St Mary's
IN THE LACE MARKET

THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

St Luke the Evangelist **Sunday 18th 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 18th October	Choral Eucharist – 10.45 a.m. Choral Evensong – 6.30 p.m.
Tuesday 20th October	Morning Prayer – 9.30 a.m. *followed by Coffee Morning, 10 a.m.* 'Encounter God' Contemplative Prayer – 12.15 p.m.
Wednesday 21st October	Morning Prayer – 8.30 a.m. Choral Evensong – 6.15 p.m.
Thursday 22nd October	Morning Prayer – 8.30 am Lunchtime Communion - 1 p.m.
Friday 23rd October	Morning Prayer – 8.30 a.m.
Sunday 25th October	Choral Eucharist – 10.45 a.m. *Preacher: Very Revd Stephen Evans, Dean of Southwell* 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 an easing of tensions in the Middle East and peace for all people. For those who are homeless or rough sleeping within the city, and the work of Emmanuel House in supporting them.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH COMMUNITY

For all those who come into St Mary's as visitors and to attend events, that they may recognise the presence of God in this building. For Duncan and the team of volunteers who make the events programme possible.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR: Patricia Vickerstaff; Joy Mitchell; Dilys Purves; Lucy Haigh; Gillian Clark; Nick Flood; Rosemary Clark. For 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.

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. *Please note that incense will be used at this service.*

BBC Recording Good luck to our Adult Choir who will spend Tuesday afternoon / evening recording two services of Compline for broadcast on BBC Radio 3 during the seasons of Advent and Lent. We will let you know broadcast dates nearer the time.

Card for Lucy Haigh Following Lucy's recent retirement on health grounds and her marriage to Giles on 9th October, the Junior Choirs are putting together a card thanking her for the amazing work she has undertaken at St Mary's in establishing our Junior Choirs and congratulating her on the wedding. We would like to give the opportunity for the whole congregation to add to this card. If you would like to do so, please supply a *pre-written message no larger than a quarter of A4 (i.e. A6 size - roughly 15cm high and 10cm wide) by Sunday 1st November.*

New working group members We are looking for some people who are willing to give a little bit of time to push forward some important initiatives that will enhance the mission of St Mary's. We would like to create a number of new working groups, each focused on a particular area of church life - a small team of people working together with the PCC and church staff to think, plan and oversee their own particular area. Mindful that people already have many commitments, the aim would be to agree clearly-defined tasks and make time-commitment manageable. The areas of focus for the groups will be:

- *National Lottery Heritage Fund project*: a steering group to oversee progress of a major project to restore the chancel roof, stained glass windows, and improve heritage accessibility and interpretation.
- *Social and fundraising*: devising a strategy to identify potential donors; planning a small number of high-quality events in the course of the year to bring together the church and wider city communities and raise money for St Mary's.
- *Marketing and publicity*: reviewing and improving the different ways in which we currently promote St Mary's to reach wider audiences with what St Mary's has to offer.

- *Pastoral:* drawing on an initial meeting earlier this year, a small group of people to be the 'eyes and ears' of St Mary's, welcoming new arrivals and keeping in touch with those unable to get to church. The nature of this group means that members would be expected to complete a DBS application and agree to undertake some basic training.

Please speak to James if you wish to find out more or express an interest in joining one of these groups.

Visiting preacher We are delighted to be welcoming Very Revd Stephen Evans to preach at the morning Eucharist next Sunday (25th), strengthening the relationship between St Mary's and Southwell. Stephen became Dean of the Minster in April this year, having previously served as Rector of St Marylebone, London for 16 years.

Survey to complete To support our bid for a large grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, we need to survey our local community (including congregation) to find out their thoughts and wishes for the church. The survey is very quick to complete (just 10 questions, mostly tick-box answers) but the results will be very useful in shaping our bid. Please could you take a moment to complete one? Paper copies are available by the west door or an online version will be available shortly.

NEW! Small Sounds. Free drop-in music sessions for under 5s Shake, rattle and roll with your little ones and discover the joy of music through songs and play. You're invited to join Flick, our Younger Disciples Lead, for a journey of musical discovery – for you and your little ones. Come together with other families and help your child discover the joy of music through songs and play. Wednesdays in term time at 10:30, beginning on 4th November, in the chancel (east end of church, behind the screen). For more information, please email Flick on childrenslead@stmarynotts.org We are very grateful to Cathedral Music Trust for selecting us as one of the cathedrals and churches in the UK to take part in this project.

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

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.

Contact us:

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