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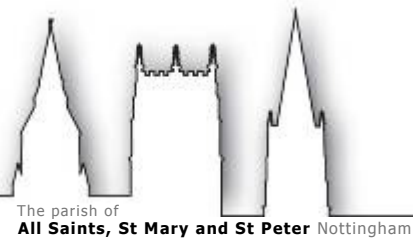
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- 2 St Mary's, High Pavement
- 3 St Peter's, St Peter's Square

Who we are

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- live and proclaim the Gospel for the 21st century in our modern, challenging and fast-developing city
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News from the Churches

David Briggs Performs

Renowned international organ recitalist (and Organist Emeritus of Gloucester Cathedral) performed to a packed St Peter's Church on Saturday 30th July. His programme of music by Bach, Dupré and Widor - much of which was performed from memory - was further enhanced by his own transcription of the slow movement of Elgar's second symphony (played in memory of Mary Partington) and a stunning improvisation on the theme of the Marseillaise (audience suggestion!) in the style of Bach. David's wonderful playing as well as his delightful explanations and anecdotes made for an entertaining morning.



"I felt really quite inspired by your new instrument", said David, "you should feel very proud of it!"



Visitors at St Peter's during Heritage Open Day

From the Registers

Baptisms

Edward Beckwith - 11th September - St Mary's

Weddings

Tom & Eva Humphries - 13th August - St Mary's

Daniel Ford & - 20th August - All Saints'

Daisy Boshier - 2nd September - All Saints'

Russell Rainford & Monique Thomas - 3rd September - St Mary's

Steven Ray & Janine Ashurst - 3rd September - St Mary's

Sebastian Davies & Sarah Godfrey - 3rd September - St Mary's

James Shardlow & Rebecca Stone - 17th September - St Mary's

Heritage Open Days

St Mary's and St Peter's once again opened their doors to welcome members of the public for Heritage Open Day in September. Many thanks to all the volunteers who worked so hard to make sure that everybody who walked through the door was given a warm welcome, and to Beth Mitchell and Alastair MacIntosh for their co-ordination and organisation.

Ashley Collins

The funeral of Ashley Collins took place on Friday 16th September at All Saints' church. Ashley and his wife Pauline have been long-standing members of All Saints, and, although Ashley had been ill for some time, he had continued to attend church whenever he could. In former years he had played a significant role in the local community, and was widely known for this. Our deepest condolences are extended to Pauline and her family in their grief.

Forthcoming events

Dates for the diary...

Coffee Break Concerts at St Peter's

Saturday 1st October, 11am

Chamber Music by Alex Patterson.

Saturday 8th October, 11am

English Song by Finzi & Quilter.

Saturday 15th October, 11am

The Anderson-Fordham Guitar Duo.

Saturday 22nd October, 11am

Radcliffe-on-Trent Ladies Choir.

Saturday 29th October, 11am

Essentially Brass & Peter Siepmann, organ.



All Coffee Break Concerts are free, with donations to the church music fund greatly appreciated. Coffee and biscuits are served from 10.15am.

The St Peter's Coffee Room will be open on each of the Saturdays in October, 10.30am-2pm, serving its usual selection of drinks, cakes, sandwiches and light lunches.

Concerts at St Mary's

Saturday 1st October, 7.30pm - Eastwood Collieries' Male Voice Choir (see back page).

Saturday 29th October, 6pm - fundraising concert for the African Prisons Project.

Saturday 19th November, 7.30pm - Nottingham Bach Choir.

Organ Recitals at St Peter's

Thursday 20th October - Michael Rule (St James the Greater, Leicester)

Thursday 17th November - Donald Hunt (St Mary Magdalene, Newark)

The 'Third Thursday' series of organ recitals all begin at 1.15pm and last for half an hour. Entrance is free, with donations to the church music fund gratefully received.

Festival of British Music - 8th & 9th October

The parish music festival will include concerts and services at all three churches. On Saturday, the St Peter's Coffee Break concert will be devoted to English song, and the evening concert at St Mary's (7.30pm) will include Elgar's violin concerto. On Sunday, there will be music by Howells at All Saints' (am), MacMillan and Tavener at St Mary's, and Finzi at St Peter's (pm).

Bible Study Sessions to Focus on Matthew

A monthly Bible study group will be launched on Tuesday October the 18th at 7.30 pm in the Chapter Room at St Mary's church. Over the next year or so the group, which will be led by Christopher Harrison and Clarence Rickards, will look at the Gospel of St Matthew, using the commentary by J. C. Fenton. The group will be suitable for all those who are prepared to do some in-depth study using what is quite a detailed commentary, and are prepared for some lively discussion. By way of preparation for the first meeting, you are invited to read the Gospel of Mark - this will help us to have an introductory look at the origins of the four gospels, and how they relate to one another.

Prayers for October & November

Please remember to include the following in your prayers this month:

Safety on our streets, especially for school runs, and for **warmth** in everyone's homes as we move to earlier dusks and later dawns. We pray for **those who feel more confined**, shut in at home or lonely as well as for those who find themselves sleeping rough; also for **Emmanuel House, Framework** and the **Salvation Army** as pressure grows on them when the weather gets colder.

We pray for the new triennium of **Deanery Synod**, for our parish's representatives and the deanery leadership team especially in their endeavours to improve co-operation across the parishes and relationships with churches of other denominations.

Late October sees the interviews for the **new Workplace Chaplain**, so we pray for a good process and the right appointment. We also remember the **Lay Chaplains**, being thankful for their work, praying for the businesses they visit and for further opportunities.

October/November sees **All Saints' Day** and the patronal festival celebrated at the Church followed by All Souls' Day which, these days, begin what is becoming a season of remembrance: we pray for those who are recently bereaved and for those whose loved ones are commemorated on **Remembrance Sunday**. This year, a memorial plaque of those who died in WW1 from the Narrowmarsh area will be installed on the west wall of St Mary's at 11.00 on Friday, 11th November.

We also pray for the worship on **Advent Sunday, 27th November**, and all those who work both behind and in front of the scenes in preparing our worship and services for visitors, guests and regular congregation members between now and the end of the year.

Rev'd Stephen Morris

Cards for Good Causes

'Cards for Good Causes' will once again be selling charity Christmas cards at St Peter's, opening on Monday 24th October, 10am-3.30pm. Watch out for the St Peter's Organ card, being sold for Notts Historic Churches Trust! These will also be available in church and from the parish office.

Friends of St Mary's Annual Lecture

Suitable parsons? English parish clergy in the high middle ages (1000-1250)

The late twentieth and early twenty-first centuries have seen big changes in the parishes of the Church of England. In this paper Dr Julia Barrow will go back to the beginnings of the system as it was around 1000 A.D. and look at how the parish network developed and in particular how medieval clergy operated within this framework - who appointed them (patronage), how they were paid, and what factors were likely to lead them to become clerics in the first place. The twelfth century saw the emergence of words such as parson, rector, vicar and advowson into common use in England: exploring how they appear helps us to understand more about how the system originally worked.

The Friends of St Mary's Annual Lecture by Dr Julia Barrow is on Sunday 16th October at 4pm

Parish 'Away Day'

A discussion on the theme
'Everybody Welcome'

Saturday 12th November, 10.00 - 4.00 pm
venue - TBC

The Church Council has asked a group of its members to review those areas of our parish life which relate to 'mission' and 'welcome'. Our churches aim to be 'inclusive' in all aspects of our worship, fellowship, decision making etc, so that no-one should feel excluded - but how well are we actually making this happen? How effective are we at welcoming newcomers and visitors?

All are strongly encouraged to come and contribute their thoughts and experiences to this Away Day, which is designed for **everyone** from all three churches.

Bring your own lunch or be prepared to buy this locally. There is no charge for the day

St Peter's Coffee Shop

Beth Mitchell urges everyone to support the St Peter's Coffee shop on Saturdays

The coffee shop at St Peters is now open on Saturdays until Christmas, raising funds for the music in worship at St Peters and St Marys as well as making a major contribution to overseas aid. By coming along for coffee, cake or a light lunch, you can help support these good causes. Please bring family and friends to enjoy great food in a relaxing setting whilst helping us raise money for those in need.



Letters to the Editor

More "T", Vicar?

Confessions of a Pronunciation Pedant - for Cry-sake

On almost any day of the week, BBC journalists can be heard referring to the Pry-Minister. It is impossible to form the "m" sound at the end of "prime" without bringing the lips together and then sharply separating them, before bringing them together again to form the "m" sound at the beginning of "minister". It does, of course, take a little longer.

And on almost any Sunday of the month, the congregation of St. Mary's - led, I fear, by choir and clergy - can be heard reciting "for our Lord Jesus Cry-sake, forgive us....." It is impossible to form the "sts" sound at the end of "Christ's" without bringing the arch of the tongue against the back of the upper teeth and then sharply separating them, before bringing them together again to form the "s" sound at the beginning of "sake". It does, of course, take a little longer.

May the Lord indeed forgive us all that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives.

Gordon Solway

Leading the Fight Against Lead Theft

As you will be aware, metal theft is a significant and increasing problem in the UK. Historically the scrap metal trade has been a cash in hand industry; which creates difficulties as there is no audit trail, making identification of individuals who may be trading stolen metal or who may be committing tax or benefits fraud, a difficult proposition.

An amendment to the Scrap Metal Merchants Act 1964 to prohibit cash transactions would make payment by cheque or directly into a bank account mandatory and would be a significant component in reducing metal theft.

Go to <http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/406> to sign the petition now!

Andrew Abbott

St Peter's Choir at Norwich Cathedral

Ed Wilson recalls a successful St Peter's choir tour to Norwich Cathedral

Born a Nottinghamian, I've been living in Norwich for the last eight years or so. I had come up to Nottingham after hearing the sad news of Mary Partington's passing: the Partingtons were such an influence on my childhood that it was important to me to be at the funeral.

After the service, I had the chance to speak with a few members of the choir, many of whom I'd not seen for many years. By coincidence, I found the choir were due to sing the weekend services at Norwich cathedral on the weekend of 18th-21st August. Peter said they were short of a first bass, and would I like to join them. Having not sung with the choir for almost 15 years, this was an opportunity I could not turn down. Even more so as in all the years I'd lived in Norwich, I'd never sung in the cathedral.

With fond memories of Kendrick Partington's famously wonky typewritten choir notices, I did notice that times had changed: Peter emailed me the music and details, and apparently all the timetables and music lists are now circulated on Google calendar. (I couldn't help but notice a flourish of iPhones and



Photo: Mike Leuty

Blackberries from choir members at the merest mention of a new date or event.)

The weekend started with rehearsal on Friday afternoon in the recently built Song School: a fantastic modern structure of oak columns and glass walls, perfectly complementing the Norman cathedral and early 14th century cloisters. A wonderful facility, even if the automatic window controllers did seem to have a life of their own.

Evensong on Friday, Saturday and sung Eucharist and evensong on Sunday were very well received by the congregation and clergy. Filling Norwich cathedral with the serene tones of Bruckner's 'Os Justi' was certainly a highlight for me, the peak

leaving a three second echo ringing into every corner and crevice of the building. Memories of how to interpret the pointing of psalms soon returned to me, which was just as well as we didn't leave Norwich short of them that weekend. Under Peter's training and direction, we made the poems a joy to sing and hear- a fact that did not go unnoticed by the Dean!

It was truly a joy to be singing with a choir that was such an important part of my childhood, and in a cathedral and city that now means so much to me today. Even though I left the choir 15 years ago, it felt like only yesterday and I felt very welcome back into the family that is St Peter's choir.

Capital Singing

St Mary's choir performed well at St Paul's and Westminster Abbey this summer, as Ed Mills explains

The Choir of St Mary's were privileged to sing three services in two of the country's most prestigious churches. A three day tour of London in August saw the choir sing a festal Eucharist and Evensong in St Paul's Cathedral as well as an Evensong in Westminster Abbey.

As reported by the Nottingham Post, the choir was so well received that the Reverend Andrew Hammond, Succentor at St Paul's, has invited the choir back to sing next summer.

The choir, which sings services at St Mary's, Nottingham every Wednesday and Sunday, comprises volunteers and choral scholars. The choral scholarship scheme has been successful in attracting some outstanding young musicians, many of whom have stayed in Nottingham after completing their studies.

Jonathan Stork, member of the choir and chair of the choral scholarship trustees, commented, "The scholarship scheme has helped the choir to become what it is today under the direction of John Keys. We were delighted that a number of



Photo: Andrew Abbott

past choral scholars were able to join the choir in London illustrating the strong friendships and loyalties that the choir maintains."

St Mary's choir is currently recruiting choral scholars for the academic year 2011/12. Anyone over 18 in full time education that is interested in applying should visit www.stmaryschoirnottingham.com

Services and Events in October and November

SUNDAY 2nd October 2011	MONDAY 3rd October	TUESDAY 4th October	WEDNESDAY 5th October
All Saints' 1030 Sung Eucharist St Mary's 1045 Sung Eucharist* 1830 Evensong* St Peter's 0815 Holy Communion 1045 Matins* 1830 Holy Communion with prayers for healing	St Peter's 1315 Meditation	All Saints' 1000 Holy Communion St Peter's 1315 Holy Communion	All Saints' 0900 Morning Prayer St Mary's 0800 Holy Communion 1815 Evensong*
	THURSDAY 6th October	FRIDAY 7th October	SATURDAY 8th October
	All Saints' 0900 Morning Prayer St Mary's 1315 Holy Communion St Peter's 1100 Holy Communion	All Saints' 0900 Morning Prayer	St Mary's 1930 Concert – Choir of St Mary's & Orchestra of the Restoration St Peter's 1030 Coffee Room Opening – St Peter's Music Fund 1100 Coffee Break Concert – English Song by Finzi & Quilter
SUNDAY 9th October 2011	MONDAY 10th October	TUESDAY 11th October	WEDNESDAY 12th October
All Saints' 1030 Sung Eucharist* St Mary's 1045 Sung Eucharist* 1830 Evensong* St Peter's 0815 Holy Communion 1045 Sung Eucharist 1830 Evensong*	St Peter's 1315 Meditation	All Saints' 1000 Holy Communion St Peter's 1315 Holy Communion	All Saints' 0900 Morning Prayer St Mary's 0800 Holy Communion 1815 Evensong*
	THURSDAY 13th October	FRIDAY 14th October	SATURDAY 15th October
	All Saints' 0900 Morning Prayer St Mary's 1315 Holy Communion St Peter's 1100 Holy Communion	All Saints' 0900 Morning Prayer	St Peter's 1030 Coffee Room Opening– St Peter's Music Fund 1100 Coffee Break Concert - The Anderson-Fordham Guitar Duo
SUNDAY 16th October	MONDAY 17th October	TUESDAY 18th October	WEDNESDAY 19th October
All Saints' 1030 Sung Eucharist St Mary's 1045 Sung Eucharist* 1600 Friends of St Mary's Annual Lecture 1830 Evensong* St Peter's 0815 Holy Communion 1045 Sung Eucharist* with Sermon by Canon Hosam Naoum (acting Dean of Jerusalem Cathedral) 1830 Taize Service	St Peter's 1315 Meditation	All Saints' 1000 Holy Communion St Mary's 1930 Bible Study (See page 5) St Peter's 1315 Holy Communion	All Saints' 0900 Morning Prayer St Mary's 0800 Holy Communion 1815 Evensong*
	THURSDAY 20th October	FRIDAY 21st October	SATURDAY 22nd October
	All Saints' 0900 Morning Prayer St Mary's 1315 Holy Communion St Peter's 1100 Holy Communion 1315 Organ Recital – Michael Rule	All Saints' 0900 Morning Prayer	St Peter's 1030 Coffee Room Opening– St Peter's Music Fund 1100 Coffee Break Concert – Radcliffe-on-Trent Ladies Choir
SUNDAY 23rd October	MONDAY 24th October	TUESDAY 25th October	WEDNESDAY 26th October
All Saints' 1030 Sung Eucharist St Mary's 1045 Sung Eucharist* 1810 Evensong* St Peter's 0815 Holy Communion 1045 Sung Eucharist* 1830 Compline*	St Peter's 1315 Meditation	All Saints' 1000 Holy Communion St Peter's 1315 Holy Communion	All Saints' 0900 Morning Prayer St Mary's 0800 Holy Communion 1815 Evensong*
	THURSDAY 27th October	FRIDAY 28th October	SATURDAY 29th October
	All Saints' 0900 Morning Prayer St Mary's 1315 Holy Communion St Peter's 1100 Holy Communion	All Saints' 0900 Morning Prayer	St Peter's 1030 Coffee Room Opening– St Peter's Music Fund 1100 Coffee Break Concert – Essentially Brass & Peter Siepmann, organ St Mary's 1800 African Prisons Project concert

SUNDAY 30 th October	MONDAY 31 st October	TUESDAY 1 st November	WEDNESDAY 2 nd November
All Saints' 1830 Patronal Sung Eucharist* St Mary's 1045 Sung Eucharist* 1830 Evensong* St Peter's 0815 Holy Communion 1045 Songs of Praise*	St Peter's 1315 Meditation	All Saints' 1000 Holy Communion St Peter's 1315 Holy Communion	All Saints' 0900 Morning Prayer St Mary's 0800 Holy Communion 1930 Solemn Requiem (Durufle) for All Souls*
	THURSDAY 3 rd November	FRIDAY 4 th November	SATURDAY 5 th November
	All Saints' 0900 Morning Prayer St Mary's 1315 Holy Communion St Peter's 1100 Holy Communion	All Saints' 0900 Morning Prayer	St Peter's 1030 Coffee Room Opening – Overseas Committee

SUNDAY 6 th November	MONDAY 7 th November	TUESDAY 8 th November	WEDNESDAY 9 th November
All Saints' 1030 Sung Eucharist St Mary's 1045 Sung Eucharist* 1830 Evensong* St Peter's 0815 Holy Communion 1045 Matins* 1830 Holy Communion with prayers for healing	St Peter's 1315 Meditation	All Saints' 1000 Holy Communion St Peter's 1315 Holy Communion	All Saints' 0900 Morning Prayer St Mary's 0800 Holy Communion 1815 Evensong*
	THURSDAY 10 th November	FRIDAY 11 th November	SATURDAY 12 th November
	All Saints' 0900 Morning Prayer St Mary's 1315 Holy Communion St Peter's 1100 Holy Communion	All Saints' 0900 Morning Prayer	St Peter's 1030 Coffee Room Opening – Overseas Committee 1000 Parish Away Day (See page 6) - Location TBC

SUNDAY 13 th November	MONDAY 14 th November	TUESDAY 15 th November	WEDNESDAY 16 th November
All Saints' 1030 Sung Eucharist St Mary's 1045 Remembrance Service* 1830 Evensong* St Peter's 0815 Holy Communion 1045 Sung Eucharist for Remembrance* 1830 Evensong*	St Peter's 1315 Meditation	All Saints' 1000 Holy Communion St Peter's 1315 Holy Communion	All Saints' 0900 Morning Prayer St Mary's 0800 Holy Communion 1815 Evensong*
	THURSDAY 17 th November	FRIDAY 18 th November	SATURDAY 19 th November
	All Saints' 0900 Morning Prayer St Mary's 1315 Holy Communion St Peter's 1100 Holy Communion 1315 Organ Recital	All Saints' 0900 Morning Prayer	St Mary's 1930 Nottingham Bach Choir Concert St Peter's 1030 Coffee Room Opening – Overseas Committee

SUNDAY 20 th November	MONDAY 21 st November	TUESDAY 22 nd November	WEDNESDAY 23 rd November
All Saints' 1030 Sung Eucharist St Mary's 1045 Sung Eucharist* 1830 Evensong* St Peter's 0815 Holy Communion 1045 Sung Eucharist* 1830 Taize Service	St Peter's 1315 Meditation	All Saints' 1000 Holy Communion St Peter's 1315 Holy Communion	All Saints' 0900 Morning Prayer St Mary's 0800 Holy Communion 1815 Evensong* St Peter's 1930 Nottingham Girls' High School Concert
	THURSDAY 24 th November	FRIDAY 25 th November	SATURDAY 26 th November
	All Saints' 0900 Morning Prayer St Mary's 1315 Holy Communion St Peter's 1100 Holy Communion	All Saints' 0900 Morning Prayer	St Peter's 1030 Coffee Room Opening – Overseas Committee

SUNDAY 27 th November	MONDAY 28 th November	TUESDAY 29 th November	WEDNESDAY 30 th November
All Saints' 1030 Sung Eucharist St Mary's 1045 Sung Eucharist* 1830 Advent Procession* St Peter's 0815 Holy Communion 1045 Sung Eucharist* 1830 Advent Vespers*	St Peter's 1315 Meditation	All Saints' 1000 Holy Communion St Peter's 1315 Holy Communion	All Saints' 0900 Morning Prayer St Mary's 0800 Holy Communion 1815 Evensong*

Jesus Enters Nottingham

Norman Todd shares a meditation on Jesus in our city

The splendid article about the City Centre by Len Simmonds in the June edition of 'Nottingham in Faith' sent me into a meditation that is still going on. Perhaps you would like to join in.

Imagine Jesus entering Nottingham now as he entered Jerusalem in his earthly lifetime. He had grown up in a large village, gone to school with the friends, shown an aptitude for reading and had an insatiable curiosity, always asking questions. He followed his father's trade as a carpenter and took over the business when his father died. He was strongly influenced by his cousin John and attracted by his call to repentance. He was fascinated by what was written on the scrolls in the synagogue, the Law and the Prophets, and knew many of the Psalms by heart.

Now after three years as an itinerant preacher Jesus feels in his heart that his time has come. He has come up to Jerusalem and been preaching daily in the temple. He is causing the authorities a lot of concern. They realise that he is determined on some kind of regime change, though, he claims, by peaceful methods as the Messiah, the Christ. What will the Roman overlords of the Jews think about this insurrection?

[Remember this is a meditation being shared. Let it develop in your own imagination.]

Now he's on a donkey, cheered on by his disciples and excited crowds, coming down the Mount of Olives. A modern pilgrim can pause at what is now the church of 'The Lord Wept'. Framed in the window behind the altar, across the Kidron valley is the city centre of Jerusalem and over the altar cross acting like the sight of a rifle is the golden Dome of the Rock. There Jesus sees the Temple on the site chosen by King David, the centre and symbol of all the power structures of religion and of the world.

Jesus weeps over Jerusalem because it does not know the way of peace and then proceeds to enforce a confrontation with the authorities by overturning the tables of the moneychangers in the Temple. 'My house will be called a house of prayer, but you are turning it into a bandits' den.' A few days later he is abandoned by the crowds, betrayed by Judas, deserted by his disciples, and led to his lonely crucifixion.

Imagine Jesus entering Nottingham City Centre; going down from Mapperley Tops; the wealthy commuter villages behind, the suburbs around, the estates, the poor areas, the Vicky Centre, down to the Market Square. He knows what is really going on in all those houses and other buildings; no spin (guile) nor wishful thinking in his mind; just the truth, including the truth about spin, wishful thinking, self-righteousness, and hypocrisy. What would make him weep and say, 'If you too had only recognised on this day the way to peace! But in fact it is hidden from your eyes.'

And what would make him rejoice? Would he still say, 'Blessed are the peacemakers; they shall be recognised as children of God' and the other Beatitudes [in St. Matthew's Gospel, chapter 5, verses 3 to 10]. Would children be brought to him on the beach in Market Square for his blessing? What form would the parables take in contemporary cultures? Would he still say, 'You cannot serve both God and Money'?

BUT WAIT A MINUTE! Jesus is in the City Centre every day, all the time! He is there in the men and women who are members of his Church, disciples going about their daily work in the city. They are in the world, but not of the world – well not entirely. The Spirit of Jesus is within them as promised, guiding and strengthening. And in every human being there is the whisper of God's Word, the Light that has never been completely put out in anyone.

Anticipating his death, which he believed would be his return to his heavenly Father, Jesus had urged his disciples to watch (as he watched) and pray (as he prayed). He promised he would send his power to enable us; another comforter, the Holy Spirit, to guide us into all truth. So we can 'watch and pray'; watch with eyes and understanding enlightened by the Spirit; pray - as the first resort not the last - with great yearning 'thy will be done on earth as in heaven'.

Jesus also said, 'I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learned from my Father'. So his mind is being formed within us. But it seems to me that life is so complicated today that we need an opportunity for people from the various sectors and specialisms of the City centre to be able to meet to 'watch and pray' together about the work they do, the economic pressures from national and global agencies and their effects on our common life. As well as the parish and other local churches (and other religious meeting places of course) ministering to the domestic and family life of local communities, what help do 'work-based' disciples need? How do people at work recognise 'the Spirit at work in work'? Is all work spiritual in that it either helps or hinders the Common Good?

And the Spirit helps me watch my self. How much does my participation in the consumer society with all its temptations play in the causes of rioting of those who see but cannot have? 'Do not store up treasures for yourselves on earth. But store up treasures for yourself in heaven, where neither moth nor woodworm destroy them and where thieves cannot break in and steal. For wherever your treasure is, there will your heart be also.'

[And so the meditation continues.]



The Promised Land

Ahead of a visit by the Acting Dean of Jerusalem Cathedral, **Christopher Harrison** considers whether peace between Israel and Palestine will ever be possible



Rev'd Christopher Harrison
Vicar of the Parish

In the mid-1980s, I visited Israel. Alongside the deeply moving experience of visiting some of the holiest sites in the world, where Jesus himself had walked, one encounter stood out in particular. Three small Arab boys, sitting by the roadside in Jerusalem, asked me if I was a Christian. When I said that I was, they replied, 'We're Muslim. Same God'. I was so delighted with this spontaneous expression of a desire for mutual religious understanding, in the face of many centuries of conflict between Jew, Arab and Christian, that I didn't dream of bringing up our theological differences.

Where, I wonder, are those boys now? Have they been radicalised as the tensions between the West and the Muslim world have grown more severe? Have they become victims of the deepening separation between Israel and the Palestinian territories, symbolised most vividly by the wall which Israelis generally refer to as the security fence, and Palestinians as the racial segregation wall? And what about their Jewish counterparts? Such children have grown up in homes where family memories of the Holocaust are no doubt still vivid, and have lived with the constant anxiety caused by the possibility of suicide bombs or similar acts of destruction.

Politicians have long wrestled with the seemingly intractable problems which arise from the clash between the security needs of the Israeli people and the Palestinian people's quest for a land of their own. Sadly, in the Western media we tend to hear more about the things that divide them, and the acts of violence, than about the signs of hope which do exist. There is in fact a growing number of initiatives which bring Israelis and Palestinians together, such as a support group for those who have lost family members in the troubles, joint commercial ventures, and the orchestra founded by Daniel Barenboim which includes both Jews and Arabs. In this complex arena the Church also plays its part. Christians in Israel-Palestine are very much in the minority, but contribute to initiatives of peace and justice as well as ensuring that their own voice is heard in the wider political and religious debate.

On **Sunday 16th October**, the acting Dean of Jerusalem Cathedral, Canon Hosam Naoum, will be the preacher at the 10.45 service at St Peter's, as part of a visit to our diocese by a group of Christians from the

diocese of Jerusalem. Do make an effort to come and hear him; there will also be a question and answer session with him after the service, for those who have attended other churches. If you cannot be there on that day, there is an open meeting at Nottingham University with Canon Naoum and his colleagues on Wednesday 12th October at 5.30 pm (B63 in the Law and Social Sciences Building).

We must never conclude that peace is impossible. Thirty years ago, South Africa was deeply divided; the Berlin Wall was still standing; and Northern Ireland remained in the grip of sectarian violence. In all of these places, the Church played an important role in planting the seeds of peace and helping these to grow and bear fruit. Let us therefore keep praying for the peace of Jerusalem, and support those who are in the front line in working to bring this about.



Above: The Rev'd Canon Hosam Naoum, Acting Dean, Jerusalem Cathedral, will be Preaching at St Peter's Church on 16th October

A Stroke of Luck, Good Medical Care, or Divine Intervention?

Ossie Newell, MBE, a member of the congregation at St Peter's Church, talks about his experience following a stroke in 1999

On 9th August 1999 my life and world changed forever, I suffered a full-blown stroke. Nature's Mugging, as I now call it, had happened to me and the consequences were devastating. I had had a left side rear infarct, a blood clot on the left side and at the rear of my brain. This paralysed the right side of my body so that I could not move, stand or walk; it also affected my speech for a little while. The right side being my natural side posed all manner of problems, as I was unable to carry out the basic human things we take for granted and became reliant totally on other people. This was a terrifying, devastating and humiliating experience, all privacy and dignity were lost at a stroke as it were, and the emotional and psychological consequences which followed were all consuming. For a while I felt that the best thing that could happen both for me and my family was that I should die.

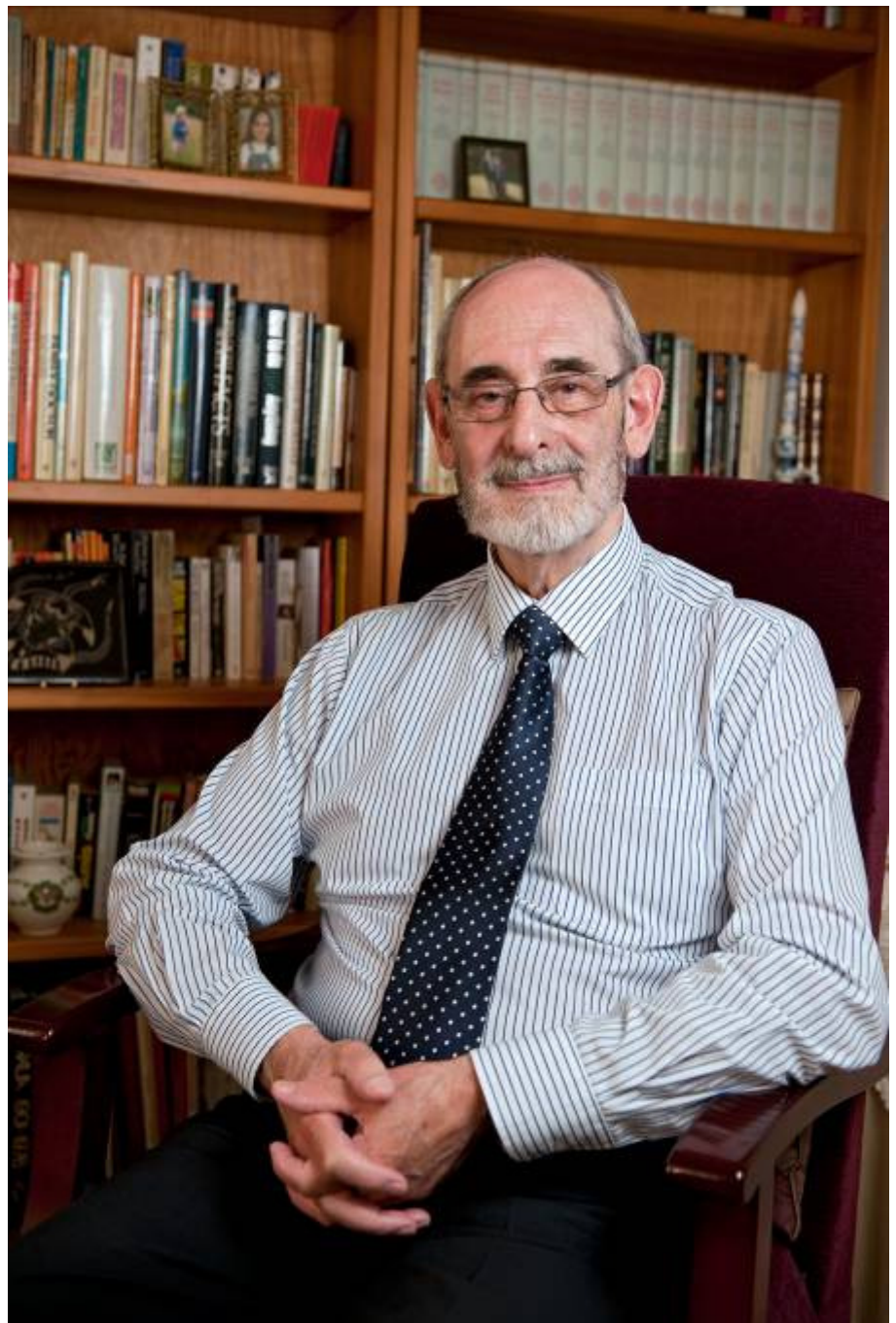
How wrong can you be?

In one of his sermons at St Peter's Church, Rev Stephen Morris referred to his faith as being a "gut feeling" and this was also true for me, for after a while I felt that deep within my being all would turn out right and for the best, and so it has!

After seven weeks on the stroke wards at QMC I came home in a wheelchair. By that time I was able to stand, but not walk. I was unable to write; to dress, or bathe, or shave myself, or to cut food and feed myself properly. A further four months went by attending the day hospital 2 days per week to begin with followed by one day per week thereafter and in February of 2000 I was discharged completely. Apart from various aids to assist me in my home, raising my easy chair and the toilet seat and the provision of a perch stool, there was no further support either from the hospital, or from the health and social care community within the City. Services were incomplete, not joined up and far too fragmented to deliver good care across the pathway of need.

I had resolved whilst in hospital that I would attempt to address these kinds of problems for patients and their families and to put something back for the care I had received myself. My first book "Stroke after the good life" addresses my personal story at this time. So in a real sense I have been continually involved as an ambassador for stroke ever since I left hospital in October 1999, endeavouring to bring about change relative to stroke care and stroke services.

I always find it very difficult to be objective about things I may have, or have not achieved. It is therefore both gratifying and humbling to know that the Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust have published an article in the first addition of their new Newspaper, NUHNews, to mark my retirement and have agreed that it may be published here.



End of an era as stroke ambassador Ossie steps down

Steve Thorne of Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust continues Ossie's story

For many, a stroke would be nature's way of telling you to slow down. Change your lifestyle. Take it easy...

Not Ossie Newell. Since suffering a stroke in 1999, he has worked tirelessly to improve stroke services in hospitals across the country.

"A stroke is so violent," he said. "It's like nature's mugging. When I was brought into hospital, I was not impressed with the care I received. I started working immediately to try to do something about it."

His personal journey to recovery has mirrored his wider mission to educate health professionals about appropriate care: from initial small steps, he has taken massive strides.

Since learning to walk and write again, Ossie has spoken at hundreds of conferences and events, campaigned in Parliament, finished his degree, produced three books and a film about stroke. More importantly, he founded the At a Stroke a support group made up of professionals and patients in Nottingham – from which he has now decided to stand down as chairman. He has also had a Ward at the City Hospital named after him.

It's an incredible achievement, crowned by the awarding of an MBE for his services to stroke care.

"I'm a driven individual," he said. "Last year I did 104 presentations alone – two a week. That's my main advice to anyone who has a stroke. A positive attitude is absolutely necessary."

Ossie was 64 when he had his stroke. It was a life-changing moment. "It's so sudden – and it takes everything away from you. Just like that!"

He was at the Queen's Medical Centre for almost two months – and then attended the day clinic for a further four months.

"You have to try not to lose hope," he said. "You have to have the determination."

He came home in a wheelchair – and faced a battle each day to learn to walk again. It took a further two years for him to be able to hold a pen and write properly.

Determined to speak out about the 'neglect' he saw in stroke care, Ossie, now aged 76, has campaigned to put stroke higher up the health agenda.

"My task and ambition was to educate health professionals about stroke and the care and appropriate pathway that are needed by stroke patients," he explained. "I feel I have been successful in that."

"A lot has been achieved by At a Stroke. I'm particularly proud of when I went to Parliament in 2007 to debate stroke with the Health Secretary in the morning and then met the cross-party committee and left them with five demands from the Stroke Association – all of which were incorporated into the national stroke strategy.

"I'm proud of the way that this has been implemented at NUH. It all started here, in Nottingham, and I have expanded the campaign from the hospital to the county, to the region and I now sit on the Stroke Management Board at the Department of Health. I started here and I have gone all the way to the top."

NUH is now the accredited stroke care unit for the East Midlands, which provides care 24 hours a day.

Ossie said: "The most fundamental change I've seen since I became a stroke ambassador is the way that stroke is no longer neglected. The front end of acute care had changed and we have had so many developments that have been championed by NUH. You now have consultants on call 24 hours a day and rehab over the weekend. NUH also admits more stroke patients than any other hospital – 1,650 patients a year.

"We've made massive steps forward in public awareness and getting people into hospital in a three-hour window, as well as

the work we have done with the ambulance service on thrombolising patients.

"All of this work is brilliant. Quite simply, it saves lives and reduces disability."

Ossie's decision to stand down from frontline activities was formally announced at the At a Stroke annual meeting on 31 May.

However, he added: "As the event of stroke is so personal to me and the fact that I remain passionate about the work we all undertake, I shall keep in touch. I will remain active relative to my commitments and interests in stroke research within the University of Nottingham, one off items and events and my role on the National DoE Stroke Management Board, led by Roger Boyle, until it ceases to exist later this year."

The At a Stroke annual meeting saw the completion of the 'Stroke Wish list' drawn up by staff at NUH and met by donations and fundraising by the group. Over the years, the group has raised more than £59,000 for stroke services.

The latest work and items are worth a total of £4,311. They are:

- A raised planter for patients to use at the back of Beeston Ward (£1,050)
- Books for the Speech & Language Department to be used with patients in the four wards of the Stroke Unit (£827)
- Two superior wheelchairs (£2,350)
- Items for the Quiet Room on Seacole Ward (£84)

Jan Riley, a former stroke specialist, will take over from Ossie as chairman of At a Stroke.

So what now for Ossie? "I'm 76 and it's time to give some attention to my wife Olive!" he said. "We've been together for 60 years - married for 53 years. She always comes with me to events. But I feel it's time to step down now... spend more time with my family."

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Ossie Newell, concludes that his journey has been wonderful

So the words of the title to this piece do fit very nicely, however my overwhelming conviction emanating from the experience is a belief that I was placed on earth to undertake the challenges which have presented themselves. After all, none of this wonderful journey would have

happened had I not have had a stroke and I would not have met or worked with some many brilliant and caring people, nor would the changes that have taken place happened.

"Thanks be to God." for providing me with this wonderful Ministry.

Nottingham Prison Seeks Volunteers

Help prisoners to improve their chances of a life free from crime by becoming an Official Prison Visitor or a supportive Mentor

HMP Nottingham is recruiting volunteers for two very specific roles: Official Prison Visitors & Mentors.

Official Prison Visitors provide companionship, primarily to those prisoners who have little or no contact with family and friends, by visiting them while they are serving time here. It has been shown that prisoners who have visits & maintain a link with the outside world, even if not someone they knew before, are less likely to reoffend. Institutionalisation is more likely for those whose world shrinks to the size of the prison they're in. Although Official Prison Visitors (OPVs) are often managed through Chaplaincy teams OPVs of all faiths and none are equally welcome. An opportunity to visit first to find out more will be given to anyone who is interested in this.

If you would like to know more there is a national website you can browse: www.naopv.com

If you'd like to take things further at HMP Nottingham please contact Elizabeth Turnbull: elizabeth.turnbull@hmps.gsi.gov.uk or call on 0115 872 4216

Futures Unlocked Mentors

Many of you will be aware of the work of Nottingham Community Prison Chaplaincy and Way Without Walls Mentoring which operated in the prison supporting prisoners close to release and for the crucial early days when they are first released from prison.

That work is being taken forward with Futures Unlocked - Futures Unlocked began in Leicestershire where they've been working for 4 years and we are linking in with them to look at how we can best serve the needs of prisoners who we hope, with the right kind of support, will become ex offenders in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire. One of the proven ways of reducing reoffending is getting people linked in with a supportive Mentor shortly before their release through visits and letters and then on release offering support tailored to that individual's needs and vulnerabilities. Support can be anything from help with making it to appointments to form filling to providing a listening ear when someone feels isolated or tempted off the straight and narrow... Futures Unlocked began within the Chaplaincy at HMYOI and RC Glen Parva and is rooted in Chaplaincy but Mentors of all faiths and none would be equally welcome.

Think you could be a Mentor?

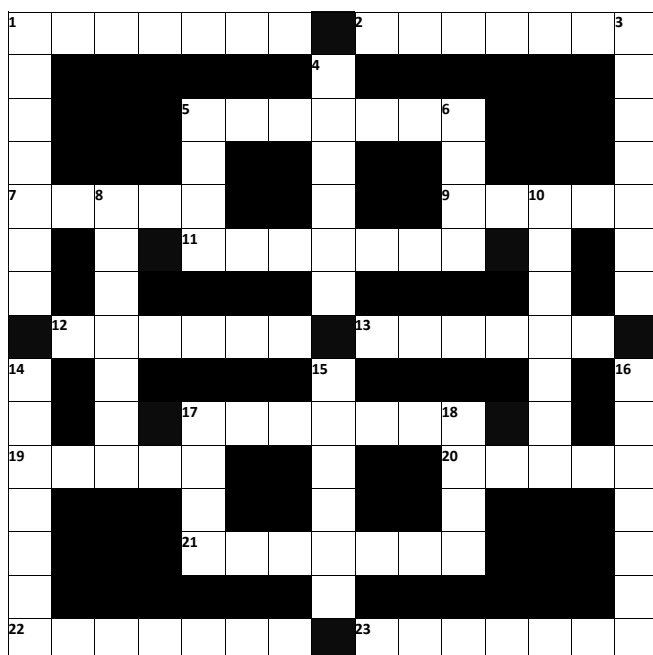
Visit www.futuresunlocked.org or contact:

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Mel and Cass are both on the steering group for Futures Unlocked and can tell you more about the work.

Crossword By Hubert Gale and Dennis Lord



ACROSS

1. Book of beginning (7).
2. Fourth book of the Bible, where the ass speaks (7).
5. Corrected (7).
7. Judicious sign of the Zodiac (5).
9. Brazilian dance (5)
11. If the heavens are above, where is the Earth (7).
12. The land promised to Israel (6).
13. A building, and a worldwide body of people (6).
17. When this backs up 'aided', it's to no good purpose! (7).
19. Welsh name, enthroned on a mountain in Snowdonia (5).
20. Finished – nowhere left to go (3,2).
21. As a verb, it discards or deserts; As a noun, it's careless rapture (7).
22. The priestly tribe of Israel (7).
23. The faithful patriarch (7).

DOWN

1. Northern region of the Holy Land (7)
3. The day of rest (7).
4. Brother of Peter, patron saint of Scotland (6).
5. The swiftest breed of horse (4).
6. Small, unmeasured flavouring ingredient (4).
8. Wider, more accommodating (8).
10. To address by the wrong name (7).
14. Ministered to King David and left Her name to female servants (7).
15. City of Pericles and the Parthenon, where Paul Preached (6).
16. Christening (7).
17. The largest continent (4).
18. To mend a knitted garment (4).

John Pennington 1927-2011

Rev'd Stephen Morris remembers the life of the Reverend John Pennington

The Honorary Alderman, the Reverend John Pennington., 1927 – 2011.

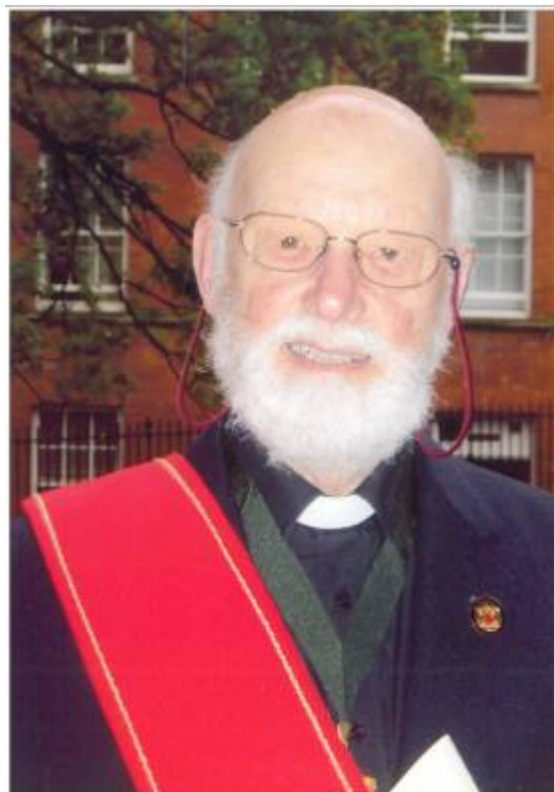
We were all very sad to hear of the death of John Pennington in August following a difficult 12 months of ill health. Following a law degree and a couple of curacies, John, Jean and their children moved to India where he was a mission priest. After being Vicar of Nelson in Lancashire (his home County) John came to Nottingham as a representative for USPG. He became Curate of St Mary's in 1975 under Canon Michael Jackson who revived the Reformation title of Lecturer for him. For a while, he and Jean and their four children lived in St Catharine's vicarage. After retirement in 1992, John was a frequent celebrant and preacher at many churches around

the deanery including, of course, St Mary's and St Peter's.

As well as being a keen sportsman, especially loving cricket, John spent 9 years as a Councillor finishing up as Sheriff. At his funeral service on 8th September, I suspect that most people present were wondering who most of the others were since they represented the diverse range of interests that John was involved in.

John was a very broad-minded and compassionate man who was deeply stirred by peoples' worries and troubles. Demonstrating a strong example of Christian charity and love, John gave endlessly of his time, showing no preference toward either the rich or the poor.

Rest in Peace.



Mary Partington 1923-2011

Mary Partington, who died in July this year at the age of 87, had been a familiar and much-loved figure at St Peter's since her arrival in 1957 when her husband Kendrick was appointed as Organist and Choir Master. She was a tower of strength in their marriage and her calm common sense helped him cope with the pressures of running the music department of the Boys' High

School (where I was one of the unruly boys). She also helped him at St Peter's, where the contacts she had made as a violin teacher enabled her to "fix" instrumental groups for concerts. The highly successful Coffee Break Concerts were her idea. Long-standing members of the congregation remember her as a good friend who took part in many happy social occasions over the years.

Above all she was a gentle and thoughtful person who never made a fuss, but whose kindness and consideration were at our disposal for over fifty years. She retained those qualities to the end. Deo gratias.

Mike Leuty

Roy Ellis 1924-2011

Roy Ellis 87, long term member of the Parish of St Mary, passed away peacefully in his sleep, 19th August 2011 at Avon Court Nursing home in Chippenham, Wiltshire.

Born in Leicester in 1924, Roy spent his early years at Oulton Broad, Lowestoft where he learnt his trade as a joiner and boat builder. Following national service in the RAF, he married Betty in 1949 and moved to Nottingham where he continued his career as a joiner before taking up a training role with the Ministry of Labour and National Service in Long Eaton. Roy excelled in teaching and held a number of other teaching positions at Bramcote Hills School and Eastwood Hall Park School before finally settling as Head of Creative Design at the Henry Mellish School in

Bulwell until his retirement in 1988. In 2006, Roy and Betty moved to Wiltshire to be close to their son, Christopher.

For many years Roy worshipped at St Mary's church in Nottingham, the church where had been married to Betty and where Christopher had been Head Chorister in the early 1970's under the guidance of David Butterworth. His long term commitment to the church is still in evidence today, as some of his handiwork may still be seen in both the choir-stalls and throughout the rest of the building.

He was church warden on a number of occasions and was an avid supporter of the choir, church and classical music which gave him so much pleasure throughout his life.



