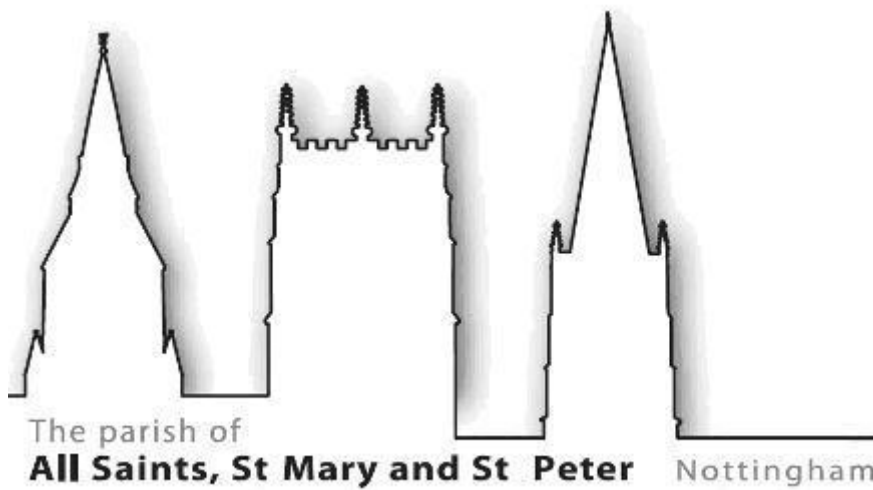


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Vicar

The Reverend Christopher Harrison



2016 was a year characterised by a number of beginnings and endings, as well as lively discussion about the future of the parish. It was good to welcome the Rev'd Dr Helen Hall, lecturer in Law at

Nottingham Trent University, into the ministry team, and also our new Ministry Assistant Amelia Delbridge. Both have already made a significant impact on the life of our parish. It is splendid to be able to work in the excellent ministry team which we have, with each of the clergy and readers making their own valuable and distinctive contribution and the administrative and financial staff, musicians, coffee room and verger teams all playing their unique parts. During the year there were changes in the parish office in that Adele Siepmann has taken maternity leave, with her work being covered by Serena Lindsay and Sarah Hopkin. We said goodbye to Ian Taylor, assistant verger at St Peter's, who has retired after many years of faithful service, and welcomed Paul Stevenson into this post. Amongst the churchwardens, we celebrated Arthur Bennett's remarkable contribution over many years to the life of All Saints, but were delighted to welcome Courtney Smith in his place.

There were several meetings during the second part of 2016 regarding the possible decoupling of St Mary's church from St Peter's and All Saints' churches. This followed a proposal from the Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham, based on the

premise that such a separation could produce renewed growth and development at St Mary's, with the help of some external funding. It could also enable All Saints' and St Peter's to benefit from more focused leadership. By the end of the year these discussions had not resulted in any decision, and more exploratory work needed to be done. Whatever the outcome, it will be important to balance what has been achieved by the coming together of the three churches in a single parish with the opportunities which a fresh start might offer.

The ministry of the parish would not be possible without the unstinting contributions of the considerable number of church members who devote many hours of their time and energy so that our churches may thrive and develop in new directions. Much of this work is unglamorous and 'behind the scenes' but also very necessary, and each of our churchwardens have played their own vital and distinctive role, along with our PCC secretary and treasurer. We have strong Overseas and Pastoral Committees, as well as Fabric and Site Committees, each with chair persons who give wise and committed leadership, and without the work of these the task of maintaining our mission to the city would be greatly weakened. We must also commend all those, paid and unpaid, who have helped the Coffee Room and Fair Trade Book and Gift Shop to continue their key roles in the life of the parish, in the face of ever increasing retail competition.

It has been good to see some new developments at All Saints, in particular the growth of the Women of Faith group, the Drama Club, and the Saturday Matinee films

showings. We had an excellent series of Lent talks at St Peter's, with a well-attended St Peter's Lecture (on the theme of a Citizen's Income) in October. St Mary's nave roof project was successfully completed, and it has been good to see the range and number of events held at the church gradually increasing. The Workplace chaplaincy continues to have roots in the parish, whilst extending its reach to the Deanery as a whole, and the work of Jo Tatum, Workplace Chaplain, and of Len Simmonds, chair of the Chaplaincy Council, are especially important here.

In spite of all the challenges posed by our position in the centre of a lively and energetic city, and the constraints posed by the fact that we really should be enjoying the ministry of at least one additional stipendiary clergyperson, there is much for which we should be thankful. We must not let frustrations and difficulties distract us from the blessings which result from the privilege of serving God in the context to which he has called us, and from the joy of watching as seeds carefully sown and nurtured finally bear fruit.

All Saints' Church Wardens

Courtney Smith & Sanjay Brown

The year was one of growth and expansion in the life of our church. Church numbers grew steadily, new initiatives began, and there was further consolidation in established activities such as the work of the Mothers' Union and the Women of Faith Group for asylum-seekers. The new initiatives included the establishment of a Drama Club under the leadership of Amy Fines, a Film Club showing classic films to congregation members and the wider community, and collaborative activities with the Chinese and Iranian churches. The Chinese Church began to share our church facilities in the first half of the year and conduct their service twice a week. A key highlight of the year was the

special service held at the end of October to celebrate **All Saints' Day**. This attracted around 100 people, drawn from all three churches and the wider community. The Drama Club performed their debut play – **In God's Office** and we finished the celebration with a delicious mix of oriental and English food.

The work of the Women of Faith Group is firmly embedded and has gained recognition from the city. The official launch event for the Group was held in September and was televised by BBC East Midlands Today. Attendees included Councillor Merlita Bryan and the Lord Mayor, Councillor Mohammed Saghier. A Christmas party was held for the

women and their children. This was funded in part by ASDA and the Overseas Committee. During the year, the Group also attracted support in cash or kind from the Bishop's Welcome Fund, Nottingham City Transport, Radford Police Station, private donors and volunteers. The work of the Mothers' Union has also flourished. Membership is drawn from all three parish churches and stands at 34, including 9 men. The highlight of the year was the summer garden party and a series of 10 talks on topical issues. The year also saw progress on the project to repair the belfry and to develop All Saints' Church as a centre of excellence for training in bell-ringing. Faculty

approval was obtained from the DAC for the work to proceed. An ecological study was conducted and work began to develop a joint HLF bid with Nottingham University Society of Change Ringers to part-fund the project.

There are challenges on the horizon, but we are well-placed to continue to thrive, given the commitment of our leaders and congregation members. We continue to owe a debt of gratitude to our clergy team led by

Christopher, Richard, James and Helen; our readers Clarence and Chris; and everyone who worships at our church and uses the building.

St Mary's Church Wardens

Paul Sibly & Martyn Jewers

Beyond the regular and faithful worship of the church and care for people in its community, St Mary's again played host to a large number of events and special services in 2016.

5000 people visited the church on Light Night to visit top quality craft stalls, to listen to the transcendent singing of the choir and to donate generously to the Parish appeal for Emmanuel House. There were 20 concerts (including a Sunday evening series organised by the choir), two full-scale dinners, a showcase for student-designed

fashion and a conference for e-on. We ran a faith-based day for primary school pupils. Dovetailed around this programme major work on the building was completed; this was funded by the Heritage Lottery fund complemented by generous donations from Trusts and individuals. The nave roof was thoroughly renovated, two turrets were repaired and access arrangements for roof inspections were greatly improved. Some stained glass panels from the West window were carefully conserved off-site and reinstated.

A new guidebook was published along with a Children's activity trail and two leaflets and new heritage materials were displayed. Wi-fi was installed.

Finally, we are most grateful to our clergy, to Head Verger Michael Scott, to Duncan Purves and to the excellent and hugely loyal teams of volunteers and Friends of St Mary's without whose input our magnificent building could not continue as a living witness to presence of God in all our lives.

St Peter's Church Wardens

Keith Mountford & John Burr

Life at St Peter's continues to be busy with the usual opportunities for ministry to a broad spectrum of the population of Nottingham, surrounding area and overseas visitors. We continue with the normal range of Sunday services throughout each month. Mid-week services include Communion services on both Tuesday and Thursday, after the latter we join together for tea and coffee and a selection of biscuits. When the birthdays of core members of the Thursday group come round we celebrate with chocolate biscuits! On Monday lunchtimes there is a time of quiet meditation. On Wednesdays we host a group for homeless people and also the Gateway group which welcomes and supports people with varying levels of mental health problems.

All of this, of course, does not happen without a great deal of input from members of staff and volunteers alike. Special thanks are due to all three Vergers, Michael, Duncan and Ian who ensure that St Peter's remains open throughout the week. This year we said goodbye to Ian who retired at

Christmas after many years of faithful service throughout the parish. We look forward to working with Paul, Ian's replacement as he starts in 2017. Thanks are also due to Wendy and Adele, the office staff, who provide our service sheets and pew slips, in addition to many other tasks which keep both St Peter's and the parish running smoothly. Our congratulations go out to Peter and Adele on the birth of their son. We would like to thank everyone for their continued support throughout the year.

As well as the weekly events we have continued to host the usual range of carol services leading up to Christmas with the final church one on Christmas Eve which was once again very well attended. Here we would like to thank Helena for her many years organising the stewards rota as well as her time as Churchwarden. Helena and Dennis are leaving Nottingham in mid 2017 to retire in the South. We wish them well for the future. We were able to open St Peter's on some days during the week after

Christmas which included a service of Holy Communion on the Thursday. This service was well attended with 24 people in the congregation containing 21 communicants. Here at St Peter's we continue to support the Mount Zion food bank and we have to thank Christopher and Harriet Ward who deliver the donations.

As Church Wardens we continue to represent St Peter's on the PCC, the Standing Committee, the Finance Committee, the Overseas Committee, the Safeguarding Committee and the Site Committee. The latter, we reported last year, had applied for a grant from the Roof Repair fund which was unsuccessful, unfortunately the second attempt was also unsuccessful. We are currently investigating funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund. Finally, we would like to thank all the clergy and readers who have worked throughout the year under difficult conditions.

Workplace Chaplaincy

Len Simmonds

What a year it has been!

Rev. Jo Tatum is now our **full-time** Chaplain and we commissioned her at an event held at Capital One attended by 80 people. Jo's priority has been getting out and about and engaging with existing and prospective employers as well as supporting the voluntary chaplains. Our voluntary chaplaincy team is ecumenical and we have increased the number to enable us to engage with more organisations.

Jo has been preaching regularly at Sunday Services in and around the deanery as a part of our strategy to engage parishes in the work of the Chaplaincy. Bishop Paul has agreed there should be a diocesan WORKPLACE SUNDAY and in 2017 it will be on 7th May.

Tangible evidence of the effectiveness of our work is shown through the special relationships chaplains have with managers and employees throughout the deanery. Our chaplains can be found in department stores,

courts, theatres, shopping centres, tourist attractions legal firms, business offices and a large city centre hotel. We have relationships with very large organisations such as EON, Capital One and Nottingham City Transport, Specsavers and charities such as the YMCA Nottinghamshire.

Many individuals tell us what a difference having a chaplain has made to them simply because there was someone to talk to - a listening ear. The chaplaincy gave support to the staff and management in the weeks leading up to the closing of BHS in the Broadmarsh Centre. Many organisations are in a continual state of managing change - no more so than retail businesses.

The Workplace Chaplaincy Council, that supports and gives strategic oversight, said goodbye to several members but welcomed three new ones, these being David McCoulough representing the diocese, June Brown, representing our voluntary chaplains and Claire Elwood representing a city centre

parish. The Chaplaincy Council has a three year development plan that links with the diocesan strategic aim - *to engage wider, younger and deeper.*

During the year the Chaplaincy organised for the Archdeacon of Nottingham to visit 16 city businesses to meet key executives.

The Workplace Chaplaincy INSIGHT meetings are engaging even more people on a monthly basis. We now get about 40 people attending from the business and church community. One satisfying thing has been that people are attending from many different denominations.

The 2016 *Carols After Work* service held in St Peter's Church had the best ever attendance. More than 125 people from a wide range of city organisations were there and sang Carols accompanied by the band of the Salvation Army. The Bishop of Sherwood said (and sang) a few words on the meaning of Christmas. There wasn't a dry eye in the place!

Music at St Mary's

John Keys

The Choir's first major event of the calendar year is the Epiphany Procession. I am always grateful to student members who return before the start of term in order to sing on this occasion.

In February, Light Night attracted several thousand visitors to St Mary's, the choir providing music during the course of the evening; a lot of singing, a lot of music but fun, nonetheless. That month the Orchestra of the Restoration and the Choir accompanied Ewart Hodge in a rare performance of Vaughan Williams' *Flos Campi* - the Haydn *Te Deum* and Mozart's *Clarinet Concerto* played by Matthew Glendenning, a local prodigy who now studies at the Royal College of Music.

Good Friday saw a performance of Bach's Johannes-Passion with the 18th Century Sinfonia playing on period instruments. It is remarkable that all the solo items are taken by current or former members of the Choir. We are so grateful to the late Gordon Solway for giving funds to support the difference between the collection and the expenses

incurred.

Easter Day proved interesting; Andrew Abbott told me of his new job based in London. He has, happily, been able to play for and conduct services when his grueling timetable allows.

A concert on 21 April to mark the 90th birthday of HM Elizabeth II given by the Choir with Philip Sherratt on the organ proved to be a great success.

As ever, our Scholar's Concert showed our talented Choral Scholars' talents in ensemble and solo items in a relaxed atmosphere.

In June the Choir joined forces with the Portsmouth Choral Union, director David Gostick and the Orchestra of the Restoration in a performance of Mozart's *Requiem* and Haydn's *Theresa Mass*. This was particularly touching as David Gostick was our first Organ Scholar at St Mary's.

The October concert highlighted the wonderful local horn player, Robert Parker, who played the *Romance* by Saint-Saëns and Richard Strauss's *Horn Concerto* with the Orchestra of the Restoration. Henry Neale was the soloist in Vaughan Williams' *Five*

Mystical Songs.

Jon Stork devised a wonderful series of post-Evensong concerts in the autumn in honour of Shakespeare. A great artistic achievement as well as raising funds for Emmanuel House. It was heart-warming to see Sheku Kanneh-Mason win the BBC Young Musician of the Year Competition in November. The Orchestra of the Restoration accompanied him in the Shostakovich *Cello Concerto No.1* the previous year; he was the only finalist to have played the final concerto with an orchestra prior to the finals.

All of these are in addition to the regular Sunday, Wednesday and High and Holy Day services for which the Choir regularly sings. Immense thanks are due to voluntary members of the choir who give of their time and talent so freely; to Philip Sherratt who plays for several services as does Paul Sibly; to our principal concert sponsors, T. Bailey Assett Management. The support of the Choral Scholarship Trust supported by incredibly generous donations by individuals to our scholarship scheme, is invaluable.

Music at St Peter's & All Saints'

Peter Siepmann

For me and the Choir of St Peter's, 2016 was a year that illustrated the continual challenge of maintaining a balanced and quorate choir from our diverse team of volunteer singers.

Adding Stanford's epic 'For lo, I raise up' to the repertoire was a particular highlight of the Lent Term, though Holy Week was perhaps one of the least busy of recent years, with no Chrism Eucharist to sing at Southwell, nor any choral input on Good Friday. The music at the Maundy Thursday service was particularly memorable, however, and a visit to Lichfield Cathedral on Low Sunday was extremely well-received by clergy and congregation.

St Peter's Choir, like any similar group, evolves in various ways and for various reasons. During 2016, we rejoiced in the arrival of two 'choir babies' - Daniel Ward (a son to bass Richard and soprano Jenny), and Isobel Hetherington (a daughter to tenor Tim and his wife Katie). Less happily, we were sorry to lose from our ranks sopranos Clare Fowler, and Felicity & Philippa Scott. With our top line significantly depleted, some creative thinking was required to keep an interesting and fulfilling music list alive both at St Peter's and for our long-planned summer trip to St David's Cathedral in Wales. The resulting additions to our ATB repertoire were very much a silver lining,

and the good folk of St David's were extremely complimentary about the music we were (to the Director of Music's relief!) able to provide.



With September's new academic year, we were delighted to welcome to the choir sopranos Hannah Asbury and Philippa Bristow, alto Katie Temple and tenors Andrew Reynolds and Alan Franks. The ensuing Michaelmas Term was particularly positive, with highlights including the Sung Eucharist celebrated by Bishop Paul, Remembrance Sunday, Advent Sunday, and of course the Carol Service. It was also a joy to add to the repertoire various new works such as Parry There is an old belief, Byrd Rorate Caeli and Naylor Vox Dicentis.

The Saturday morning 'Coffee Break' Concerts continue to prove a great success, with proceeds received at the door and in the kitchen funding all non-salary running costs of the St Peter's music department, including choral bursaries. Performances in 2016 included those by students from the University of Nottingham, singers Rosemary Braddy, Susan Morgan, Catharine Blake, Paula Evans; pianists Philip Robinson, Paul Ricard, Eleanor Hodgkinson, Lauretta Bloomer, Clive Pollard, Ed Hodgkinson and Chris Long; cellist Bethany Morris, early music group I Colori Armonici, guitarist Hugh Millington, Nottingham Bach Choir, and of course, the church choir and resident instrumental ensemble, saraBande.

My heartfelt thanks, as ever, go to Keith Charter for his support and wise counsel; to the concert artists; to the players of saraBande; to the music team - Michael Leuty, Lee Rooke and Richard Ward for their advice and reassurance as well as their assistance with organ playing and choral direction; and most of all to the singers of the church choir who maintain the weekly round of worship and contribute so much of their time to the vibrant musical life of St Peter's, and also at All Saints' at our monthly visits.

St Peter's Centre Coffee Room

Brian Dunn

Our coffee room in St. Peter's Centre has continued to be very popular, particularly at peak times, and Lynne, Mary, Krystina, Peter and Stevi-Leigh and our excellent team of volunteers have all worked extremely hard. We frequently receive very positive feedback from our customers. We said good-bye to Mary in November (and are glad to say that Tracy Logan has recently joined us in 2017

and is settling in well.) We haven't quite managed to reverse the downward trend in turnover in recent years - it was 5% less in 2016 compared to 2015.

The committee continues to meet quarterly - equipment has been renewed when needed, and Lynne and Adele have worked hard on publicity. We also now have a card machine

which has been in steady use since its introduction in August and was soon covering its costs.

We have many competitors close by, but we offer a friendly and welcoming Christian environment, and we face the future with confidence.

Fairtrade & Christian Book Shop

Wendy Pearce

The shop continues to be a really worthwhile part of our mission in the city centre and beyond. The sales of Traidcraft food and gifts are especially important in contributing to.... 'a world freed from the scandal of poverty, where trade is just and people and communities can flourish'.

There is a wide range of greetings cards for those special occasions particularly relating to special times such as confirmation, baptism, ordination etc.

The volunteers who staff the shop are drawn from St Peter's and other churches in

and around the city. Their faithful service is very much appreciated and they will always be delighted to welcome you, your friends and neighbours into the shop so please spread the word.

All Saints' Bell Ringers

Emily Hall

2016 has been a prosperous year for the University of Nottingham bell ringers. As usual, we have been on several tours, meeting up with other universities around the country. This year, we have gained five new members who can already ring and also continue to teach new learners. The band continues to support ringing at the other city centre towers and in Diocesan Guild events where possible. We have rung 18 quarter peals and one full peal on the bells this year (both local and visiting

bands), which is a significant increase from previous years. This is to ensure the bells continue ringing consistently throughout the year, so the band have been ringing quarter peal attempts in place of a normal practice out of term time. Since a decline in Sunday Service ringing in 2015, this has restored to its former glory and we consistently ring each Sunday morning as well. We have been working alongside the church and the Heritage Lottery Fund to begin

restoration work on the collapsing floor above the bells, this will include more outreach from our Society to the local community in the following year. Thank you to the church for their continuing support in this and everything else that we have done this year. 2017 is a very special year for us, as it is our Society's 60th Anniversary! Therefore, I would like to wish this year's committee the best of luck and look forward to another successful year.

St Mary's Bell Ringers

Emma Jones

2016 saw some changes to the bell ringing band at St Mary's. Firstly, Peter England, who had been in charge for several years, stood down as ringing master in April at our AGM; I'd like to pass on the band's gratitude for keeping things running with such dedication for so long. Secondly, in August, one of the ringers, Bob Metcalfe, passed away suddenly. He and his cheerful demeanour and enthusiasm are still much missed up the tower. In general the bells were again rung for all possible Sunday services at St Mary's, with 12 bells being rung for 50% of these. This year there has always been a minimum of 8

bells rung for Sunday service, which shows the level of commitment of the local band. The average attendance on our weekly Monday practice rose slightly this year, to 15 people, and we rang on 50 Mondays. The majority of ringing took place on 10 bells. This year saw 3 successful peals at St Mary's, and 16 successful quarter peals, most of the latter by members of the local band. There were 5 weddings throughout the year with bells. The bell ringers also rang for the annual Founders' Day service for Nottingham High School on 18th June, and I was pleased to take part in the ceremony following the

service and collect the old coins traditionally given as payment to the ringers. The Heritage Open Day took place again in September, and the ringers opened the tower for it, although poor weather meant that fewer people attended than in previous years. I'd like to thank the local ringers for their dedication and support for the past 12 months, and in particular Martyn for keeping on top of all the bell maintenance and acting as secretary. I hope that we will continue to progress into 2017 and beyond.

St Peter's Bell Ringers

Matthew Jones

The St Peter's band has continued to thrive this year, successfully ringing for evensong on the first Sunday of every month, and also ringing quarter peals for Sunday service on another 8 occasions. The bells were also rung for Christmas Day once again, with the help of the St Mary's ringers. Overall, attendance has improved, increasing to an average of 11 ringers on Sundays and 15 on our Thursday practice nights. We were pleased to welcome four new ringers to the band over the course of 2016, with 2 brand new learners and 2 people returning to bell ringing after a gap of several years. The two learners from 2015 are also still in attendance, and we are also

glad of the support of several of the student bell ringers and other local ringers. The band are ringing a greater range of methods due to the increased range of ringing abilities in the group, but the aim is always to ensure everyone has a good ring and hopefully achieves something each practice night. The ringing has evolved slightly with the change in personnel, with more being rung on 6 and 10 or 12 bells than in previous years. There have been 12 quarter peals throughout the year, and we have been pleased to ring for some significant events,

such as the Queen's 90th birthday and Remembrance Sunday. The band also took part in a quarter peal of 'Julie McDonnell New Bob Triples', which lent our support to the worldwide fundraising campaign 'Strike Back Against Blood Cancer', led by a bell ringer of the same name, which raised over £7 million in 2016 to support the lives of blood cancer sufferers. As always my thanks go to the band of ringers who support St Peter's throughout the year, especially as the majority also support other churches, and I look forward to the band continuing to develop in 2017.

St Mary's Fabric Committee

Paul Sibly

Major works on roofs and roof access were completed during 2016 at a cost (including reclaimed VAT) of around £350,000. The Parish itself is not in a financial position to undertake works on this scale and we are therefore enormously grateful to the Heritage Lottery Fund, to external Trusts and to the individual donors who collectively contributed 95 per cent of the total spend.

Plans for future works were developed during the year. These include the provision of new drainage under the Chapter House along with renovation of its interior and the adjoining washroom. Outside the building, the main access steps from High Pavement are to be lifted and relaid on new foundations and - to commemorate the centenary of the sacrifices made during the Great War - the War Memorial will be cleaned and its inscriptions restored.

Generous legacies will pay for the Chapter House works whilst funding for the War Memorial has been raised by a private individual.

Much minor but important work has been researched and often implemented by Duncan Purves and we are most grateful to him for sharing his wealth of knowledge and expertise.

All Saints' & St Peter's Site Committee

Trevor Davys

The committee meets four times a year and is responsible to the Finance Committee in ensuring that the buildings and the surrounds both at St. Peter's and All Saints are maintained and repaired. Historic Church buildings like those in our parish are subject to the ravages of time and weather and as ever there are the routine leaks, breakdowns, damage-both deliberate and accidental- tests and checks as well as attention to safety issues which in general are all so well managed by our verger Mike Scott and his team, Duncan and Ian. Many thanks to them all.

During the past year the following significant matters were:

All Saints

High winds in early Autumn caused roof tile damage necessitating scaffolding and repair work.

Repair work has been carried out to the main door to the church.

High lighting fixtures and replacements in the nave and west end assembly areas were carried out.

The North Porch external doors and surrounding railings have had an amazing make-over –many thanks again to Phillip Hobson.

St Peter's

Some 30 loose flooring wood blocks have been reset.

New Porch and West door lighting was installed early in the year.

New cushion flooring in the kitchen and transept area has made a marked difference to what had become a dark corner whilst both internal toilets have had a repaint thanks to Duncan who also repainted the Coffee Room during its Summer break. Both church gardens are cared for by volunteers to whom a big thank you and as ever – more helpers would be most welcome.

Parish Overseas Committee

Dorothy Mountford

Our Purpose

The purpose of the Overseas Committee is to bring together, in an organised structure, various aspects of the mission of the parish. Its remit is to raise funds in support of overseas projects in the life of the Church and other deserving religious and non-religious groups in need of financial assistance. The Overseas Committee also supports international disasters with humanitarian needs. The essence of the work of the committee culminates in our faith as Christians serving our community and the world family of Churches in fulfilling our mission.

The Overseas Committee has been active over the past year in a variety of ways reflecting this purpose. The 10 committee members meet every two months to review and plan support.

Our links with West Africa

In January 2016 Wilfred Morgan, on behalf of the Sierra Leone community, spoke very movingly of the support given during this

crisis and presented a plaque expressing the thanks of the Sierra Leone Community. The plaque was placed above the credence table in the south aisle of St Peter's and blessed by Bishop Paul during the morning service on Sunday 9th October.

Retiring Collections for Syria: February

In response to the worsening humanitarian crisis Syria a retiring collection was held at the end of the morning services in each of our three churches over a period of three weeks. £500 was raised.

Our Mission Links:

Our new CMS mission partners celebrated the birth of a second baby in the summer and planned to start their work in the field of education in South East Asia early in 2017. Our prayers and support go with them.

Fund Raising Events 2016

Pancake Party 9th February

A good time was had by all when members of our three congregations met to together to celebrate Shrove Tuesday with traditional

pancakes and delicious toppings. The sum of £70 was raised for the general funds.

Easter Breakfast: Easter Monday, 28th March

On Easter Monday a goodly number gathered at the home of Lina and Wilfred Morgan for a hearty cooked breakfast. Donations and a raffle raised £200 for Mercy Ships.

Mercy Ships: This organisation is run by a team of nurses, doctors, surgeons, and other crew-members from all over the world, who donate their time to help on board the world's largest non-governmental floating hospital. As such they can sail directly to some of the world's poorest people to deliver life-saving medical care and provide safe, state-of-the-art facilities in which to treat them. As supporters we are a vital part of the team, paying for essential medical supplies and ship repairs. Mercy Ships have helped transform the lives of more than 2.42 million people in the poorest countries of the world since 1978.

Christian Aid week 2016

Donations at St Peter's for 'Proper Coffee' and cakes served after the morning service coupled with funds raised for refreshments at St Mary's and collection tins in the coffee shop were sent to CA in addition to our annual donation of £1,000.

First Intra- parish Croquet Tournament

Croquet on the university club lawns and afternoon tea was a popular event held in aid of the Overseas Committee. Everyone was invited to come along to either form a team of four or relax and watch the matches. The sum of £388 was raised for general giving.

Launch of Spend a Penny for a Month of Sundays Toilet Twinning Scheme

In December the pew slip publicised the new year 2017 initiative of collecting everyone's loose change during the month of January to raise funds for 'Toilet Twinning' a scheme whereby safe sanitation and hand washing facilities are provided to disadvantaged communities around the world

Regular Giving:

The Nottingham City parish donates £1,000 per annum to each of the following Christian Missionary Societies:
Church Missionary Society, CMS : a mission community to encourage each other and work together - to pray together, learn

together and work together
United Society of Partners in the Gospel, USPG: sharing God's love through action, and seeing lives transformed, working in direct partnership with people and communities around the world
Christian Aid, CA: dedicated to helping the world's poorest people

Future events/dates for diaries:

Christian Aid week Sunday 14th May to Saturday 20th May
Second Intra-parish Croquet Tournament: Sunday 7th May (date to be confirmed)
Autumn Activity: To be announced

Friends of St Mary's

Rachel Farrand

The membership of the Friends has remained constant at around 110 members, the majority of whom live in Nottinghamshire.

The Friends' main income comes from the annual subscription (£10 single, £12 family membership) and proceeds from the sale of refreshments at concerts and other events although donations from the Friends gift box in the church amount to over £100 a year. However, there is concern that audiences for concerts, including those by the Orchestra of the Restoration with the choir of St Mary's, have declined which has impacted on the income generated by the sale of interval refreshments.

The Friends supported 19 functions at St Mary's during the period of this report ranging from concerts and a schools' event to the Diocese's racial justice service and the city's annual carol service. Heritage Open Day (2016) and Light Night (2017)

attracted large numbers of visitors as usual. The committee gratefully acknowledges the core group of Friends who help on these occasions and without whom the committee would not be able to support a busy programme of activities.

The Queen's 90th birthday on 21 April 2016 gave the committee an excuse to organise a celebratory coffee morning in St Mary's which had a strong theme of red, white and blue. Those who arrived early for coffee and a choice of delicious home-made cakes were also able to enjoy a glass of champagne and a slice of birthday cake. The money from the coffee morning together with sales of refreshments and donations when the choir of St Mary's performed a 'rush hour' concert of music fit for a Queen that evening raised over £100 for the parish's Overseas Committee.

'From Orphreys to Oboes' was the intriguing title of the Friends' 2016 annual lecture

given by Hilary Olleson who plays with the Orchestra of the Restoration and also co-ordinated a NADFAS project to refurbish and replace the church's vestments. The 'King in the car park' enticed the Friends to visit Leicester cathedral last summer and they were rewarded with good weather and an excellent guide who did justice to the wider history of the cathedral and the city. The Friends' special project to gild the angels in the roof of the nave has continued to attract generous donations and the Friends anticipate the project reaching fruition in good time to mark its golden jubilee in 2025.

The year ahead brings the challenge of increasing membership of the Friends, ensuring a regular income in addition to annual subscriptions and encouraging greater support of events and functions which promote both the Friends and St Mary's.

Friends of St Peter's

Dennis Lord

We extend sincere thanks to our "Friends" for their continued support.

During the past year, our Visitors Book has recorded over 390 signatures, with overseas visitors from 25 countries – the greatest numbers being from Italy, USA and Poland.

Parish Electoral Roll

Keith Charter

At the time of writing this report, the annual review of the Roll (as opposed to the six-yearly preparation of a complete new Roll) is underway and the list of names it contains is being posted in our three churches as required. This shows, after the usual additions and deletions during the year, that

the number on the Roll at 31 December 2016 stood at 279. Last year, Dennis Lord gave notice that he wished to cease his duties as Electoral Roll Officer although he has kindly continued during much of year and indeed set out the requirements and schedule of dates for the current review. Our thanks go

to him for his diligence in maintaining the Roll over the past few years and also to Wendy and Adele for recently bringing the information onto the church database for the use of the Dennis's successor due to be appointed at the first PCC meeting following the APCM.

Nottingham South Deanery

Kirsty Cowley

This year we have said goodbye to Rev'd Alan Howe, Fr Colin Rushforth, Rev'd Nicky Fenton and Rev'd Karen Rooms. We have also welcomed two new curates, Rev'd Jonny Hughes and Rev'd Will Foulger.

After thirty-two years on Deanery Synod, Robert Cleave stepped down as lay chair in March. He was succeeded by Sarah Holt from Nottingham St Nic's.

Our Deanery Leadership Team also expanded to include Peter Horne from St George in The Meadows and Rev'd Nick Ladd from Inham Nook. Rev'd Canon Steve Silvester was appointed as interim Area Dean following Karen Rooms' departure.

We held three synods during the year: 24 February, 22 June and 9 November 2016.

In February we visited St Ann with Emmanuel, and considered the question, "Who is God calling us to be in our context of migration?" Bramcote shared their experience of "Listen Hear" a diocesan initiative to help listen to the needs of youth

in our churches, and Rev'd Dr Ian Paul shared his recent experiences at General Synod. Karen Rooms reported to Synod on the findings of the Communities of Grace work that each parish had been asked to complete.

In June we visited Christ Church, Chilwell. Sarah Holt was elected as lay chair and Karen Rooms swore in church wardens who had not been able to attend the deanery visitation service. Sarah Holt outlined the diocesan vision to grow disciples, wider, younger and deeper and Synod members began shared their hopes and fears around this vision. Rev'd Jo Tatum explained the role of the workplace chaplaincy team and invited Synod to consider how they could work with the team and how churches could engage with workplaces in their parish. November's Synod began with a market

place in St Peter's café featuring; The Children's Society, Transforming Notts

Together, Host Nottingham, Safe Families for Children, Emmanuel House/Winter Shelter, Jericho Road and Nottingham Street Pastors. The Synod meeting itself took place in St Peter's church and concentrated on the Advent Commitments each parish had, or intended to make, to grow disciples wider, younger and deeper.

Each of our Synods offered the opportunity to speak in groups to build relationships, share good practice and to consider actions to take back to our parishes.

The deanery has again paid a large percentage of its parish share allocation. Every parish is to be thanked for their faithfulness in paying for the ministry received in this deanery.

Emmanuel House Appeal

Paul Sibly

Highlights of the Emmanuel House Appeal during 2016 included the candles of hope and sale of scarves on Light Night, an auction of promises, the well-supported series of Sunday evening concerts at St Mary's and audience generosity at the 'Be' concerts just before Christmas. Post-service refreshments

at all three churches maintained momentum.

Writing in March 2017, the three-year appeal to raise £30,000 for Emmanuel House has reached its target, thanks to all who have contributed one-off gifts or by standing order as well as to those who have

organised special events We hope that many will be inspired to continue their support of this desperately important lifeline organisation in the heart of Nottingham.

Work with young people

Mary Davey, Deborah Sibly & Anne Hardy

All Saints' continues to warmly welcome children but, as reported last year, the numbers are lower because of many of the children coming were from asylum-seeking families that have been moved further away from All Saints'. We still maintain the activity bags, books and toys at the back of the church for the young visitors that we do have.
Mary Davey

Junior Church at St Mary's - a small but loyal band - met monthly in the Chapter House during the Sunday morning Eucharist to explore the Gospel of the day or a theme related to the season. The group created an Easter Garden on Easter Saturday and a crib scene just before Christmas.

Deborah Sibly

There are several initiatives supporting young people. A small group of us from the parish are marking essays for young people in Sierra Leone to raise their standard of English.

At St Peter's, simple service booklets and activity bags are offered to children who sit with their families during worship. The carpeted area, stocked with books and toys, is still available at St. Peter's for children to use under the supervision of their parents. Now to look back.

In January 2011, Helen MacIntosh and I were invited to prepare two young people for Confirmation. Later this year Leoncia will turn 18 and William will be 16 next month. It has been a great privilege to watch them develop into two delightful, caring and responsible teenagers: Leoncia is now

involved in our communion service by regularly presenting the elements and by reading.

2016 was our last full year together which was mainly spent studying St. Mark's gospel. The year finished with a talk, kindly given by our Reader, Lawrie Crawford, where he explained what it means to him to be a Christian. This is a thread which has ran through our journey together, as we have studied themes like inspirational people, forgiveness and the previous Bishop Paul's book on "Living your Confirmation".

We plan to meet less frequently in 2017, but all,(parents included) want to stay in touch. I shall give the last word to William, as it is so encouraging for all who work with young people.

" The stuff we do at church is far more

important than the stuff we do at school!)
.Anne Hardy
Looking to the wider community, St Mary's ran 'The Church Doors are Open' in November 2016. This involved 150 children

from city primary schools in activities about baptism, communion, the good Samaritan, fair trade and stories from the windows. The Minster choral outreach team led workshops and energetic singing for all the

children. In December, the Lord Mayor's Carol Service again featured groups of pupils from several schools.
Paul Sibly

PCC

Keith Charter

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is the governing body of the parish and is constituted within the requirements of the Church Representation Rules. The Council therefore, with the Vicar, is responsible for the management and running of the parish and has a Standing Committee (SC)

empowered to transact urgent business of the PCC between meetings. The PCC and SC met 6 and 5 times respectively during 2016. The formal 2016 Annual Report and Financial Statements document to be presented by the Treasurer at the APCM on 26 April 2017 contains more information on the working of

the PCC and its Committees. Additionally, those on the Electoral Roll may, on request from the parish office, obtain a list showing all the major topics discussed at PCC meetings during 2016.

Safeguarding

Keith Mountford

The parish is committed to the respectful pastoral ministry to all adults, young people and children within our church community

and to the safeguarding and protection of all vulnerable people. Copies of our Policy and

Procedures are displayed in all three churches.