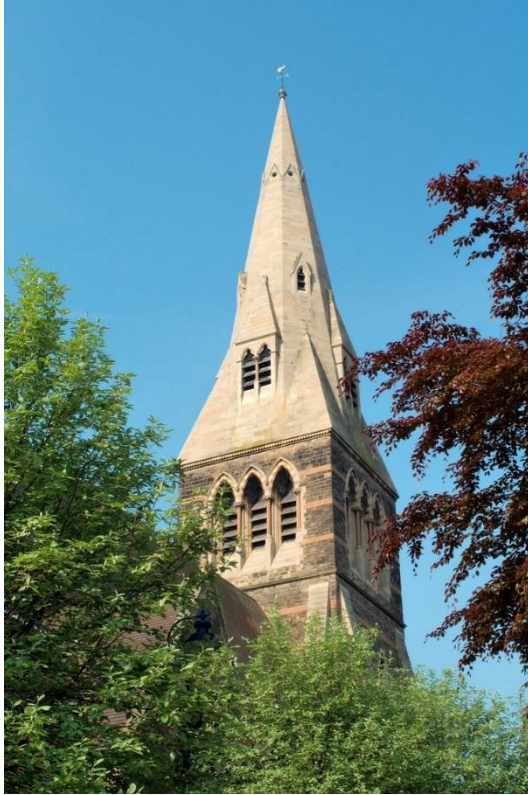


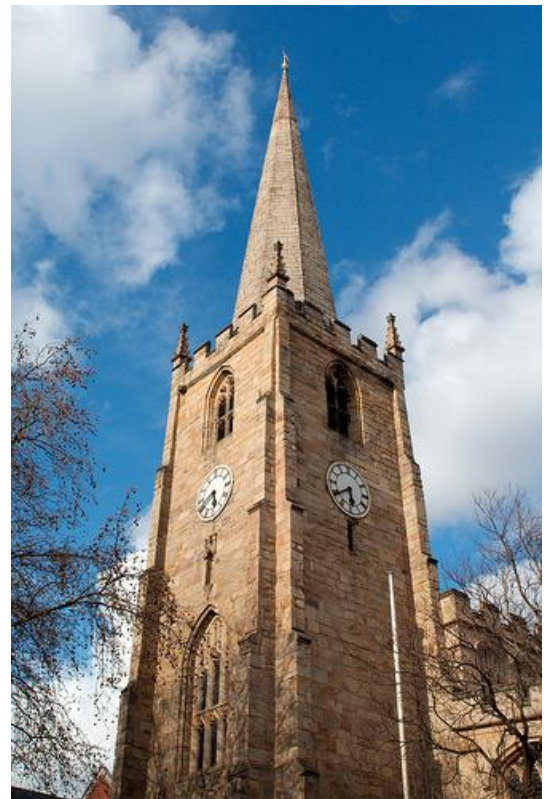


ST PETER & ALL SAINTS NOTTINGHAM



Annual Report

2019



The Rector

The Reverend Christopher Harrison

2019 was another busy year in the life of our parish, with a number of encouraging developments. My report should begin, however, by acknowledging the profound contribution made to the parish and wider Church by Rev Norman Todd and Rev Paul Watts, both of whom died in 2019. Each of them in their own unique way left a legacy to us all which will not be forgotten; their ministry to individuals, to churches and to the wider community was of the highest order and their memory will live on for very many years to come.



Early in the year we said goodbye to Wendy Pearce, who had served the parish through many changes and who had guided and supported us all in our parish life with absolute dedication. She had overseen the work of the parish office with a gentle, focused efficiency whilst always giving time to people and keeping sight of her vision of a world order based on justice, compassion and fairness for all. We welcomed Alan Franks as our new parish manager, who has brought many years of experience in education and other fields; I am delighted that Alan has already contributed so much to this evolving role, in spite of it being a part-time post. After Easter we also saw Michael Scott leave the parish and take up the post of Head Verger at Derby Cathedral. Michael had successfully held together a role which involved significant responsibilities at both St Peter's and St Mary's, as well as work at All Saints', and did much to set up systems of verger work which will continue to stand us in good stead into the future. Lee Chapman replaced Michael, having a background in security as well as having contributed to church ministry in his home church over several years. Lee has rapidly adapted to the complex demands of work in an environment which produces many challenges, often on a daily basis.

I was very pleased that we were able to appoint Liz Marsh to the post of ministry assistant, beginning in October. Liz has a background in theology and has become involved in a wide range of parish activities. Her work supporting the drop-in for rough sleepers, her contribution to our activities in relation to the environment, her pastoral work and her developing liturgical role are all valuable elements of our church life. Jason Wratten, our previous ministry assistant, left us to begin theological training at Cranmer Hall, Durham, having been recommended for ordination when his studies have been completed. We also appointed Freddie Kofi to lead the new Bridge Community Gospel Choir, based at All Saints'. Freddie has had a ministry of music and worship stretching over many years and the choir presented songs at events at All Saints' during the second part of the year.

A constant thread running through the whole of our ministry both within the churches and in the wider community is pastoral care. Many people feel supported and gain a sense of belonging through attending not just our Sunday services but also weekday services and events such as the Tuesday coffee mornings and regular film showings at All Saints. There are many people who find our churches to be a place of sanctuary, prayer or quiet reflection, a refuge from the pressures and pace of today's world. This means that all that we do to keep our churches open as much as possible, and to care for our buildings and churchyards, is vitally important, and those who play their part in this have a key role which should never be underestimated, alongside those who offer pastoral care. It is splendid that we can offer space and support to the drop-in for rough sleepers at St Peter's, which faced many new pressures in 2019 as the numbers of those in need increased and in the face of the increasing incidence of drug use in the vicinity of the church. Relationships between the drop-in and the church have become stronger, and we have supported the opening of a second drop-in session, for women only, on Monday mornings. The parish also continues to support the valuable work of the Gateway drop-in for people with mental health problems, and the Women of Faith group which meets at All Saints for its activities with asylum seekers.

St Peter's Choir, and the wider role played by the parish in the musical life of the city, goes from strength to strength. We are most fortunate to be able to benefit from the skills of a very strong musical team, under the leadership of Peter Siepmann, and the considerable breadth and depth of the choir's musicianship is evident from all that they do within the worship of the parish and at other musical events. The commitment given by all those involved, especially when many have busy lives in other respects, is greatly appreciated.

Our parish mission in relation to the wider world is overseen by the Overseas Committee, chaired by Dorothy Mountford, and the Care for our Common Home group chaired by Chris Ward. These have continued to promote an awareness of the needs of people in very different areas of the world from our own, including the co-ordination of support through charities such as Christian Aid, CMS and Five Talents. They have also led our work on environmental awareness, along with the valued contribution of those in the parish who have a particular passion and expertise in this field. The 'Green Table' at St Peter's has been a growing focus of our work here.. The parish played its part in the Diocesan One Life Mission in September by holding a public meeting on the growing climate crisis, as well as a community picnic at All Saints' and a Eucharist led by the Bishop of Warrington, the Rt Rev'd Beverley Mason.

It has been splendid to see how the disappointment arising from the failure of our application for National Lottery funding towards work to the All Saints' bell tower was superseded by a new determination on the part of the Nottingham University bell ringers to complete this project by other means, finally resulting in the successful completion of this project. Considerable energy was also devoted to an application for Lottery funding, led by Dorothy Mountford, towards a major project at St Peter's to renew the roof covering along with the establishment of several heritage-related activities which will bring together the church and the wider community.

In 2019 we continued to develop our links with the HeartEdge network of churches centred around St Martin in the Fields church in London. This encourages churches to structure their activities in accordance with the four 'C's of Congregation, Compassion, Commerce and Culture. We held a consultation day in June at which members of other HeartEdge churches gave advice and suggestions regarding the mission and ministry of the parish, following which a HeartEdge working group was set up to lead our ongoing work in this area.

Running parallel to all these activities, the life of the parish continues to be founded on the regular pattern of Sunday services, which is where church members come together in prayer and worship and from which pastoral support often springs. We are very fortunate indeed to have such a strong team of people without whom our parish life would be much impoverished. Some of these are mentioned above but I also include Adele Siepmann, parish administrator, churchwardens Brian Dunn, Laurie Crawforth, Lorraine Smedley and Julia Atkins, our treasurer Peter Moore, PCC vice chair Keith Charter, Safeguarding Officer Keith Mountford and caretaker Paul Stevenson along with all those who help with stewarding at services or who play a part in the liturgy itself. The Coffee Room is of course also an integral part of the life of the parish and the leadership of its manager Lynne Wealthall is particularly valued especially in today's challenging retail climate.

Finally I would like to acknowledge and thank all my clergy and lay reader colleagues for everything that they have done over the past year as we have worked together both liturgically and in other fields of ministry: Richard Davey, Helen Hall, James Saxton, Laurie Crawforth and Clarence Rickards. Each has unique and very special gifts, and I count myself truly fortunate to be able to serve God and the Church alongside them.

All Saints' Churchwardens

Julia Atkins & Lorraine Smedley

All Saints' continues to open its doors to for the local community. In addition to the Sunday and Tuesday morning Communion services we now have the occasional evening Solemn Mass with St Peter's choir. The congregations are made up of a small core group but always with a number of additional people who have their own spiritual rhythm and routine which is not necessarily every Sunday morning at 10.30 prompt.

The New Enlightening Word (Chinese) Church still meets twice a week and joined us for the Christmas carol service with Freddie Kofi's Gospel Choir. The Gospel Choir is a new addition to All Saints', meeting on Sunday evenings and performing at events, such as the summer picnic complete with a bouncy castle. We have also used the churchyard for a fundraising barbecue for the tower repairs and the annual bonfire.

Additional activities include the two seasons of the Saturday Afternoon Matinees and a special Christmas showing of 'It's A wonderful Life'. The church opens each Tuesday morning as a 'Place of Welcome' and Wednesday morning for quiet prayer and reflection. The Women of Faith initiative continues and held cookery demonstrations which meant the kitchen area had to be updated to accommodate this.

There is more time spent outdoors too, with volunteers working to provide an attractive place of peace and recreation. The garden is used by local residents and those taking a break from places of work nearby. It's almost a secret garden, hidden away and all the better when found.

St Peter's Churchwardens

Laurie Crawford & Brian Dunn

In the current situation, with the church closed, it is good to look back on 2019 and give thanks to God for what has taken place. As churchwardens we represent the congregation and church members, and on our own and on their behalf we want to express our thanks to the people who have contributed.

Firstly to Christopher, who, since the separation of the parishes at the beginning of 2018, has brought considerable added energy and enthusiasm to his role, which, although reduced in the sense of two churches rather than three, covers many different and ever-increasing areas, and he has done well. We have also appreciated the contributions of the supporting clergy, which have played a vital part in moving forward, such as Helen's leadership of the family service.

It has been very helpful to have had our ministry assistants with us, Jason until August, and Liz from October. Jason did our summer barbeque for us on St Peter's Day – a successful social occasion and a good use of our garden and both he and Liz have made many friends here. We wish him well on his journey towards ordination. We also thank Lee and Paul, our vergers, for looking after the church building and supporting its users – very challenging tasks at times. In addition to our regular services, we are glad to host a number of special services and events, which all need care and time. To mention one – Not Just Fish and Ships – a splendid event, and thanks to all concerned in bringing it to St Peter's.

The stewards are another team who do a very important job, and they are often the first people to welcome visitors to the church, so thank you to them too, and to Keith Charter who manages their rota.

Finally a word of appreciation of our choir and of Peter's skills and enthusiasm. We are very fortunate to benefit from their considerable commitment – they are an excellent team.

Music

Peter Siepmann

One of the many things I find so stimulating about working in our vibrant parish is the sense that we are always developing, and never content to just do things the way they've always been done. Just one example of this is how our liturgy and service patterns have evolved in the recent past: during 2019 we experimented (very successfully) with a different way of observing Remembrance Sunday, as well as introducing an evening Solemn Eucharist at All Saints' (a building which well suits this rich and beautiful style of liturgy) for the feasts of Candlemas and Corpus Christi. My thanks to Christopher and the clergy team for these most fulfilling innovations. It was also during the past year that we adopted Common Praise as the new hymnal at St Peter's.

In February, we were pleased to once more collaborate with the Southwell Minster Chorale for Evensong in the cathedral, as well as welcoming the Royal School of Church Music's Head of Choral Studies, Adrian Lucas, to lead a productive and thought-provoking workshop rehearsal with the choir at St Peter's.

During 2019, the choir sang for 66 choral services in the parish. Works introduced for the first time into the choir's increasingly broad repertoire included those by Gray, Grayston Ives, Holst, Tallis, Bairstow, David Blackwell and Hassler, as well as those by local composers Alex Patterson and our very own Alan Franks.

In a particularly stable year for the choir's membership, we were delighted to welcome soprano Hannah Heilbuth and bass Phillip Hall. It was also a joy to welcome two new members to the extended choir family through the births of Toby Ward and Eleanor Hetherington.

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. I would like to record my thanks to all who volunteer on the door or in the kitchen at these events, and in particular to Keith Charter for all his help with managing these concerts. Performances in 2019 included those by Reuben Tandler (horn), James Gaughan (baritone), the Scarlet vocal ensemble, the Music Magna concert band, Adrian Lord (piano), Harriet Astbury (soprano), Ivan Hovorun (piano), Daven Mitchinson (harp), the Hamburg Chamber Singers, Friday Voices, Jamie Torrance (classical guitar), Ed Hodgkinson (piano) and Nottingham Bach Choir, as well as the usual performances by our resident ensemble saraBande. We were also delighted to once again host a Family Coffee Break Concert as part of the Nottingham Chamber Music Festival in July. St Peter's continues to prove an attractive concert venue for both audiences and performers alike.

Visits continue to be an important part of the church choir's schedule, providing inspiring opportunities to experience singing in some of the world's greatest ecclesiastical destinations. An invigorating weekend singing the services at Liverpool (Anglican) Cathedral (home to the UK's largest organ!) was enjoyed in May, and in August, the choir spent a truly wonderful long weekend in Riga, Latvia, where three concerts were given to capacity audiences. It was a particular pleasure to share these programmes with Paul Hale as organ soloist. Though it is difficult to be sure about these things, I am reasonably confident that these concerts featured some of the highest quality music making I have yet experienced with St Peter's Choir, and whilst acknowledging that this trip involved a significant number of guest choristers, I think we all felt that a new benchmark had been reached as we came off stage at Riga Cathedral, and returned home after a wonderful trip, both musically and socially.



The choir sings to an audience of over 250 at St Peter's Church, Riga

The choir's visit to Worcester Cathedral in November provided the rare and wonderful opportunity of performing Duruflé's matchless setting of the Requiem in the context of a Sung Eucharist for All Souls. Accompanied by the cathedral's Assistant Director of Music, Nicholas Freestone, this service was a deeply moving experience for us all. As I left the cathedral after Evensong on the Sunday of our visit - alone in the quiet, dark cloisters for a moment - I became quite overwhelmed by what a privilege it is to make music with such talented and delightful colleagues in such awe-inspiring surroundings. Indeed, now in my fourteenth year as Director of Music, it remains a great privilege and pleasure for me to work with our enthusiastic and dedicated team of singers and organists each and every week, and although my thanks to them all is a familiar element of this report, it remains as heartfelt as ever.

St Peter's Centre Coffee Room

Brian Dunn

For a long time now the takings of the coffee room have been falling, year on year, and therefore it was a real triumph this year to reverse the trend and show a 4% increase over last year. There is a lot of competition very close to us and none of them can find it easy - this is a real tribute to Lynne. Salary costs increased so our contribution reduced from £39K to £36K, but nonetheless it was an excellent result. We did take on a short term employee, Iryna, in the run up to Christmas, our busiest time, and this worked well. Sadly now we have had to close and put our paid employees on furlough, and await events.

We have been working hard on recycling this year, because the City Council do not offer services in the City Centre; thank you very much to Ros, who takes all the food waste, and to Ian Brothwell and all the others who take away cardboard etc when they can. We have managed to reduce our bins from four to two.

Thank you to everyone who helps - our splendid volunteers, our cake makers, and Lynne and her team - Tracy, Peter and Tony - they all do an excellent job. Thank you also to Callum who has recently left to take up a full-time job - best wishes for the future.

St Peter's Fairtrade & Christian Book Shop

Adele Siepmann



2019 has been another busy year in the shop, and as always I would like to thank our loyal customers, and dedicated band of volunteers.

Following the news in 2018 that Traidcraft, our main supplier, was in trouble and likely to cease trading, we are delighted that they have managed to keep going, with a larger range than anybody could have hoped for. Despite occasional supply chain problems, we are still able to stock a good range of groceries and crafts from Traidcraft, which has been a huge relief!



Whilst sales were unfortunately down slightly on 2018, we are still managing to support the parish through shop profits, as well as flying the Fair Trade Flag in Nottingham. Orders for books and Traidcraft items can be made through the shop, or by email: office@nottinghamchurches.org A continued thank you for your support!

All Saints' Bell Ringers

Evie Newton

Our band of ringers has had a challenging but fulfilling year. We have welcomed a number of freshers from the University of Nottingham and the quality of ringing has remained consistently high, a feat which many other University societies are envious of. This year we again received recognition from the Association of Ringing Teachers (sponsored by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers) who highly commended us for our work in promoting change ringing to young people. Estella Haynes has done a marvellous job as ringing master this year; keeping us ringing at various towers including St Peters on our well attended practice night, with an exceptionally high standard of ringing.

As many are aware, ringing at All Saints' was put on hold for many months over 2019 due to rampant pigeons above the Belfry, causing massive damage to the floor above the bells and the bells themselves. With over 1100 work hours put in by our supporters and members and over £10,000 raised through fundraising and generous donations from NUSCR Alumni and members of the church, I am thrilled to say that the Bells and Ringing chamber are now back in usable order and safe to ring again. Work is however still ongoing to improve the Belfry. Thanks for this achievement need to go in particular to Edward Walker, Paul Mason, Alex Speakman, Emily Hall, Roger Lawson, Tim Poole and Andy Wignall, who have put in much of their personal time. There are also many others behind the scene who deserve thanks for helping us to ensure that the tradition of change ringing can continue at All Saints' for many years to come.

St Peter's Bell Ringers

Matthew Jones

2019 saw the St Peter's band continue to develop. As started in 2018, we continued to ring almost every Sunday throughout the year, with an increase in the number of Sundays from 35 to 47, plus an unfortunate occasion where only 2 people made it, so decanted to help the St Mary's band out! There is a noticeable discrepancy between morning and evensong ringing in terms of attendance, mostly due to the fact that many morning services occur at the same time, and many of our members have commitments at other bands (such as the students at All Saints). Despite this, the average attendance throughout the year is between 9 and 10 people. We also successfully rang for Christmas Day, with significant support from the St Mary's band, that enabled us to ring all 12 bells.

Practice nights have continued with a mixed repertoire due to the variety of experience from beginner to advanced, with an average attendance of 12. The numbers have fluctuated throughout the year due to members moving in and out of the band, and one happy event in July that has meant two of our members are a bit busier of late!

This year saw an increase in the number of quarter peals in comparison to 2018, with 9 being scored throughout the year. Our first quarter peal was rung in memory of one of our ringers' grandfather, and it was nice to be able to do this in his memory. We also rang one in June to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the D-Day landings. The happy event mentioned previously, a son, Joshua, being born to two of our band members, was also marked by a quarter peal in July, which was also one member's first on 8 bells. A significant achievement was a quarter peal on 12 bells in June. This is a combined effort from various towers in the local area, and is the first on 12 for some time. St Peter's relies on the support of other towers to progress our band, and this particularly includes the students from All Saints'; therefore we were pleased to reciprocate and enable two first quarter peals at St Peter's over the course of the year.

Outside of service ringing and general practices, we once again made it through to the final of the Guild Striking competition, the Crawford Cup. Having won the eliminator, we were again pipped to second place, this time by the Beeston team in the Final - and by only 1 fault!

I just want to thank my wife Emma who has continued to help me organise the ringing, as well as Simon Telford, Ed Walker, Paul Wysocki and Lucy Baird-Murray for looking after things when 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

Membership: Brian Dunn, The Rector, Keith Charter, Keith Charter, Lorraine Smedley, Lee Chapman, Alan Franks.

The committee continues to review the two church buildings and churchyards and St Peter's Centre, and are very grateful for the voluntary work done by many people including Brian Sharp, Ian Brothwell, Saxon Barrie, Philip Hobson, Trevor Parr and Bruce Henry. Major issues have arisen during the year which are summarised below.

All Saints'

The Nottingham University Society of Change Ringers have undertaken a huge task this year on the tower in planning, fundraising and undertaking the cleaning of pigeon droppings and the refurbishment of the ringing chamber, the bells and the bell chamber, including replacing the ceiling and the floor above. Please see the December '19/January '20 Church Magazine for Ed Walker's article.

The roof above the organ loft has been repaired, a new sink installed and work done to the loft access.

St Peter's

Peter Rogan's 2018 Quinquennial report was received, and by far the most significant item was the urgent need for the re-leading of the nave and south aisle roof, last done in 1815. In order to achieve this, a massive task has been led by Dorothy Mountford to make a bid to the National Lottery Fund by obtaining quotations, seeking matched funding, preparing projects involving the community including schools and homeless people, putting this together and submitting a bid in November 2019. Our other projects have been put on hold in order to focus on this.

Work has also been done on improving the sound system, with considerable help from Charles Stickley. Hilltop Audio, who have maintained it for many years, recommended that we now need to replace the whole system. We accepted this and have now agreed on a specification which meets our needs and costs around £10K. This has now been put on hold.

Unexpectedly in November our heating engineers, H&V, told us that the church boiler needed replacement because the heat exchanger had failed, so we had to spend £9K on a new boiler which they installed for Advent Sunday. Soon afterwards we had a leak near the font in the heating pipes, and another bill for locating and repairing it. H&V have done an excellent job in supporting us very promptly through this period and into 2020.

We also needed a new earth for our lightning conductor which cost over £2K, so with other running repairs we went way over budget, even after taking the cost of the boiler out of a restricted fund for maintenance.

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 in fulfilling our mission. The Overseas Committee has 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

During the last year we saw our membership reduced but welcomed Liz Marsh and look forward to welcoming new members Deena and Diane Caunt from All Saints in 2020.

The Silver Smarties appeal was launched on Advent Sunday 2018 by Ascension Day of 2019 £838 had been collected. By popular demand the Silver Smarties appeal was relaunched on Advent Sunday 2019 to date £466.60 has been handed in.

Five Talents

The OC continues to support the Archbishop of Canterbury's initiative to help sustainable development in Africa.

Shrove Tuesday and Easter Monday 2019 saw the popular Pancake Party take place in the Coffee Room where £220 was raised. This was followed on Easter Monday by the traditional Easter Breakfast at the home of Lina and Wilfred Morgan - supported by the overseas committee where £233 was raised for Mercy Ships delivering vital, free healthcare to people in desperate need. For more information visit www.mercyships.org.uk

Christian Aid Week 2019 was observed as usual with coffee and cakes after the morning services in each Church. £97.92 was donated.

'Inherit the Earth' Christian Aid Exhibition St Peter's

'Inherit the Earth' was a stunning photography exhibition of Christian Aid's work in Bolivia and three British women's extraordinary journey to witness how gifts in Wills make a lasting difference. On the 2nd February 2020 a very thought provoking and uplifting talk about the region and the threats to the livelihood of the indigenous people was given by Nick Thorley the regional coordinator for Christian Aid.

Giving over the past year was as follows:

Toilet Twinning £63

Disaster Aid -Hurricane Dorian £114

Mercy Ships £233

Five Talents £250

Annual contributions from the parish to CMS, USPG and CA amounted to £3,000

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

Parish Electoral Roll

Keith Charter

As is required of every parish every six years, a completely new Electoral Roll was prepared for the Annual Meeting held in April 2019. No names were carried forward without a fresh application form having been completed. Given what might be called 'natural wastage' over the 6-year period as people left the parish or ceased their commitment for whatever reason without their names being removed, the expectations are that new Rolls might be significantly lower in number as a result. However, ours finalised at 172 people on the new Roll, just 4 people fewer than the old one. That number remained the same at the end of the year, one new name having been added but unfortunately one parishioner having died.

In order to create this new, more meaningful Roll, a positive recruitment campaign was launched both through the parish notices and by personal contact, with letters sent to those who had not re-registered from the old Roll but who might have been expected to do so. As a result of that process;

120 people out of 176 previously on the old Roll re-registered;

56 names disappeared as a result of moving away, death or for other reasons no longer worshipping in the parish during the past few years;

Very pleasingly, 52 fresh names appeared on the new Roll.

For the future, the aim is to keep the Electoral Roll up-to-date so new members of the congregations wishing to be on the Roll should approach either me (keithcharter@freeuk.com) or one of their churchwardens.

Nottingham South Deanery

Kirsty Cowley

This year we have said goodbye to Rev'd Denise Watkinson who moved to Nottingham North Deanery and Mark and Carolyn Gilmore. We have also welcomed curates Rev'd Jamie Franklin, Rev'd Tracey Byrne and Rev'd John Blakeney to our Deanery.

The Deanery Leadership Team has continued to meet during the year to plan Synod and other Deanery events. Rev'd Naomi Hill re-joined when her temporary role as a Vocations Advisor based at Jubilee House came to an end.

We held three synods during the year: 26 February, 5 June and 17 October 2019 all of which were aimed at equipping our parishes in mission to enable everyone to participate in the One Life Mission held in September and learn from it.

In February we visited St Michael and All Angels in Bramcote to begin thinking about how to have intentional conversations. We watched the TED talk '10 Tips on How to Have a Conversation with a Stranger' and Heidi Shewell-Cooper spoke on how to have a "one to one" conversation. We had the opportunity to practice what we had learned and thought about what a parish could learn from having intentional conversations. We also swore in some Churchwardens.

In June we were at Nottingham St Peter's thinking about sharing our stories and heard some inspiring testimonies. At the end of Synod we were invited to join with the Thy Kingdom Come Bow Down event in the market square.

In November we went to Holy Trinity, Lenton and celebrated all that happened during the OneLIFE Mission. We also spent some time sharing what we had learned and what we would do differently in the future in mission and outreach.

Rev'd Canon Steve Silvester stepped down as Area Dean and Sarah Holt stepped down as Lay Chair and Rev'd Colin Bourne and Elaine Hinchliffe were appointed in their place. We thanked Steve and Sarah for their service and look forward to working alongside Colin and Elaine.

The deanery has again paid a large percentage of its giving for ministry allocation (96.9% in 2019, compared to 85.3% in 2018). Every parish is to be thanked for their faithfulness in paying for the ministry received in this deanery

2020 is a new triennium and new Deanery Synod Representatives will be voted in at our Annual Parochial General Meetings. We would like to thank all of you for support and input over the last three years. We are in the process of producing a new Deanery Handbook which will be circulated in the near future.

Mothers' Union

Mary Davey

Last year we enjoyed nine most interesting meetings, as well as our annual Advent Service. Pauline Wainwright came to share the M.U. Global Listening project with us and Jason Wratten shared his adventures, trekking to Everest Base Camp.

One of our members, Edith, told us about the differences in Christian marriage between here and in Nigeria and Amy spoke about finding God everywhere, showing us pictures of crosses that she had found in nature and everyday things. We also took part in a treasure hunt around All Saints', where we found many interesting things that we hadn't noticed before. Thank you to Clarence for helping us with that.

These are just some of the meetings we shared and enjoyed.

As a branch we donated to several of the M.U. national appeals, which do so much good worldwide. In September I went to Portsmouth to attend our National Meeting which is always very inspirational. At our branch meetings we continued to pray for those baptised in our churches on the meeting date closest to their anniversary of baptism. I must thank Diane Weekes for her help with this and for sending out anniversary cards on our behalf to the children named.

We all look forward to another interesting year in the Mothers' Union.

Love and prayers to you all.

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. The PCC met 3 times during the year, one fewer than the previous year, the January 2019 meeting being cancelled due to lack of business requiring attention. The formal 2019 Annual Report and Financial Statements document (to be presented at the now deferred Annual Parochial Church Meeting later in 2020) will contain more information on the working of the PCC and its Committees. Those on the Electoral Roll may, on request to me c/o the parish office, obtain a list showing all the major topics discussed in 2019 where the continuing theme remained that of taking forward and enlarging all aspects of life within our two churches.

St Peter's United Charities

Armored Young

St. Peter's United Charities continues to administer the income from bequests of money left to the parish by a number of benefactors between 1598 and 1863, using it to make grants to local people who are affected by poverty and need help to buy essential one-off items such as kitchen appliances and items of furniture. Many of the people we help are being housed after a period of homelessness and are unable to afford everything needed when they move into an unfurnished property. The number of applications we receive has continued to rise, so that in 2019 we made grants to 55 people, covering a wide range of items. A number of other requests had to be turned down because of insufficient funds, but we are pleased to be able to make at least a small contribution to the welfare of local people in need.

Safeguarding

Keith Mountford

The Parish continues to be committed to a 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. We have a small committee which aims to keep up to date with any changes recommended by the Anglican Church and Diocese. The committee consists of the Rector, the Safeguarding Coordinator, the PCC secretary and ideally a representative from each church. It should be noted that the members of the PCC are responsible for keeping the Policy and Procedures up to date. Members are therefore required to attend various training sessions organised by the Diocese where convenient. Our new Office Manager, Alan Franks, is now our head recruiter.

Women of Faith

Pat McMenemy

2019 was a marvellous year for the Women of Faith. All Saints' church hosts a monthly shared lunch for female asylum seekers and refugees. The church is a place of safety where attendees receive a warm, friendly welcome. We have around 16 regular members, from a range of countries, faiths & backgrounds.

A grant from Nottingham City Council enabled us to design & successfully deliver a Cookery Project including provision for training in Food Safety & Hygiene. Cookery demonstrations & food tasting took place with members leading each session, giving commentary about the food in their country of origin. We learned a lot from each other, had fun & enjoyed the food.

A Community Event was hosted during Refugee Week in June with our 'cooks' showcasing their skills. During the Summer months, the families enjoyed trips to Shelford Village & Rushcliffe Country Park. Our Christmas party was enthusiastically enjoyed with plentiful foods & gifts of toiletries for each of the women.

The Savoy Cinema visit was a highlight just before Christmas, 47 women & children attended.

We are most thankful to our benefactors this year from St Peter's, All Saints,' and our friends from the churches in Radcliffe-on-Trent and Bingham.

Nottingham Workplace Chaplaincy

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Reaching the working world of Nottingham, some of the key headlines that have marked an exciting year.

Wider

- We already have a broad reach into the business and working community. Over 30 operational sites of 20 businesses. Their 'trades' wide reaching and diverse, City Transport to Browne Jacobson Solicitors, John Lewis to the East Midlands Health and Safety Executive (HSE), Notts YMCA to the Council offices of Nottinghamshire County Council.
- It is difficult to calculate how many people can access the Chaplaincy directly - but the NCT has over 600 bus drivers alone, Capital One has over 1,000 staff at their Nottingham site, and the County Council has many thousand employees across the County.

- This year saw us invited into three more diverse establishments, Experian, The University of Law (not to be confused with the University of Nottingham Law School) – a private training organisation for legal training. A new site to Nottingham opening its doors to staff and students September 2019. The other Maber Architects in the Lace Market – perhaps notably as they were the ones who conceived Jubilee House.
- The launch of ‘Town Chaplaincy’ in Beeston – hosted by St John’s Beeston parish church. A broader reach than simply workplace Chaplaincy. Simply putting the church on the street in a visible and approachable way. Already partnering with the local Business and community groups.

Younger

- A number of the businesses we visit have a distinctively younger wider work force – Capital One in particular deliberately appealing the under 30s to their hi-tech business as it offers excellent training and travel possibilities. Chaplaincy sees the whole spectrum of life circumstances and the challenge is to keep our response flexible and appropriate to each generation
- The new Chaplaincy visiting at the University of Law is another very ‘young’ organisation. Both students and lecturers alike are grappling with a new city and a very intense approach to study.
- Completion of the first LICC ‘Young Leaders Toolbox’ held in conjunction with the YLC – this was the pilot both for young leaders and sessions outside of London. This course is now being delivered as part of the national programme.

Deeper

- We continue as a team to join in with the excellent teaching and encouragement from Derby Diocese Workplace Chaplaincy. Particularly inspiring was the day in October facilitated by Revd. Colin Smith, Dean of Mission Education at Church Mission Society and on the staff at St Hugh’s, Banbury. The theme of the day was ‘Out of Place’ Colin spoke on Paul’s ministry in Athens in Acts 17, and we explored ways of reading communities and how context shapes our presentation of the gospel. So very apposite for the work of the Chaplaincy
- 2019 was a time of conceiving and planning with city churches to deliver workshops and lectures for 2020 both in St Mary’s and St Peter’s church focusing on living out the Christian faith in the increasingly stressful workplace of 21st century.
- Monthly lunchtime prayer for the staff at YMCA has begun. Anticipating 6 or so – delighted when 15 came and the numbers continue to grow. Some people of little or no faith too.
- Unexpected redundancy at one legal company showed many how fragile their career is – another opportunity to offer prayer for the future.
- Annual Workers Memorial this time held at St Mary’s – a time to remember and pray for those who have died during the course of their work. Strengthening links with the HSE and the Civic leaders of the city and suburbs.
- Sadly, the sudden deaths of members of staff have marked this year. Whilst dreadfully sad and shocking I am told that having a Chaplain allows the staff to mourn. It gives us an opportunity to share the hope and love of Christ. It has been wonderful to be able to use St Peter’s as a place of memorial and meeting, both inside the church and outside in the rose garden.

The recent plans to develop lunchtime lectures ‘My Work, My Faith’ have been scuppered by the Covid19 Pandemic, however when life returns to normal, I am confident that we can pick up where we left off with renewed enthusiasm.

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