St Mary's
IN THE LACE MARKET

THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

Harvest Festival (Trinity 19) **Sunday 11th October 2026**

As God's welcome embraces us all, so does ours for you.
Whoever you are; wherever you come from; you are welcome here.

Sunday 11th October	Harvest Festival Choral Eucharist – 10.45 a.m. *with Bible Explorers Sunday School* Choral Evensong for Nottingham Mental Health Awareness Week – 6.30 p.m.
Tuesday 13th October	Morning Prayer – 9.30 a.m. *followed by Coffee Morning, 10 a.m.* 'Encounter God' Contemplative Prayer – 12.15 p.m.
Wednesday 14th October	Morning Prayer – 8.30 a.m. Choral Evensong – 6.15 p.m.
Thursday 15th October	Morning Prayer – 8.30 am Lunchtime Communion - 1 p.m.
Friday 16th October	*No Morning Prayer*
Sunday 18th October	Choral Eucharist – 10.45 a.m. Choral Evensong – 6.30 p.m.

St Mary's is usually open Monday - Friday
11 am - 2.30 pm for visiting, private prayer and reflection.

PRAYER FOR THE WORLD & CITY

For all those involved in food production and supply. For all in the world who are malnourished or unable to access reliable sources of food.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH COMMUNITY

For members of the PCC as they meet on Wednesday evening. For children and staff of Southwell & Nottingham Diocesan Multi-Academy Trust as they come to worship at St Mary's.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR: Patricia Vickerstaff; Joy Mitchell; Dilys Purves; Lucy Haigh; Gillian Clark; Nick Flood; Rosemary Clark. Also for David Vickerstaff and Ron McLean (RIP).

Prayer Requests If you would like someone to pray either for you or for a loved one, please speak to James or leave your request in the box in the Holy Spirit Chapel. If you would like someone adding to the public prayer list, please check that they are happy with this and contact the office.

Pastoral Support If you need any pastoral support or would simply like to talk to someone about life and faith, please don't hesitate to contact the vicar, James: vicar@stmarynotts.org or 07354 636861.

**** THIS SUNDAY! ****

Harvest Festival We'll be celebrating Harvest Festival in traditional fashion at our morning service on Sunday 11th October. Come to give thanks for God's goodness and leave with a bag of top-quality vegetables (donations invited)! Any non-perishable goods brought to the service will be donated to The Meadows Foodbank and Pantry. At this time, they are in particular need of Cereal, hot chocolate, cleaning products, Nappies (size3,4,5,6), Baby wipes, plastic Bags & Bag for Life.

Nottingham Mental Health Awareness Week Choral Evensong on Sunday 11th October will reflect on the themes of the week. During the sermon, Debbie Butler will reflect on the learning from her own experiences of mental health challenges and long-term involvement with work to improve support services.

Service for All Souls Our evening service on Sunday 1st November will be a reflective Eucharist remembering all who have died. The choir will perform Maurice Duruflé's beautiful *Requiem* and the names of the departed will be read aloud. All are welcome, but we extend a particular invitation to those who have experienced bereavement in recent months. Please do share the news of this service with anyone you think would find it helpful. If you would like the names of loved ones read aloud during this service, please add them to the list at the back of church or email them to James at vicar@stmarynotts.org.

Blokes Who Brunch The next BwB gathering will be from 10 – 11.30 a.m. in Lloyds No 1 Wetherspoons on Carlton Street (by Lace Market Tram stop). Join us for breakfast and good conversation. As is traditional, everyone is welcome – not just 'blokes'!

Message from Chris Neep *This Week at St Mary's* is a lovely way for me to keep in touch with the life of our church. For the time being, it's through *TWASM* that I want to offer my thanks for many kind thoughts and prayers for my beloved husband Ron. That we are thought of on the other side of the 'pond' and a continent away is a great comfort. As many will know, the treatment that offered so much hope for us has failed, and Ron is now in a hospice in Vancouver. There was a warm welcome to greet us when we moved in, and Ron has a lovely room, bathroom and a sofa bed for me. The entire hospice is quiet, peaceful and serene with a lovely garden. So begins another road in life's journey. So many things were on our 'bucket list'. Sadly, those adventures won't be happening, but Ron's sister and I want to make life as joyful as possible. Amid the tears, we want him to be happy and in the future, to be left with many happy memories. The adage 'grief is the price we pay for love' is very true. One day I will be back with you all. Until then, thank you all once again. Please offer your prayers for peace and comfort for Ron.

Tea towels and newspapers wanted We would be very grateful for donations of clean cotton or linen tea towels and old newspapers for use around the church. If you have any to spare, please bring them to St Mary's and leave them with a member of the team. Thank you!

BBC Recording On Tuesday 20th October, our Adult Choir will be recording two services of Compline for broadcast on BBC Radio 3 during the seasons of Advent and Lent. We wish the choir well and will let you know broadcast dates nearer the time.

The LWL group met for lunch at the Cock & Hoop on Wednesday 7 October. The next meeting is for coffee in church on Tuesday 3 November at 11.00 am.

The Meadows Foodbank & Pantry Items can be left at Bridgeway Hall Methodist Centre, NG2 2JD on Tuesdays, 5.30 pm-7.30 pm, Fridays, 10 am- 12 pm or Saturdays, 11 am- 1 pm. If you prefer to make a financial donation, forms with bank details and a Gift Aid declaration are available at the back of the church.

Parking charges We offer reduced parking to church attendees and volunteers parking in both the Broadmarsh and Lace Market Car Parks. There is a validator machine for you to 'stamp' your tickets. The rate is £3 for 3 hours or £5 for 6 hours.

Upcoming Events

17th October: Nottingham Coffee Festival
25th October: Hockley Hustle 2026
30th October: Tim Burton's Universe concert by Mystery Ensemble
31st October: Bowie by Candlelight
3rd November: Elif Shafak in Conversation
7th November: Northern Heights
16th to 22nd November: Framework 25th anniversary
17th November: Lace Market Proms
21st November: Festival of Britten Concert
22nd November: Parish Lunch

For more information, please visit www.stmarysnottingham.org/events

Can you help support St Mary's?

It costs around **£660 a day** to sustain the mission and ministry of St Mary's. While we work hard to raise money from a variety of sources, individual **GIVING** is a vital part of our income. We offer our grateful thanks to all who help us through donations large and small.

Planned **REGULAR GIVING** is ideal, giving us a predictable income that helps our financial planning. You can set this up in various ways:

- Standing Order forms are available by the main doors in church.
- Scan the QR Code on this notice sheet or go to www.stmarysnottingham.org and click "Donate to St Mary's" on the front page.
- Through your own online banking (NatWest 56-00-61, St Mary's PCC, a/c 00834602). If you are a UK taxpayer, please also contact the Parish Office and ask for a Gift Aid form.
- Through the Parish Giving Scheme: www.parishgiving.org.uk

ONE-OFF DONATIONS are also very welcome. These can be made in church by cash or cheque in the donations chest or by using the contactless card readers by the doors.

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