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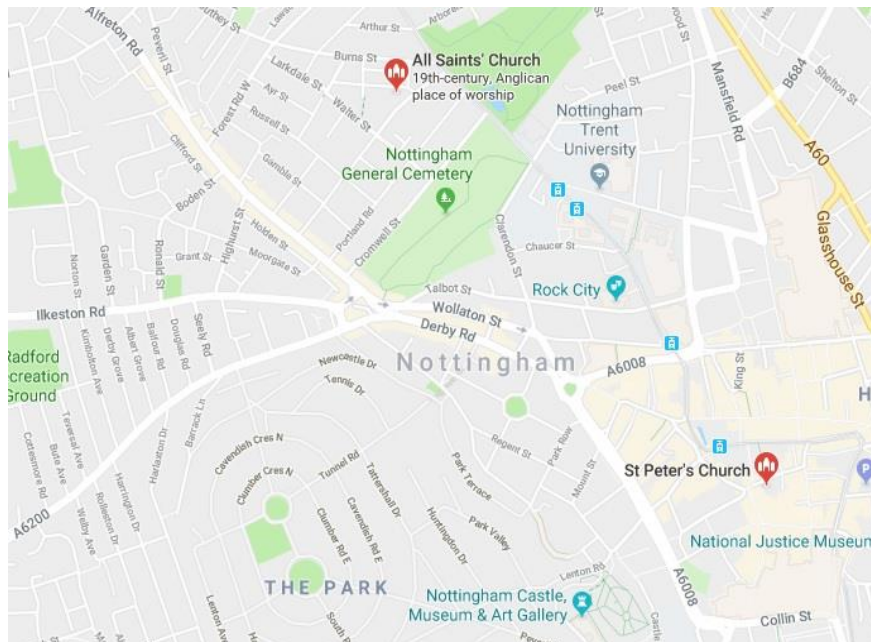
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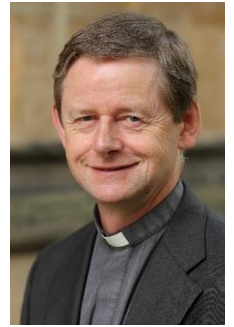
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When we celebrated Palm Sunday in All Saints' church a few days ago, I realised how much I had missed being in church for Holy Week last year. As we moved in procession around the church, bearing our palm crosses, the image of Jesus entering Jerusalem on a donkey came to us with renewed freshness, all the more so since we had missed a year. It is wonderful that we will be resuming services in St Peter's church on Easter Sunday, and that we can greet the risen Christ together on that day when the whole Church around the world rejoices at his victory over death. It is also splendid that St Peter's choir is also able to resume on that day. We have missed choral singing enormously, although enormous thanks are also due to all who have continued to plan and present music as part of our live streamed services.



Don't forget that the annual Easter Breakfast, which is normally hosted by Lina and Wilf Morgan, will still take place, although this year it will take place by means of Zoom and you will need to bring your own breakfast. The focus will once again be the charity Mercy Ships, which provides valuable health care services to people in need in various countries in Africa. Please do donate generously to this project. Further information, including login details, is being circulated separately.

According to the Government's current plans, non-essential retail businesses and some other organisations will be able to re-open as from 12th April. We have decided, therefore, that St Peter's church will open to the public on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays with effect from that week, from 10.00 – 3.00, as well as for Sunday morning services. Being open to all is an important part of the ministry of St Peter's, and making available a sacred space where people can come to pray, meditate and find peace is one of the ways in which we can contribute to the life of the city. Many thanks are due to our team of vergers and volunteers who have looked after the church during these difficult times. On 28th April we also plan to reopen the Coffee Room, also on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, initially for light refreshments which will be served outside. Plans for a more general reopening of St Peter's church and Coffee Room are being drawn up.

All Saints' church has remained open for services for some months now, and this has proved to be greatly valued by those who have attended, including some who normally worship at St Peter's. A gradual but systematic process of cleaning and tidying has been taking place, and the church is now looking splendid. The churchyard too is looking good, although we continue to have problems with people using it for antisocial purposes. Being open on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings has been valuable, as various people from the local area have come to the church during these periods.

The last year has been extremely hard for many people, as we all know. I cannot remember a year in which so much has changed. There have been times of extreme sadness and loss for some; others have found new opportunities to reconsider the direction of their lives and to begin afresh. There have been some sobering comments in the press recently about the decline in religious belief in this country, and this will probably be reflected in the forthcoming census results. However, it would be wrong to allow this to detract from our confidence in the core message of the Bible, which is that God is real, and is the power of love, compassion and justice always working for good in the world. The message of Holy Week and Easter is that God was revealed uniquely in Jesus Christ, whose life, death and resurrection show all people a better way to live as well as being a means of reconciliation between humanity and God. In some ways it is not surprising that as people find that their material needs are increasingly satisfied, they will lose sight of the deeper values which are necessary for a better world.

All this means, however, that it is all the more important for us to proclaim the Easter message that new life is always possible, even in the times of deepest suffering and loss. God constantly brings new hope, even in the face of death. And so we say, with our whole heart, Alleluia, Christ is risen; he is risen indeed!

Budget Review:

A very positive meeting was held in March with our National Lottery Investment Manager, Amanda Turner:

- Amanda was extremely pleased with the progress we are making with our outreach project despite the Covid 19 restrictions
- Amanda was particularly pleased with, and assured by, the way in which the budget for the project was being managed by Peter Moore, our Church Treasurer
- Amanda gave the go ahead to use contingency funding to extend Sarah Clemson, our Heritage Outreach Project Officer's, contract for 3 months until the end of November in order for her to establish sustainable links with schools and to be involved with schools' outreach in the new academic year
- Amanda emphasised the importance of the Black History initiative to our heritage interpretation

Heritage Interactive

Further to for the virtual tour camera work which took place in February and mentioned in last month's magazine, the interpretation panels telling the history of the church will go into production after Easter.

City Stories

We have some wonderful stories both from members of our congregation and from the Gateway support group. After Easter we will be sharing these through the parish website and possible publication. New stories are welcome if you have one to share.

Photography Tutorial

The Recovery College course is now well under way. It was a privilege to work with them on the history of the church and to hear their creative ideas for the photography projects in which they will be supported by Jagdish Patel to be displayed in the south aisle from April onwards.

Launch

Once the interpretation materials, including the new guidebook, have been completed we hope to have a launch in September which may include a visitation by the Bishop and Archdeacon who have agreed to join us for a blessing of the new roof.

Shared Histories

The Black History group has had a wonderfully organic history itself. The original title of 'Black History' was clearly too limiting. We toyed with the idea of The Transatlantic Slave Economy group, but this didn't seem to be what we were about either. Christopher made contact with Rev Hilda from St Mark's in Mandeville, Jamaica who immediately welcomed the suggestion that our shared history could be commemorated. We are planning a Zoom meeting with her soon.

We are also in contact with the Diocesan Archivist for the Diocese who has promised to do some research for us once covid restrictions allow him to visit the archives.

'Another Look at the History I was taught'

The Rev Graham Gibson from Newark recently wrote to a national newspaper:

'I was brought up 60 years ago with one version of history that celebrated Britain's amazing inventors, and a glorious story of our victory in WW2. I still genuinely celebrate lots of that history but have now been challenged to recognise that Britain was built by slaves from Africa and from Lancashire towns as well as cotton-milling entrepreneurs, and that Americans, Russians, Poles and countless other nationals also defeated Hitler.

As a child I never learned that women's history was so full of pain and oppression- the list goes on and on.

History is written by the winners.

Thank heaven for those who are rattling the cages, who are teaching our children that we need to study histories, plural not singular and learn for them'.

Spectators or Participants?

Kathleen, one of our Thursday morning communicants, sent me a Thames and Hudson account of the Irish Famine. She is from Eire and like Rev Graham knew very little about her country's history from school 70 years ago .

Glancing through the book it I came across, quite by chance, this speech made in 1994 at Grosse Island by Mary Robinson, the then President of Ireland. It struck me immediately, almost 20 years on, that the 'we can't change history' approach to remembering our past, which Mary Robinson describes so eloquently, remains. She is talking about the thousands who died on Grosse Island in Canada after their Transatlantic Voyage from their homeland. The resonance with those who made that same journey from Africa to die or to survive enslaved for the rest of their lives needs no spelling out .

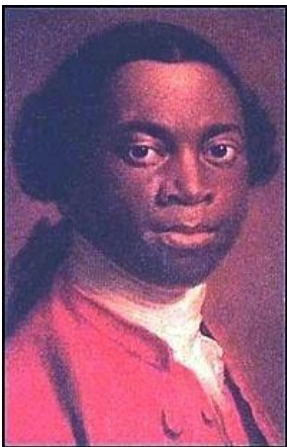
"In this place of memory and regret we have a chance to reflect on our relation to the past and the man and women who came here...and died here helpless before an historical catastrophe of enormous proportions. It is their very helplessness which can lead into believing that we are helpless in our attitude to a past we cannot control and can never change. But we are not. We have the chance to choose today between being spectators or participants at the vast theatre of human suffering which unfolds throughout human history.

If we are spectators, we will choose the view that there are inevitable historical victims and inevitable survivors. And from that view I believe comes a distancing which is unacceptable and unmoral.

If we are participants then we realise that there are no inevitable victims. We refuse the temptation to distance ourselves from the suffering wound us- whether it comes through history books or contemporary television imagery and the although we cannot turn the clock back and change the reality of the people who died here, by taking meaning of their suffering and connecting it to the present day challenges of our compassion and involvement, if we are spectators then we close these people into a prison of statistics and from which they can never escape to challenge our conscience and compassion".

Apologies to our readers

In last month's update of our heritage outreach, I used the image of Olaudah Equiano for that of George Africanus. Thanks to the sharp-eyed reader who spotted the error and also saved my face by pointing out that Google Images had got it wrong as well!



Olaudah Equiano was a former enslaved African, seaman and merchant who wrote an autobiography depicting the horrors of slavery and lobbied Parliament for its abolition. In his biography, he records he was born in what is now Nigeria, kidnapped and sold into slavery as a child. Enslaved as a child in Africa, he was taken to the Caribbean and sold as a slave to a Royal Navy officer. He was sold twice more but purchased his freedom in 1766. As a freedman in London, Equiano supported the British abolitionist movement.

George Africanus



Prayers for April

The Reverend Dr Helen Hall

A Prayer for Kindness

Christ who knew the ministry of angels, but welcomed with joy the care of human friends: a woman and a jar of perfume, a meal shared and a joke understood. Teach us never to underestimate the treasure of kindness. We thank you for the people we encounter whose warmth brings comfort and brightness, whether they are strangers, acquaintances or those close to us. Inspire our hearts and imaginations to touch the lives of others in our turn, to give the gift a smile, encouraging words or practical help. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Human Stewardship

From the depths of a crisis, we see so much ugliness and injustice, and yet so much hope and potential, we pray for the courage to look with honest eyes at uncomfortable truths, but also for vision and energy to build on the beauty, richness and love which surrounds us. Suddenly, it is harder to close our eyes to the filth we leave in rivers, the cruelty which we inflict on animals and the ease which we overlook the homeless and destitute, keep us mindful of lessons learnt when this pandemic has passed. Help us to become better stewards, to treat our fellow creatures and the Earth which you have created with compassion and respect, to share more fairly with our human brothers and sisters, and to remember with awe the bonds which bind us, as your children and the works of your hands. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Service

We hold before you in gratitude the many and varied ways in which we serve one another, and pray in thanksgiving for our brothers and sisters. We think of those who provide healthcare and security at this time, doctors, nurses, police-officers and many in supporting roles. And we recall with gratitude those whose contribution is outside the realm of paid work, but who are carers, homemakers or who are otherwise a source of prayer, kindness and support in the world. The offering of each person is unique and precious, and we you to strengthen all, and comfort any in sickness, anxiety or distress. **Amen**

Notes from The Overseas Committee

Dorothy Mountford

Five Talents Microfinance

Five Talents Microfinance is a UK based charity helping rural, marginalised communities to create businesses. They offer entrepreneurs a hand up out of poverty with training from local partners.

What is microfinance? In simple terms, microfinance gives communities a means to lift themselves out of poverty.

For anyone living in the western world, the role of microfinance can sometimes be difficult to understand. It's tough to imagine what life would be like without access to even the most basic financial services. When the Five Talents team introduces our supporters to microfinance, we ask them to imagine starting a small business without access to a bank, or to imagine trying to plan for your children's future without a savings account. For the 2 billion people who can't use formal financial services, these situations are a reality.



Worth a Listen

Sandi Toksvig makes the Radio 4 Appeal on behalf of Five Talents.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m00017bd>

Please find below a couple of letters from Rachel and Megan in their communications department, thanking us for our donations

Thank you so much to everyone at St Peter and All Saints for the wonderful donation you recently sent to Five Talents. We will of course write a 'proper' thank you letter but I wanted to say thank you personally straight away! Please do pass our thanks to everyone on the PCC and in the congregation.

Your gifts are needed more than ever at this time as we support communities to rebuild after the virus. Families have seen the value of a safe place to save, small loans to kickstart a business and perhaps most of all, a community support group. So, we're seeing an uptick in demand, and with your help we will meet it. Thank you!

*With best wishes,
Rachel*

Thank you again for your generous support of Five Talents. Our entrepreneurs around the world are accessing financial services, business skills training and essential literacy and numeracy education with your support. We'd like you to meet Helen from Burundi.

Helen is a mother of six. She is a brave and savvy woman and started with a business before joining a Five Talents Savings Group. Unfortunately, her first business failed. She and her husband had a very difficult time caring for their children and they wrestled with poverty and hunger. Helen felt ashamed and was unsure of what to do.

When a Five Talents Group began at Helen's local church, her friends asked if she would join the Group too. Helen was surprised, but accepted, and began to attend Group meetings where she received business skills training. This was Helen's first step in securing a new footing for her family. When she was able, Helen started saving small amounts at each meeting.

Today, Helen is a business owner. Now she can set aside a larger amount in savings each week with her Group. Helen and her husband are proud that their children can eat good meals each day. Helen's confidence has grown, and she's even become choir leader at her church.

"This programme has come at the right time. Now I am surrounded by friends who truly love me and who are contributing to the success of my business".

Your generosity will help us reach even ore women like Helen. Thank you so much for your continued support.

Megan

Green Christian

Revd Dr Frances Ward will be talking about "A New Moral Ecology for a World where Climate Catastrophe is Real" in the Leeds Church Institute's Spring Hook Lecture, on Wednesday 28th April at 7.30pm-9pm (via Zoom). "We are delighted that this lecture planned for 2020 (postponed owing to the pandemic) will go ahead. The Hook Lecture stimulates debate around an issue of faith. The event is organised jointly by Leeds Church Institute, Leeds Minster and School of Philosophy, Religion and the History of Science at the University of Leeds. This is a free event but booking is essential

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hook-lecture-spring-2021-tickets-139433680893?aff=erelexpmlt>."



The Very Revd Dr Frances Ward, theologian, researcher and writer, preacher, speaker and teacher, is the author of *Like There's No Tomorrow: Climate Crisis, Eco-Anxiety and God*, published by Sacristy Press 2020, which has been widely and positively reviewed. It tells of two journeys - one the voyage through the canals of England, the other an inward quest for peace of mind, hope and courage as the author faces into her own eco-anxiety caused by an honest engagement with the climate crisis that faces the planet. It offers resources for contemplation, particularly by drawing on the Psalms, that can undergird activism for change. Hannah Malcolm says this: "Buoyed beautifully by scripture, poetry, natural history, and theology, Ward invites us to turn fear to lament, finding the courage to be truthful, to grieve, and to give thanks."

Book of the month

By 'Bramcote Book Worm'

'House of Music: Raising the Kanneh-Masons

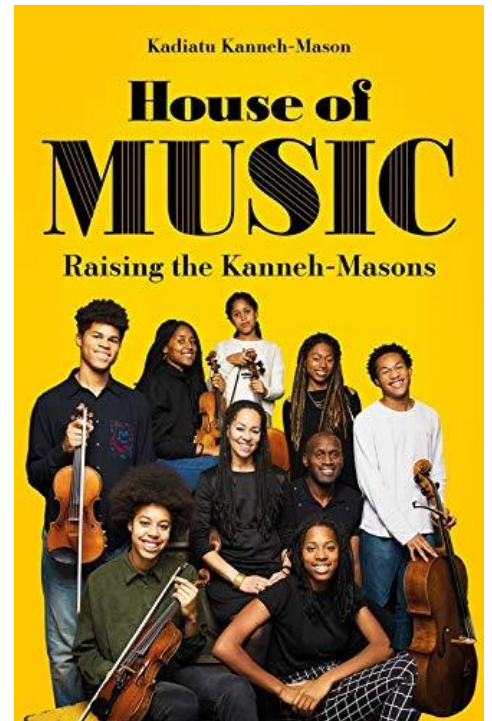
By Kadiatu Kanneh Mason

Their Mother's account of bringing up the amazing Kanneh-Mason children begins with an event which was to change the family forever and has particular resonance for us as residents of Nottingham. Kadiatu Kanneh-Mason, mother of seven, describes how her son Sheku "carrying his cello like a talisman" went on to win the BBC Young Musician of the Year in 2016. Like his six siblings, Sheku hadn't been trained in the rarefied environment of elite music schools, but at Trinity School, the state comprehensive on Beechdale Road in Aspley.

The story then flashes back to Sierra Leone, where Kadiatu was born to musical parents, sharing the heritage of these seven children. Kanneh-Mason tells the fascinating stories of their four grandparents - from Sierra Leone, Wales and Antigua - and the racism they experienced in Britain in the 1970s. Kadiatu was determined "never to remark on the lack of black people in classical music".

She takes us through the stresses and strains of auditions and competitions, and although we know the outcome there is no lack of drama and suspense. She describes being on call at night for any child "worrying into her pillow" and her own worries about making ends meet.

The seven sisters and brothers - five girls and two boys - are all classically trained musicians. Isata, the eldest, blazed the trail for the rest by entering the Royal Academy Junior Department and was in the Piano Category Final of the BBC Young Musician of the year in 2014, winning the Walter Todd's Bursary for the most promising musician before the Grand Final. Isata has now released her first album, "The works of Clara Schumann". Sheku, famously, played at the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle in 2019.



KKM'S account of the family's journey to those high points is astonishing. For example, over the years the family rose at the crack of dawn each Saturday to catch the 6am London train from Nottingham Station - the organisation and determination needed to get seven children all aboard, plus packed lunches, instruments and music was, in Kadiatu's words, something that felt 'a miracle of achievement' each week.

We read of the highs and lows of family life. The exam successes, competition triumphs, conservatoire scholarships and concerto performances, but also of how Sheku was dangerously ill and diagnosed as diabetic; how older brother, Braimah, thought he might never play again after muscle damage from over-practicing for auditions; the time when both parents were so exhausted driving the entire family home from a music festival that they drove into a telegraph pole and turned the car over.

Kadiatu Kanneh-Mason is very open about what it takes to raise a musical family in a country divided by class and race. This is a story about the power of determination, hard work, love and dedication to bring up a family of seven and somehow manage to give each child the means to succeed. The Kanneh-Masons are a remarkable family, and what Kadiatu Kanneh-Mason communicates in the joyous book is that children are a gift and that we must do all we can to nurture them. "Their music would be nurtured at home." It was, at huge personal sacrifice but to what an end. A book not to be missed.

Easter Breakfast

Monday 5th April 10am -12noon

Everyone is warmly invited to join the Overseas Committee at their annual Easter Breakfast in aid of Mercy Ships, which this year will take the form of a Zoom Meeting.



Please bring your own breakfast and join us from 10am onwards, when there will be some Easter related activities. At 11am, there will be a talk from Julie Smith from Mercy Ships, who will be telling us more about the work of this charity, which as a parish we have supported now for several years.

If you wish to join us please contact Liz Marsh for the zoom link - liz.marsh@nottinghamchurches.org

Mercy Ships is a faith-based international development organisation that deploys hospital ships to some of the poorest countries in the world, delivering vital, free healthcare to people in desperate need. For more information, join us on Easter Monday or visit the Mercy Ships website - <https://www.mercyships.org.uk/>

Services in April

Booking for the 10.45am service at St Peter's is advised:
www.nottinghamchurches.org/booking

Sunday 4th Easter Day	6.00am	Easter Vigil & Dawn Eucharist	St Peter's
	8.15am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
	10.30am	The Eucharist	All Saints'
	10.45am	Festal Sung Eucharist*	St Peter's
		Holy Communion in C/F <i>Stanford</i> Ye choirs of new Jerusalem <i>Stanford</i> If ye then be risen with Christ <i>Stanford</i>	
Sunday 11th	8.15am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
	10.30am	The Eucharist	All Saints'
	10.45am	Sung Eucharist*	St Peter's
		Holy Communion in E <i>Darke</i> Gaelic Blessing <i>Rutter</i>	
Thursday 15th	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
Sunday 18th	8.15am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
	10.30am	The Eucharist	All Saints'
	10.45am	Sung Eucharist*	St Peter's
		Missa Brevis <i>Lotti</i> If we believe <i>Goss</i>	
Thursday 22nd	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
Sunday 25th	8.15am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
	10.30am	The Eucharist	All Saints'
	10.45am	Sung Eucharist*	St Peter's
		Holy Communion in F <i>Sumsion</i> Surrexit pastor bonus <i>Palestrina</i>	
Thursday 29th	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Peter's

From 14th April, St Peter's will be open for Private Prayer Wednesday – Friday, 10am – 3pm. All Saints' will continue to open on Tuesdays 11am – 1pm.

St Peter's Coffee Room will partially re-open from 28th April, Wednesday – Friday 10.30am-2pm (subject to any further Government restrictions) – this will be for outside seating only. A further re-opening, to include inside seating, will begin from 17th May.

Nottingham Citizens

Chris Ward

Our parish is now a paid-up member of Nottingham Citizens, which is an alliance of 36 schools, university departments, trade unions, faith groups, charities and community groups. Nottingham Citizens' great strength is its extraordinary diversity. It's been a privilege to represent our parish among people from such different cultural, religious and economic settings. One of our new friends interviewed me recently on Radio Dawn, which is a local Muslim channel.



Nottingham Citizens is part of Citizens UK. The stated aim is 'to tackle injustices in our communities', using an approach called Community Organising. Nottingham Citizens learns about local priorities by holding listening campaigns among member organisations. I organised our contribution to the most recent one, through conversations with individuals and groups, plus postal enquiries.

Apart from the pandemic, which is a dominant concern for everyone, one of the recurring themes I heard about from parish members was poverty and social inequality. Several people commented on how unsure they felt about what others in Nottingham have been going through, especially those with poor housing. The environment was another concern, expressed through reflections on litter and squalor in public spaces, raising questions about social responsibility and education. A third theme arose from Dorothy Mountford's work on black history and slavery, which led to reflections on racism. St Peter's and All Saints' congregations are exceptionally diverse but there was still a feeling that we should think together about prejudice and equality.

The parish's main concerns corresponded to two of Nottingham Citizens' agreed priorities, poverty and racism, and we would also undoubtedly share concerns about their third priority, mental health.

What next? Talking is only useful if it leads to action. Nottingham Citizens has successfully campaigned on the Living Wage, and we are invited to get involved in similar campaigns. As regards poverty and housing, the parish will want to resume and develop its support for rough sleepers and also for the Mount Zion food bank. Nottingham Citizens is a forum where we can be better informed about poverty, enabling us to respond to local needs more effectively and also to inform others in the city about our own perceptions. Our membership of Nottingham Citizens should enable Dorothy's work on slavery and black history to have a wider impact in the city. Perhaps we will also be helped in supporting asylum seekers. In addition, I hope that our membership will raise the profile of the climate and ecological emergency, which has been a focus of work in the parish.

The interface between the parish and Nottingham Citizens will be the Caring for Our Common Home group, which exists to generate activities relevant to the planet (e.g. climate change); the world (e.g. social justice); and our community (e.g. homelessness). We can only be useful to Nottingham Citizens, or to the city itself, if people come forward with ideas for activities. If you are interested, please don't think that a large commitment is required. Maybe you don't have the time or the energy to save the planet or transform the city? Don't worry: perhaps you have some small, specific project in mind? Do get in touch for a chat if you are interested. Please email me at chrisward89@gmail.com or phone 07954 302765.

You can learn more about Nottingham Citizens at www.citizensuk.org/chapters/nottingham/

APCM

Annual Vestry Meeting (to elect Churchwardens) and Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The above annual meetings will take place on Wednesday 19th May, 7.00pm at St Peter's Church.

Poem

The Lockdown

<p>A poem about the pandemic and lockdowns For all of you to see; I know, there've been several before, From better poets than me!</p> <p>It started with shortages of toilet rolls, When people queued in shops; They dared not hoard too many, In case someone called the cops!</p> <p>Kitchen rolls were plentiful, This, I'm telling you; Why not use a hacksaw, Then slice them half in two?</p> <p>Necessity is the mother of invention, We should have used our brains; The paper's very similar, And should not block up the drains!</p> <p>Less traffic on the roads, A bit like olden days, When everyone used public transport All going different ways.</p> <p>No more aircraft vapour trails, Polluting God's own sky; Just like it used to be, Back in days gone by.</p> <p>I walked through the city centre one day, My hair all in a mess; The wind smelt crisp and fresh, Just like bracing Skegness!</p> <p>The pubs are locked and in darkness, A place where I've made many a good friend; I wish things were back to normal, And this dreadful pandemic would end!</p> <p>Public hand sanitisers everywhere, If I had my way they should not be dumped, But put in cold storage; We might need them again one day.</p> <p>I've never had such soft hands With using all that gel; And even the ones, entering shops and buses, Give off a fragrant smell!</p>	<p>As for those terrible facial coverings I feel that I may choke! They're not just there to protect myself, But all you other folk.</p> <p>After a year of wearing face covers, Which really are a chore, Our faces are full of extra wrinkles, That were not there before!</p> <p>It's not through natural aging Our faces look a mess; It's all because of Covid-19 That's caused us extra stress.</p> <p>As long as the lockdowns have been, They haven't been all a bore; I've managed to catch up with DIY jobs That should have been done before!!</p> <p>I'm longing to see my barber again I feel a proper scruff; He must be tired of opening, then closing, By now he's had enough!</p> <p>I've actually "missed" my dentist trips, It's all rather sad; If I don't get there before too long My teeth will all go bad.</p> <p>I miss reciting poems at the open-mic's, Where the compere puts me on; I hope they'll soon start up again I'm sorry that they've gone!</p> <p>We should pray for all those unfortunate people Who've died before their time, Due to this dreadful pandemic; It really is a crime!</p> <p>The vaccine hopefully is the solution To this nasty bug; So that we can all get together once more, And give each other a hug!</p> <p><i>Phil Hobson, All Saints' Church</i></p>
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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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