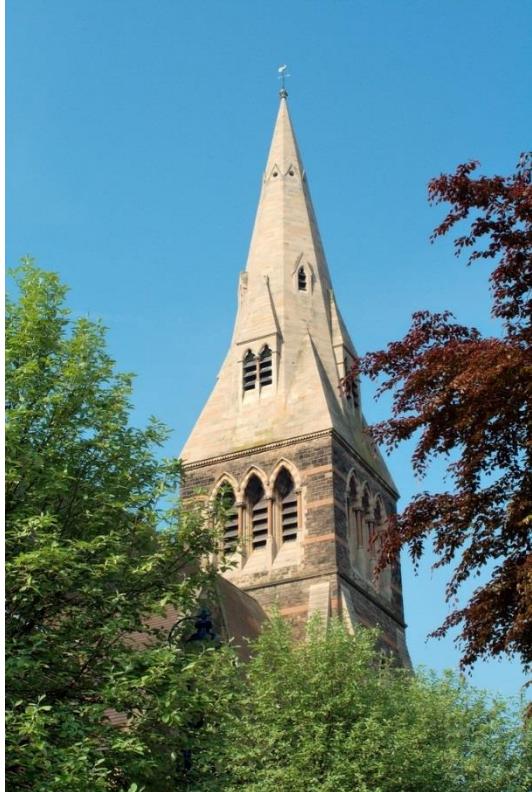


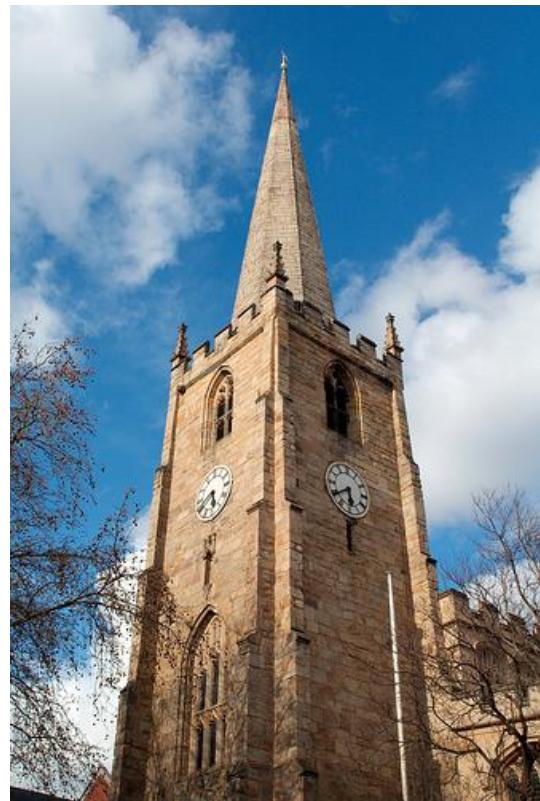


# ST PETER & ALL SAINTS NOTTINGHAM



## Annual Report

2018



# The Rector

*The Reverend Christopher Harrison*

In January 2018 the parish of St Peter and All Saints began a new chapter in its life following the separation from St Mary's. This marked the end of several years of collaboration between the three churches during which some degree of partnership had been achieved, although each church had retained its distinctive identity. The parting of the ways was amicable, and the process of transition into two separate parishes was carried out smoothly notwithstanding the various challenges it posed. Soon after the re-establishment of St Peter's and All Saints' as a separate parish, a Parish Review was undertaken, with the aim of taking stock of current activities and making plans for the future. This was sent to the Diocesan Bishop, the Rt Rev'd Paul Williams, and discussed with the Archdeacon of Nottingham, the Ven. Sarah Clark.



Bishop Paul came to St Peter's in May, when he led a combined service for both churches. This was followed up by a service led by Archdeacon Sarah in June.

During 2018 there were several significant moments involving members of the churches and parish staff. Wendy Pearce announced her retirement, after some sixteen years of dedicated service as parish administrator. Esther Elliott moved to a new job in Edinburgh; her invaluable contribution as lay reader is already being sorely missed. We celebrated the fortieth anniversary of Clarence Rickards' ministry as lay reader; we were also delighted to learn about Peter Siepmann's appointment as Director of Music of the Nottingham Bach Choir as from September 2019. Amelia Delbridge, our Ministry Assistant since autumn 2016, left us in the summer of 2018 and was replaced by Jason Wratten. Lee Rooke, assistant organist, also left us in December.

Congregational numbers at All Saints' Church have been affected as certain members of the church have increasingly been feeling the effects of age and illness. However, there are several new members of the church, including some students and others who are attracted by the combination of traditional worship with a warm and friendly ambience. Lorraine Smedley and Julia Atkins, churchwardens, have continued to serve the church with devotion and commitment, along with the unstinting contribution of Clarence Rickards and all those who ensure that the life of All Saints' continues to be active and effective. A gradual but determined process of enhancing the interior of the church is bearing fruit; the Peace Garden and churchyard are also much valued by the church and other members of the community. The Women of Faith group for asylum seekers and refugees has continued to meet every month for a shared meal and mutual support, and continues to develop the range and scale of its activities. The community event for Nottingham Refugee Week, in June, and the Women of Faith fund raising concert in October were two high points of the year at All Saints', along with the occasion to remember homeless people who had died in February and the Empire Windrush 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration in June.

Ministry and mission at St Peter's in 2018 were as diverse and varied as ever, but with particular challenges being posed by the increase in the number of rough sleepers who congregated around the church. We responded to their needs in whatever ways were possible, not least through the invaluable services provided by the Wednesday morning drop-in. However, the rising prevalence of drug abuse and antisocial behaviour around the church added to the complexity of the situation and we had to work closely with the Police along with staff from Emmanuel House and Framework.

During the year new Bible study and theology discussion groups were launched, with the numbers attending of each of these demonstrating that there is widespread interest in learning more about the Christian faith and in deepening discipleship. It has been wonderful seeing the numbers in the choir go from strength to strength under the far-sighted leadership of Peter Siepmann, ably supported by his colleagues in the music staff team. As ever, the demands placed upon the churchwardens of this busy church were considerable, and we have greatly benefited from the experience and insight of Brian Dunn and Laurie Crawforth, along with the much appreciated oversight of the parish's finances provided by Peter Moore, Treasurer and the wisdom of our PCC secretary, Keith Charter.

There has been a growing awareness of and concern for environmental issues within the congregations, expressed in part through the parish's Caring for our Common Home group, chaired by Chris Ward. This group oversaw the production of new information sheets designed to welcome new people to St Peter's and encourage more involvement in the life of the parish. The Overseas Committee also continues to be dynamic and active, chaired

by Dorothy Mountford, exploring new avenues of mission and partnership and keeping the profile of overseas links in clear focus within the churches. During 2018 the parish began to develop links with the HeartEdge network of churches centred on St Martin in the Fields Church in London. Several church members have become involved in various ways, and I look forward to seeing how our partnership progresses.

Finally, I should extend my deepest appreciation to the other clergy of the parish – Helen Hall, James Saxton, and Richard Davey – for their invaluable ministry. We all benefit hugely from the work of Adele Siepmann in the parish office, and indeed now also from Alan Franks, our new Parish Manager. Our safeguarding officer, Keith Mountford, has courageously continued in his responsibilities in spite of serious illness. Finally, I never fail to be amazed at the success of the Coffee Room, one of our many parish jewels, under the adept leadership of Lynne Wealthall. The parish would be very different without it.

## All Saints' Church

All Saints' Church had a busy year with a series of special services and other events. These included a commemoration of homeless people who had died, a celebration of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival of Empire Windrush, as well as a Refugee Week 'food and fashion' event organised by the Women of Faith group. Many people contribute to the life of the church in various ways, in the churchyard as well as in the church itself. Whilst the condition of the church building is basically sound, there are always tasks to be done in terms of keeping it in good order, and the time and energy given by those who take responsibility for this is greatly valued.

It has been good to see several students attending All Saints' in 2018, and taking part in the life of the church, although several of the more elderly church members have not been able to attend as regularly as in previous years. The 'Saturday Matinee' film showings have continued, with a variety of films being shown, often of a vintage nature and with some particularly good examples of the work of certain directors and actors. During the year we have developed closer links with Park View Care home on Gedling Grove; Lorraine and Jason, along with Christopher, have provided a weekly act of worship there over several months, and our relationship with the residents and staff has become increasingly strong. Rev James Saxton has also led several services at the Nottingham Deaf Society on Forest Road East.

The Women of Faith group continues to meet an important need, and has an increasingly experienced team of leaders. There are regular calls on its hardship fund, which is a sad reflection of the needs of the asylum seekers who form the majority of the group members. Highlights of the year have included days out and a Christmas party. Our links with the Chinese (Nottingham Enlightening Word) Church, which meets on Sunday afternoons, are important; it is good to see congregations of around 40-50 on Sunday afternoons. Shared services and meals from time to time have been a good means of keeping in touch. We also maintain links with the Iranian church which meets in the neighbouring premises, The Source. It has also been good to see some of the students who are part of the Nottingham University Society of Change Ringers attending church events and services from time to time, and we look forward to working with them as the necessary work to the bell tower proceeds.

## **St Peter's Churchwardens**

*Laurie Crawforth & Brian Dunn*

St Peters Church is the oldest building in permanent use in the City of Nottingham, which gives us an opportunity to respond to, and cater for the needs of a huge variety of people. Situated close to the Old Market Square, and in the midst of the shopping area, we are open every day and so offer a space for people who attend the Coffee Shop or the Fairtrade Shop, as well as passers-by, to look around, spend a quiet moment and perhaps offer prayers.

Each Sunday we have a range of services, including eucharistic ones, a service of Matins on the first Sunday of the month, a Family service on the second Sunday, and a range of evening services varying in form each week. On Tuesdays and Thursdays we have a communion service, and on Thursdays this is followed by a sharing of coffee/tea and biscuits in fellowship with one another; this is also followed by a time of bible study for those who are interested. Other services include a range of annual Carol services, culminating in our Family Carol Service, always very well attended on Christmas Eve, and the traditional three-hour service on Good Friday.

We cater for wider public needs weekly in our church; on Wednesday mornings we host a time for homeless people in the city whilst in the afternoons the Gateway Group welcomes and supports people with varying health and social problems, including areas of mental health. As a church we support the Mount Zion foodbank.

St Peters is an open and welcoming church, which means that we rely not only on our own staff but also on volunteers and helpers. We are especially grateful for the input and service of our vergers, Michael and Paul, for the many tasks they undertake. St Peters also offers an opportunity for public meetings and debates from time to time, at which topics of current interest and concern are aired.

As Churchwardens Brian and I are grateful for all the support we receive throughout the year as we seek to be "wardens" of both church and people, and as we continue to support Christopher and our hard-working clergy team, as well as our Ministry Assistant, Jason.

## **Workplace Chaplaincy**

*Len Simmonds*

The chaplaincy in 2018 continued to integrate with the working life of the city on many levels. Our chaplains were in organisations small and large - commercial and 'not for profit' as well as local civic and government bodies. We find our chaplains are welcome as figures outside the normal management structures of business, available to staff and management alike.

We have also found more organisations asking for a chaplain and this year we have added to our portfolio Kingdom Bank; County Hall; the Health and Safety Executive and Experian. EON has extended the chaplaincy to their call centre in Trinity Square. This has been made possible because a number of additional voluntary Workplace Chaplains have been recruited.

Although more people are in work now than ever before we have seen many organisations being challenged by the changing economy and the need to manage costs. Organisations are increasingly adopting an 'enterprise culture' in order to survive. In some cases closures and new owners have brought about life changing aspects that individuals have had to manage. Chaplains are always there to listen and support when needed.

Jo Tatum has conducted a blessing of marriage at the home of someone who has a terminal cancer; baptised a baby; conducted Acts of Remembrance; supported the funeral service of a Big Issue seller; led carol services and is a regular contributor to Radio Nottingham's Thought for the Day. She has also worked with the Executive Toolbox events organised by the Younger Leadership College and that continues into 2019 as is a Head Teachers Day on the workplace.

The monthly INSIGHT meetings regularly attract over 60 individuals from all walks of life who come to learn more about the life of the city and how it works. Through our relationships with ACAS, UKWON and Nottingham Trent University we have been engaging on issues to do with Organisational Best Practice, being Employer of Choice and Nottingham being a Good Work City.

The Interesting to Know newsletter continues to be widely distributed and gives a monthly update on how things are going in the local economy.

We have been working hard to see that 'Workplace' is a growing feature of church life. During the year we actively promoted and supported the diocesan Workplace Sunday and Jo Tatum preached in a good number of churches. We have been exploring 'Area Workplace Chaplaincy', working out what it means and how it would work. We would like to move to a position where we are able to resource churches as *they* strive to engage with the workplaces within their parishes.

Organisations we are involved with continue to make financial donations, where possible, to the work of the chaplaincy and others often make contributions in kind - for example web site development expertise and hosting INSIGHT meetings. The Chaplaincy Council also values the stable financial support of both the St Peter's Trust and the Diocese which enables a degree of forward planning.

The Nottingham Workplace Chaplaincy Council is the steering group that encourages the development of Workplace Chaplaincy. As the chair of the Workplace Chaplaincy Council I engaged with numerous senior executives of city wide organisations during the year and try to keep a finger on the pulse of city life.

Organisations continue to welcome enthusiastically workplace chaplains as guests into the workplace. The support given by employers is precious and chaplains relish the opportunity to be present, to listen and be of support to people in the working world as they explore life and faith.

Please continue to pray for the day to day work of the Chaplaincy in this city.

## Music at St Peter's

*Peter Siepmann*

The year 2018 was another busy one for the parish music department. In addition to the choir's routine singing at St Peter's Sunday-by-Sunday and at All Saints' (often on the fifth Sunday morning of the month), the Lent Term saw the second of our now annual collaborations with the Southwell Minster Chorale - an exciting project saw a performance of Brahms' famous setting of the Requiem in an intriguing arrangement (by Iain Farrington) for an accompaniment that uses just eight orchestral players. It was with real pride that I sat in the Quire of Southwell Minster, listening to the combined choirs of St Peter's and the Minster Chorale (accompanied by our own resident instrumental ensemble, saraBande) perform this iconic work under the baton of Simon Hogan (Assistant Director of Music at Southwell) following a superb Coffee Break Concert the previous morning. No less special, though (and in a number of ways, more so), were a number of wonderful liturgical highlights: the Feast of the Presentation, with Holst's fabulous setting of the Nunc Dimittis in the morning and a memorable upper voices Compline in the evening; February's Vaughan Williams fest of a Matins; Ash Wednesday; a welcome return visit to Finzi's wonderful *Lo, the full final sacrifice* for March Evensong, double Tallis on Passion Sunday, the list goes on!

In the Summer, we were pleased to be joined by a characteristically appreciative Bishop Paul on Pentecost Sunday (with his wonderful message "don't stop; keep playing!") when the choir sang Tallis's sumptuous *Loquebantur*. We also enjoyed a delightful, Gibbons-filled (the composer that is...) trip to Tewkesbury Abbey and a successful visit to Southwell for the Feast of Corpus Christi where we gave our first complete performance of Grayson Ives' quirky *Missa Brevis*. Two choir weddings at St Peter's were highlights of the Summer months: Decani Soprano Katherine married Dan in August and Cantoris Alto Jo married Richard in a Parry-filled ceremony in September. Our warmest congratulations to both of them.

In the Michaelmas Term, the choir enjoyed a thoroughly delightful weekend in Beverley singing in the magnificent Minster. Remembrance Sunday was observed with a welcome change to the routine - in the morning, a non-Eucharistic Service of Commemoration (sung beautifully by the upper voices) and a full Requiem Mass in the evening sung by the full choir accompanied by saraBande in Fauré's ever-popular setting. The Advent and Christmas services (including a performance of Britten's *Ceremony of Carols*) were, as ever, observed with great diligence and musical accomplishment.

During the year we were delighted to welcome to the choir sopranos Anne Hale and Olivia Andrews, and basses Nic Cummings and Alex Axford. The following more occasional members of the choir also sang with us for the

first time in 2018: Ella Bridges, Alison Arlington, Rachel Blatchly, Sylvia Turner, Margaret Hunt, and Michael & Rebecca Gillie.

We were very sorry to say farewell to Cantoris soprano Rebecca Rimmington following her graduation from the University of Nottingham and to tenor Tristan Moore as he moved to take his appointment as a Tenor Lay Clerk at Southwell Minster. We also waved Ben Watkins off to his Choral Scholarship at Magdalen College, Oxford (but have been pleased to see him back in the stalls from time-to-time during the vacations!). At the end of the year, we were also very sorry to lose Assistant Organist Lee Rooke from our ranks, as he took up his appointment as Director of Music at St Deny's Sleaford; Lee's contribution to the musical life of the church through his excellent organ playing, fine countertenor voice and exacting management of the choir library will be much missed.

Though the ever-evolving demographic of the choir can pose various interesting challenges, it really is a great privilege and pleasure for me to work with these enthusiastic and dedicated singers each and every week, and although my thanks to them all is a familiar element of this report, it nonetheless truly heartfelt.



The Saturday morning Coffee Break Concerts continue to prove a great success, with proceeds received at the door and in the kitchen funding all non-salary running costs of the music department, including choral bursaries. Performances in 2018 included those by Hugh Millington, guitar; members of 'The String Fellowes'; Ed Hodgkinson, piano; Michael Matthews, guitar; Farnaby & Co.; Trent Brass Quintet; Katharine Dryden (mezzo-soprano) and Philip Robinson (piano); Radcliffe Ladies' Choir; the 'Illuminate' project; Derek Williams (violin) and Jennifer Hogg (piano); and Nottingham Bach Choir, as well as the usual performances by our resident ensemble saraBande and the church choir. We were also delighted to host two rather different events this year: in February a series of three intimate concerts held in the chancel on Thursday afternoons in which harpsichordist Luke Green surveyed the entirety of the first book of JS Bach's Well-Tempered Clavier, and in July, a Family Coffee Break Concert ('Spacehop!') as part of the Nottingham Chamber Music Festival. St Peter's continues to prove an attractive concert venue for both audiences and performers alike.

## St Peter's Centre Coffee Room,

Brian Dunn

The Coffee Room has as usual been busy most of the year despite a slightly low first quarter due to the cold weather, now forgotten! We ended up just below last year's level but made a contribution of £39K which is extremely valuable.

Following Kristina's retirement, we have managed to work on slightly fewer paid hours and the team have worked very well together - Lynne, Tracy and also Peter, Tony and Callum who do much for us on a voluntary basis. We have also continued to have very valuable help from our volunteers despite retirements after long service from two of our stalwarts, Sally Cullen and Trevor Davys.

We now have a good range of gluten free products, and we also have a childrens' menu which has been popular in the school holidays.

We had our annual party in January to thank everyone who takes part, including the cake makers who bring their own produce in for us to sell. They all help to make it a great success and an important part of our church activities, which brings many people in and makes them aware of what we do.

## St Peter's Fairtrade & Christian Book Shop

Adele Siepmann

2018 has been another successful year in the shop, and for that I would like to thank our loyal customers, and dedicated band of volunteers. Christmas was a particularly busy time, and sales of 'Real' Advent calendars, cards, gifts and Christmas food were very good indeed.

The Autumn brought some very upsetting news, as Traidcraft announced their likely closure on 31<sup>st</sup> December. Poor sales and the uncertainty surrounding Brexit meant that their current business model was no longer sustainable. The response to this news was huge, and Traidcraft asked all those who had supported them in the past to suggest ideas for a new working model, in an attempt to save the company in some form. After much work and consultation, it was announced that Traidcraft would remain, but on a much smaller scale – staff at their Gateshead Headquarters were cut by 80%, their warehouse sold and the product range cut dramatically. As drastic as this sounds, it was a huge relief to hear that the pioneer in Fairtrade would continue to do its important work. "We want to [continue to] tell consumers who gets what from the Traidcraft products they buy," CEO Robin Roth said. "We will push the boundaries of what people understand fair trade to be. We can't let supermarkets define that for us. We should be leading and they should be following. We will cause good trouble, just as those six fair trade pioneers who started Traidcraft did back in 1979."



As a result of the continuing uncertainty of which products we would be able to source from Traidcraft, it has been necessary for us to look into using other suppliers of Fairtrade goods. This has been exciting, and we are now pleased to stock crafts from 'Rainstick Trading' and soft toys from 'Best Years', as well as continuing to support 'Shared Earth'.

Now, more than ever, I would ask you to support our shop here at St Peter's, so that we can continue to support all of the companies from which we source products. A small, regular purchase could make a big difference in creating 'a world freed from the scandal of poverty, where trade is just and people and communities can flourish'. The shop is open Monday-Friday, 10.30am-2pm and on Sunday mornings (after the service). Do pop in and have a look around if you are able to.



## St Peter's Bell Ringers

Matthew Jones

2018 has been another successful year for the St Peter's band. We now have enough ringers that call St Peter's home that we can ring almost every week, either the morning or evening service, resulting in us having rung for 35 services over the course of the year. Attendance at service ringing is variable, ranging from five ringers up to 16, however most services have seen us ring at least 8 bells.

Practices have continued to be well supported, with most having enough ringers for us to be able to ring all 12. Our method repertoire still tends to be predominantly focused on more early stage ringing methods, however, we have been able to make a start on ringing more advanced things than we have done in recent years. We have also gained yet another recruit in August, Louisa, and she is making rapid progress.

Unfortunately, we only managed four quarter peals in 2018. However, congratulations go to Heather Clarke for ringing her first quarter peal, Paul Wysocki for his first inside, and Lucy Baird-Murray for her first on 10. Two of these quarter peals were completed on Remembrance Sunday, which was the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Armistice. We also managed to ring half muffled for the morning service, before taking part in the national general ringing at midday, which was "open" (i.e. no longer half-muffled) in celebration of the Armistice centenary. This was followed by one quarter peal on 6 bells for our less experienced ringers, and then a second quarter peal on 10 bells was completed in the evening. These were linked to the national "Ringing Remembers" campaign, whose aim was to recruit at least 1,400 new bell ringers (the same number as were lost in the First World War). This campaign was successful, recruiting 2,792, of which Louisa is one, and received a special badge to prove it.

Outside of service ringing and general practices, we welcomed the Nottingham District of the Southwell and Nottingham Guild of Bell ringers this February for a general practice. Frustratingly, at the Guild Striking competition - the Crawford Cup - we were pipped to second place by the Attenborough team in both the Heat and Final. We also had two tower outings, one to Northamptonshire organised by Paul Mason and Paul Wysocki, and an extended weekend away to Dublin organised by Paul Wysocki and Lucy Baird-Murray.

I would like to thank my wife Emma who has continued to help me organise the ringing, as well as Simon Telford, Michael Woolley, Paul Wysocki and Lucy Baird-Murray for looking after things while I have been away. Finally, I would like to wish thanks to the Reverend Christopher Harrison and all the church officers for their unwavering support this last year, and the whole congregation for making us feel so appreciated.

## All Saints' & St Peter's Site Committee

Brian Dunn

The committee has continued its responsibility for the fabric of the two churches and St Peter's Centre and their sites. Michael Scott, our head verger is a member of it.

We are very grateful for the help which our volunteers have given us, including Brian Sharp, Ian Brothwell, Saxon Barrie, Philip Hobson and Trevor Parr.

The usual regular maintenance and minor improvements have been undertaken and the following items are more significant:

### All Saints

Much time was devoted to putting together an HLF application for repairs to the area of the tower above the ringing chamber and setting up a new ringing training centre, but this was rejected. However fresh plans are now under way, led by the Nottingham University Change Ringers, to tackle the problems. Most of the work recommended in the 2017 Quinquennial report has been undertaken and the door to the tower has been made secure.

### St Peter's

On the advice of the police the gates are now locked outside our normal opening hours and this has greatly reduced the rough sleeping in the churchyard and the burden on the vergers and others which this imposes. The quinquennial report has just been received and the main item which has to be tackled is the roof where the lead is reaching the end of its useful life. We are also planning work to improve the west porch and the dais.

Moveable rails have been put round the font steps to prevent trips on them by people using the south door. Also one of the large trees in the churchyard was removed by the council and we have put a small whitebeam in its place.

## Parish Overseas Committee

*Dorothy Mountford*

### Our Purpose

The Overseas Committee continues in its remit to bring together, in an organised structure, various aspects of the mission of the parish. This is to raise funds in support of overseas projects in the life of the Church and other deserving religious and non-religious groups in need of financial assistance. The Overseas Committee also supports international disasters with humanitarian needs. The essence of the work of the committee culminates in our faith as Christians serving our community and the world family of Churches. We have been active over the past year in a variety of ways reflecting this purpose. Members meet every two months to review and plan support.

### Our Team

In January 2018 as we divided once again in to St Mary's parish and St Peter's and All Saints' it was with considerable joy that the erstwhile Nottingham City Parish Overseas Committee agreed to continue working as one. At one point in 2018 we had 6 new members welcoming Julia and Matt from All Saints, Sam and Ros from St Mary's and Eva from St Peter's & All Saints'. We bade farewell to Amelia whose support we valued over her time in the parish and welcomed Jason, our new ministry assistant.

### The Silver Smarties

The Silver Smarties appeal was launched on Advent Sunday 2017. On request congregational members and family and friend were given a tube of Smarties. Once the contents had been consumed, the recipient was free to fill the tube with as many 20 pence pieces as they could find up to a total of £12 per tube and return to us by Ascension Tide. We were to learn, through one person's generosity, that the hexagonal tubes could take £1 coins. Between December and May £1,063 was raised.

By popular demand this initiative was relaunched on Advent Sunday 2018 with the end date of Ascension Tide 2019. Part of this was donated to the Five Talents.

### Traidcraft Exchange

A letter from Esther Stevenson, Director, Traidcraft Exchange, was received by the committee, via Adele Siepmann, alerting us to the fact that they were very concerned about how producer groups would be affected by what was happening at Traidcraft plc who were stopping sourcing goods (other than food) from local suppliers as a result of the increasingly challenging political and economic landscape. As result, and on behalf of our churches, the Overseas Committee contributed a one-off payment of £250 to support the Traidcraft Exchange team who are working with the twelve most affected producer groups helping them to formulate new plans for a future without sales to Traidcraft plc.

### Five Talents

In the Spring David Coles the area representative for the Archbishop of Canterbury's initiative to help sustainable development of Africa came to speak to the committee. He was then invited to speak at the morning service at St Peter's on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November. It was agreed that we would make an annual donation to this scheme which helps people set up small businesses.

We also agreed to send a donation to The Leprosy Mission.

Shrove Tuesday and Easter Monday 2018 saw the popular Pancake Party take place in the Coffee Room where £201.06 was raised. This was followed on Easter Monday by our traditional Easter Breakfast at the home of Lina and Wilfred Morgan – supported by the overseas committee. This was a very well attended and friendly event. A cheque for £462. 27 was sent to Mercy Ships.

## **Christian Aid**

Christian Aid Week was observed as usual with coffee and cakes after the morning services in each Church. Paul Hardman from Christian Aid was the speaker at the 10.45 service at St Peter's on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May. Sale of coffee and cakes at St Mary's after the 10.45 Service on 13<sup>th</sup> May raised £74.

## **Displacement Exhibition from Christian Aid**

During the second week in October, Nick Sankey, a CMS officer based in Loughborough brought a display on World Refugees. This was powerful and moving exhibition. Feedback suggested that it was thought to be informative and evocative.

Giving over the past year was as follows:

Indonesia Disaster Appeal: A retiring collection raised £288; this was made up to £500.00 from Overseas committee fund.

Syrian Relief Fund: £ 500 was raised through retiring collections

Donation to Kerala Flood Disaster Fund: £100

Our CMS Partners in SE Asia £250

Five Talents £500

Traidcraft Exchange: £250

The annual contribution from the parish to CMS, USPG and CA amounted to £3,000

## **Toilet Twinning**

Thanks to the hard work of Monica White, through work place cake sales, and Yvonne Hariss's ongoing support we are pleased announce that a further toilet twinning has taken place.

## **Democratic Decision Making**

In 2018 the Overseas Committee felt that the opinion of members of all three churches should be sought regarding the disbursement of funds raised. An article in the parish magazine asked for suggestions.

In response, the general consensus was that the Silver Smarties Scheme should become an annual event. There was a suggestion for support of 'Lend Care' but overwhelming support was for 'Five Talents'. It was agreed that a yearly donation should be made to Five Talents.

It was agreed that a reserve fund of £500 would be maintained to enable the Overseas Committee to make donations as and when emergencies occurred.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support of the Overseas Committee.

## **Friends of St Peter's**

*Keith Charter*

As forecast last year, the Friends of St Peter's remains 'on hold' pending any future vision as to whether and/or how it might be brought back into being now that the main means of communication it used for so many years, a subscription including posting out of the church magazine, has been superseded to a great extent by the parish magazine being available online through the website. The timing of this report, possibly the last, is timely in that it can again recognise the sterling work over much of that period of Ena Stilley who sadly passed away shortly prior to it being written.

## **Parish Electoral Roll**

*Keith Charter*

There were 176 people on the parish Electoral Roll at 31 December 2018 compared with 169 reported to the APCM on 25th April 2018. The statutory six-yearly preparation of a complete new Roll is taking place in time to be effective for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting to be held at All Saints on 30 April 2019 at which a fuller, up-to-date report will be given to all parishioners on the new Roll.

# Nottingham South Deanery

*Steve Silvester & Sara Holt*

This year we have said goodbye to Rev'd Stephen Morris and welcomed Rev'd Maureen Collins (St Ann with Emmanuel), Rev'd Tom Gillum (St Mary in the Lace Market, after a pastoral reorganisation scheme led to its reinstatement as a parish separate from that of St Peter and All Saints), Rev'd James Pacey (St John's, Carrington) and Fr Ian McCormack (Nottingham St George). We also welcomed curates Rev'd George White (Trinity) and Mike Forsyth (Chilwell with Inham Nook) to the Deanery.

We also celebrate the fact that four of the five Readers licensed in the Diocese were from our Deanery (Alistair Langton from St Mary's Attenborough; Susi Artis from St John's, Carrington; David Ducker from St Michael's, Bramcote; and Jem Bloomfield from St John's, Beeston). Additionally, Revd Rob Wiggins (St John's, Beeston) and Revd Denise Watkinson (St Stephen's, Hyson Green) finished their curacies and Revd Kirstine Buchan (St John's, Beeston) was ordained as priest.

The Deanery Leadership Team has continued to meet during the year to plan Synod and other Deanery events. Rev'd Clive Burrows has joined the Team. Rev'd Naomi Hill is stepping back temporarily while she works as a Vocations Advisor based at Jubilee House in the interim before the new Diocesan Director of Ordinands arrives.

We held three synods during the year: 6 February, 28 June and 13 November 2018 concentrating on growing disciples wider, younger and deeper.

In February we visited Holy Trinity in Lenton and looked at growing disciples wider. We shared stories from around the Deanery and thought about how we can move from "contact nurture commitment growth". We ended by praying for Lenton and for each other.

In June we were at St Mary's, Wollaton Park looking at growing disciples younger. We were joined by a representative from the Younger Leadership College who spoke about the YLC formation group, Angela Brymer (one of the Diocesan Youth Advisers) and Rev'd Annabel Copeland (Chaplain at Bluecoat Academy) who spoke about the ways we can support youth work in schools. It was a great Synod with a lot of energy! We also swore in some churchwardens from Nottingham North and South Deaneries.

In November we went to St Cyprian's, Sneinton and thought about growing disciples deeper. We offered the opportunity to visit two short workshops from the three listed below:

- How to launch and run a nurture course
- How to facilitate good groups
- Tools for personal spiritual growth

The synods in 2019 are designed to maximise the impact of the One Life Mission with the Archbishop of York and the Northern Bishops in September. Our February synod, held at St Michael and All Angels Bramcote, focused on how the church can equip its people to talk with those they do not know.

We also introduced a Deanery Pilgrimage in September where members of the Deanery travelled from Nottingham to Southwell by foot, car, train and bicycle ending at the Minster for refreshments and a short act of worship. The Pilgrimage was a blessing to all who attended, particularly the opportunity to share what we had experienced during the journey. We hope to hold another Pilgrimage in June 2019.

The deanery has again paid a large percentage of its giving for ministry allocation (85.3% in 2018, compared to 89.0% in 2017). Every parish is to be thanked for their faithfulness in paying for the ministry received in this deanery and for contributing to the consultation on giving held during this year. The Deanery has followed the diocese in its new emphasis on understanding giving for ministry in the context of ministry costs (see the diocesan booklet Ministry Costs 2018). This year the diocese changed its method of apportioning deanery share, with the effect that Nottingham South will be asked to maintain the giving it achieved in 2017. However, the diocese now depends on 100% of allocated share being achieved.

## Mother's Union

*Mary Davey*

Last year the Mother's Union meetings - held at All Saints' on the 3rd Saturday of most months - welcomed the following speakers: Philip Hobson read some of his poems; Anne Hardy spoke about what pilgrimage meant and also her and Mildred's visit to Santiago Compostello; in Lent the Rector, Christopher Harrison, read two poems by George Herbert, 'The Sacrifice' and 'Easter' and he explained the meaning of each poem; the Church Army gave the group an insight into their work; and Richard Davey spoke on one of his favourite subjects, Art. Finally in November Julia Atkins told us about her experiences of living on a narrow boat. We all enjoyed this wide range of topics and speakers.

Members have also attended Archdeaconry Meetings and various services and our branch donated to several of the Mothers' Union appeals throughout the year.

Currently we have 23 members having sadly lost two, Ambrose Walters and John Davey.

## Parochial Church Council

*Keith Charter*

The PCC is the governing body of a parish and is constituted within the requirements of the Church Representation Rules. The Council therefore, with the Rector, is responsible for the management and running of the parish and has a Standing Committee (SC) empowered to transact business of the PCC between meetings. Our PCC met 4 times during the year including one meeting attended by Sarah, Archdeacon of Nottingham, to discuss the future of the parish following decoupling. The formal 2018 Annual Report and Financial Statements document to be presented at the APCM on 30 April 2019 will contain more information on the working of the PCC and its Committees. Those on the Electoral Roll may, on request from the parish office, obtain a list showing all the major topics discussed in 2018 where the continuing theme was taking forward and enlarging all aspects of life within our two churches.

## St Peter's United Charities

*Armored Young*

St Peter's United Charities – which administers the income from bequests of money left to the parish by 18 benefactors between 1598 and 1863 – helps local people who are experiencing poverty and hardship by making small grants for the purchase of essential items. Referrals come to us through organisations such as Framework and social services. In 2018 we made grants to 33 people for items such as kitchen appliances, carpets, bedding and clothing, thus making a small but significant difference to a number of people's lives.

## Safeguarding

*Keith Mountford*

The parish is committed to the respectful pastoral ministry to all adults, young people and children within our church community and to the safe guarding and protection of all vulnerable people. Copies of our Policy and Procedures are displayed in both churches. The PCC is kept up to date by the input of a small committee representing both St Peter's and All Saints. The parish has a Safeguarding Coordinator supported by named people from each church. It should be noted that the PCC is responsible for keeping the Policy and Procedures up to date and it is intended that a selection of its members should undertake various training sessions organised by the diocese. Thanks are due at this time to Wendy Pearce who has recently retired for all the work she did as Lead Recruiter.