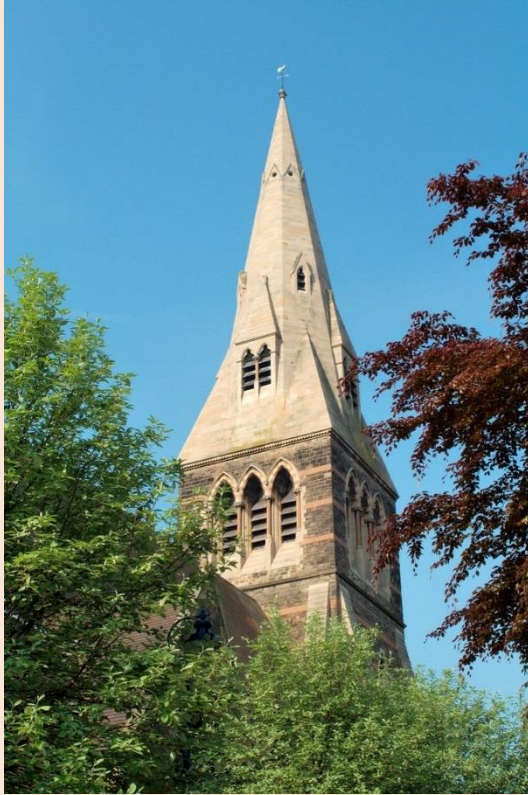


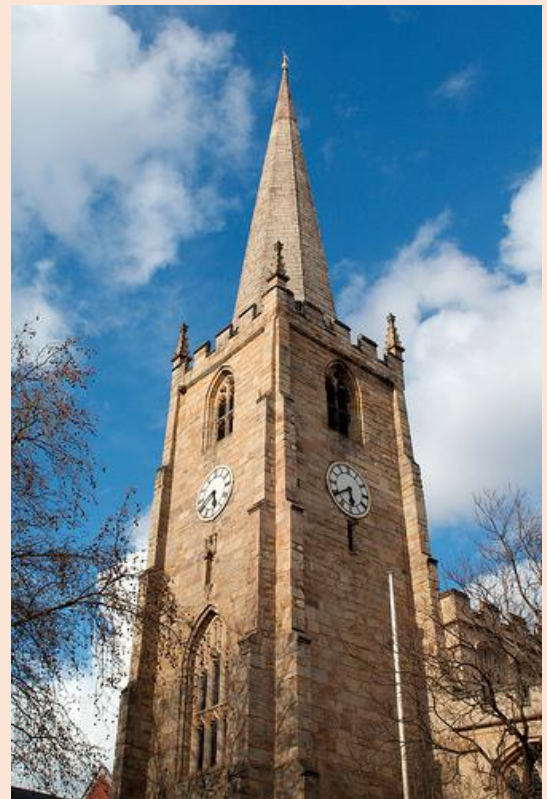


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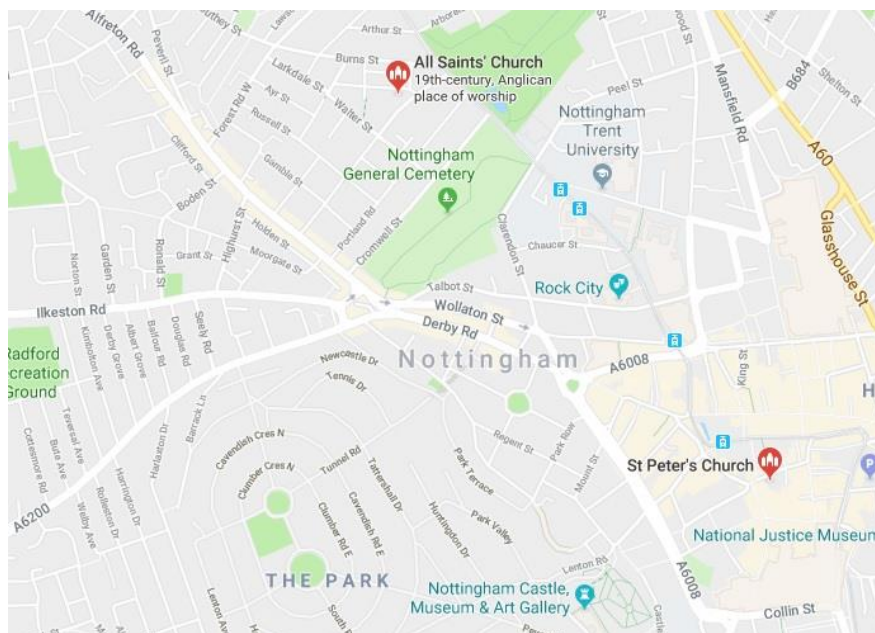
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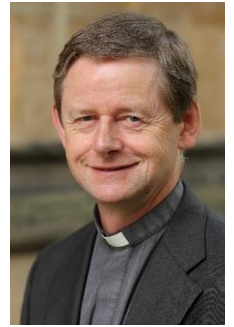
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How swiftly we seem to be moving through the Easter season! I suppose this reflects the fact that there is so much change all around us at present; the city centre is becoming more and more busy, the shops are now largely open, and some people are even daring to plan summer holidays. It is splendid that the Coffee Room at St Peter's is now open, and customers do not seem to be deterred by the currently blustery weather in their readiness to drink their teas and coffees in the churchyard and in the area overlooking St Peter's Square. Huge thanks are due to Lee and his verger team for not only making the churchyard clean and tidy but also successfully restoring the paving stones to their historic colour. Lynne and Tracy have done sterling work in getting us back into business once again, and we hope that it will be possible to serve refreshments inside the Coffee Room later this month rather than just in the open air.



On Easter Day, the All Saints' congregation was able to sing a couple of hymns in the churchyard, and witness the Paschal candle lit from the Easter fire, before going back into church for the main part of the service. At St Peter's, the choir were in full voice for a service in which all the available congregational seats were taken. It is wonderful that both churches are now open for Sunday morning services. Do support the 10.45 service at St Peter's on Sunday 9th May, when Javier Garcia Oliva will be our guest speaker, on the theme of 'The Wisdom of Solomon: balancing beliefs in 21st century Britain'. This will be followed by a Zoom discussion, led by Javier, at 7.30 pm on Thursday 13th May.

A notable event in April was the publication by the Church of England's Anti-Racism Taskforce of a hard-hitting report entitled 'From Lament to Action'. This document highlights the lack of ethnic diversity at all levels of the Church of England's leadership, especially at a senior level, and calls for urgent measures to rectify this. It also calls for more work to be done to make local churches more inclusive, and in particular for changes to be put in place to ensure that people from ethnic minority background are fully included in all aspects of church life. This will involve mandatory race awareness training for all Diocesan staff, clergy, readers, and church officers, which will also be available for all church volunteers. There will also be a new Archbishops' Racial Justice Commission, which will undertake a three year programme of detailed work on several key areas in which the Church of England needs to be more racially inclusive.

I strongly welcome this report. It is encouraging that the Task Force has worked so swiftly, and shown a determination that action be taken to address the issues of lack of diversity and representation at all levels in the Church of England, along with the need for greater intercultural awareness in all its churches. We are fortunate in that both our churches have some degree of racial diversity, and that we do generally understand the importance of being welcoming and inclusive towards all people, regardless of racial background or any other factor. This derives from the core Christian belief that the image of God is visible in all people, whoever they are, and that each person is of infinite value in the eyes of God.

I was particularly interested to see that the report mentions the work which is being done in various churches around the country on the legacy of the Church of England's historic involvement in slavery. To some people this may sound like something which does not need any fresh investigation, but I strongly believe that it is an area in which history needs to be revisited in order to ensure that our understanding is balanced and objective. The totally abhorrent nature of slavery and the sufferings of those who lived and died as slaves must never be forgotten, alongside the political, economic and social forces which led individuals and organisations – sometimes including churches – to be complicit in slavery. We intend to reflect this in the commemorative display which is being planned for St Peter's church, as a memorial not just to the slaves on the estates in Jamaica owned by the White Almond family in the early 1800s, but as a reminder of the wider evils of slavery and the slave trade in Africa, the Americas and Europe. As the Task Force puts it, "The Church of England has taken little action in addressing the historic slave trade and its legacy ...", and so the Archbishops' Racial Justice Commission "... will want to identify ways to use the built environment for repentance, reconciliation and as a spur for social action in the present" (p.53).

Looking afresh at the past can be unsettling; it can also open our eyes to seeing the world in a new light. If we apply the lens of our Christian faith in such a way as to understand more fully the struggles, striving and sacrifices of our sisters and brothers of previous generations, this can only bring blessings to us, as well as showing respect to their memory. Moreover, it should also help us to see those brothers and sisters with whom we share our churches and communities today with a greater and deeper love; surely our Lord Jesus Christ would want nothing less from us.

Prayers for May

The Reverend Christopher Harrison

We pray for all those who continue to suffer from Covid-19, and for all who are close to them, especially in those countries where the infection rate is high. 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. May God give hope and encouragement to all those whose recovery from Covid-19 has been long and drawn out, and those who are suffering from the mental stress of long periods of isolation.

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 are trying to find employment as the lockdown in this country is eased. Give wisdom and compassion, O God, to all in positions of authority who are making decisions about how best to support and guide the economy as we enter a new phase.

We pray for our churches as we continue the process of getting back to some kind of normality, especially those church members who remain uncertain about what the future will hold for them, and we ask God's blessing on all the people of this city of Nottingham, particularly the most vulnerable.

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 need.

The Reverend James Saxton

A big milestone in prayer is reached when we discover a need to listen rather than talk in prayer. We have a need to develop our listening skills. Above all by developing listening skills they cultivate an inner environment where we find ourselves praying in a different kind of way, in what is called contemplative prayer.

Help us to listen Lord to each other
Give us a spirit of discernment
Help us to appreciate silence

We pray especially for the peoples of India – where the Pandemic is escalating – and continue to pray for all who suffer from Covid-19.

We give thanks for the Saints Philip and James.

Help us all to mark Ascension Day with reverence – and with joy for Pentecost.

And to finish, because we celebrate Holy Trinity in May – let the blessing of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit with us all.

Book of the month

By 'Bramcote Book Worm'

'Crown of Blood: The Deadly Inheritance of Lady Jane Grey'

by Nicola Tallis

On leaving the Treasure House subsequent to viewing the crown jewels on my last visit to the Tower of London I was confronted with a life size reproduction of Paul Delaroche's iconic painting 'The Execution of Lady Jane Grey'. The original, painted in 1833 by the French artist hangs, in the National Gallery in Trafalgar Square and itself has a fascinating history. The clipped detail from this painting of Jane's blindfolded face provides the startling cover to Nicola Tallis's stunning and poignant retelling of the story of Jane, who in popular culture is known as Queen for 9 Days. Strictly speaking she was Queen for 13 days, but since the first 4 were kept from the general populace there is something appropriate in this title.



Tallis's research provides the ground rock of evidence for this moving story of an exceptionally intelligent, independent and brave young woman. The contemporary references are incorporated seamlessly into the narrative and in no way distract from but rather highlight the drama. The introduction and prologue give a helpful background to the sources and a useful resumé of what is to follow. There is no need for spoiler alerts. Chapter 1 does not flinch from beginning at the end. Entitled 'A time to be born and a time to die' the text from Ecclesiastes Jane wrote in the precious prayer book she took with her to the scaffold, her only surviving possession. Tallis rightly takes us through Jane's genealogy before she begins to let us meet the child who was Jane, contextualising her in the all too familiar history of the Tudor court.

Lady Jane Grey's life was one of devotion and education; her death one of extraordinary bravery and faith. Much unhappiness clouded her short life- she was executed aged 17 after an enforced marriage and manipulation by her father-in-law, but that she found much joy in scholarship and her protestant beliefs shine through Crown of Blood. Jane was fluent in Latin and Greek and learnt Hebrew. Her death sentence was postponed for 3 days by her cousin Mary 1 to allow the Queen's Chaplain, Dr John Feckenham, to persuade Jane away from her reformist beliefs and so save her soul. The dialogue between Jane and Feckenham in the hours before her death is appended. That she remained firm in her faith comes as no surprise to the reader who, by the end, knows Jane very well indeed; that Feckenham accompanied her to the gallows at his request and her agreement is a fact of great poignancy.

The three appendices Nicola Tallis attaches to 'Crown of Blood' are engaging and enlightening and entertaining in turn. Appendix 1 'The Queen without a Face: Portraits of Lady Jane Grey' engages us in the search for an image of Jane, The Discourse in Appendix 2 allows us to make our own judgment of Jane's intellectual and spiritual capacity and Appendix 3 promises us a treat as hopes of lockdown restrictions being lifted, like April in Chaucer's 'Canterbury Tales' makes us 'longen to go on pilgrimages'. Tallis enticingly heads this 'Following in Jane's footprints- places to visit.'

Some places are, of course, hardly there any more despite having played a key role in Jane's life but Astley Castle Gardens in Warwickshire and the nearby church of St Mary the Virgin where several of her ancestors lie buried, Sudeley Castle and church in Gloucestershire where she lived so happily with Katharine Parr, where Henry's queen lies buried and Syon Park in Greater London, close to Kew Gardens remain.

The Guildhall Hall, where Jane stood trial, the Tower of London and Westminster Abbey where Jane's mother Frances - 3rd in line to the throne, Jane was 4th - lies buried, can all be visited in normal times.

Much nearer to home of course is Bradgate Park- down the road- take the M1 and follow the signs. Tallis busts several myths in her book. Jane wasn't born at Bradgate, her marriage to Guildford Dudley was not a love match, her reign was for 13 days not 9. However, as Tallis tells us, Jane did live at Bradgate for the first 10 years of her life. I will be ever grateful to Tallis for making no mention of the stunted oaks in the park.

Legend has it that on the 12th February 1554 as Lady Jane Grey was led to the block, the Bradgate foresters pollarded all of the oaks in the deer park. The ancient oaks stand beheaded to this day. As a small worm I loved that story and am still in awe of those sad trees and all that they symbolize.

Interpretation

An important part of our Heritage outreach is the production of new interpretation panels telling the history of the church and city and the publication of a guidebook. Sarah Clemson, our Heritage Officer, has been working extremely hard on writing the engaging text and creating colourful images as well as designing a Navigational Map. This will take the form of a floor plan of the church, highlighting key pots of interest with coloured photographs and brief descriptions.

We hope that you will be able to join us on 2nd June - see Sarah's invitation below - when you will have an opportunity to meet her and view some of the work with which she has been engaged.

City Stories

Sarah has now received over a dozen stories from members of our congregations and from the Gateway Support Group.

Photography Tutorial

The Recovery College photography group made a visit to St Peter's in April to take photographs for their exhibition, which will be in place in the south aisle from the 13th May.

Rosslyn School Visit

We are very hopeful that the planned visits of 90 children from Rosslyn school will be still able to go ahead on the Thursdays and Fridays of the first three weeks in July. All Covid Safety Measures in place at the time of the visit will be strictly observed.

As we are rapidly approaching the end of April, we need plans in place to confirm with the school by the beginning of June that we are able to go ahead. Our wonderful team of over 15 volunteers are currently sharing their availability so that we are assured that we have the support needed for the 9 half-day sessions we are offering.

Can You Help?

If you are interested in helping in any of the following please let me know:

- Activity Leader- you will be given a plan of your activity to deliver to 4 different groups of children in the course of a morning or afternoon session. The topics are 'Horrid History', 'Art and Architecture' and 'What's a Church For?'
- Guide- you will guide a group of children and their teachers and helpers to each of the four planned activities. This is an opportunity for you to dress up if you like.
- Back Stage- you will help things flow by time keeping, making refreshments and checking out resources.
- The Dressing Up Box
- The 'What's a Church For?' is for the youngest year groups. It includes a 'Wedding' and a 'Baptism' in which all the children take part. We need posh hats and popper beads for the wedding guests, a top hat for the groom and a veil for the bride.



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

History, Fun and Free Refreshments!

We have been working hard behind the scenes to produce some new ways for visitors to find out about the church's history. We need you to help us test it out. We will be holding a testing day on:

WEDNESDAY 2ND JUNE
10 AM - 2 PM
AT ST PETER'S CHURCH

You can:

- Explore the church's history and the history of Nottingham through our new exhibition and trail
- Take part in children's activities
- Enjoy free refreshments
- Help your church get it right!

To help with social distancing and to allow us to manage numbers - please email Sarah (Heritage Project Outreach Officer) at: heritageofficer@nottinghamchurches.org

You can expect to be in the church for around 30 mins - 1 hour. We will ask for your feedback during the session.

Shared History Group

Welcoming Emma Such

Emma is currently studying in part time capacity for a master's degree in Museums and Heritage at Nottingham Trent University. Part of her study includes a placement and we are delighted that Emma will be working with Sarah and the Shared History Group. Emma is giving us 100 hours of research. Currently she is liaising with Dr John Aarons, the diocesan archivist for Jamaica and the Cayman Islands, and exploring University College London's database on Slave Ownership. More from Emma can be found on page 11.

PCC Support

At the request for the National Lottery Christopher drew up a 'History Interpretation Policy' for the protection of those committed to researching historical truth. It was with great delight that the Group learned that the proposed policy was accepted by all members of the PCC at their last meeting. We would like to thank them for their support.

St Marks' Church, Mandeville, Jamaica

The group sent an Easter ecard to the Rev'd Hilda Vaughan, the vicar of the Jamaican Parish with whom we have linked up in search of our shared history. We are hoping to meet on Zoom with the Rev'd Hilda and some of her congregation to discuss this and to make plans for a shared service in October of this year during Black History month.

We have received an email from Dr John Aamos in Jamaica:

Dear Sarah and Emma

Thanks for your email Sarah and commendations to you Emma on your research. Yes, it is very interesting. I don't think the Jamaica Archives is open to researchers at the moment but as soon as I can I will go and check the records there. After I have received the second dose of the vaccine which should be on June 1, I will feel more confident in moving around. Cases are still high (nightly curfews are still on) so we still have to be careful. If one needs any reminders of the dangers of being over confident we only have to look at the situation in India.

I notice that you are gradually opening up. I hope this continues.

Regards

John

Plans for a Memorial to Enslaved Peoples

As part of the new interpretation panels, which will be placed beneath the Workers' Memorial Window, we have received a generous donation to include a memorial to enslaved people. Original ideas included a memorial book and a broken shackle.

Our links to Jamaica was a taking off point land led us to consider the history of other enslaved people.

Lina Morgan is sharing her family history with us and the contribution made by her great, great grandfather, William Lewis, to the administration of the Colony of Freetown where repatriated slaves were resettled.

We have shared our knowledge of the Transatlantic Slave Trade which saw hundreds of thousands of captured Africans 'traded' through the Fortress on Bunce Island off the coast of Sierra Leone before they were trafficked by what was known as the Middle Passage - the deadly transatlantic crossing - from Africa to the Americas and the Caribbean.

Another aspect which has emerged is the plight of people caught up in modern slavery.

'From Lament to Action'

This report from Archbishop Justin Welby's Anti- Racism Taskforce has made a series of recommendations to bring about a change of culture in the life of the Church of England. It identified, among other areas, the need to focus on 'Slavery '(including monuments),' 'history and memory'. The Shared History Group clearly has a part to play in addressing this agenda.

The strangest of brief encounters with The Duke of Edinburgh

Anne Hardy

Like most people in our country, I was deeply saddened to learn of the death of Prince Philip. I expect that there are people in our church who have met him formally in the course of their work. I know Laurie and Joan have met the Queen, when they received the Maundy money, and there will be others who have been honoured too. In contrast, my involvement with Prince Philip was exceedingly brief, spontaneous and bizarre, but nevertheless very special to me.

In the 1950s he visited Nottingham and various schools were asked to provide entertainment. This was to take place on the Forest recreation ground. The school I attended, Manning, was close by and was invited to provide an activity. The choice of activity was Medau, and I quote, "founded in Germany by Heinrich Medau, this form of exercise incorporates organic and rhythmic movements to engage the body and the mind." We did a variation which involved balls and having to wear Grecian tunics. As we skipped on to weird wailing music, with the wind howling round our legs and our exposed flesh turning an unappealing shade of blue, I pitied the poor Duke. The choice of entertainment seemed most unsuitable!

He was sitting on a wooden stage, obviously at the front so he could have an uninterrupted view! Unfortunately I was right in front of him. It was hard to concentrate as I felt so sorry for him. Now those of you who play sport will know that a ball behaves like a child. If you don't give 100% concentration, it misbehaves. To my dismay this is what happened. I dropped my ball and the wind blew it up to the stage.

Immediately Prince Philip shimmied forward in his chair, gripping the arms, elegantly extended his leg, and with a well judged flick of his left foot dribbled the ball precisely back to me. I grabbed it quickly before the wind interfered, then shyly looked up to find he was smiling, not just with his mouth but with his eyes too. I felt emboldened to smile back and mouthed, "Thank you Sir", to which he inclined his head.

My other bizarre encounter with the royal family involved the Queen. I was enjoying Autumn half term with three friends after our first few weeks as class teachers. We had travelled to Windsor Great Park in the hope of being so early we would be first there. It was a beautiful day, very still as if the world were holding its breath between Autumn and Winter. We had wandered into a glade and there was a fallen tree just inviting one to throw off all responsibility and become childlike again. The tree was just perfect to try and walk along. It was even more perfect for trying to do the Conga on. We were falling off, laughing then running round to try again. Suddenly we realised we were being watched by three stationary figures on horseback. The lady at the front wore a head scarf and had beautiful posture. The little girl behind looked disapprovingly on our antics and the third figure, a man wearing a small hard hat, looked inscrutable. All three were astride perfectly turned out animals whose coats really did gleam in the sun.

When the lead figure realised the entertainment was over she urged her mount followed. She slowed as she passed us and said "Good morning to you". Her smile was friendly. We felt that she was remembering carefree times. We returned the greeting.

As the small cavalcade rode out of the glade we turned to each other and as one gasped, "That was the Queen!" We felt rude and disrespectful. We hadn't called her Ma'am (to rhyme with jam!). We hadn't curtsied. However with the benefit of hindsight I think it doesn't matter. I feel privileged to have two such special people in a natural way.



Services in May

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

Sunday 2nd	8.15am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
	10.30am	The Eucharist	All Saints'
	10.45am	Matins*	St Peter's
		Responses <i>Ayleward</i> Te Deum in B-flat <i>Stanford</i> Blessed be the God and Father <i>SS Wesley</i>	
Thursday 6th	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
Sunday 9th	8.15am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
	10.30am	The Eucharist	All Saints'
	10.45am	Sung Eucharist*	St Peter's
		Communion Service <i>Mathias</i> Ubi Caritas <i>Gjeilo</i>	
Thursday 13th	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
Sunday 16th	8.15am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
	10.30am	The Eucharist	All Saints'
	10.45am	Sung Eucharist*	St Peter's
		Mass for four voices <i>Byrd</i> O God the King of glory <i>Purcell</i>	
Thursday 20th	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
Sunday 23rd	8.15am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
	10.30am	The Eucharist	All Saints'
	10.45am	Sung Eucharist*	St Peter's
		Communion Service in D <i>Leighton</i> O Lord give thy holy spirit <i>Tallis</i>	
Thursday 27th	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
Sunday 30th	8.15am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
	10.30am	The Eucharist	All Saints'
	10.45am	Sung Eucharist*	St Peter's
		Communion Service in the Phrygian mode <i>Wood</i> Oculi omnium <i>Wood</i>	

From 17th May, St Peter's will be open for Private Prayer Monday - Saturday, 10am - 3pm (Government restrictions depending). All Saints' will continue to open on Tuesdays 11am - 1pm.

St Peter's Coffee Room & Fairtrade Shop

We are delighted that the Coffee Room has been able to partially re-open with outside seating, following the further relaxation of Covid-19 restrictions. Thank you to all those who have supported the Coffee Room so far - there is a very long way to go before things are back to normal, but we hope to open up the inside seating again on 17th May.

A huge thank you also to those who have so generously given donations to the Fairtrade stall at the back of St Peter's in recent weeks. Despite best efforts, the closure of the shop for a whole year has unsurprisingly led to a large amount of stock exceeding its Best Before date - but it has now nearly all been saved from the bin! The money donated will be put towards restocking the shop (which will be a large financial undertaking) - we don't yet know when we will be able to re-open, but will keep you informed.

Notes from The Overseas Committee

Dorothy Mountford

Despite Covid restrictions the Overseas committee has continued to meet every other month as always by Zoom. It has been good to keep in touch this way

Virtual Fundraising Events

Shrove Tuesday saw our ever-popular Pancake Party which we held last year in the coffee shop take place on Zoom. Liz Marsh our Ministry Assistant set us a challenging quiz which we did as a whole group. It was great fun. Very many thanks Liz. Thanks also to everyone who joined the meeting; it was good to see friends from St Mary's.

Our traditional Easter Breakfast in aid of Mercy Ships, on Easter Monday, usually held at the home of Lina and Wilfred Morgan, was replaced by an equally successful Zoom event. 17 people joined from 10 am to noon. We were entertained by a Fantasy Easter Egg competition; the contestants were asked to draw the Easter Egg they would most like to receive. This was organised by Morris White with the help of his mum. Morris and his panel of soft toy bunnies judged the drawings, and we are delighted to announce that the winner was Cynthia Charter.

Lina Morgan, our secretary, continued the festive fun with a quiz based on Mercy Ships. This was followed by an excellent and moving presentation with video footage of the work of Mercy Ships by Julia Smith, who has herself served on the ships and was able to share her first-hand experience.

Mercy Ships deliver vital, free healthcare to people in desperate need. For more information visit www.mercyships.org.uk

Christian Aid Week

This year once again things will be different in Christian Aid week. If you would like to help raise funds from home here are a couple of ideas:

Quizian Aid

The Christian Aid fun filled online quiz has returned and is suitable for all of the family. It'll be hosted by special guests Tobi and Prisca Bakare, Rhidian Brook, Kris Marshall, Kate Bottley and Rowan Williams.

Christian Aid Steps Challenge

It's simple: take 300,000 sponsored steps across the month of May to raise vital funds for communities battling the worst of this climate crisis.

"Our steps challenge clocks in at just under 10,000 steps a day and you can do the challenge alone or with a team, supporting each other to reach your goal. Whether you decide to walk, jump, skip, hop or run your steps is completely up to you!

The next step is to join our 300,000 steps in May Facebook group. You'll find lots of people who are also taking on the challenge, get access to top tips, a support network and lots of motivation.

If you're not a Facebook user, don't worry, you can still join in the fun using a JustGiving page to collect in your sponsorship, you'll find a handy guide here.

Once you sign up through the form below, we will send you your very own Christian Aid t-shirt.

You can find our FAQs here, and if you need further support please get in touch at hello@christian-aid.org."

Silver Smarties Scheme Advent 2020 - Ascension 2021

Thursday 13th May is Ascension Day. If you have been able to save 20pence pieces in these cashless days and would like to pay them into the Overseas Account, please either contact the office or if you are in church please leave your smarties tube with the vergier.

Thanks to everyone for their continuing support.



Welcome to Emma Such

Hello, I am Emma. I am currently carrying out a student placement at St Peter's, and I am looking into the links that the Church has to Slavery via Rev. Robert White Almond, the Rector of St Peter's from 1814-1853.

I moved to Nottingham with my son, Liam in 2013, as Liam wanted to attend Confetti College. He loved his course and as soon as he completed it moved to London to attend University there. Luckily for me he moved back to Nottingham at the end of last year. Since moving here I have worked as an administrator for Nottingham City Council. However, when Covid hit, I realised, as many others have, that life is short, and I decided it was about time I got my Master's degree and pursued my career.



As I had an undergraduate degree in Sociology, I chose to do my Master's in Museum and Heritage Development - for me, this is a perfect way to discover and share with others our social history. I was already aware of the St Peters Heritage project (I actually put in an application), so as soon as it came to time to find a student placement, I immediately emailed Dorothy and Sarah to see if they needed any help. Luckily for me they did, and they asked me to look into the history of Rev. Almond.

Rev. Almond, and his wife Sarah, inherited three slave plantations from Sarah's Brother, Joseph Russell, and in 1837 were awarded £4,320 13s 10d (around £261,043.23 in today's money) as a result of the Slave Compensation Act. Slavery was undoubtedly a horrendous and shameful part of our history; therefore, I am humbled to be able to be part of a project that is willing to take responsibility for their part in it and find a way to honour the 220 slaves that were owned by Rev. Almond.

As with any family history, this is only part of the story, as Rev. Almond was also a prominent figure in Nottingham, helping his congregation during the cholera epidemics of 1832, opening Nottingham's first public Library (Bromley House) and being a proactive Chairman of Governors at Bluecoat School. My role during this placement is to put all of the pieces together into an information pack so that a true and accurate picture can be seen.

Annual Meeting of Parishioners to elect churchwardens (formerly named the Vestry Meeting) and Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

The above meetings have been arranged for Wednesday 19th May 2021, 7.00pm at St Peter's Church. The posts to be filled this year are: Four churchwardens (two from each church) to serve to May 2022; Four PCC members (two for each church) to serve to May 2024; and there are two casual vacancies for Deanery Synod representatives to serve to June 2023. Nomination forms for all the above vacancies will be at the back of church from Sunday 9 May 2021 and also on this website. Please return them to clergy or church officers after services, or to the parish office. Alternatively, email them to office@nottinghamchurches.org

Church Opening Times

At present, All Saints' services are taking place in church every Sunday at 10.30 am, and the church is open for private prayer on Tuesdays from 11am-1pm.

Sunday morning services at St Peter's with a congregation present are now taking place at 8.15 and 10.45 each week, with the 10.45 service being live streamed (available live each Sunday at 10.45am at nottinghamchurches.org/webcasts, or to watch again from the following day). Booking for the 10.45 service is advisable - visit the link on page 9 for more details.

There is a service of Holy Communion in St Peter's every Thursday at 11.00 am, with the church being open for private prayer on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 10am - 3pm.

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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