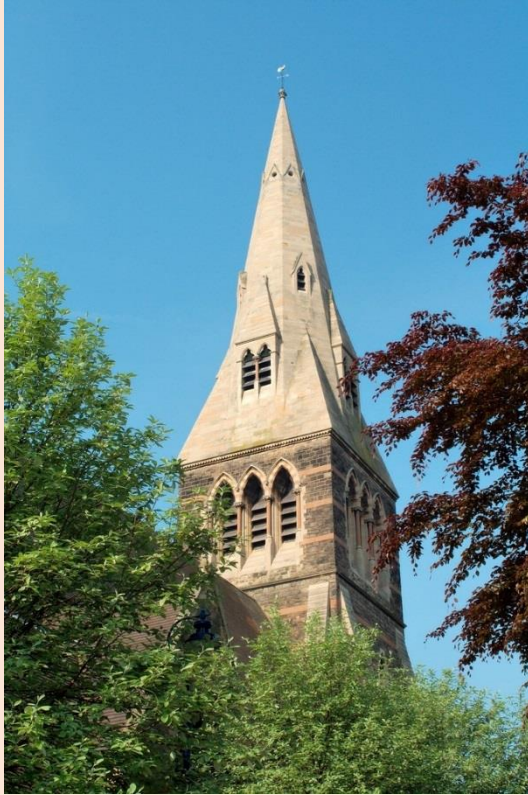


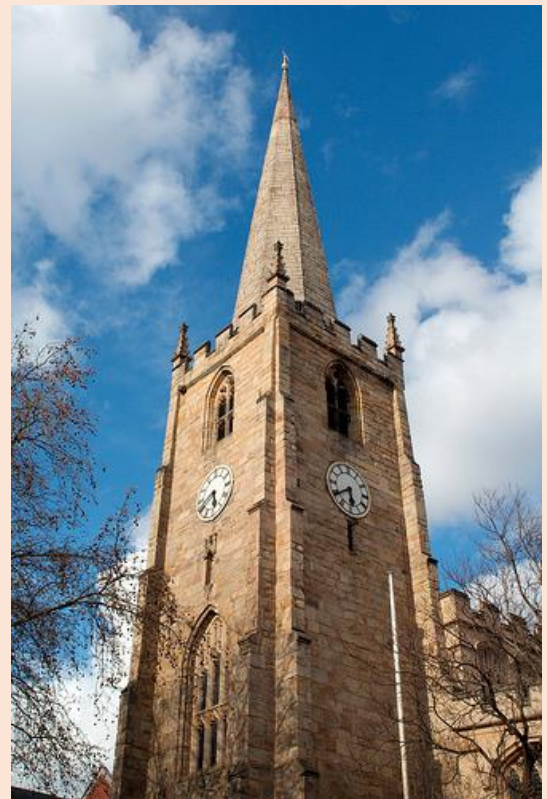


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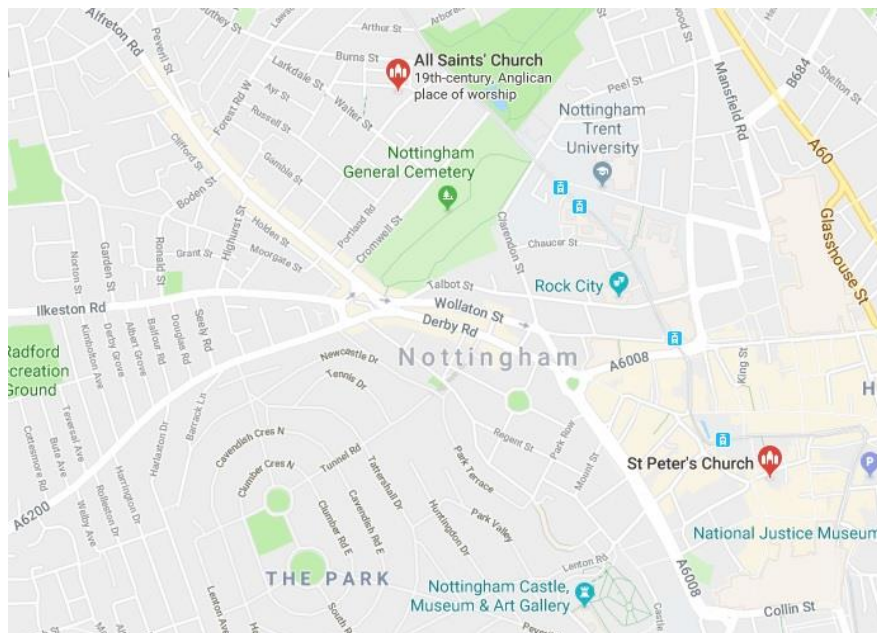
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This year the month of May falls entirely within the Easter season, ending with the feast of Pentecost, or Whitsunday, on the 31st. It is a time when we traditionally continue to celebrate the new life brought to the world by Christ, with his victory over death being followed by a series of appearances to his followers. He came to them when they were in a locked room, also on the road to Emmaus and on the shores of Lake Galilee as well as on other occasions, not only bringing them fresh hope and strengthening their faith but showing them God's infinite love, compassion and mercy once again. Before leaving them as he ascended to the heavenly realms, he commissioned them to be his apostles and to make disciples of peoples of all nations.



Even though the world is currently caught up in the most serious and deadly pandemic for over a century, there is of course much for which we should be thankful. This includes the massive and unstinting commitment being shown by so many people who work in the health service, the care sector, as well as all those who maintain food supplies and other essential services; the wonderful response of communities and neighbourhoods in support of the most vulnerable; and the widespread signs of renewal and resurgence in the world of nature. All the same, we should not allow ourselves to be distracted from the brutal reality that deeply debilitating illness and death have now reached unspeakable levels around the world, and that we are still far from knowing when this catastrophe is going to end. More and more of us know people who have had Covid-19 or who still have the virus, or who have indeed died as a result of it. Even allowing for the understandable tendency of elements of the news media to seek out dramatic stories, acute suffering, sadness and loss have now become an everyday fact of life not just in hospitals, but also in more and more care establishments, prisons, and within people's own homes up and down the land. We will also, moreover, probably never know the full extent of the effect of Covid-19 upon the populations of the poorer countries of the world, where testing for the virus is limited and health care resources are fewer.

So where is the Easter hope in all this? For almost two thousand years, the Christian faith has brought strength, hope and comfort to millions of people not just when times were calm and stable but during wars, persecution and oppression, natural disasters and other periods when large numbers of people mourned the loss of their loved ones and feared for their own lives as well. There will probably always be various forms of suffering and sadness in the world; we sometimes cannot escape these, although we can and should still pray to God for the safety and protection of others as well as for ourselves. Knowing that God understands our pain and has indeed experienced it alongside us, through the coming to earth of Christ, can also be a comfort. The blessings we receive in our times of need through the love, care, prayers and acts of kindness of others, can also be a wonderfully encouraging expression of God's love. All the examples which we are currently seeing of how the coronavirus crisis is bringing out the best in people remind us of the God-given goodness which lies in people's hearts, even if we don't always realise this.

All the same, times like this bring us face to face with sadness, grief and indeed our own mortality in ways which none of us would choose. We are reminded that life is infinitely precious and that every person's life matters to God. When the time comes to say farewell to someone, however, even if this is unexpected, it is important to commend them to God's eternal love while giving thanks for all they have given to those who were close to them and to the communities in which they lived and worked. This is also the precise moment at which the Easter hope becomes real for us in a new and very personal way. For Christ's victory over death, his rising again from the grave, shows us that death is not the end; he has gone before us to our heavenly home and has prepared a place for us, as he told the disciples at the Last Supper. Our mortal bodies are but flesh and blood; our destiny is to be with God in eternity.

Let us therefore remain strong in faith and love; let us continue to walk alongside one another in spirit during these difficult times, even if we cannot physically do so; and may the infinite love of God be with you all through whatever trials and tribulations you may face in the coming days.

How I came to love (well, appreciate) technology

Anne Hardy

These unique, strange and frightening times have made me appreciate my iPad, an event I never thought would happen. Obviously I am enjoying using it to connect with friends, past and present, but it is the privilege of still feeling part of St Peter's congregation and being able to "attend" church on Sundays and in Lent, that is most amazing. It seemed that there was hardly any time at all, between the elderly and those with health issues being advised to self-isolate, and the whole country being asked to go into lockdown. The thought of no church, when it was needed the most, was worrying.

Then the reassuring news that the church services would be broadcast online, but the fear that the technology would be too demanding for me. "Oh dear" I thought, "I bet that will be challenging" - but it could not have been easier. I appreciated how Alice must have felt in Wonderland.

"Click here" - so I did, and there was the Order of Service, the familiar in an unfamiliar setting. Emboldened I pressed an arrow, and lo and behold, there was Christopher's reassuring voice introducing the service. My grateful thanks to all those who made this wonderful experience possible.

Later, reading how the service was constructed again made me feel in Wonderland, how the individual voices were blended into one by Peter. How the choir's performances at various cathedrals were copied in with the current readings.

It is wonderful too that these services can be called up at any time, and I do hope that a selection of these will be available permanently. When (not if!) life returns to normal, and for whatever reason one cannot attend church, it would be wonderful to be able to call one up. It is obvious that much thought has gone into their preparation, and although created for Lent / Easter the themes of the homilies are universal, and there was so much food for thought in the Good Friday service that a second perusal is essential. Thank you to Liz for your input: we are lucky to have you for our ministry assistant! The Family Service is there too, and can be enjoyed by all - the singing of 'Lord of the Dance' is very inspiring.

Although I am now appreciative of the wonders of where my iPad can take me, and shall be eternally grateful, I must admit to still preferring the pleasure of a book. "The Adventures of Asterix" by Goscinny and Uderzo, have been mentioned in the Press recently. I seem to remember that was about a tiny community in Brittany that refused to yield to the Romans that had conquered the rest of Gaul, and by various schemes and adventures kept them at bay. That message (although told in comic form) seems very appropriate for today.

The Webcast services can be accessed through the parish website - www.nottinghamchurches.org/webcasts - every Sunday at 10am.

'To Church on Sunday...'

During this lockdown, one of the things many of us have missed is going to church on Sunday. For some this is part of the fabric of life woven in childhood.

Talking on the phone with another self-isolating member of our congregation about missing church we reminisced about the days when Sunday meant church three times in the day: Morning and Evening Prayer with Sunday School between. Once you had been confirmed this could become four times on certain Sundays with an early morning communion service.

Our wonderfully diverse congregation means that for some Sunday was best clothes for church and the evening spent on the beach in Sierra Leone, for others in rural England a three long walks across fields, every Sunday morning, afternoon and evening, winter and summer.

We would love to hear about your childhood Sundays whenever and wherever they happened. If you are happy to share your memories, perhaps accompanied by a photograph of the small person you were and the church you attended, then please email them to Adele (office@nottinghamchurches.org). Depending on space we may not always be able to publish in full. If you have a story to tell but would rather not put it onto writing yourself, we can help you. Let us know and someone will contact you. Who knows there may be an anthology waiting to be compiled?

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. We will still produce a monthly magazine, which will be online rather than printed - so please send any material to Adele by 20th of the month, as usual. Any enquiries, or concerns, please get in touch – we're here to help!

Mothers' Union

Prayer is a very important part of Mothers' Union, and at this time of lockdown we hopefully have more time to pray for the work of the M.U. You might also like to remember those who have had to postpone their weddings, those who have been baptised in our churches and especially those having to wait to be baptised. May is when our diocese send families on holidays, which now have had to be cancelled. Let us remember those very disappointed families.



I send my love and prayers to each one of you. I think this prayer of John's is a great comfort. (From "Dear Lord", a collection of prayers and poems from MU members across the world.)

Mary Davey

Cast all your care upon Christ our Redeemer,
and trust in his promise to be by your side.
His love will uphold you, his arms will enfold you,
let him be your Saviour, your shepherd and guide.

Fret not nor fear, for whatever befalls you,
remember for love of you Jesus was slain.
In dying for us, he shared all human sorrow
and bore on his shoulder the weight of your pain

Though life be fraught with all manner of sorrows
the stresses and strains that beset us each day.
Be firm in your faith for the Lord will be with you,
and be by your side as your strength and your stay.

John Davey

Obituary - Sir John Houghton

Sir John Houghton, who was involved over many years in working for a more sustainable environment, including being co-chair of the United Nations Intergovernmental Committee on Climate Change, has died recently. He had contracted Covid-19.

Sir John was a Christian and there is a brief obituary for him on the Premier Christian Radio website:

<https://tinyurl.com/sjhobit>

Prayers for May

Reverend Christopher Harrison

Let us pray for all those who have lost loved ones as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. We pray for all those who are currently suffering from Covid-19, and for all who are close to them. We pray for those who are especially vulnerable as a result of other health conditions, poverty, or lack of access to health care, both in this country and around the world.

We pray for all those who are caring for the sick, in hospitals, care homes and wherever people live. We give thanks for the remarkable work done by so many people in the health care professions in saving lives, making patients comfortable, and contributing more widely to the work of our hospitals and care homes. We remember with thanksgiving also all those who are working hard to maintain essential services and other necessary aspects of everyday life.

Give faith, hope and strength, O God, to all those who are anxious or afraid. Help them to trust in your infinite love and goodness, and to see your love in the care shown by those around them. May we all cherish the Easter hope in our hearts and share this hope with those around us.

We pray for all those whose work and livelihoods have been affected by the coronavirus epidemic, both in this country and around the world. We remember in prayer those who have lost their jobs and those who are incurring increasing levels of debt as they attempt to make ends meet. Give wisdom and compassion, O God, to all in positions of authority who are making decisions about how best to support the economy at this most difficult time.

We give you thanks, O God, for all who have died, especially remembering those who were close to us and those who have lost their lives as a result of coronavirus. We pray for those who mourn and for all who are close to death; may the love of Christ guide and sustain in their hour of particular need. We thank you in particular, O God, for the life of June Baines of All Saints' Church, whose funeral service took place on 2nd April.

Proposed parish WhatsApp group

Would you like to join a new parish WhatsApp group? I am planning to set up a group which will have, as its main purpose, the sharing of a text from Scripture each day. This could be followed by the sharing of comments on that text, or experiences relating to it, as well as prayer requests. The intention is for us to be able to encourage one another, drawing upon verses from the Bible, and for us to support one another by means of the group at this difficult time. I will co-ordinate a daily rota of those group members who are prepared to share a Scriptural text of their choice, perhaps along with a few brief remarks about it.

If you are not familiar with WhatsApp, this is a smartphone application which enables people easily to share short messages, images, voice recordings and short videos. A great advantage is that within a WhatsApp group, messages can pass to all group members simultaneously, which makes message-based conversations within groups of people very easy. Please note, however, that in a WhatsApp group each group member has access to the telephone number of other group members.

If you would like to be part of this WhatsApp group, please send me a WhatsApp message (or indeed an ordinary text message), if you have my mobile phone number already. Otherwise please email me, or alternatively email: office@nottinghamchurches.org giving your mobile number and saying that you would like to join the group.

Christopher Harrison

Overseas Committee

Dorothy Mountford

In late March, the BBC reported on the situation in the Idlib refugee camp in Syria. The tents stretched to the horizon and a 70 year old grandmother caring for her 5 grandchildren explained how their only hope of fighting Covid-19 was a stand-pipe delivering cold water.

The image of the tents stretching into the distance only begins to suggest the impossibility of social distancing. The Overseas committee felt that the money collected from the Silver Smarties Appeal so far this year should not lie fallow and it was agreed to send £500 to the United Nations High Commission for Refugees.



Sadly, the Easter Breakfast in aid of Mercy Ships, which has become an annual event at the home of Lina and Wilfred Morgan, did not go ahead because of lockdown. We have been given some very generous donations by people from all our churches who support the wonderful work of this faith-based international development organisation, which deploys hospital ships to some of the poorest countries in the world, delivering vital, free healthcare to people in desperate need. If anyone would like to donate to this cause then please send a cheque payable to Keith Mountford, 38, Church Street, Bramcote, Nottingham, NG9 3HD. If you wish to gift aid this donation then please enclose your full name and address with your post code for us to forward to Mercy ships.

Tidings from our South East Asian missionary partners are both glad and sad. Beom Jin, Marie Lure Shin and their boys are back in Belgium, Marie's home. They are expecting their third child, but Marie is undergoing medical treatment for a problem with her vocal cords. They were hoping to visit the UK and St Peter's this summer; but who knows what the next months will bring in terms of travel. We hold them in our prayers.

May is the month of Christian Aid week and so another of our annual events will not be going ahead. There will be no red balloons and collection tins in the coffee shop; no cake and 'proper coffee' after church to raise funds. However, CA have lots of creative ideas to help us keep involved:

Virtual events in Christian Aid Week

*It's more important than ever that Christian Aid supporters come together as a community to worship and to share fun and fellowship. That's why during Christian Aid Week, Christian Aid will be **live-streaming worship every day** and **hosting a fun daily quiz** to join and raise funds. All you need to be able to do is click a link! Sign up using the links below to take part.*

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/christian-aid-week/daily-prayer-reflection>

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/christian-aid-week/daily-quiz>

Thank you for your ongoing support and Stay Safe.

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Coronavirus 'Daily Hope' phone line

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, has launched a free national phone line as a simple new way to bring worship and prayer into people's homes while church buildings are closed because of the coronavirus. 'Daily Hope' offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line.

The line - which is available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044 - has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind.

Book of the month

By 'Bramcote Book Worm'

'The Mirror and the Light'

By Hilary Mantel

"It is not wise to allow crowds in the streets, or pack bodies into indoor spaces." Not a Gov UK warning against the spread of Covid-19, but a reflection by Thomas Cromwell, on the rumour of a 16th century plague stalking the streets of London, found on page 192 of Hilary Mantel's long-awaited novel 'The Mirror & the Light'. For the first month of the coronavirus lockdown I have escaped, every day, into Cromwell's England; though 'escape' is hardly the right word to use about entering his world of terror and intrigue, of passion and pain.

We all know the plot. There are no spoilers. Telling a friend that you've just got to the bit where Jane Seymore dies gives nothing away. We know where it will end. E.M. Forster in his lectures on 'Aspects of the Novel' bemoaned the fact that the novel tells a story. 'Oh dear, yes,' he said 'the novel tells a story'. The best novels always do much more than spin a tale.

Hilary Mantel is a consummate novelist; of course she tells a story, but it is her creation of the character of Thomas Cromwell which had people queuing up to buy the final book of her Wolf Hall trilogy. He is the *raison d'être* of the books, 'he, Cromwell'. In the books we live and breathe Tudor England through Cromwell's senses. We smell the fragrance of the Renaissance Italy of his youth and the stinks of the Putney of his childhood, we feel the tension and excitement of reformation Antwerp and the touch the textiles and hangings in fortress of Calais, the last European foothold of the King.

We share Cromwell's inner life: memories of his violent father. We experience his power as we walk the corridors with him towards the monarch-monster Henry VIII. We warm to his love of family, are charmed by his wit and humour; fear, helplessly, for his life. The relationships which Mantel recreates between Cromwell and a whole range of characters are what brings him alive. His lifelong loyalty to Cardinal Wolsey, his diplomatic handling of the king, his kindness to Lady Mary (deliberately not Princess Mary), his urbane relationship with Chapuys the Spanish Ambassador, his love for his little dead daughters, his kindness to his servants.

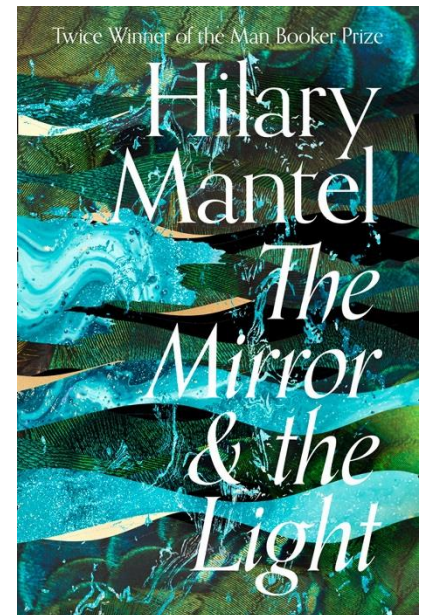
In 'Wolf Hall' and 'Bring up the Bodies' Mantel creates the renaissance man. He is a modern thinker, a reformer. She builds him up as he seeks to resolve the King's 'Great Matter' in the first two volumes, and then overseas his demise in the third. She leaves us in no doubt that 'it is a thing never seen before - Lord Cromwell is the government and the church as well'. She never lets us forget as Chapuys reminds him: "... when all is said, you are a blacksmith's son. Your whole life depends on the next beat of Henry's heart, and your future on his smile or frown."

Mantel's constant use of the present tense serves to keep up reading in 'real time'. We are there with Cromwell, in the moment right up until the end. Her greatest achievement must be that, despite our pre-knowledge, we see everything through Cromwell's eyes. Mantel creates suspense and apprehension where none should exist. "You succeed not despite the fact that your reader knows what happens, but because of it," she has said.

'Wolf Hall' with Mark Rylance as Thomas Cromwell is currently available on BBC iplayer



Drawing of Thomas Cromwell, ca. 1538 by Hans Holbein the Younger



What day is it?

Ann Parker

What day is it today? Does it matter?

No appointments. no visitors,
'no other time of day. November'.

I am making false appointments,
as in just now. Queuing in the cold
and rain outside Iceland, just to buy
a pint of milk, thankful to be allowed
outside for this much.

Pleasures come smaller now, and more
appreciated. What would have been
the misery and the irritation
of coming home freezing cold and wet;
(and after summer said it had come soon
and only yesterday we were sitting
out of doors) Now it is a pleasure to feel
anything! Even the unpleasant. It proves
we are still conscious. Hurrying home to
turn the central heating on - in April,
at midday! Make a welcomed cup of tea
and cheese on toast, plus the bonus
of that crusty seed bread I bought in Aldi
yesterday. Make today a festival
for no good reason - there are no good reasons
at the moment. So we must invent our own,
and I have returned to childhood story
books or novels from times safely past.
And that's another day without
the ironing done!

Online Prayer & Bible Study

Liz Marsh is looking to set up weekly online prayer (Tuesdays) and Bible study (Thursdays) meetings, open to all those interested. The aim is to start from Tuesday 5th May at a provisional time of 2pm. The prayer meeting would be reflective in style, allowing us to reflect on our current situation and pray for the needs of ourselves, others and the world. The first Bible study will be on the Beatitudes, and we'll decide on a theme or book for the following meetings in our first session. This would be a great opportunity for us to connect and share with one another while we cannot meet together in person.

We will probably be using Zoom for this, which is an online video-calling app that is easy to set up and use. For those without the right equipment, it is also possible to join Zoom meetings by phone. Liz is happy to help out with getting set up if needed. Please contact her at liz.marsh@nottinghamchurches.org if you are interested in joining the meetings.

Online Giving

Since it is not currently possible to make your offerings to St Peter's and All Saints' churches during worship, please consider making a donation by means of the online giving facility which can be found at <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/7870#!/DonationDetails>

The National Lottery Heritage Fund Bid Update

May 2020

Dorothy Mountford

On Palm Sunday, our Rector Christopher Harrison made a pre-service announcement. He had good news. Our application to the National Lottery Heritage fund had been successful.

A year ago, Notre Dame de Paris burned, and the roof of St Peter's Nottingham was in urgent need of repair. Two places of worship built for the glory of God. Two medieval buildings standing as they have done for centuries at the heart of their cities and reminding us of their fragility and of our responsibility to preserve and cherish them. Two architectural treasures needing to be preserved for future generations.

The wood, stone and lead - the constituent parts of the roof of Notre Dame - that burnt and cracked and melted dramatically and tragically that April evening are the same components which are at risk in St Peter's. The roof lead, last laid in 1812, protects the Strelley oaks which Nicolas de Strelley donated from his acres in the 15th century to create the nave roof and the clerestory completed in 1480.

Swift and fearsome fire destroyed Our Lady of Paris, slow and insidious water ingress threatened Saint Peter. As a grade 1 listed building on the At-Risk Register, and a church with a mission of social outreach in the city centre, we caught the interest of the Lottery. They asked us to submit an 'expression of interest' stage and were given permission to continue with the full bid. The 6,000 word application form was completed and submitted in November 2019. Details of the capital work required, assurances of faculty permissions and a detailed plan of the project outreach work, which would ensure that the heritage of the church would be shared with the people of Nottingham, was devised.

Between November and March work continued; the upper limit of any potential Lottery grant was £250,000. The overall cost of the capital and outreach work was £340,000. We had to attract additional funding and commit to making a significant contribution from our own funds. The slow process of applying to a whole range of Trusts and Foundations and Charities and awaiting their responses occupied the time until 3rd March, the day the National Lottery panel met to decide on the allocation of grants.

The National Lottery Office, Midlands and East in Friar Lane serves a wide area. Competition is stiff. The panel make their decision on the 200 word pitch, part of the 6,000 word application. With so many applications this makes practical sense but puts a lot of pressure on that 'slight' statement.:

"People and their stories are at the heart of our bid. However, unless the roofing lead of our Grade 1 listed, 'Heritage At Risk' registered church in the heart of Nottingham, is replaced, water-ingress and further degradation will result in closure and loss of significant historical heritage.

A touch-screen kiosk will offer local and on-line visitors:

- a virtual tour of the building
- a history of church and city supported by display boards and guidebook
- photographic responses to heritage by rough sleepers
- oral and written narratives from the mental-health support group
- access to the stories of the men and women named on our memorial to the dead of two World Wars

Vulnerable people using the church weekly will:

- feel ownership of the space
- benefit from greater well-being
- develop useful skills for employment

Young people, from inner-city schools with high percentage Pupil Premium families, will:

- access engaging 'Horrid History' and heritage activities, addressing curriculum gaps
- learn about the role played by the church in the city's history
- feel a sense of place and ownership
- gain confidence to revisit with their families

So this is what we have signed up for. This is what persuaded the lottery grant us £211,000 towards the roof repairs and the outreach work.

Then, of course, came Covid-19 and the world changed. Modern technology is a wonderful thing. Video conferencing, Zoom and Meet are all ways of communicating and continuing with the work that needs to be on-going despite Lockdown.

In next month's edition we will share with you some of the detail entailed in the capital work once the contractors have government and Church of England permissions to go ahead, and the plans in place for the project if and when things get back to normal

Thank you all for your prayers, support and encouragement.

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VE Day

As we prepare to celebrate the 75th anniversary of VE Day in a rather different way than originally planned, the following article from the Nottingham Evening Post, 24th May 1945, has been discovered. Many thanks to Rachel Farrand from St Mary's for forwarding it to us!

Navy Gives A Party - Norfolk's Capstan Was Merry-Go-Round

High jinks onboard HMS Norfolk in a Norwegian port are described by the ship's chaplain, the Rev. CW Earle, in a letter to his wife, who lives at 91 Forest Road, Nottingham. The vessel arrived at Bergen last week and the ship's company invited 500 Norwegian children to a party onboard last Saturday. In case that number was exceeded, 700 were catered for, and 2,000 bars of chocolate were distributed. Swings were made by the British sailors by fixing ropes from the muzzles of the guns, and a capstan was used as a merry-go-round. Mr Earle, who was at one time curate at St Peter's, Nottingham, says the children, who were all very polite, asked for chocolates and gum, as they had not had sweets for years. The following day, at the invitation of the Norwegian pastors a service was held in Bergen Cathedral for the ship's company.

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Musical Miscellany

Peter Siepmann

Living in 'lock down' has given rise to all sorts of musical ingenuity. With musicians unable to perform together, technology has helped them to keep some degree of ensemble music making going, as listeners to our weekly webcasts will know!

Of the many 'lock down' videos floating around, this performance by musical polymath Peter Whelan of a movement from Cantata No. 149 is absolutely marvellous (not least due to his hilarious stereotyping of tenor and countertenor soloists!): <https://www.facebook.com/peter.whelan.332/videos/10163565111845495>

I also enjoyed this delightful offering, showing how 'home schooling' takes on a rather unique form when your mother happens to be a renowned soprano...

<https://mixcord.co/acapella/p/ekBxXlh5Br6HLT7HZldOeg>

This one-man-band rendition of Purcell's *Sound the Trumpet* is also very cleverly put together:

<https://www.facebook.com/AndrewLeslieCooper/videos/219671392600147>

A final (non-lockdown-related!) thought: I find it so interesting watching top musicians *record*. It's different to watching a rehearsal, as they are all operating at 110% - the scrutiny of recording requires as close to perfection as possible; it's different to watching a concert, as there is no audience to have to worry about or to perform to - I think you see more of the real personalities of the performers. Here are two 'recording in progress' videos I've come across recently, of highly contrasting styles, but of equally top artistry. First, some very beautiful Bach from Voces8 and the Academy of Ancient Music:

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=212015220090540>

And here, some toe-tapping fun from the fabulous choir of Trinity College Cambridge:

<https://www.facebook.com/TrinCollChoir/videos/1465456200283346>

Mrs June Baines

11th August 1929 – 13th March 2020

Wife to Bernard for 57 years.

Mother to Fiona, Andrew and Jill.

Grandmother to Oliver, Jack and Alex

June was born in Windsor, and aged 2 she moved to Nottingham with her parents. She continued to live and work in the city for the rest of her life.

Focussing on her time in the parish of All Saints', June was a gregarious soul and an active member of the congregation for around 62 years. From the start (and alongside her husband), June brought us, her family, fully into church life. I have many lovely memories of mum and her involvement with the church, some of which I will write here...

Remembering way back into the 1970s - we used to sit and make things together to sell for the Autumn Church Bazaar; I'd be singing in the choir and watch June preparing the coffee/tea offering at the end of evening services to help bring people together; also June would organise annual trips for the church community; I'd hear June and Bernard talk about lively PCC meetings they had both attended, and just occasionally we'd all get 'volunteered' into folding the monthly parish magazine ready for circulation.

Fast forwarding a couple of decades (!) June continued with her involvement in All Saints' after Bernard died in 2007, and enjoyed reading lessons and also creating prayers for the intercessions. Latterly, due to failing mobility, June was very aware of her status changing from being the person who looked after others to becoming the person needing to be looked after, and I would assist her getting to Church on Sundays until in October/November 2019, it became clear it was too difficult for us both to manage. I know June always valued her involvement in the church community immensely, over the many decades, and it gave her a great sense of purpose.

Funny memories: 'June's pew' was 4th row from the front, on the right hand side...and however late she turned up for a service, she would always totter down the aisle to make her way there. Her wonderful singing voice could be heard soaring up to the heavens... high and hilariously out of tune - but she didn't care a hoot and would go for it with gusto, as she did with everything ...good on you mum!

A precious memory: June gave me a card when I was a lot younger when life was a bit tough: "All shall be well and all manner of things shall be well" (Mother Julian of Norwich)...thank you Mum, I hold it dear to this day.
Fiona Baines (daughter)



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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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