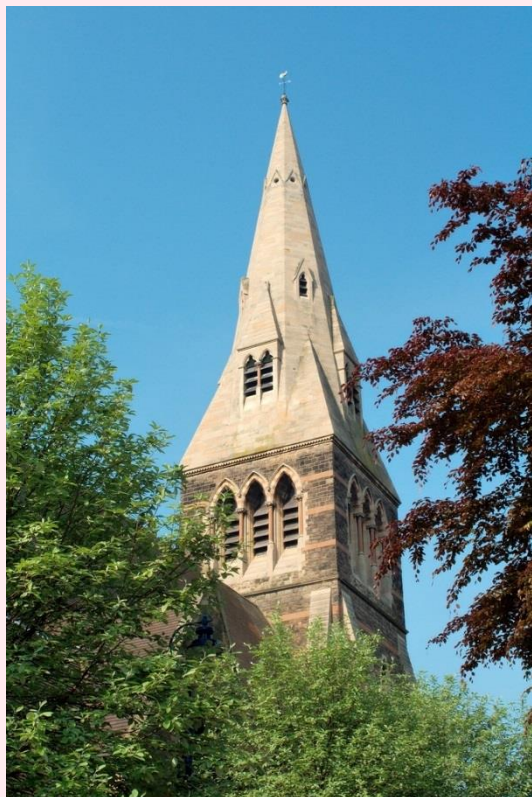


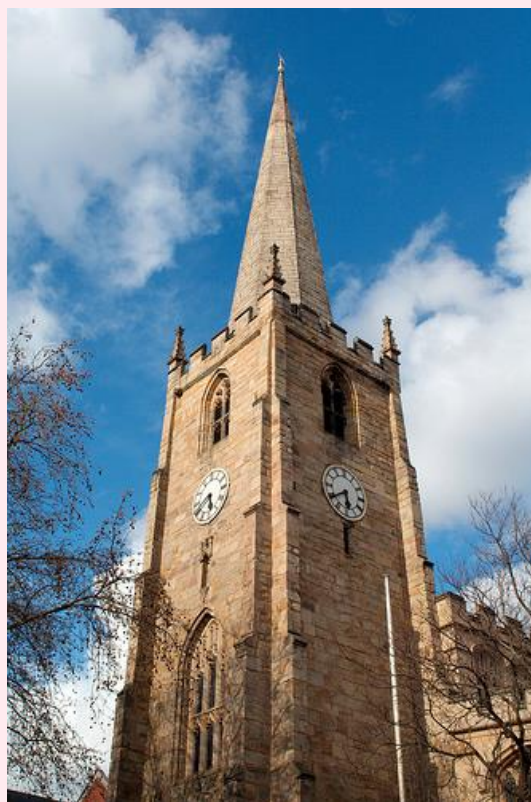


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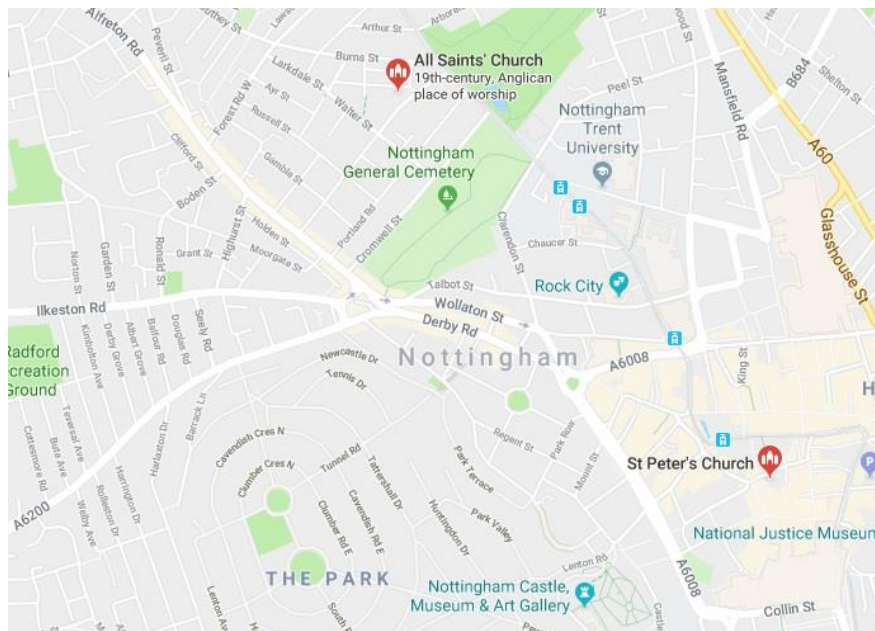
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From the Rector...

The Reverend Christopher Harrison

Over the past few weeks, we have been taking the first steps towards reopening our churches, with services now taking place on Sundays at 10.30 am at All Saints'. It is also possible to come to All Saints' between 11.00 am and 1.00 pm on Tuesdays, for private prayer. I am encouraged that quite a few people have begun to take this opportunity to pray and worship in the House of God, although we are still very much in a transitional period. For this reason, the webcast services will continue until such time as we are able to resume Sunday worship at St Peter's. When this takes place, I hope that it will be possible to 'stream' Sunday services from St Peter's on the internet, although we are still working on the technicalities of this.



Attending services while wearing face coverings, remembering to observe social distancing, sanitising one's hands on entering and leaving the church: all these factors are still relatively new and make it difficult to worship God as freely as we would like. However, I do very much hope that, for as long as these requirements continue, we can do our best to adjust to them and focus on what really matters, which is our coming together before God in prayer and in thanksgiving for the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alongside this, it is only realistic to assume that various forms of restriction on our church activities are likely to be necessary for quite a long time, given that few if any countries are having much success in eliminating Covid-19 and the UK is unlikely to be an exception to this. We will also need to continue to support all those known to us who have been personally affected by the virus, whether through becoming ill, caring for others who are sick, grieving for the loss of loved ones, or losing their livelihood as a result of the economic downturn.

In spite of all the challenges of recent weeks, we have nevertheless learned to come together in some new and splendidly creative ways. The 'Zoom' coffee times, fortnightly on Sundays at 11.45, have proved to be a wonderful way for us to keep in touch with one another and have enabled us to get to know others from our congregations whom we might not ordinarily tend to meet. The Thursday fellowship at St Peter's has been maintained and indeed strengthened by Dorothy Mountford's weekly telephone calls and the sharing of news by means of email. The two Sunday services which have been held so far at All Saints' have of course been for the whole parish; it has been good to see members of both churches present, notwithstanding the disappointment which I'm sure we all feel when we remember that we can't meet together over coffee and are supposed to leave promptly after the service.

I would like also to repeat my deep gratitude to all those who have contributed unstintingly to the ongoing ministry and mission of the churches in the face of difficult circumstances. These include in particular our musicians (and it must be so disheartening still not to know when choirs will be allowed to sing together again); all those who have had to adapt swiftly to new ways of leading worship; those who administer the parish, both our paid staff and parish officers (in particular our churchwardens, treasurer and PCC secretary); and all who have ensured that such good progress has been made on our roof and heritage project. I am sure we will eventually look back and be amazed at just how much activity has continued in our parish in the face of one of the most serious crises to affect the world in living memory.

It has also been most encouraging to learn that the response to our Covid-19 appeal for donations towards the parish finances has already shown clear signs of being strong and positive. Money can be used to express a wide range of attitudes and behaviour, and the generosity demonstrated by a substantial number of our church members, in spite of the difficult economic climate, is surely evidence of a profound desire to be there for one another at this time of need, and to give back to God in thanksgiving for all that He has given to us.

We almost certainly still have some way to go before we will get back to anything like what we previously assumed was 'normal life'. The stress involved in keeping abreast with evolving circumstances will increasingly begin to take its toll, and for many people is already doing so. This means that it continues to be so important for us to work together for the good of all, including those in the wider community who are especially vulnerable. Patience, perseverance in faith even in the face of adversity, and the knowledge that we are all united as members of the Body of Christ will all remain necessary as the difficult seasons of autumn and winter approach. Let us therefore be strong in the power of Christ and never lose heart, as we entrust one another and the life of our churches to the God whose love is eternal, and for whom each individual is and always will be of infinite value.

'To Church on Sunday...'

Ann Parker

I was born into a non-conformist Christian background, which in fact proved to be very conforming. It was based on my grandparents' Scottish Presbyterianism. My mother's childhood was church including Sunday School three times every Sunday, and it was a long walk up and down a hill each way. No toys out on Sunday and no playing outside. My own childhood was much easier regarding Sunday proprieties - but when the ice cream vans began touring the streets for business when I was about twelve, my mother wouldn't let us go and buy one for several weeks, and then gave the impression of standing in the doorway wringing her hands as my brother and I tore off to perdition and an ice cream cornet. And in just our garden clothes too and not our Sunday best.

I ended up with a rather ecumenical Christianity. Christened into the Presbyterian Church, sent aged four to the much more local Methodist Sunday school, I then went to various churches or Sunday schools with the friend of the moment, probably dropping off for months at a time, due to childhood diseases which we all ran through then. So what with not being well enough to go and then keeping away from others during quarantine, Sunday school fell by the wayside every now and then, until Mother started fretting about it to her friends, and so I went back. First to the Baptists - on a bus! For a year, with Gillian and her father (Mothers went to evening service then, after they'd cooked the Sunday dinner). At that time my grandfather, who rarely gave anyone anything, gave me a souvenir Bible with an olive wood cover. I took it to church every Sunday until the day I left it behind and was in a great state about it, having promised to look after it - and it was a bible too, so extra wicked to lose it! But someone in the church found it and it was restored to me. I still have it.

Chicken pox probably interrupted the Baptist phase, then I met Vanessa over the road, whose grandfather was the verger at St Martin's and faithfully rang its one bell every Sunday. So Vanessa and I went to Junior Church, eventually taking my little brother, then about three. We sat in the church on wooden seats with slots at the backs for hymn books - I supposed the church was fairly poor one as it couldn't afford pews! I was horrified when I visited St Paul's cathedral in about 1954 to find a place like that had just chairs. You'd have thought they'd have known better. But it wasn't that long after the war, Towns were still bomb damaged, so perhaps St Paul's had that excuse.

In St Martin's Bexleyheath, the girls sat one side of the aisle and the boys on the other. If you brought a small sibling along with you this child was allowed to sit with its older person, even if it meant in the wrong side. My brother sat with me and my friend Vanessa and I scolded and chivvied him into good behaviour because that's what happened at home and at school, and I didn't know any other way. Over on the boys side, Robin from my class at school, a very small boy for his age, sat in his Sunday suit - with short trousers, he was well under ten years old - minding his little sister who wore a flowery bonnet, as I remember. And I saw Robin take a clean and ironed man's hanky out of his pocket and wipe his sister's face. I didn't know men did things like that. It rarely happened in my existence.

I was probably at St Martin's until I left the junior school, had another year or two of going nowhere and then Mother met another friend who had recently moved house and joined a congregational church, rapidly gaining popularity and where the minister was innovative enough to use practical examples during his sermons. He became the talk of the town by a tin of 3-in-1 oil to explain the Trinity. The accuracy of this was not questioned; it was the fact of standing up, in church, in the pulpit, holding a mundane object! But I had to get there by train so when I grew old enough for adult fare (14 then), I stopped going.

I returned to the local Methodist for about a year when I was sixteen, but all I seemed to hear was how hopeless we were without salvation - and as I never heard the salvation part of it, I gave it up as too way above me for another twenty five years.

Book of the month

By 'Bramcote Book Worm'

'Luminaries:

Twenty Lives that Illuminate the Christian Way'

By Rowan Williams

This is a book of stories. Not long or complicated stories but brief and engaging. Rowan Williams takes us from St Paul to St Oscar Romero in his book of very readable essays on the lives of those he calls 'Luminaries'. As he wryly reflects "Some are people I think I should have liked to spend time with others are frankly not!"

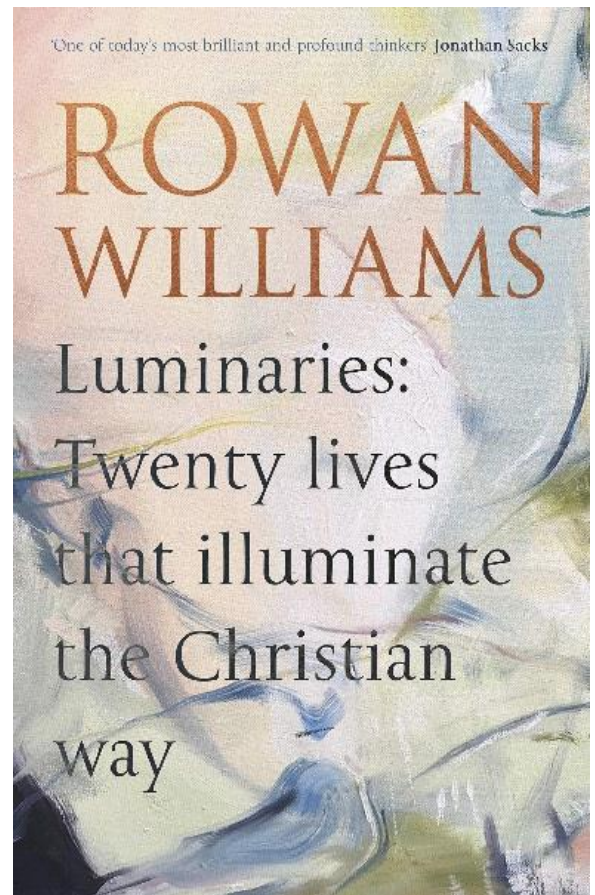
Jesus taught by telling stories Williams reminds us in his introduction: 'We know that one of the most distinctive things about his teaching was his use of narrative'. There is nothing like a good story and this attractive little volume does not disappoint. In his selection Thomas Cranmer and William Tyndale sit comfortably with Milton and Dickens – writers all. The well-known stories of St Teresa of Avila and Florence Nightingale contrast with those of the less well-known lives of Edith Stein and Simone Weil.

The twenty luminaries are a rich mix of the famous and the forgotten. What they all have in common is that they are lives which Rowan Williams has been invited to think about and celebrate over the years. For instance, 'Charles Dickens' was an address given by the archbishop at the wreath laying ceremony in Westminster Abbey, marking the bicentenary of the writer's birth while 'Florence Nightingale' was a sermon preached in the chapel of St Thomas' hospital marking the 100th anniversary of her death.

Each of the diverse cast represents something special.

Meister Eckhart, the fascinating if little known medieval scholar, sheds light on 'the mystery of goodness'. William Tyndale, to whom we owe so much in terms of biblical translation, challenged us on 'God and the economy of debt'. In Rowan Williams' own words: 'where there is need there is love owing'. Etty Hillesum, who died in Auschwitz, has 'a compulsion to kneel' even in a brutal reality where God seemed absent. In the journal she kept before her deportation and death she wrote: You cannot help us... we must help You to help ourselves. And that is all we can manage these days and also all that really matters: that we safeguard that little piece of You, God in ourselves'

This is a book for giving as a gift, for dipping into now or for saving for a period of reflection be that Advent or Lent or Lockdown.



Parish Office

The work of the Parish Office continues, albeit not in the building itself. We are able to respond to answer phone messages (0115 9483658) or email – office@nottinghamchurches.org (Adele) / admin@nottinghamchurches.org (Alan). Please be assured that we are doing all we can to keep the parish running as smoothly as possible. Any enquiries, or concerns, please get in touch – we're here to help!

Our Brothers and Sisters

Jane Henson

Pope Francis said 'Refugees are not pawns on the chessboard of humanity, they are brothers and sisters to be welcomed, respected and loved'.

Host Nottingham was founded nine years ago to provide short term accommodation for asylum seekers and refugees in people's homes. We have hosted hundreds of guests with dozens of hosts. We work closely with the other organisations and agencies in the City who support those seeking sanctuary.

During the pandemic we have been unable to host as some of our hosts have had health or age issues, so many destitute asylum seekers and refugees have been sleeping precariously on floors, sharing beds or sofa surfing and as the lock down has begun to ease they are in danger of homelessness. Most have been very frightened and anxious about their own health, their precarious situations and fearful of what is happening to their families in countries where there are very few medical resources.



When people are seeking asylum and sanctuary in the UK, having fled wars, torture, rape, political unrest and much more, they are not permitted to work. The process of seeking asylum can take years as they work with solicitors to try and convince the Home Office of their need for protection. When they are finally granted refugee status, often after many years, they are permitted to access housing benefit and start to try and find work and build their future in safety.

During the lock down over the last few months we have been working with the Council and other agencies, to try and find permanent private rented accommodation for those who have refugee status in order that they can start to look for work or continue their education. However, we know that over the coming months there will be an increasing need for more permanent accommodation for refugees. However, destitute asylum seekers, with no recourse to public funds, will need to have short term accommodation while more permanent solutions are being sourced. We are beginning to make preparations to start hosting again and of course putting in many guidelines to protect both hosts and guests.

Would you like to know more about hosting and how it works?

Would you think about offering your spare room to give a welcome and security for a short time to an asylum seeker? If so we would love to hear from you. We can introduce you to others who have hosted to learn more about how it works and share your questions. You are not making any commitment by asking questions or showing an interest. We are aware that this is a big ask, but we know that it is also a really mutually valuable experience for the hosts and the guests.

There are many other ways in which you might be able to help.

Navigating Scheme - We also support clients in other ways, but providing navigators who will help them find facilities in the community - language classes, libraries, daytime facilities etc. or perhaps accompany them to medical or other appointments.

Clothes Bank - We also have a Clothes Bank which is based at the Nottingham Refugee Forum and often want volunteers who will help with this. At the moment, as the Forum is closed, we are offering to take clothes out to asylum seekers and refugees who need them, so we may want some more volunteer drivers.

Landlords - We are looking for landlords in the City who have properties which could be made available for Refugees to rent. If you know any, please put them in contact with us.

Sometimes we look at these situations and feel that there is little we can do, but actually we can do things. We can try and find out more about the reality of life for those seeking asylum and sanctuary in the UK. There are lots of websites and information available. This is most important as some of our press take every opportunity to spread misinformation.

There are many organisations throughout the City who provide all kinds of support for those seeking sanctuary. Above all we can pray for those whom we may never meet, but who we know are loved by God and, like all of us, made in his image. St Peter's has always been a church that has embraced and supported those who are homeless or have other similar needs and this is a strong witness in the City. Let us always remember to pray for those who are supporting them in many different ways.

If you are interested in learning more about hosting or supporting asylum seekers or refugees, please contact me at hostnottingham@gmail.com or phone 07940 548 832.

Find out more about Host Nottingham at: www.hostnottingham.org.uk

or Follow us on –

Facebook: www.facebook.com/hostnottinghamrefugeeforum

Twitter: twitter.com/HOST_Nottingham

Prayers for August

The Reverend Dr Helen Hall

The Elixir *by George Herbert*

Teach me, my God and King,
In all things thee to see,
And what I do in any thing,
To do it as for thee:

Not rudely, as a beast,
To runne into an action;
But still to make thee prepossest,
And give it his perfection.

A man that looks on glasse,
On it may stay his eye;
Or if he pleaseth, through it passe,
And then the heav'n espie.

All may of thee partake:
Nothing can be so mean,
Which with his tincture (for thy sake)
Will not grow bright and clean.

A servant with this clause
Makes drudgerie divine:
Who sweeps a room, as for thy laws,
Makes that and th' action fine.

Our Prayers

Lord of the moment, Lord of eternity, Omnipresent and All Suffusing, your presence and love is constant. Wherever and however we find ourselves, you are there, guiding and transforming. We pray for ourselves, our neighbours and our tasks at this time, for the unique contributions which we are each called to make, stitching the tapestry of your universe. We hold before you our work, our chores, our conversations and our prayers, be with us and strengthen us in all that we do. We pray for those who feel overwhelmed, who sense that they are running just to stand still. We pray for those who feel powerless or frustrated, anxious about employment, loved ones or health. We pray for those who feel what their contribution to the world is inadequate or irrelevant, send them peace and understanding that this can never be so. Bless our brothers and sisters for all that they do to make our world a better place and light our way to do the same. Amen.

The National Lottery Heritage Fund Bid Update

August 2020

Dorothy Mountford

The work on the Church Roof is progressing apace. The 15th century Strelley oak beams were exposed with some trepidation. The architect anticipated that 500 years of wear and tear and water ingress could have had a significant impact. When the bid for the NLHF ward was being put together we were advised to factor in a significant amount of contingency funds for the possible replacement of the beam ends which were vulnerable to rot. The worst possible scenario was that the cost of sourcing and replacing these ancient timbers would swallow up not only the contingency but also would have to make inroads into the cash set aside for the south aisle roof. The Architects conjecture was correct. When the beams were examined it was clear that there had been significant damage. However, the good news is that this had been discovered by past generations and rectified. Steel plates and bolts were found to be firmly holding the fragile oak in place. A recommended coat of paint to keep the steel in good shape was all that was needed in terms of maintenance. Good news indeed.

Those of us who have visited the roof to see the repair work have been privileged to meet the team from MSM, Midland Stonemasonry, led by Derek Park.

The Time Capsule

On the 17th July 2020 Steve Ripley the MSM Site Manager placed an archive box under the lead near to the foot of the tower. This contained the names of the choir and the congregation, a copy of the St Peter's tide service for 2020 and a History of the Choir. A CD of that service and of the choir singing Tallis's 40 part, Spem in Alium was also included along with a photograph of the MSM team with their names and where they came from.

As part of the cancelled Golden Wedding celebration the friends, family of Keith and Dorothy Mountford along with congregational members had donated £2,600 towards the roof repairs. Their names also wait to be revealed in a hundred years or so, along with letters from Brian Dunn our Church Warden and Chair of the site committee, Liz Marsh our Ministry Assistant, and the following from our Rector Christopher Harrison.

On behalf of the members of St Peter's Church, I extend warmest greetings.

As I write to you in July 2020, I cannot help wondering what kind of world you are living in, whenever this time capsule is opened. Growing numbers of people today are making predictions about how the world will change during the current century, many of which are pessimistic. Some are especially fearful of runaway climate change and extreme weather events, including droughts, severe storms, and flooding. Powerful campaigns have been gathering strength, however, in an attempt to restore sustainability to the earth before it is too late. There is also the growing threat that artificial intelligence will make it possible to monitor and control people in new and disturbing ways. In many countries, the gap between rich and poor has been increasing significantly, with more and more people even in developed countries finding that everyday life is precarious. We are also currently going through the worst pandemic for a hundred years, as Covid-19 takes a heavier and heavier toll; at present we do not know whether it will be successfully contained or whether it will continue unabated for some time. Nor do we know whether this will be simply the first of many such pandemics, each of which will leave deep scars on nations and peoples.

Against all this, the incredible global connectivity which now exists thanks to the internet has brought people together from all around the world in ways which we in this generation could never have foreseen just a few decades ago. The pace of change has been remarkable; we can only wonder how much further and faster such developments will continue to occur over the century to come, and what new technological advances you, who are reading this message, will be taking for granted in your everyday lives. There are millions of people of goodwill who are harnessing new developments such as these and using them to increase human well being at all levels.

I hope and pray that St Peter's Church will remain at the heart of the life of Nottingham's city centre for many years to come, and that, when you read this, the Christian faith will also be alive and well not just in Nottingham but around the world. I see no reason why this should not be the case, as the Gospel has proved remarkably resilient over the last two millennia, and indeed faith in our Lord Jesus Christ has often flourished when the Church has faced threat and pressure. However, the gradual spread of scepticism and the decline in churchgoing which have characterised recent decades must be a cause for concern, and we hope and pray that our current efforts to counter these will leave a lasting legacy to those who will follow in our footsteps.

St Peter's is a diverse and inclusive worshipping community; there is much mutual support within our congregation, and we endeavour to play our part in reaching out to those in the most acute need in the city at large. Many people find St Peter's to be a haven of peace in the heart of a busy city, where God may be found in the beauty of the building as well as through the acts of kindness and the prayers of those who form our church family. We hope that our efforts in 2020 to make the roof sound and secure for many years to come will be at least some contribution to the ministry and mission of those who come after us, including yourselves. May God's blessing be upon you and upon all who gather in St Peter's over the years to come.

Rev Christopher Harrison, Rector

Outreach Programme

The long arm of the Corona virus has reached into the plans we presented to the National Lottery in terms of sharing our history and heritage with the wider community. However, determined not to be cowed by Covid 19 these programmes have now been re-written to address social distancing measures.

The Photography tutorial for the rough sleepers: Jagdish Patel from the photography hub has creatively set this up on a much smaller scale in terms of the number of clients and the length of the course. The class is almost ready to begin this summer much to the delight of the NHS staff who head the Monday and Wednesday sessions which happen weekly in 'Normal Time'. The group who will be working with Jagdish are people whom the NHS feel are in need of stimulation and support after the long months of lockdown.

The Oral History project planned with members of the Gateway Support group, who used to meet on a Wednesday afternoon, and a similar programme with members of the congregation involved face to face interviews. With the permission of the Lottery Investment Manager this has now been changed to Written History. Thanks to our wonderfully diverse and supportive congregation we have already several heritage rich stories in the pipeline. Brave tales of travelling across the world to live in England and Nottingham, many to train and work in the NHS. Memories of the times when St Peter's put on plays, stories of runaways who found happiness in this city and its friendly people. The history of 'Gateway' is under preparation and members of the group are finding that writing helps with their well-being.

The Schools Outreach: We had such a positive response for Victoria school in Meadows to our initial plan of a Friday visit for each of the year groups that this helped us to win the bid. Two wonderful pilots - St Peter's Horrid History and the Art and Architecture day- were enjoyed by all concerned: staff, children and not least our fantastic group of volunteers.

Sadly, these were not to be repeated with the new year groups. Covid aside, the RS curriculum changed for September. In order to meet the needs of the school a whole new tranch of ideas, virtual events and activities have been devised and sent to the school for uploading to the learning portal. Hopefully the staff will find these useful and the children will find them enjoyable.

Project Officer Appointment

Thanks to Adele's hard work, this post, which was part of the initial bid, has now gone out to ad. The effect of the pandemic on the job market is known to us all; it is of no surprise then, that, at the time of going to press, we have received over 70 applications. The deadline is 31st July and interviews will take place - on Zoom of course - in early August for a September start.

Evaluation

Of crucial importance to the project will be the professional evaluation of each project that we have to set in place. This is to assure the Lottery that they have had a return on their investment in our outreach work in terms of the improved well-being of the all involved. That the rough sleepers have benefitted from the training; perhaps giving then a skill set for future employment. That the well-being of the mental health support group has been enhanced through their story telling. That diversity of our congregation and its contribution to the life of the city is becomes part of its history and heritage and shared with the wide community. Of great importance is the way in which the school children (from the Meadows and other schools who already shown interest in our offer) benefit from this link with St Peter's, the city and the stories of our shared history and heritage.

Mothers' Union

Mary Davey

Mary Sumner Day

On 9th August, Mothers' Union would normally be celebrating the life and work of Mary Sumner, our founder. Members from all the MU branches far and wide across the Diocese would have met at Southwell Minster to join together for a service to celebrate Mary Sumner's faith, vision and service in the name of Mothers' Union.

However, as everything is different this year and we are unable to meet physically because of Covid-19, we are asked on Mary Sumner Day to look back at her life with gratitude but also to look forward with faith and vision.

So we pray:

Loving Lord,
We give you thanks for the far-reaching vision
of our founder, Mary Sumner.
We look back with gratitude and praise for her witness,
and for all that has been achieved thus far
in the name of Mothers' Union worldwide.

As we look forward with faith for all that is to come
help us to build a future together
which will enable our work to flourish;
through far-reaching vision
and commitment to your will.
Amen

Collect for Mary Sumner Day

Faithful and loving God,
who called Mary Sumner to strive
for the renewal of family life:
give us the gift of your Holy Spirit,
that through word, prayer and deed
your family may be strengthened and your people served
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.



Webcast Services

You will be able to access an online Webcast Service every Sunday until we are able to resume our normal church gatherings. The service will be available from 10.00am.

To access these services, and the archive of previous ones, simply visit:

www.nottinghamchurches.org/webcasts

Rota for July

2nd August (Songs of Praise) - Officiant: Christopher Harrison; Preacher: Jo Tatum

9th August - Officiant: Helen Hall; Preacher: Richard Davey

- Family service: Helen Hall

16th August - Officiant: Richard Davey; Preacher: Helen Hall

23rd August - Officiant: Christopher Harrison; Preacher: Mike Ross

30th August - Officiant & Preacher: Christopher Harrison

Masks

Ann Parker

How odd are masks?
Some wear them now as fashion statements,
overlaying their anxiety
and fear of catching germs.
Others do this in indignation,
feeling foolish, deprived of freedom.
How are we supposed to eat? Or,
dare we mention it, to kiss? It takes
some living with, this new restriction.

Or is it new?
This morning, from my kitchen window
I watch a young mum carrying her baby.
coatless, nipping back from Pharmacy, perhaps?
It's colder than 'They' said, but maybe
She'd just ran over for another dummy,
baby food or nappies? She manoeuvres
her well practised self behind the steering
wheel, inserting baby easily into
its protective - restrictive?- harness. Her lights click on.
She backs out as if already in
another, safer world. Another
woman unlocks her neighboring car.

We drive masks, when you come to think of it.
Wriggle into our safe carapaces -
lights, music, heating. Water bottle
in its holder, Twix bar? Polos?
And services for longer journeys.
It's how things happen. Progression
from an outside horse and cart, including
conversation with the horse, and a chance
to wave at walkers from our higher, not
much faster mode of transport. Not enclosed
from cold or danger, as we think now, but time for
'Morning George, How's the missus? Potatoes
coming on all right? Oh, mustn't grumble.
Our Freda's coming home this afternoon.'
At 40 - 50 mph, time for a quick toot and wave
and your ten miles further down the road,
still ignorant of neighbouring potatoes.

Right now, cotton, paper (plastic!) masks.
Washable, disposable - fashionable?
That's coming. Should I twine roses
round my visor? Modern masks are
so utilitarian. Ugly.
Some look like gussets - Y fronts. I would not
want one on my face even if brand new!

No - we'll do what we have done with trains
and cars. We will elaborate. Already
we have ear pieces for music. Will the next
thing be pedestrian straws, so we
can drink while walking yet still masked?
how soon before the mask becomes a helmet,
chest plate, suit of armour? Something else
to polish Sunday mornings?
Talk about it with the neighbours.
Say, my mum and dad's still using cloth
masks, would you believe? This body suit
has pockets, built in microwave, hot drinks
and toast while travelling. Never need
to leave it off really. You'd be surprised
at some of the conveniences
they've thought of!

Inside St Peter's...



See also these videos of the new lead being produced:

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Regular Activities in our Churches

All currently suspended during the closure of our church buildings

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.
- The Bridge Community Gospel Choir meets for rehearsals on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month from 5.00-6.30pm.

St Peter's:

- Rough Sleepers' Drop-in: Mondays (women only) from 10.30am – 12noon;
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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