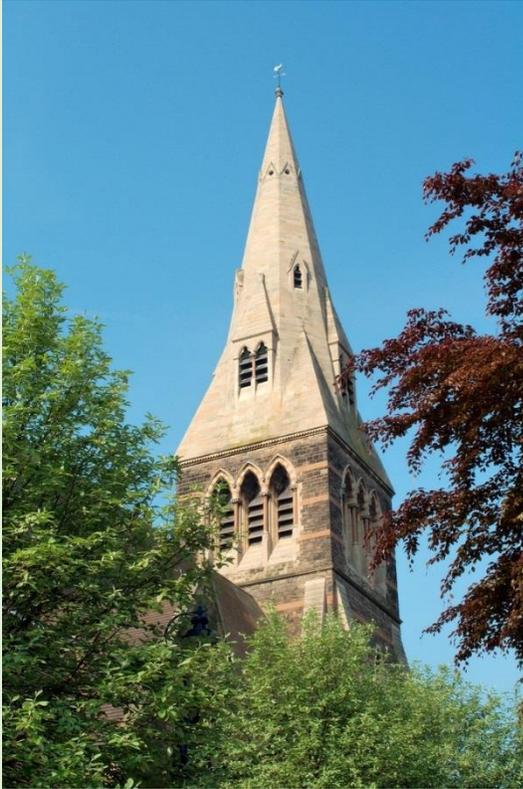


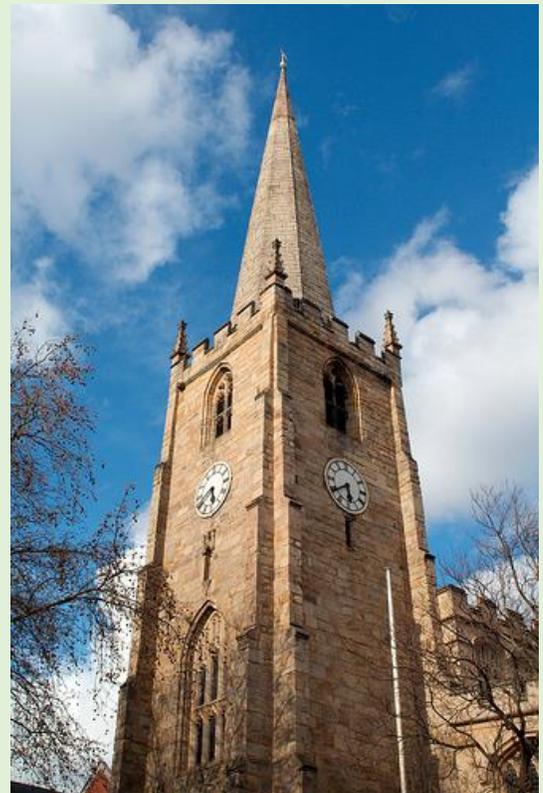


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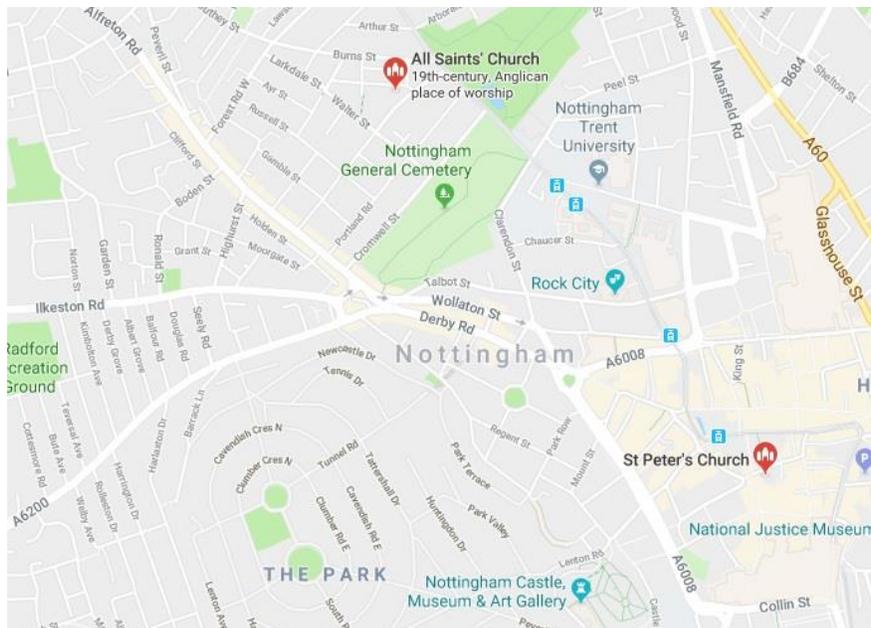
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## *From the Rector...*

*The Reverend Christopher Harrison*

For several weeks, earlier this year, a homeless woman could be seen sleeping in the doorway of some vacant premises on Friar Lane, the other side of Maid Marian Way from St Peter's church. Her surroundings became increasingly untidy and she looked increasingly despondent. I had several conversations with her, about nothing in particular, but she seemed to value the fact that someone had taken the time to stop and talk with her. She said nothing about the circumstances which had led her to be homeless; I could only speculate as to whether this was a result of something recent which had happened, or whether perhaps she had been sleeping rough for many years. Then, suddenly, she was gone. For a short time the doorway was empty but, sadly, it was soon occupied by someone else.



The challenges facing rough sleepers and all those in Nottingham whose housing situation is precarious are very familiar. There is a shortage of affordable housing; there are more and more people for whom acute poverty, mental health problems, or various forms of substance dependency make it very difficult for them to lead a settled and stable lifestyle. Quite often, such people have had a very troubled childhood, the consequences of which can be very hard to overcome. Imagine my surprise therefore, when, a few days ago, a cheerful and smartly dressed woman approached me, on Friar Lane, and greeted me with the words, 'I'm the woman from the doorway; I've got somewhere to live now and everything's fine!' I hadn't recognised her, so great was the transformation in her appearance and in her confidence. There was a support worker with her, who was smiling with delight although she stood at a slight distance and didn't say anything.

It was tremendous to see for myself just what can be done by our partner charities such as Emmanuel House and Framework, who increasingly realise that some of the most vulnerable people in our city will not go through their doors, but have to be searched out, cared for sensitively, and given forms of support which connect with their individual situations. I was reminded of Jesus' description of the Good Shepherd as one who put the interests of his sheep first, even at possible risk to himself, compared with the hired shepherd who put his own safety above that of his flock. My thoughts also went back to a planning meeting which had taken place a few weeks ago at St Peter's, in connection with a new drop-in group for homeless women (which has now in fact begun to meet). We had been discussing the needs of women who sleep rough, and I had been impressed that the Framework worker who was there was clearly very aware of particular individuals and was ready to go the extra mile to help them.

I have written before about the need for us to believe that, in spite of all that is depressing and discouraging about today's world, fresh hope is always possible. If Jesus had concluded that all the opposition and opprobrium he faced were just too much to contend with, he would have probably lived out his days as a carpenter in Nazareth instead of dying on a cross, rising again, and bringing new life and hope to millions over the last two thousand years. How, though, do we ensure that our lives as individual Christians, and our mission and ministry as the churches of All Saints and St Peter's, express this hope for a better world which lay at the heart of the life and work of Jesus Christ?

One particular way in which we are exploring this theme is through our growing links with the HeartEdge network of churches, which is being developed by St Martin in the Fields' church in London. The name 'HeartEdge' derives from the belief that our churches should be at the heart of society as well as being on the edge; that the Church should be active and involved where decisions in the community and in commerce are made, whilst also reaching out to those who live on the margins, often ignored and neglected. On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June, several representatives of HeartEdge member churches will be visiting our parish for a consultancy day, to help us reflect upon and review our current activities and consider possible new opportunities which they may wish to suggest. There will also be a regional HeartEdge day at St Thomas' church in Derby on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June, at which the vicar of St Martin in the Fields, Rev Sam Wells, will be giving the keynote address. I can give more information about this if you are interested.

Last, but by no means least, can I strongly encourage you to support the parish barbeque which will be held at St Peter's following the Patronal Festival service on 30<sup>th</sup> June. And do pray for good weather!

## Community environmental initiative: first instalment

Steph Lax

Firstly, thank you so much to everyone who has taken the time to fill in the survey so far. The responses have been rich and insightful; if you haven't had time to do it yet, please do, and please share with whoever you are able. It can be reached using the links provided below, print copies can be made available on request, or email [caringforourcommonhome@nottinghamchurches.org](mailto:caringforourcommonhome@nottinghamchurches.org). I'm hoping to continue to grow a network of people interested in 'green' topics and encourage everyone to make some positive, manageable changes. I'm also hoping that we can keep up a regular page in the parish magazine, so please continue to watch this space.

Following the survey launch and having looked at the initial results I could think of no better way to proceed than to share some of the great suggestions people have made and respond to some of the issues raised.

- Several respondents highlighted the importance of recycling old **clothing** using clothing banks, or one fantastic scheme that may interest the parish's newer parents is Ruddington Children's Clothing Library <http://ruddington.info/clothing-library-launch-nov2018/>. I would also recommend donating old clothes to Oxfam as even if your old clothes are unfit to sell, all the fibres are recycled one way or another, and you can register for your clothing donations to be gift-aided.
- Anyone else heard of Foodprint in Sneinton (<https://www.foodprint.io/>)? It describes itself as a low-cost social supermarket and **surplus food** redistribution network; it was set up by students at the University of Nottingham to sell on perfectly edible food that would otherwise be wasted by supermarkets, etc. Whilst I share the concerns about supermarket food waste, I also think there is much we can do as individuals to ensure all the food we buy does end up being eaten. If we cook too much we might have leftovers the next day or freeze them; if we can't finish a large portion when dining out we can ask to take away leftovers; if we don't like a particular component of a dish we can always ask for it not to be served to us in the first place!
- Did you know that you can already recycle **metal foil** if it's not accepted in your kerbside collection by bringing it to St Peter's? Under the 'green' table at the back of church there is usually a bag/box for foil which is emptied every fortnight. It's perhaps worth checking whether your kerbside collection does accept foil; I'd been putting aluminium foil in my recycle bin for years before I realised I shouldn't be. The following website is useful for this: <https://www.recyclenow.com/local-recycling>. You can also use it to see where your nearest drinks cartons recycling bank is as these may be more convenient than you might think.
- It's now very easy to recycle **carrier bags** in large supermarkets, but did you know that you can also put in other similar plastics such as bubble wrap, cereal packet bags, and some single use produce bags (often labelled accordingly)? The other thing we've started doing as a family is *Ecobricking* with our non-recyclable plastic waste, but that is substance for another full pager, and well worth googling if you're interested. Many supermarkets also collect things like batteries and printer cartridges, so it's well worth asking about the services in your local store.

Of course, it would be wonderful if all waste items were accepted in kerbside collections. Until that happens, we do at least have some options, they just take a little more effort. I think it's totally worth it, and if you agree with me, but have significant obstacles to overcome, let me know and let's see what we can do about it. The other thing you can do is to get in touch with your local councillors to ask what can be done to improve local waste and recycling services in your area. The more people lobbying them the more likely things will change. One last point is to reassure people that we will not support recycling schemes likely to put wildlife at risk; this is at odds with our purpose, and if there are any concerns moving forwards please do get in touch.

[surveymonkey.com/r/5TXQDN6](https://surveymonkey.com/r/5TXQDN6)



*Upcoming events and campaigning opportunities:*

**The Time is Now:** Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June Mass Lobby of Parliament

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/campaigns/climate-change/thetimeisnow>

**Plastic free July:** to sign up for the challenge visit <https://www.plasticfreejuly.org/> or just have a go anyway!

**Remarkable Recycling Gala 2019:** Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July 10am Middle Street Resource Centre Nottingham

<https://www.facebook.com/RemarkableRecyclingGala/>

**Ask HSBC to make the Big Shift and stop funding new coal projects:**

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/campaigns-climate-change/big-shift/hsbc-powered-climate-justice>

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## Caring for our Common Home

*Chris Ward*

A small group called Caring for Our Common Home has been meeting about five times a year since 2016 to discuss our responses as Christians to the world's problems. We have three areas in mind:

- **Our planet:** - issues such as pollution, climate change, water shortages, loss of biodiversity and animal welfare
- **Our world** - issues such as inequality and war
- **Our community** - issues such as the quality of human life, increasing poverty and the breakdown of society

We take our title from Pope Francis's encyclical, 'Care for Our Common Home' (easily obtainable online: <https://bit.ly/1TxLtcs>). Our hope is to live out our understandings of the Christian gospel through:

- a programme of practical action, in co-operation with other churches and organisations that are actively working to care for our common home
- educating ourselves and others about the difficulties that we face
- fostering spiritual responses to global and local difficulties, for example through our worship and prayer life.

We think of Caring for Our common Home as a strategy encompassing what people in the parish are already doing in relation to our common home (as planet, world and local community). We also contribute to practical activities such as:

- ⇒ developing an information pack for visitors, members and potential volunteers
- ⇒ responding to the needs of homeless people, especially rough sleepers
- ⇒ increasing awareness of global political issues such as genocide (e.g. Srebrenica) and nuclear war
- ⇒ focusing on animals and endangered species
- ⇒ encouraging lifestyle changes such as recycling and using public transport
- ⇒ exploring the feasibility of exploring solar panels on the church roof

The Caring for Our Common Home group includes Christopher Harrison, Ann Parker, Lorraine Smedley, Julie Gardner, Harriet and Chris Ward and Steph Lax. Anyone wishing to join in our work regularly or participate in a specific project is very welcome. Further details please contact Christopher Harrison (Rector), the Parish Office or from [chrisdward89@gmail.com](mailto:chrisdward89@gmail.com) (07954 302765).

## CALENDAR FOR JUNE

<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	11.00am	Coffee Break Concert Music Magna	St Peter's
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	8.15am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist	All Saints'
	10.45am	Matins with Baptism* Responses Tomkins Te Deum in G Vaughan Williams God is gone up Finzi Think of how God loves you MacMillan	St Peter's
	5.00pm	Gospel Choir launch	All Saints'
	5.00pm	Holy Communion with prayers for healing	St Peter's
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	1.15pm	Meditation	St Peter's
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
	10.30am	Community Coffee morning Places of Welcome	All Saints'
	1.15pm	Holy Communion	St Peter's
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am	Morning Prayer	All Saints'
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am	Morning Prayer	All Saints'
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am	Morning Prayer	All Saints'
<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	11.00am	Coffee Break Concert Adrian Lord, piano	St Peter's
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	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 Tomkins Bairstow in D O Lord give thy holy spirit Tallis	St Peter's
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	1.15pm	Meditation	St Peter's
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
	10.30am	Community Coffee morning Places of Welcome	All Saints'
	1.15pm	Holy Communion	St Peter's
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am	Morning Prayer	All Saints'
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am	Morning Prayer	All Saints'
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am	Morning Prayer	All Saints'
<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30am	Mother's Union Meeting	All Saints'
	11.00am	Coffee Break Concert saraBande & Harriet Astbury, soprano	St Peter's

<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	8.15am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist	All Saints'
	10.45am	Sung Eucharist*	St Peter's
		Kyrie & Agnus Dei 'Auræ Luce' <i>Franks</i> Blagoslavi dushe moya Ghospoda <i>Chesnokov</i>	
	12noon	Fundraising Barbeque (Tower Appeal)	All Saints'
	5.00pm	Taizé Service	St Peters'
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	1.15pm	Meditation	St Peter's
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
	10.30am	Community Coffee morning Places of Welcome	All Saints'
	1.15pm	Holy Communion	St Peter's
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am	Morning Prayer	All Saints'
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am	Morning Prayer	All Saints'
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	9.00am	Morning Prayer	All Saints'
<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	11.00am	Coffee Break Concert Ivan Hovorun, piano	St Peter's
	1.00pm	Refugee Week Event	All Saints'
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	8.15am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist	All Saints'
	10.45am	Sung Eucharist*	St Peter's
		Kyrie & Agnus Dei 'Collegium Regale' <i>Howells</i> Like as the Hart <i>Howells</i>	
	5.00pm	High Mass for Corpus Christi* Mass in four voices <i>Byrd</i> Ave verum <i>Byrd</i>	All Saints'
	5.00pm	Said Evening Prayer	St Peter's
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	1.15pm	Meditation	St Peter's
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
	10.30am	Community Coffee morning Places of Welcome	All Saints'
	1.15pm	Holy Communion	St Peter's
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am	Morning Prayer	All Saints'
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am	Morning Prayer	All Saints'
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am	Morning Prayer	All Saints'
<b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	11.00am	Coffee Break Concert Daven Mitchinson, harp	St Peter's
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	8.15am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist	All Saints'
	10.45am	Patronal Sung Eucharist* See order of service	St Peter's
	12noon	Parish Barbeque <i>No Evening Service today</i>	St Peter's

# Prayers for June

Reverend James Saxton

'Send forth thy Spirit, O Lord:  
And renew the face of the earth.  
Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts  
Of thy faithful people:  
And kindle in them the fire of thy love.'

During the beginning of this Pentecost Season, we pray for a deep sense of vision and purpose for our Churches, and for all peoples, that we may hold within ourselves all that you will and desire – love, a desire to be constantly reconciled, welcoming to the marginalised, the lonely, and the forlorn, reaching out in whatever way we can to those places in the world where there is violence and inhumanity. We pray for those who have constant care for the environment.

Good Lord, give us joyfulness of heart and peace of conscience; continual gladness and consolation in Your Word and promises; that we may evermore be thankful unto You and Praise Your name for ever.

O Master Christ  
You have loved us with an everlasting love;  
You have forgiven us, trained us, disciplined us;  
You have broken us loose and laid Your commands on us;  
You have set us in the thick of things and deigned to use us;  
You have shown Yourself to us, fed us, guided us.  
Be graciously pleased to accept and forgive our poor efforts,  
And keep us as Your servants for ever...

A prayer of St Teresa of Avila:

*Do, O Lord, so dispose according to Your will, that Your servants may do you some service...other women there have been, who did heroic deeds for You. Strengthen our souls and prepare them, O good of all good, ordain the means whereby we may do something for You, so that there may be not even one who can bear to receive so much, and make no payment in return. Behold our lives, our faculties, our wills; we have given them all to You. We are Yours; dispose of us according to Your will...we can do all things.*

During June and July, we pray for those preparing for Ordination and as a Church. Let us all offer ourselves again for God's service and ask Him for strength in which to do it. Let us ask for the grace of continuing faithfulness in the service of God.

## Mother's Union

### 15<sup>th</sup> June

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

Speaker: Edith Lucky-Uweh  
Christian Marriage in Africa.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Archdeaconry Meeting, 10.00 for  
10.30am St Jude's, Mapperley.



## Family Coffee Break Concert

### Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July

The Wheels on Debussy

*All concerts begin at 11am, with coffee and  
biscuits served from 10.15am.*

*Admission is through donation to the church  
music fund.*



# **The National Lottery Heritage Fund (TNLHF) Bid - Update** *Dorothy Mountford*

## **The Heritage Bid Working Group (HBWG)**

This group has been busy pulling together ideas and putting together a project enquiry. We have received lots of great suggestions from a wide range of people and many of them will be incorporated in the enquiry form which will be sent to the Lottery fund in early June.

This is rather like having one's homework marked. If TNLHF likes the sound of our initial enquiry, then we 'pass' and will be given the go ahead to get down to writing the bid proper. If not then we will need to go back to drawing board.

The next date for bid submissions is November so we should know in the New Year whether we have been successful and how much of the £250,000 we need to repair our roof we will be granted.

With the support of our two churchwardens, who are also members of the HBWG, the PCC has ratified our commitment to placing the bid and are fully supportive of the plans we have in place to widen the participation of our local community in the heritage of our beautiful church which include:

City Stories. Nottingham: History and Heritage Then and Now  
(this is the working title of the project activity we are suggesting to TNLHF).

Here are just some of the project activities we are proposing:

- A permanent exhibition telling the story of St Peter's strategic role in the Civil War
- A virtual church tour using modern touch-screen technology to share our story
- Sharing the stories of our city and our church and our beliefs with local schools
- To help the wellbeing of the rough sleepers and the Gateway Self Help group who use our church on a weekly basis for their support sessions by giving them creative opportunities to engage with our church through their personal stories
- Using music and drama to tell the story of the church.

This is a wonderful opportunity to widen the participation of the people of our city in the history, heritage and meaning of our church and our beliefs

## **Other funding**

It is very likely that any grant we receive will not cover the whole cost of the repairs and the management costs of the activities. There are two other funding streams that we need help with:

Match Funding: we need to submit appeals to various charities and trusts whose rationale is to support ancient buildings and places of worship. Alan Franks is following up all avenues

Congregational Giving: we have received lots of support and creative ideas independent of the lottery bid. People really want to help. Suggestions include a prize draw, an antiques roadshow and guided tours of the tower; a 'Beer and Hymns' service, an historic meal and talks on the history of the church. This needs coordination and management. Do you feel you could do this?

## **Other Ideas**

A Day of Prayer: Ann Parker who has already made strong links with local heritage groups and is an endless source of good ideas is planning a day of prayer. Please let Ann know if you can support her in this and look out for details in the pew slip.

Solar Panels: TNLHF are eager to receive environmentally friendly bids. Once the roof is repaired and strengthened then structural surveys can be undertaken to assess the capacity for solar panels.

'Not Just Fish and Ships': The idea of using our church for concerts and plays is already under way. The Head Land Theatre company will perform their engaging and moving enactment of The Synod of Whitby in St Peters on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July. For further details and other venues please see the following article.

# NOT JUST FISH AND SHIPS

## A new play by Pat Ashworth

It's the year 664 and Whitby Abbey is hosting a Synod by royal request. Two opposing currents meet as the delegates arrive, with the date of Easter and the monks' haircuts dominating the agenda. It's about the power of Rome and the pull of the saints, but most of all, it's about conformity.

And who can argue with that?

Colman for one, the impetuous Abbot of Lindisfarne. He's pitted against the ambitious Wilfrid, Abbot of Ripon, impatient to become a bishop. King Oswy has a lot on his mind, with a north-south divide in the country and the Mercians

always at his back. Caedmon is in a world of his own. It falls to Abbess Hilda to navigate these choppy waters - and to fulfil her own destiny.

A portrait of monastic life in Anglo-Saxon England, *Not Just Fish And Ships* is a courtroom drama with a light touch, with more than a little resonance for our own quarrelsome times.

The performance is being presented at Southwell Minster; St Peter's Church in Nottingham; the Church of St Mary Magdalene in Sutton in Ashfield, Notts; Peterborough Cathedral; St Mark and St Lawrence, Bolsover, Derbyshire; and Hull Minster.

Southwell Minster - 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> July, 7:30pm

St Peter's, Nottingham - 27<sup>th</sup> July, 3:00pm and 7:00pm

Tickets for this performance available from Dorothy Mountford.

Price: £12 (£10 concessions for students and over 60s)

St Mary's, Sutton in Ashfield - 14<sup>th</sup> September, 3:00pm and 7:00pm

Peterborough Cathedral - 21<sup>st</sup> September, 3:00 and 7:00pm

St Mark and St Lawrence, Bolsover, - 28<sup>th</sup> September, 3:00pm

Hull Minster - 26<sup>th</sup> October, 3:00pm and 7:00pm

Our website:

[www.headlandtheatre.co.uk](http://www.headlandtheatre.co.uk)

Our Facebook page:

[www.facebook.com/HeadlandTheatre](https://www.facebook.com/HeadlandTheatre)

Our ticket site:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/headland-theatre>

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Contacts for further information  
Salani - 07448 730581 | Courtney - 07530 194394

## Overseas Committee

### Silver Smarties

The Silver Smarties Appeal which ran between Advent Sunday and Ascension day has raised £634 to date.

### Five Talents

At their meeting in May the committee received this request from Five Talents, which as a parish we have been supporting now for over two years. It was agreed that we would donate £250 of the money raised from the Smarties to this cause.

*Over the last week, two of our small team have returned from visits to East Africa; both told stories of desperate need that have prompted me to write urgently to you.*

*First, Rachel returned from an incredible trip to Burundi where she took a group of supporters to see the work that Five Talents supports alongside the Mothers' Union. Our inspirational local leader, Claudette, has helped over 50,000 people to become literate and set up small businesses to support their families.*

*However, peace in Burundi is fragile – human rights abuses are frequent and the government rules through a climate of fear. The Mothers' Union remains active despite many other organisations either choosing or being forced to leave, but many fear for their safety. Our trainers are particularly vulnerable when travelling to remote places to deliver the literacy and skills teaching that changes lives forever. Claudette and her team want to expand the work into two new regions this year, but cannot do so safely without a new vehicle.*

*Shortly after, Hannah returned from visiting our groups in Baringo, Kenya where drought is causing enormous hardship. Women in our groups are walking hours to collect water, and people are starving as a direct result of the drought.*

*Eva, our Programme Coordinator, is desperate to reach as many people as possible so that she can help build their resilience against future droughts. The region is vast – nearly all roads are untarmacked and require crossing dry river beds. Those most in need are also the hardest to reach. A car will enable Eva and her team to safely provide regular support to these communities.*

*We rarely instigate a one-off appeal but the whole UK team were unanimous in deciding this was an unprecedented situation. We want to raise £30,000 by 30<sup>th</sup> May – which happens to be Ascension Day. Can you and the community at St Peter & All Saints' help us achieve that goal?*

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## St Peter's Choir visits Liverpool Cathedral

*Peter Siepmann*

St Peter's Choir enjoyed a wonderful weekend singing the services at Liverpool (Anglican) Cathedral on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> May. Constructed between 1904 and 1978 on a design by Giles Gilbert Scott, the statistics relating to the sheer size of the cathedral are eye-watering: it is the longest cathedral in the world, and by interior space the fifth-largest cathedral in the world; the organ, with its 10268 pipes, is the largest in the UK. It was always going to be quite a visit!

The Saturday Evensong was held in the more intimate space of the Lady Chapel where the choir sang a selection of Victorian repertoire – Walmisley's famous D minor canticles and John Goss' *If we believe*. Mike Leuty accompanied faultlessly from the two-manual Willis organ.

The Sunday services were held in the cathedral itself where we were privileged to have the services of Shean Bowers (Assistant Organist of Bath Abbey) at the organ. Grayston Ives' quirky *Missa Brevis* was well-received by the cathedral congregation, as was Tallis's famous *If ye love me*. The music for Sunday's Evensong was based around Bairstow's extraordinary D major canticles – a large-scale, almost symphonic setting, well-suited to our surroundings! The choir also sang Tallis's lesser-known anthem in five voices, *Christ rising again*. Though the popular 'Gaia' exhibition (by artist Luke Jerram) installed at the West End made for an interesting (and rather challenging) environment in which to rehearse and perform, I was delighted with the choir's singing, as were the cathedral staff and clergy.



## 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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