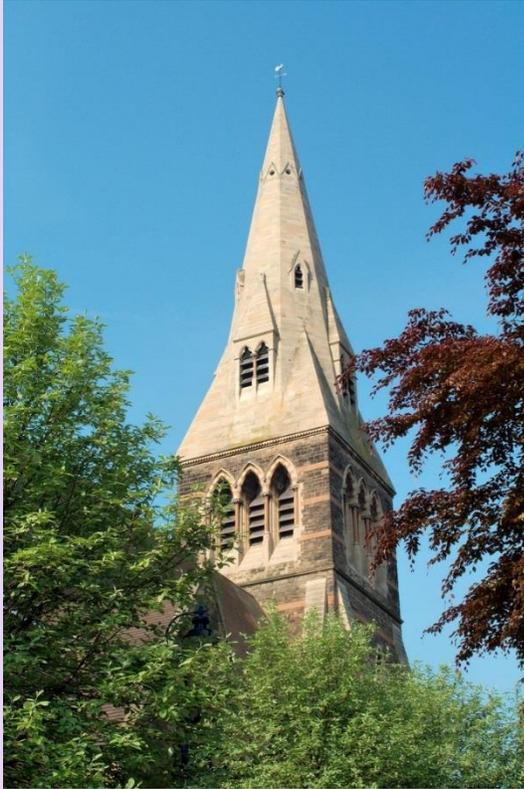


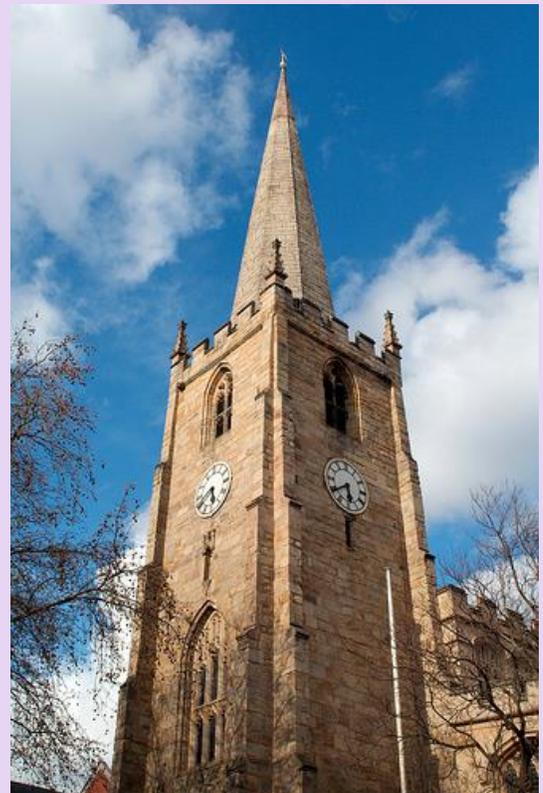


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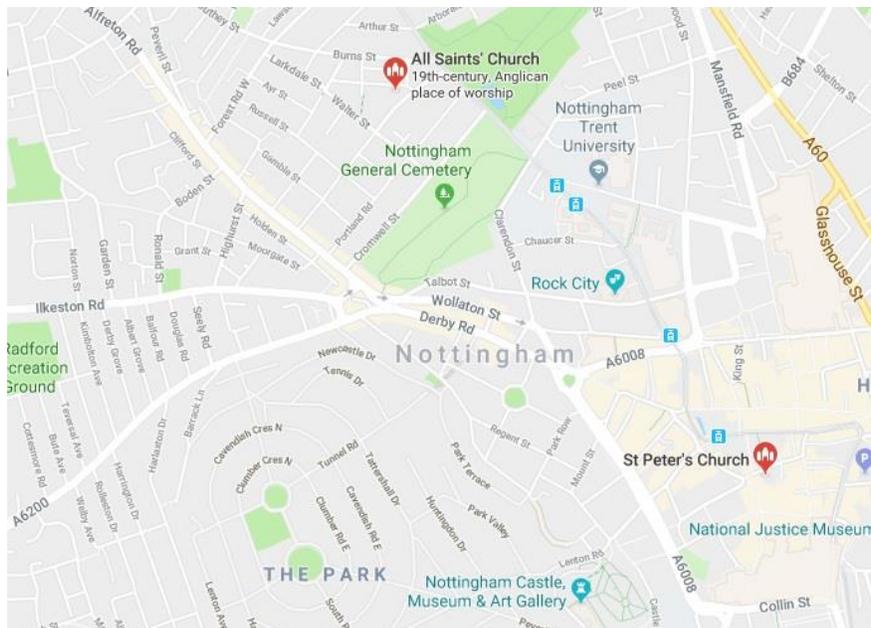
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From the Rector...

The Reverend Christopher Harrison

The season of Lent begins this year in the first week of March; we mark this day with a service at noon at All Saints' Church and a service at 7.30 pm at St Peter's. At these services, those who wish to come to the altar to receive the sign of the cross on their forehead will be marked with ash, made from last year's Palm Crosses. The ash reminds us of our mortality as well as being a symbol of the Lenten discipline of endeavouring to put our sinful impulses to death.

Traditionally, Christians also keep Lent by giving up certain things in our daily lives; this is a spiritual task whose aim is to help us to be more self-disciplined in other matters. Incidentally, giving something up for Lent should not put our personal health at risk; whilst periodic fasting, for example, has its spiritual as well as practical benefits, it should not be taken to extremes.



Keeping Lent faithfully should involve more than just giving something up, however. This year our Thursday lunchtime Lent addresses focus on different aspects of prayer, and I encourage you to attend these and indeed to make use of Lent as a time for renewing your personal prayerfulness. It is all too easy to drift into praying to God only when we attend church, or when we feel we need something. Finding time each day to come before God in prayer is an important part of the Christian life, not least because this reminds us to give frequent thanks to God, to express sadness for things we regret, and to hold other people and situations before God in prayer in the silence of our hearts. Our Lent talks will offer insights into how our prayers might connect with five particular areas of life: art, poetry, mental health, inclusiveness as well as our relationship with God's Creation. Details may be found in this magazine as well as on separate flyers. Do consider bringing friends to the talks, which will be of interest to those who are on the edge of the Church as well as to those whose Christian faith goes back many years.

At this point I would like to share some insights which have reached us from the HeartEdge network of churches, which is based at St Martin in the Fields Church in London and of which this parish is now a member. Last year St Martin's set up what they have called a 'Nazareth Community'; this brings together around 50 people from St Martin's and other churches with the aim of learning to live the Christian life more effectively in the midst of the busy life of the city. Members of the Nazareth Community do not live together, as monks or nuns, but continue in their daily life and work whilst meeting together regularly for prayer, worship and discussion.

Members of the Nazareth Community commit themselves to seven disciplines, which are set out below. I would like to propose to members of our churches that these disciplines should represent a spiritual pathway which all of us, not just a group from within our number, should be able to follow. They are an excellent summary of what it means to live in accordance with the way of Christ, while leaving it to each one of us to interpret the disciplines according to whatever level of challenge and aspiration we think we can achieve. Can I suggest that we reflect upon these seven disciplines during Lent, and resolve to make them part of our lives not just during Lent, but also in the months which follow?

The seven disciplines are as follows; the aim should be to see the regular practice and experience of each of them as being an important part of our Christian journey.

1. Silence

As we enter into silence, we consciously place ourselves within the love of God. We become more attentive to the gentle promptings of the Holy Spirit, and the inner peace which we experience flows out into our daily lives. Through the regular practice of silence we gain a more mature balance in our prayers between listening to God and speaking to God.

2. Sacrament

The sacrament of the Eucharist is central to our life together as Christians. Through the Eucharist God is present to us through our reflection upon Holy Scripture as well as in the consecrated bread and wine, which are the expression of the crucified and risen Christ among us. We confess our failings to God and receive forgiveness; we pray, we praise and we share God's peace with one another.

(continued overleaf)

3. Service

In simple acts of giving to those in need, and through our being alongside those in distress, we fulfil Christ's command to love our neighbour and we follow his example of caring in particular for people on the edges of society. We become blessed through our service of others, and we discover that Christ is to be found in all people, even where we least expect to see him.

4. Scripture

Through regular reading and study of Scripture, both in Church and on a personal level, we become more familiar with the teachings and the life of Christ. These can therefore become more and more part of our lives as we attempt to imitate Christ in our thoughts, words and deeds. We also begin to discover that Scripture is often complex and multi-layered, and that interpreting the Bible in a way which makes sense in our modern age requires careful thought and an understanding of its context and history.

5. Sharing

In an age which is often characterised by individualism, the principle of sharing reminds us that as members of the Body of Christ, we are all connected with one another and depend in many ways on one another. Christ calls us to share in the joys and sorrows of others; we are also to share together in ensuring that our churches are welcoming, well-maintained, and well-supported financially.

6. Sabbath

Amidst all the demands and pressures of life, the principle of the Sabbath tells us that it is God's wish that we keep some time each week which is set apart for God, and for personal recreation and refreshment, either alone or with others. The Christian Sabbath is Sunday; we see this as the most important day of the week since it was on Sunday that Christ rose again.

7. Staying with

All the above disciplines require commitment and perseverance if they are to bear lasting fruit. It is important, therefore, that we endeavour to stay with them even when we feel that other demands risk squeezing them out of our lives. Indeed it is precisely when this occurs that we need these disciplines most.

In our parish we have not tended to be overly prescriptive regarding how individual church members should see the walk with Christ to which God calls us. Just as every one of us has our own faith story, which is unique and different from that of anyone else, we each have our own spiritual pathway to follow. All the same, we need some signposts and direction markers to help us on our way, and this is what these seven 'S's' are designed to offer us. May we all be blessed and guided by God as we seek to embed them within our lives.

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HEAD VERGER VACANCY



The city centre parish of St Peter and All Saints Nottingham is seeking to appoint a full-time Head Verger, to play a key role in these friendly and welcoming two churches. The person appointed would primarily be responsible for the physical functioning of the sites, and be part of a small management team.

An ability to engage confidently and welcomingly with all-comers, along with having some maintenance skills, is essential.

Salary: c£20,000

Hours: 35 hours/week (including most weekends)

Applicants must complete our application form - please e-mail for form and details to admin@nottinghamchurches.org and submit by Friday 15th March.

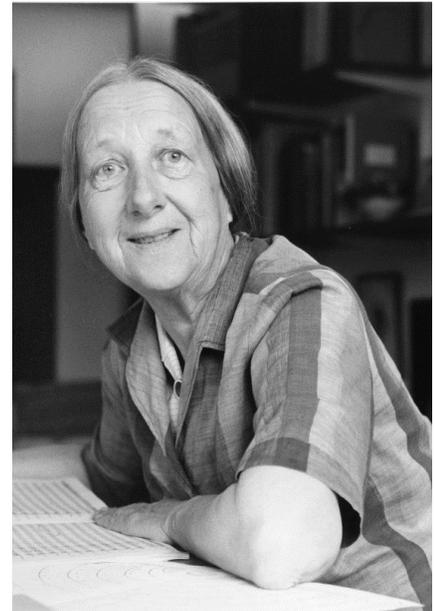
Composer of the month

Peter Siepmann

On Sunday 31st March (Mothering Sunday), the Choir of St Peter's will take one of its regular trips up the road to our sister church to sing at All Saints' for the morning Eucharist. The Mass setting at this service (one we sang for the first time at St Peter's last Advent Sunday) will be the *Missa Brevis* by Imogen Holst (1907-1984).

Imogen Holst was the only child of the significantly-more-famous Gustav Holst, and she was educated at St Paul's Girls' School where her father was Director of Music. She worked with Herbert Howells before entering the Royal College of Music in 1926 to study composition with George Dyson and Gordon Jacob, harmony and counterpoint with Ralph Vaughan Williams, and conducting with William H Reed.

Winning several awards for composition, Imogen Holst was a musician of outstanding ability: composer, conductor, writer and scholar, she was the first Director of Music in the Arts Department at Dartington in the 1940s; assistant to Benjamin Britten from 1952-64; an Artistic Director of the Aldeburgh Festival (where she was a pioneer of early music); and friend, colleague and inspirer of many eminent musicians. For the last twenty years of her life she devoted much of her time to her father's legacy, performing, recording and editing his music, as well as compiling the definitive catalogue of his works.



Imogen Holst has long deserved greater recognition for her significant body of compositions, written throughout her life. The *Missa Brevis* is a wonderful piece (owing much to the style of her teacher, Vaughan Williams) and the choir has enjoyed learning it very much. Before last year, the work was almost entirely unknown, but the centenary of women's suffrage meant a number of previously overlooked women's work (not just in music, of course) was rightly brought to wider attention. The *Missa Brevis* was recorded in 2012 by the Choir of Clare College Cambridge, whose conductor, Graham Ross, produced the only existing published edition of the work, and it is now quickly gaining popularity in choral circles.

Prayers for March

Rev. James Saxton

To Preface our prayers for this month:

W. B Yeats:

'In dreams begin responsibilities' [from the Epigraph to Responsibilities and Other Poems]

And:

'Good represents the reality of which God is the dream' [from Metaphysics as a Guide to Morals]

Help us Heavenly Father:

To heal where others harm, mend where others destroy, to redeem evil by turning negative energies to good;

To take responsibility for our faith and how we put it into practice;

To exercise our freedom by becoming partners with God in the work of Creation;

To be life affirming in all that we do, and to carry out that vision in all that we aim to do, and ought to be.

We pray for all during this period of Lent as we journey on to make sense of the God we believe in; to be able to communicate our sense of God;

We pray that we can make a difference, and understand that it is only by making a difference that we redeem a life, lifting it from mere existence and hope we endow the divine presence in all that we endeavour to do;

And we pray that the best way of receiving a blessing is to be a blessing;

And we pray for the gift of listening - carefully enough, with the humility that will enable us to hear the voice of God telling us that there is work to do, and that he needs us.

CALENDAR FOR MARCH

Sunday 3rd	8.15am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist	All Saints'
	10.45am	Matins* Responses <i>Smith</i> Te Deum in F <i>Ireland</i> Verleih uns Frieden <i>Mendelssohn</i>	St Peter's
	5.00pm	Holy Communion with prayers for healing	St Peter's
Monday 4th	1.15pm	Meditation	St Peter's
Tuesday 5th	10.00am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
	1.15pm	Holy Communion	St Peter's
	6.30pm	Pancake Party & Quiz	Coffee Room
Wednesday 6th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	All Saints'
	12noon	Eucharist with imposition of ashes	All Saints'
	7.30pm	Sung Eucharist with imposition of ashes	St Peter's
Thursday 7th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	All Saints'
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
Friday 8th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	All Saints'
Sunday 10th	8.15am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
	9.45am	Family Service	St Peter's
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist	All Saints'
	10.45am	Sung Eucharist	St Peter's
	5.00pm	Evensong* Responses <i>Smith</i> Darke in F For lo I raise up <i>Stanford</i>	St Peter's
Monday 11th	1.15pm	Meditation	St Peter's
Tuesday 12th	10.00am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
	1.15pm	Holy Communion	St Peter's
Wednesday 13th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	All Saints'
Thursday 14th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	All Saints'
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
	1.00pm	Lent Talk	St Peter's
Friday 15th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	All Saints'
Saturday 16th	10.30am	Mothers' Union Meeting	All Saints'
Sunday 17th	8.15am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist	All Saints'
	10.45am	Sung Eucharist* Kyrie & Agnus Dei in four voices <i>Byrd</i> Civitas sancti tui <i>Byrd</i>	St Peter's
	5.00pm	Taizé Service	St Peter's
Monday 18th	1.15pm	Meditation	St Peter's

Tuesday 19th	10.00am 1.15pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion	All Saints' St Peter's
Wednesday 20th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	All Saints'
Thursday 21st	9.00am 11.00am 1.00pm	Morning Prayer Holy Communion Lent Talk	All Saints' St Peter's St Peter's
Friday 22nd	9.00am	Morning Prayer	All Saints'
Sunday 24th	8.15am 10.30am 10.45am 5.00pm	Holy Communion Sung Eucharist Sung Eucharist* Kyrie in F <i>Darke</i> Agnus Dei VIII Call to remembrance <i>Farrant</i> Compline* Lift thine eyes <i>Mendelssohn</i> Kyrie VIII Nunc dimittis <i>Palestrina</i> Salve regina <i>Palestrina</i>	St Peter's All Saints' St Peter's St Peter's
Monday 25th	1.15pm	Meditation	St Peter's
Tuesday 26th	10.00am 1.15pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion	All Saints' St Peter's
Wednesday 27th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	All Saints'
Thursday 28th	9.00am 11.00am 1.00pm	Morning Prayer Holy Communion Lent Talk	All Saints' St Peter's St Peter's
Friday 29th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	All Saints'
Sunday 31st	8.15am 10.30am 10.45am	Holy Communion Sung Eucharist* Missa Brevis <i>I Holst</i> Ave Maria <i>G Holst</i> Sung Eucharist	St Peter's All Saints' St Peter's

Magazine contributions are welcomed by **20th of the month** to Adele Siepmann:
office@nottinghamchurches.org

If you don't have access to email, hand written pieces will be accepted!

Please note that it may not be possible to include all submissions

Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust



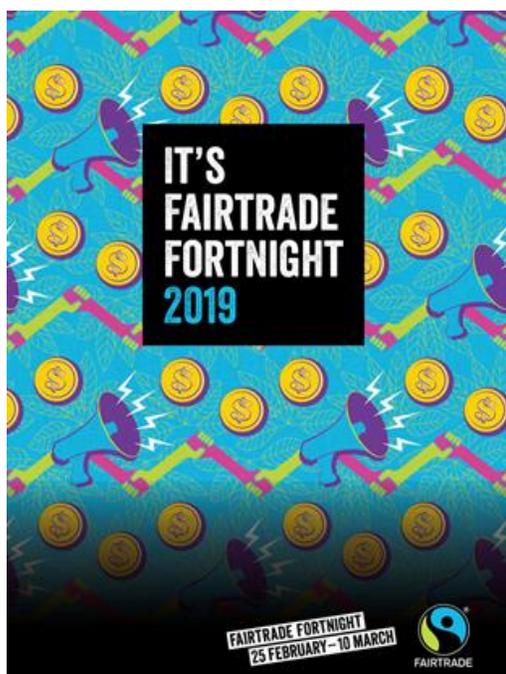
The Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust makes grants for the repair and maintenance of churches in the county that are over 30 years old. Over the lifetime of the Trust it has awarded well over £1 million and last year alone made grants totalling £38,700. One of the ways in which it raises money is through the Ride + Stride event which is held on the second Saturday in September. Cyclists and walkers are sponsored to visit as many churches as they can and half of the amount raised is refunded to the sponsored person's own church. You don't even have to be affiliated to a particular Church – cycling or striding is open to everyone.

Last year Ride + Stride had competition as the UK Tour of Britain was in Nottinghamshire on the same day, which meant that many of the rural Churches were not able to participate due to local roads being closed. However a great effort was made by those who took part and they managed to raise nearly £16,000. Well done to all.

The format is very flexible and churches and participants are free to decide how they organise the day. Some cyclists pride themselves on visiting as many churches as they can, concentrating particularly on out of the way churches. Other churches treat it as an annual church outing with a large group of people walking or cycling. Even those who sit in the church and provide that all important welcome can be sponsored. All denominations take part, from cathedrals to small village churches. However sometimes it is not possible for a church to be kept open but it can still take part by pinning a signing in form on the door for cyclists and walkers to register their visit.

Many churches open their doors and provide welcome refreshments for the participants. Ride + Stride shares the weekend with the Heritage Open Days initiative and this is an excellent opportunity to take advantage of the publicity and open your church to show neighbours and visitors something of its life and achievements. It is particularly hoped that churches which have been in receipt of grants from the Trust will show their appreciation by taking part this year.

Please see the website www.nottshistoricchurchtrust.org.uk for further details, or contact the Ride + Stride Administrator margaret.lowe@nottshistoricchurchtrust.com or speak to Margaret direct, tel 07757 800919.



Can you swap something that you usually buy for a fairly traded alternative?

Chocolate, coffee, tea, cookies and other goods are available in the St Peter's Fairtrade & Christian Book shop.

Mothering Sunday cards, 'Real' Easter Eggs and Easter cards are also now available!

Overseas Committee

Dorothy Mountford

Silver Smarties

These are still available from members of the overseas Committee. You have 80 days from Ash Wednesday to Ascensiontide to eat and fill the empty tube with 20p pieces!

Toilet Twinning

The overseas Committee have twinned another toilet with the coffee room. Thanks go to Monica White who has raised funds for this excellent cause by holding cake sales at her place of work.

By donating £60 to twin your toilet, you help fund a project in a poor community that will enable families to build a basic toilet, have access to clean water and learn about hygiene – a vital combination that saves lives.

www.toilettwinning.org



Mothers' Union

16th March

Mothers' Union Meeting at All Saints', 10.00 for 10.30am.

The speaker is Reverend Christopher Harrison on the theme of Lent.

25th March

Diocesan MU Lady Day Service at Southwell Minster, 11.00am, followed by refreshments.



The Mothers' Union Christmas Raffle raised over £60,000 nationally, helping to fund their wonderful projects around the world. We would like to thank everyone who bought a ticket or made a donation through our branch towards this amazing total. Thank you!

Poem

Ann Parker

P. O. W.

It sounds like being taken Prisoner of War.
Perhaps it is. War of the impoverished,
'the enemy' captured by the Good Guys,
those who make the rules; and keep the money.
The prisoners find themselves caged in
by bars invisible to all, yet letting no one
through beyond the doorways, barricades,
pathways to escape. Like P.O.W.s they hang about,
devise alternatives to 'normal' living,
no longer having homes or jobs to go to
and no welcome.
Sometimes illusion show them a
way out through drugs, as if that clears
a passage through the prison bars;
not death by insanity. Consumerism
holds them in as thoroughly as real
barbed wire. No way out without the key
of bank card, Nat Ins number and -hollow laughter-
address of a fixed abode.

BOOK OF THE MONTH

By 'Bramcote Book Worm'

'Becoming'

By Michelle Obama

In the penultimate paragraph of the final chapter of her book Michelle Obama writes:

'I grew up with a disabled dad in a too small house with not much money in a starting-to-fail neighbourhood, and I grew up surrounded by love and music in a diverse city in a country where an education can take you far. I had nothing or I had everything. It depends on which way you want to tell it'.

It is the telling of that tale which is so engaging and engrossing. Part one 'Becoming Me' tells of Michelle's close and loving immediate family:

'My family was my world, the center of everything. My mother taught me how to read early walking me to the public library sitting with me as I sounded out words on a page. My father went to work every day dressed in a blue uniform but at night he showed us what it meant to love jazz and art'

'Becoming Us' is a story of falling in love with and marriage to Barack Obama, of the births of their children and the deaths of parents and grandparents; culminating in the election and inauguration of Barack as the President of the United States and of Michelle becoming the first black 'First Lady'.

She writes movingly of waiting for the results on election night:

'Barack...had taken a seat on a couch next to my mother
"Are you ready for this, Grandma?" I heard Barack say to her.

Never one to overreact, my mom just gave him a sideways look and shrugged, causing them both to smile....later, though, she'd describe to me how overcome she'd felt....struck by his vulnerability. America had come to see Barack as self-assured and powerful, but my mother also recognised the gravity of the passage, the loneliness of the job ahead. Here was a man who no longer had a father or a mother, about to be elected the leader of the free world.

The next time I looked over, I saw that she and Barack were holding hands.'

'Becoming More' takes us from inauguration day in 2008 through 8 years of life in the White House to inauguration day in 2017.

About the first she writes;

'It occurred to me that this was probably the first time in history that so many people of colour had sat before the public and global television audience acknowledged as VIPs at an American inauguration.

'Barack and I both knew what this day represented to many Americans, especially those who had taken part in the civil rights movement. He'd made a point of including the Tuskegee, the history-making African American pilots and ground crew who fought in WW2 among his guests.

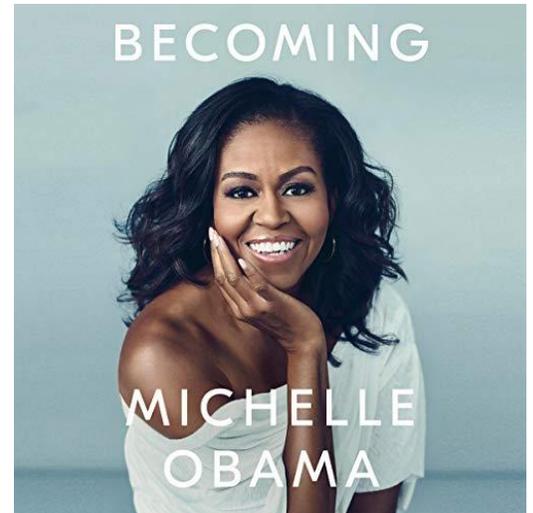
'Also, in the VIP stand sat the Little Rock Nine the students who in 1957 had enrolled in an all-white high school in Arkansas and endured months of cruelty and abuse in the name of a higher principle.'

About the most recent inauguration she writes:

'Sitting in the inaugural stage for the third time I worked to contain my emotions.

The vibrant diversity of the previous inaugurations had gone, replaced by what felt to be of overwhelming white and male dispiriting uniformity.'

This book is a joy to read. It is indeed an intimate conversation with Michelle Obama.



LENT TALKS AT ST PETER'S CHURCH

A series of five talks for Lent at St Peter's Church,
Nottingham

Thursdays at 1.00 pm
(tea/coffee & sandwiches from 12.30)

This year's lunchtime Lent talks at St Peter's Church will focus on the relationship between prayer and various areas of life more generally. They will take place over five Thursdays, with light refreshments available from 12.30 and the talks beginning at 1.00 pm, followed by discussion and ending by 2.00 pm.

14th March:	Rev'd Dr Richard Davey	<i>Prayer and Art</i>
21st March:	Rev'd Dr Helen Hall	<i>Prayer and Creation</i>
28th March:	Ruth Shelton	<i>Prayer and Poetry</i>
4th April:	Rev'd James Saxton	<i>Prayer and Mental Health</i>
11th April:	Rev'd Jenny Jones	<i>Prayer and Inclusiveness</i>

Nottingham Methodist Church

Please note that the Bible study group will not meet on these dates



Regular Activities in our Churches

For regular services, see the calendar pages in this magazine

All Saints'

- Community Coffee Morning (part of the Places of Welcome network):
Tuesdays from 10.30 am – 12.30 pm
- Women of Faith activities and lunch, first Thursday of every month from 11.00 am – 1.30 pm
- Mothers' Union: Third Saturday of every month, 10.00 am – 12.00 pm
- The All Saints' Drama Club meets from time to time to prepare and present short dramatic items
- Series of 'Saturday Matinee' film showings take place at 2.00 pm from time to time
- The Nottingham University Society of Change Ringers (Bell Ringers):
Tuesdays in term time, 7.00 – 8.30 pm
- The Nottingham Enlightening Word Church (Chinese) meets in All Saints' Church on Sundays from 2.00 - 4.00 pm and on Friday evenings from 7.30 pm.

St Peter's:

- Rough Sleepers' Drop-in: Wednesdays from 11.30 am – 12.30 pm
- Gateway Drop-in for anyone with particular mental health needs:
Wednesdays from 1.30 – 3.30 pm
- The Thursday communion service at 11.00 is followed by coffee and fellowship
- Bible Study group: Thursdays from 12.15 – 1.00 pm
- St Peter's Bell Ringers: Thursdays 7.00 – 9.00 pm

The Parish Overseas Committee meets every other month; the Caring for our Common Home working group also meets on a regular basis. Please contact the Rector if you would like to know more about these. Our churches also support the work of the Mount Zion foodbank at Bobbers Mill; collection boxes for gifts of food are available in the churches.

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