

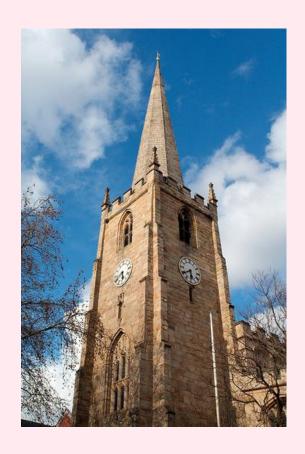
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At the time of writing, the world waits to see whether it will be possible to contain the outbreak of the new coronavirus which originated in Wuhan, China. Whilst massive efforts are now being made to do so, involving restrictions on tens of millions of people, we ask ourselves anxiously whether the virus will take root in areas where it is virtually impossible to limit its spread, and how rapid the rate of spread of the virus will be.

Modern medicine has made huge strides over the last century, and has successfully countered new diseases like HIV/AIDS as well as outbreaks of Ebola and similar diseases. However, just over a century ago a global influenza epidemic – Spanish flu - killed an estimated 50 million



people, and is said to have affected one fifth of the world's population. Around a quarter of the population of Great Britain was affected by the epidemic, of whom about a quarter of a million died. There is a moving memorial window in St Mary's church to a woman who died from Spanish flu in 1918 only a week after her wedding.

All of this is a salutary reminder of the potency of certain viruses, and how difficult it is for medical professionals, even today, to keep up with the challenges they pose. As well as remembering in a spirit of sombre reflection and prayer all those people who have already died from the new coronavirus, we should not forget the risks and sacrifices being made by all those who stand in the front line of the medical and public health response, at least one of whom, a doctor in Wuhan, has already died after being infected by the virus.

It is all too tempting to believe that the advances of modern technology will enable us to overcome all the threats which humanity may face. It is almost as if technology has come to be seen as an all-powerful God, and that belief and trust in this new God will solve all our problems. The medical response to the new coronavirus will no doubt be the best that the world can generate, and successes in recent years in dealing with new forms of epidemic do give grounds for optimism. We have come a long way since 1918. However, we are currently being reminded afresh of the vulnerability of human life to factors which sometimes may simply be beyond our control. Similarly, the inability of societies around the world to deal effectively with extreme events such as the Australian bush fires, as well as the increasing frequency of floods on the one hand and droughts on the other, is another reminder of the limits to what we can do in the face of massive threats to life and livelihood. Also, the seemingly intractable problems of oppression, the denial of human rights and war in many parts of the Middle East, now appearing to become more and more acute, suggest that peace and reconciliation between divided peoples seem as impossible to achieve as it ever has been.

In the ancient book of Psalms, we read frequently about the psalmist's awareness of the majesty and greatness of God. Today, it is absolutely right that we should affirm confidently that humanity has unprecedented power over the natural world. It is so important, however, that this should be accompanied by a recognition that this power should be exercised under the ultimate dominion of God, and not merely for human self-interest.

This year has not started well. Alongside our trepidation regarding the course of the new coronavirus and its possible toll on humanity, we also wait to see whether, seemingly against all the odds, the nations of the world can devise a plan for stabilising and even reversing global heating, which is of course another major threat.

At the heart of the Christian faith, however, lie hope and a confidence that God will lead humanity towards true blessedness. The coming of Christ to earth was an unprecedented example of God's goodness in showing humanity the path of love, compassion and justice. All the same, we can never assume that the path will be easy or cost free; there will always, sadly, be those who pay the ultimate price whilst others are more fortunate. Through the course of the last century, in spite of huge economic, social and technological developments, the world remained riven by divisions, scarred by conflict, and increasingly at risk of severe environmental breakdown. Will we do better in the present century?

Much prayer and resolute action are needed, along with a deep trust in the God who has been our help in ages past, and who must always be our hope for years to come.

Heritage Bid Update

January 2020

The bid for a lottery grant to replace the lead on the church roof was submitted in November 2019. Match funding letters have been sent to 25 charities. The lottery panel who will determine whether or not our bid is successful meet on Tuesday March 3rd and will inform us with in 48 hours.

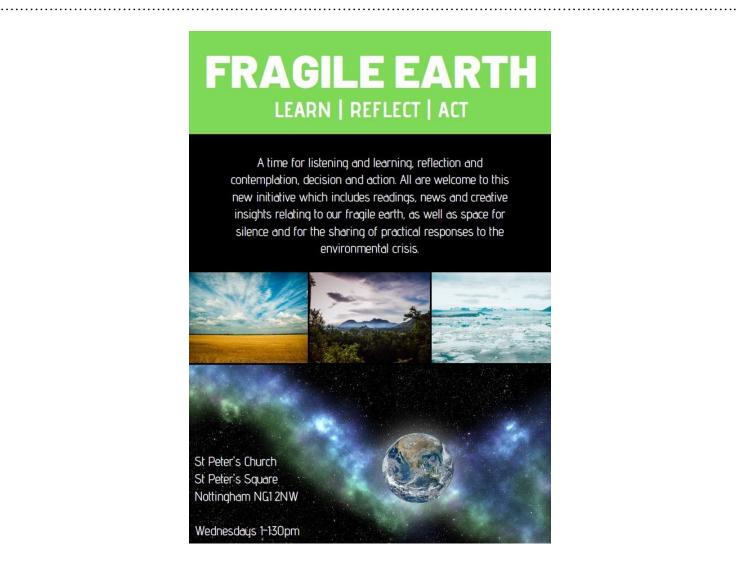
In the event of a successful bid 'Permission to Progress' must be issued by TNLHF before work can begin. This will be dependent on a report from the architect and an update from the church as to how much match funding we have accrued. In the event that we are unsuccessful we will be able to resubmit the bid in November 2020

We are very grateful to Ann parker for her generous donation toward the roof fund from the sale of her poetry book. This is still available to buy in the Church Book shop. Also thanks go to Saxon Barry who has donated the generously the proceeds from the sale of one of her paintings to the fund. Kathryn and Martin Vindelis have offered to take part in a fund-raising concert planned for the evening of Saturday 4th July- more details to follow.

If anyone is interested in having a tour of the roof, by appointment and for a donation of at least £10 toward its repair, then please let me know. Offers of help to make industrial quantities of play dough for the Victoria School Art and Architecture day on March 6^{th} would also be most welcome.

In these times of austerity there has been a significant drop in the number of people buying lottery tickets. There is therefore less money available for bids. This situation is compounded by the fact that there are more bids for the limited pot of funding.

Thanking every one for their continued and very positive support.



A new decade, a new era...perhaps. Our prayers need to address issues to do with the environment and how we care for our world:

God of creation, the earth is yours With all its beauty and goodness, Its rich and overflowing provision.

But we have claimed it for our own, Plundered its beauty for profit, Grabbed its resources for ourselves.

God of creation, forgive us. May we no longer abuse your trust, But care gently and with justice for your earth.

It is nearly Lent...a time for preparation to journey with Christ to what he what he must do, a time for repentance, a time for owning up for the things we have failed to do:

You Lord Jesus, knew great power, To heal, to transform, To proclaim the reign of God and His Kingdom.

So you met with great temptations.

The wrong way, glittering and possible was open,

You could rule if you chose,

In majesty and wonder,

More victorious than Alexander, more imperial than Caesar,

But you said no,

Simply decisively, for ever for us.

Give to politicians compassion, a sense of justice - a sense of what it means to love

Holy Spirit of God, enable us to respond to temptation With the strength of your Word within us,

So that we may hold firm to our calling, and take the better way in faithfulness.

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Christmas at St Peter's



CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

Saturday 1st	11.00am	Coffee Break Concert	St Peter's
		The Abruti Quartet	
Sunday 2nd	8.15am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
The Presentation of Christ	10.30am	Sung Eucharist	All Saints'
in the Temple	10.45am	Matins*	St Peter's
1		Responses Clucas	
		Te Deum in F <i>Ireland</i>	
		When to the temple Eccard	
	5.00pm	Solemn Eucharist for Candlemas*	All Saints'
	•	Mass in four voices <i>Byrd</i>	
		Lord, let thy servant now depart in peace <i>Tye</i>	
	5.00pm	Holy Communion with prayers for healing	St Peter's
Monday 3 rd	1.15pm	Meditation	St Peter's
Tuesday 4th	10.00am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
•	10.30am	Community Coffee morning (Places of Welcome)	All Saints'
	1.15pm	Holy Communion	St Peter's
Wednesday 5 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	All Saints'
•	1.00pm	Fragile Earth: Learn, Reflect, Act	St Peter's
Thursday 6th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	All Saints'
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
Friday 7 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	All Saints'
	6.30pm	Light Night	St Peter's
Saturday 8 th	11.00am	Coffee Break Concert	St Peter's
		St Barnabas Cathedral Youth Choir	
	6.30pm	Light Night	St Peter's
Sunday 9 th	8.15am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
	9.45am	Family Service	St Peter's
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist	All Saints'
	10.45am	Sung Eucharist	St Peter's
	5.00pm	Evensong*	St Peter's
		Responses Leighton	
		Third Service <i>Moore</i>	
		Ubi caritas <i>Gjeilo</i>	
Monday 10 th	1.15pm	Meditation	St Peter's
Tuesday 11 th	10.00am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
	10.30am	Community Coffee morning (Places of Welcome)	All Saints'
	1.15pm	Holy Communion	St Peter's
Wednesday 12th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	All Saints'
	1.00pm	Fragile Earth: Learn, Reflect, Act	St Peter's
Thursday 13 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	All Saints'
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
Friday 14th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	All Saints'
Saturday 15 th	10.30am	Mothers' Union Meeting	All Saints'
	11.00am	Coffee Break Concert	St Peter's
		Katharine Dryden, mezzo-soprano & Philip	
		Robinson, piano	

Sunday 16 th	8.15am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
·	10.30am	Sung Eucharist	All Saints'
	10.45am	Sung Eucharist*	St Peter's
		Kyrie & Agnus Dei 'Collegium Regale' Howells	
		Geistliches Lied Brahms	
	5.00pm	Gospel Choir Rehearsal	All Saints'
	5.00pm	Taizé Service	St Peters'
Monday 17 th	1.15pm	Meditation	St Peter's
Tuesday 18 th	10.00am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
	10.30am	Community Coffee morning (Places of Welcome)	All Saints'
	1.15pm	Holy Communion	St Peter's
Wednesday 19th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	All Saints'
	1.00pm	Fragile Earth: Learn, Reflect, Act	St Peter's
Thursday 20 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	All Saints'
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
Friday 21st	9.00am	Morning Prayer	All Saints'
Saturday 22 nd	11.00am	Coffee Break Concert	St Peter's
		Richard Hinsley, piano	
Sunday 23 rd	8.15am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist	All Saints'
	10.45am	Sung Eucharist*	St Peter's
		Preacher: Jonathan Evens, HeartEdge	
		Kyrie & Agnus Dei 'Aurea Luce' Franks	
		O nata lux <i>Tallis</i>	
	5.00pm	Compline*	St Peter's
	1	Kyrie 'Aurea Luce' <i>Franks</i>	
		Nunc dimittis (tone iii) <i>Victoria</i>	
		Ave Regina Caelorum Lassus	
Monday 24th	1.15pm	Meditation	St Peter's
Tuesday 25 th	10.00am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
	10.30am	Community Coffee morning (Places of Welcome)	All Saints'
	1.15pm	Holy Communion	St Peter's
	6.30pm	Shrove Tuesday pancake party	Coffee
	1		Room
Wednesday 26th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	All Saints'
Ash Wednesday	12.00	Holy Communion	All Saints'
	1.00pm	Fragile Earth: Learn, Reflect, Act	St Peter's
	7.30pm	Sung Eucharist*	St Peter's
	T T	Sancte Deus <i>Tallis</i>	
		Sanctus, Benedictus, Agnus Dei XI	
		Sub tuam protectionem <i>Tue</i>	
		Sub tuam protectionem <i>Tye</i> The Lent Prose	
Thursday 27 th	9.00am	The Lent Prose	All Saints'
Thursday 27 th	9.00am 11.00am	The Lent Prose Morning Prayer	All Saints' St Peter's
Thursday 27 th	11.00am	The Lent Prose Morning Prayer Holy Communion	St Peter's
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Community environmental initiative

The 'Green Table' at the back of St Peter's Church

This has changed - it has had an excellent refit, thanks to Liz M and some up to date designs.

This is to be in line with another church initiative. As from mid-January, a midweek group has started with creation in mind - half an hour from 1 pm on Wednesdays, with time for contemplating the state of the planet and our response to it, with time also for comments and suggestions. This is still quite embryonic, so is likely to change over the coming weeks, as it 'gels'.

Charles Stickley has also set up an eco-prayer group based on the Celtic prayer book - a fascinating book, very varied so not boring! This group meets once a month at 2pm, after the weekly one.

Meanwhile, almost every day brings news of other churches and their efforts regarding climate change. On 28th January, Christian Aid and St Peter's Church organised a meeting, focusing on the people of countries hit by rainforest destruction. Christian Aid is encouraging survival, by use of local tried and tested farming methods and the introduction of solar energy to provide water pumps and solar powered cookers, both safer and healthier, and more sustainable, than using wood burners. An exhibition on this aspect of their work will be in church for the next three weeks.

The meeting on 28th January was well attended, with over fifty present and with excellent speakers. Nick Thorley from Christian Aid gave an overview of their work and the situation which continue climate change owing to the wealthiest organizations choosing to deny there is a problem.

Councillor Sally Longford from Nottingham City Council spoke of the City's plans to make the city carbon neutral by 2028 at least; but change and new ideas continue to be made, so it could be possible that this target is reached sooner. Many of us were heartened by a member of a government actually doing something positive. This does not often seem to happen. I think several of us who do not live in the city, now feel we would like to.

We also heard from three young people from Extinction Rebellion, who were well informed of their project and the severity of climate change. Within the last two weeks we have heard of the fires in Australia - the forests are now recovering, but still so many animas dead from this disaster. And since then there has been an earthquake in Turkey and another one near Jamaica. Meanwhile other areas have huge rainfall and the snow is disappearing, including from ski-sites. These sorts of stories used to happen maybe once a year. This is within a fortnight. Surely something is going wrong – and yet we continue to be governed by politicians who favour fossil fuel energy, while doing little to promote green energy or insulation. There would seem to be more wisdom and intelligence in Extinction Rebellion teenagers than there is from world leaders.

The question of 'what can we do' is still unanswered because the problem in enormous. Paul Bodenham, our last speaker, told us that we would have to learn to walk in faith because there is no other option. He showed us a modern painting of the Israelites crossing the Red sea as the waves parted. I have seen pictures of this scene before, but in this one the difference between the size of the waves and of the people is enormous. For a long time I didn't see people. They were too small to be clearly visible. Paul used this to try to demonstrate the extent of the problem. We are likely to be walking into this sort of 'escape route', if there is one. There certainly won't be a way out by standing still or carrying on as normal.

Coffee room recycling: plea for help

Please can we have more volunteers to help sort and take away the coffee room recycling? Please ask or email for more information, or just take a bag away with you!

Other recycling at St Peter's and All Saints':

- Foil: metal foil/foil trays only, not silver plastic film or foil coated plastic e.g. tablet packs. We have also been advised that this should be compacted into 'golf-balls' to get them through the sorting process. Otherwise, your local Sainsbury's may well have a hopper for metal, also tetrapacks (e.g. juice cartons), if that's easier for you.
- Plastic bottle tops
- Dental: toothbrushes, paste tubes and packaging, but not pumps, bamboo brushes or electronic toothbrushes. For recyclable e-toothbrush heads: https://www.livecoco.com.
- Baby food pouches: St Peter's only.



Ann Parker

Can you do at least one of these other things?

- Some of us have new MPs since the last general election. If you wrote to your old MP before about environmental issues, or even if you didn't, why not share your concerns with them now? Find their contact details at https://members.parliament.uk/.
- Petition Australia to ditch coal: https://secure.greenpeace.org.uk/page/s/australian-fires.
- Petition supermarkets against industrial aquaculture: https://www.rainforest-rescue.org/petitions/1204/stop-plundering-the-oceans-for-industrial-aquaculture.
- Furoshiki wrapping workshop: 9:30-11am 29th February. Ask at Shop Zero next to the Malt Cross or look at https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/efuroshiki-eco-wrapping-workshop-tickets-89757189169.
- Not enough room to plant a tree? Look at www.forestrydegree.net/woodland-conservation/.
- Involved in a local organisation which uses a courier? Switch to clean air delivery with www.wegocouriers.co.uk.
- Find more solutions or donate to Project Drawdown at www.drawdown.org.

Want to comment but not online? Please drop a note to Stephanie Lax c/o the Parish Office.

BOOK OF THE MONTH

By 'Bramcote Book Worm'

'This Green and Pleasant Land' By Ayisha Malik

The visual image on the cover of this novel sums up the tension in the sleepy village of Babbel's End.

The title, a quotation from Blake's 'Jerusalem', echoes the twenties travel poster artwork.

This is a novel for our times- the story of a small village and its inhabitants, the natives and the incomers, of faith and friendship, of community and identity.

The characters include:

Accountant Bilal Hasham and his journalist wife Mariam who have lived in sleepy Babbel's end for eight years.

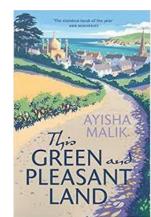
Sakeena Hasham, Bilal's dying mother, whose final request for her son is at the heart of the novel.

Village busybody Shelley Hawkins

Village vicar Richard Young, a friend and supporter of Bilal

The Auntie from Birmingham

All combine to make this funny and uplifting novel about seeking unity during time of division such a joy to read.



Mothers' Union

15th February

Mothers' Union Meeting at All Saints'

10.00 for 10.30am.

Speaker: Pauline Wainwright, talking about her visit to Kenya.

2nd March

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



From the Archives...

Some familiar names and faces from the July 1994 Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham 'SEE' magazine!

People in the news

BOOKING IN!

• AUTHOR Rosie Miles, who wrote Not in our name — voices of women who have left the Church, is pictured second from the right at the book's launch at the Mushroom Bookshop, Nottingham. Copies can be obtained from the Social Responsibility Office, St Catharine's House, St Ann's Well Road, Nottingham, NG3 1EJ — Nottingham 585517. Price is £3, with 50p postage. Discount and sale or return available for Church bookstalls.



Ann writes poems

MRS ANN R. Parker, of Beeston, Nottingham, a member of St Peter's, Nottingham, has written a set of poems which she has named Quintets.

She tells us: "Quintets is a set of five booklets in a series of five. "Set one includes meditative and humorous poems from a Christian point of view on trains, restoration, Church, prayer stones and city."

They cost 80p per booklet, or £3.50 for the five. They can be ordered from Mrs Parker,

A percentage will support a missionary for Wycliffe Bible Translators — Mrs Parker's son Graham, has just joined them as a graphic designer.

On their bikes!



TWIN sisters Armorel Young (right) and Margaret Willmot will set out on July 24 to cycle from Land's End to John O'Groats to raise money for Emmanuel House, the Nottingham day centre for homeless people.

They are the daughters of a Hampshire clergyman and Armorel is a stalwart of St Peter's, Nottingham, a voluntary secretary at St Peter's, Radford, and administrative assistant at the Potter's House, Nottingham. Her sister is a self-employed computer consultant.

While the two are cycling, Armorel's husband and elder son will be walking from coast to coast across northern England. Paths will cross but they will not be able to meet.

Anyone interested in supporting the cycle ride can ring Armorel or Emmanuel House (0602 507140) for a sponsorship form.

St Peter's organist retires

MR KENDRICK Partington, Master of the Choristers and Organist at St Peter's Church, Nottingham, retired at the end of June after 37 years service.

It was a happy coincidence that led to his appointment — the post at St Peter's became vacant at the time of his taking office as Director of Music and Organist at Nottingham Boys' High School.

A full account of his service and of the tributes to Mr Partington will be in your next month's See.

His successor is to be Gary Sieling, until recently assistant organist at Peterborough Cathedral. He takes up the post in September.

Thanks to Rob Edlin-White for providing these articles!

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party

All are welcome to join members of the Overseas Committee on Tuesday 25th February for the annual Pancake Party. As usual, this will take place in the St Peter's Coffee Room, from 6.30pm. Donations towards the work of the Overseas Committee will be welcomed.

MUSIC AT ST PETER'S NOTTINGHAM

(next to Marks & Spencer)

COFFEE BREAK CONCERTS 2020

All concerts start at 11am and last for one hour Coffee & biscuits from 10.15am · Admission by donation

Saturday 1st February

The Abruti Quartet

In a delightful start to the series, local players (familiar faces to many at St Peter's!) will present two of Haydn's string quartets, Op. 33 No. 1 in B minor and Op. 77 No. 1 in G major.

Saturday 8th February

St Barnabas Cathedral Youth Choir

Making their St Peter's debut, young singers from Nottingham's Roman Catholic Cathedral will present a wide-ranging and entertaining programme.

Saturday 15th February

Katharine Dryden, mezzo-soprano Philip Robinson, piano

In a welcome return to St Peter's, this varied programme will include song repertoire by Schumann, Schubert, Brahms, Vaughan Williams and Elgar.

Saturday 22nd February

Richard Hinsley, piano

Local contemporary-classical pianist Richard Hinsley will perform pieces from his two albums along with a selection of new, unreleased material.

Saturday 29th February

'Illuminate'

A welcome return to St Peter's by this innovative project (established by composer Dr Angela Slater) that promotes the work of emerging women composers and performers alongside historical repertoire.

Saturday 7th March

Liszt: Via Crucis

A rare opportunity to hear Liszt's powerful musical evocation of the fourteen Stations of the Cross. The excellent Nottingham Baroque Soloists are joined at the piano by former St Peter's Director of Music, Philip Collin.

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Regular Activities in our Churches

For regular services, see the calendar pages in this magazine

All Saints'

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