEN MORRIS RIP

We are sad to announce the death of the Rev'd Stephen Morris. Known and loved by many in this church, his death will come as a sad blow to people both in St. Mary's and across the Diocese and beyond. It is fitting that his funeral service will be taking place here on Thursday 18th May at 1.30pm followed by refreshments in church. Jean and all the family would be delighted to see you as they give thanks for this most faithful and peaceful of God's servants.

"PUHTE ME PÆT IC GESAWE SYLLICRE TREOW" (IT SEEMED TO ME THAT I SAW A MOST WONDROUS TREE)

Ruth Rimmer writes:

The Dream of the Rood is an Old English poem found in the 10th-century Vercelli Book, one of the four main surviving manuscripts of Old English poetry. It describes the narrator's dream vision of the cross on which Jesus was crucified, before the narrative switches to that of the cross itself, who recounts the events of the Crucifixion from its own perspective. The narrative technique itself is particularly vivid; at one point the narrator sees the cross alternating between appearing "drenched, stained with blood" and being covered in jewels.

The poem opens up the central mystery of the Crucifixion for Christians, that it is both gruesome and intensely distressing (at one point the cross describes the scars left on it as "opene inwidlemmas", translated variously as open evil wounds, malicious wounds or hostile wounds) and the site of Christ's ultimate victory over sin. Indeed, the cross is described twice as a "sigebeam" or "victory beam". The poem never seeks to resolve this tension, with both the human narrator and the cross twining the violence and the redemption together.

What the poem does ask us to do, however, is to bear witness. Humans are described on two occasions in the poem as "reordberend" - that is, "speech bearers" - and the personified cross urges the narrator, and by extension the reader, to go forth and to spread the Gospel: "Now I bid you, my beloved hero, that you reveal this vision to men". We too as Christians through the centuries are drawn into God's mysterious, paradoxical, marvellous story of redemption from sin through the Cross of Christ.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED We need volunteer stewards to help keep the church open during the interregnum. If you have a few hours to spare on a Monday or a Friday and would be interested in helping, please email Tess at admin@stmarynotts.org.

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.

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, or the Electoral Roll Officer, Lorna Richardson, lorna.richardson@live.co.uk.

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.

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, followed by breakfast. 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), 6th July (*What Maisie Knew* by Henry James). 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.