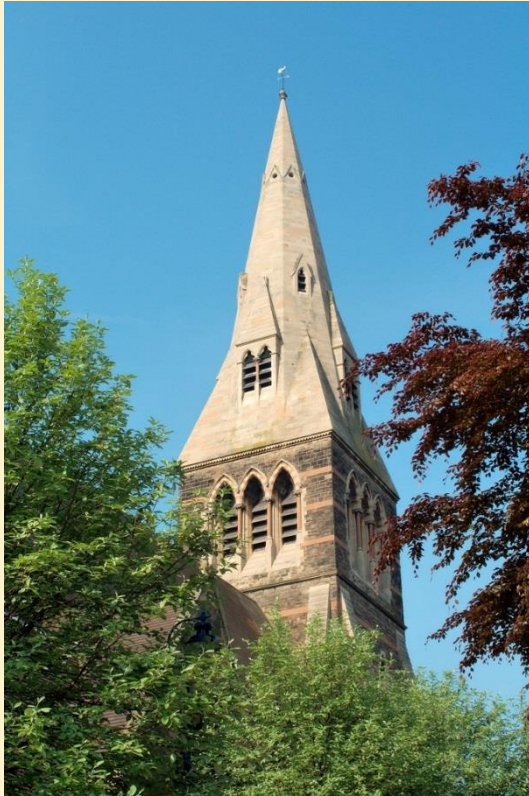


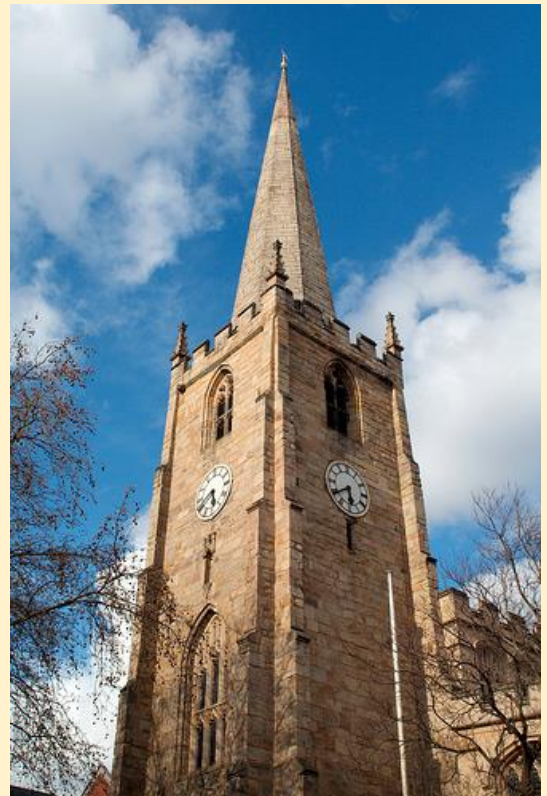


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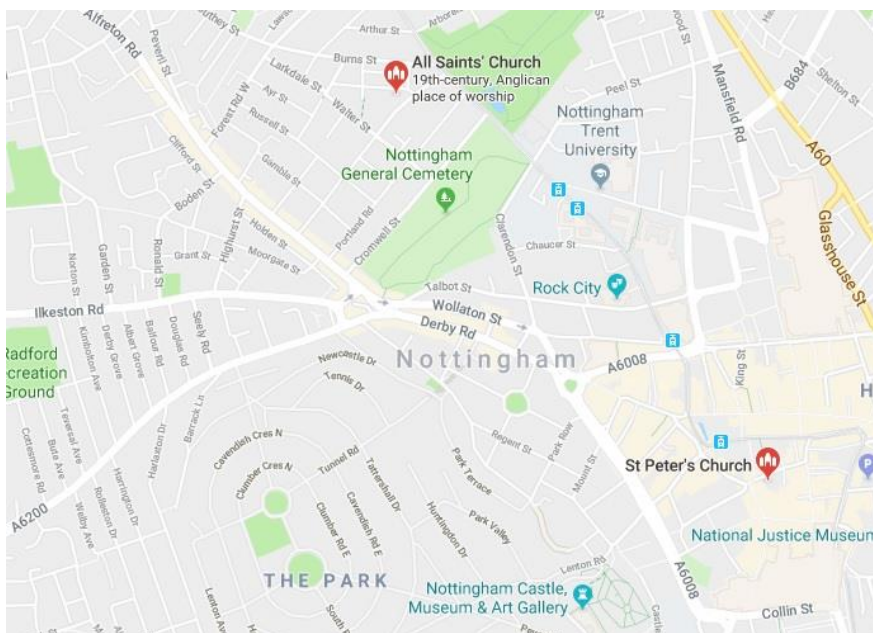
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It was wonderful that we could follow the St Peter's Patronal Festival service on 27th June with refreshments in the churchyard, albeit on a bring-your-own basis. Even though only a minority of the congregation were able to stay, it was a significant step towards a return to the kind of fellowship which has long been associated with the Sunday morning service, and which has been sorely missed. We are not quite ready at St Peter's to resume serving tea and coffee after the service on the same basis as before the first lockdown, but you are nonetheless encouraged to bring your own until such time as we can do so once again. Having something to eat or drink together is a time-honoured way of building friendships and a spirit of community, and however helpful Zoom has been it's not quite the same as actually being with others in the same space. All Saints' church has been providing tea and coffee after the Sunday morning service for a few weeks now, and this has also been much appreciated.



Since March last year, we have had to respond to a constantly evolving series of restrictions and limitations which have governed what we can and can't do in our churches. However, there is a real possibility that things will become easier for us all in the coming weeks, although those who are vulnerable may well need to continue to take various precautions. There has been much of talk of adjusting to the 'new normal', which is likely to involve recognising that some degree of risk from coronavirus is going to continue in the background. This means that we will need to consider carefully what the new shape of our parish life will look like in the coming months and years. One commentator said recently that coronavirus has resulted in technological change which would usually take around five years has been compressed into little more than one year. There may well be those who will continue to prefer to worship online, in their own homes, and this will make us think afresh about what worship actually means. I believe that a mixed mode pattern of church life, which involves both online worship and social interaction as well as meeting for worship and other events in our churches, is going to be inevitable. We will therefore have to plan for this and find ways of ensuring that those who are part of the online church community continue to feel fully part of our parish life, and we will need to find the resources to support this development. But I do also feel strongly that meeting together in our churches alongside one another, sharing in the sacraments, rejoicing together as well as supporting one another at times of sadness, is vital and needs to be strongly encouraged in the face of any belief that the online church community is an adequate substitute for this.

As we take stock of what coronavirus has done to the life of our churches, we need also to consider how it has affected the relationship between Church and society. In this context, we should be confident in speaking out in areas where we believe the Gospel of Jesus Christ needs to be proclaimed afresh. Christian concern for the environment remains important, as extreme climate events continue and the costs to people and economies of the failure to limit global heating become more and more evident. Our churches should also be examples of our belief that every person is of infinite value in the eyes of God, regardless of race, gender, age, income level, ability, sexual orientation or any other defining characteristic, and we need to continue with the task of making full inclusiveness a reality in our church life. Other areas in which the Church should be speaking out include the growing housing crisis, in which affordable housing of acceptable quality is becoming inaccessible to increasing numbers of people. Then there are the challenges currently faced by young people in the face of a difficult job market and all the constraints currently placed upon educational providers and students as a result of Covid-19.

Another development which is more and more alarming is the level of intolerance and hatred which is increasingly evident in this country. It is easy to reassure ourselves with the comforting thought that we live in what is basically a decent society. However, there seem to be more and more examples of journalists, politicians and other high profile figures being subject to abuse, threat and intimidation, and we can not ignore the possibility that these are not just exceptions to the rule, but a sign of a malaise which needs to be dealt with before it escalates out of control. Has the fact that just over five years ago an MP - Jo Cox - was murdered for her views really sunk in? More recently, the Scottish MP Carol Monaghan has had to leave her home following extreme threats to herself and her family. Professor Chris Whitty, the UK's Chief Medical Officer, has been harassed four times in the past few months. Dianne Abbott MP has also regularly received online abuse, in some cases linked with her race. When will the time come when our society - with the churches, I hope, speaking out loudly and clearly - says that enough is enough? It is sometimes hard to believe that we really live in a free and mature democracy, when such behaviour seems increasingly part of the nation's way of life.

As I conclude, however, I want to end on a more positive note and thank Liz Marsh most profoundly for all she has contributed to our parish over the period (almost two years) since she joined us as ministry assistant. I have greatly appreciated working with her and am most grateful for her thoughtfulness, her attention to detail, her theological insights and her ability to present new ideas and then put these into practice. Liz has set up and led an online Bible Study group; she has led our theology discussion group; she has played an active part in our Overseas Committee and in our Caring for our Common Home group, as well as regularly preaching and assisting with the leading of worship. She has supported groups such as the drop-in for rough sleepers, the Gateway mental health drop-in and the Women of Faith asylum seekers group. We will greatly miss her as a key member of our parish team, but I know that we all wish her every success as she moves back to Edinburgh to begin her PhD studies there.

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Overseas Committee



Ready to try out in-person events again?
Join us for our Five Talents Summer Picnic
at **Pembroke College, Cambridge!**

By kind permission of the Master and Fellows, we have been invited to host a private picnic in the Fellows' Garden of Pembroke College. Grab your lawn chair and pack your own picnic to join us for a COVID-safe afternoon!

We'll be hosting our picnic on
Sunday 18th July from **1.00pm to 3.00pm**
to update you on our programmes and other
Five Talents news. We'd love for you to join
us for our first in-person event since March 2020.

RSVP by **11th July** by emailing us at events@fivetalents.org.uk.
We'd love you to bring a guest; make sure to give their name(s) in your email!

Prayers for July

The Reverend James Saxton

Have faith, heart, have faith; nothing will be lost to you. What you have longed for is yours, yes yours; yours is what you have loved and fought for. Have faith; you were not born in vain. You have not lived or suffered in vain.

From a Mahler Song Cycle quoted in 'The Shattering of Loneliness' by Erik Varden

This month we pray for the lonely, those who feel unloved, forgotten
For those parts of the world where there is great suffering because of peoples' inhumanity, carelessness and because of corrupt governments.

Father. Give to us, and to all your people, in times of anxiety, serenity, in times of hardship, courage, in times of uncertainty, patience, and all times a quiet trust in your wisdom and love, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Give us Lord a stout heart to bear our burdens, a tender heart to bear the burdens of others, and a believing heart to lay our burdens before you, because you care for us.

As the 'lockdown' from the Pandemic is gradually lifted, we pray for safety and the wisdom to use our space and connectivity with others wisely.

Helper of all who are helpless,
We call on you in times of stress
And in times of devastation.
Pick up the broken pieces
Of our hearts, our homes, our history
And give to all of us a sense of restoration,
A means of starting over
When everything seemed lost.
O God our help in ages past
We place all our hope in you.

Family Service at St Peter's Church

It was delightful to welcome a small number of people back to our Family Service on 27th June. As always, Helen Hall gave the children some thoughtful activities, and Anne Hardy inspired us with her creative talents!

It was a good opportunity for us to say goodbye to Liz Marsh, who has always supported the Family Service, before she leaves us on 4th July. She even joined the children in creating a memento of the session!

All are welcome to our next Family Service, on 25th July, 9.45 am. We aim to resume our normal pattern (second Sunday of the month at 9.45 am) in the Autumn.



Entrance Ramp at All Saints'

We are delighted to be able to say that we have now received permission from the Diocese to go ahead with the plans to resurface the entrance ramp at All Saints' church, to provide a new non-slip surface for those entering and leaving the church. This will be especially helpful in wet conditions and represents a big improvement to our church premises. We thank all those people from both churches who have made contributions to the cost of the ramp; your generosity has been considerable and this means that we are able to go ahead with the project without drawing upon church funds. We do not yet have a date for the work, but updates will of course be given when more information is available.

Book of the month

By 'Bramcote Book Worm'

Wild Child: Coming Home to Nature

by Patrick Barkham

One of the delights of this book of 12 chapters from nature writer Patrick Barkham is the appropriate quotation and delicate black and white line drawing which heads up each one.

This is Patrick Barkham's fifth book. The others are "The Butterfly Isle", "Badgerlands", "Coastlines" and "Islander- a journey round our Archipelago". 'Wild Child' is a particularly personal account of his three children and their relationship to nature, his year as a volunteer at 'Dandelions', a Forest School in Norfolk, and his fear that we are creating a generation of children for whom the outdoors is a foreign country.

He describes Esme, one of his twin daughters, not lightly as a 'an endangered species.' This is the tenor of his tale. 'A few of my generation and more from preceding generations were once wild children. Today the wild child is functionally extinct in the Western world.'

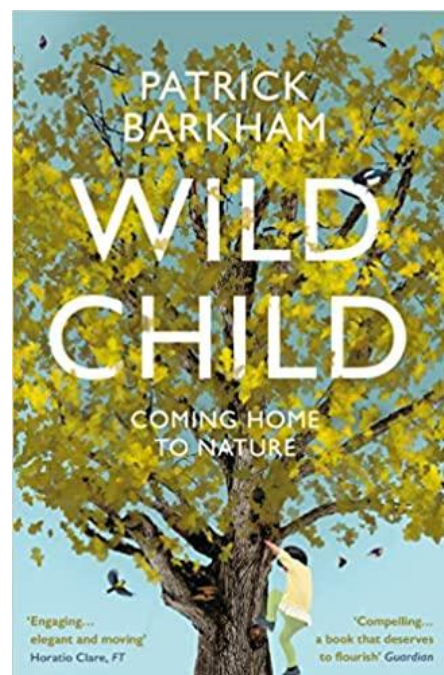
Many of our readers of a certain age will recognise themselves as 'the self-directed child playing freely among an abundance of other animals, plants and peers' now in Barkham's words 'belonging to a lost civilisation'.

However, 'Wild Child' is not a doom-laden gloom fest; rather it is celebration of how children and young people, from the very youngest to the teenager, let free in nature have a heightened sense of well-being, experience moments of genuine connection. 'Here is fun, here is surprise, here is rapture; here is where we want and need to be; here is home'.

'The best classroom and the richest cupboard are roofed only by the sky.' This quote from Margaret McMillan, an early advocate of outdoor play, heads chapter 3 entitled 'Dandelion Spring.' The Forest School movement is something which Patrick Barkham sees as an antidote to an education system which has seen England as a world leader in 'producing fat, unhappy and anxious children.' Dandelion, like all Forest Schools, 'provides sensory input without sensory bombardment' says Hayley Room, co-founder of Dandelions. 'You've got a child who is more relaxed and more ready to learn and they've got a bigger space.'

Chapter 10 'Growing Up' suddenly transports us from rural Norfolk to Bestwood Country Park on the edge of Nottingham, where Patrick Barkham is waiting with Forest School practitioner Kate for nine children from Forest Fields Primary School in the city centre to join her at Wild Things Base Camp. Barkham is not insensitive to the irony of the school's name. All are ten years old; all have arrived to this country in the last two years from either Pakistan, or Afghanistan, Romania or Syria. All of them are members of an 'English as a Second Language' class in a school of 620 children where fifty-two languages are spoken.

This is a particularly moving chapter. Kate and her fellow Wild Things often feel the weight of the children's longing to stay in the woods. The children constantly say how free they feel out here. Sanaya, who loves the sessions in the woods, says: 'I know I won't come back because my family haven't got a car.' Although Wild Things give every child a leaflet with bus routes- the bus drops them off in the nearest village and there is no café in the woods. 'It will be a very strong-willed ten-year-old who makes her own way here and an act of faith for her parents to follow her'.



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Thank you to everyone who attended the Heritage Project Pilot Day on 2nd of June. Lots of people attended and it was a lovely mix of familiar friends and new people. I enjoyed meeting some people I had only ever seen on Zoom and putting names to faces of the people who have written their City Stories. All of the feedback has been compiled and we are now in the process of sending re-drafts back. After this, we will move on to the next stage before we launch properly in October. We are very excited about this new addition and even though everything was in a draft form it was clear to see what an exciting development this will be for the church. Sarah Clemson

Outreach Update

Dorothy Mountford

Photography Project

The 12-week Photography Course for students at the Recovery College lead by Jagdish Patel of the Nottingham photography hub has finished, and an exhibition of their work based on the history and heritage of St Peter's will be on display in the south aisle of the church for the next few months.



If you enjoyed the performance of Pat Ashworth's 'Not Just Fish and Ships' in July 2019, here is an opportunity to see her latest play.



HEADLAND
THEATRE

Presents
The Reverend's Rebuke by Pat Ashworth

or

Correspondence Arising Out Of The Circumstance Of The Rev. Thomas Wilkinson's Sudden Removal From The Curacy Of Attenborough Cum Bramcote After A Servitude Of Nearly HALF A CENTURY

Everything was going well for the Reverend Thomas Wilkinson, hardworking curate of Attenborough-with-Bramcote, until a letter landed on his doorstep on May 26th 1835.

Where do you go for redress when your good name has been trampled through the mud and you think you know the real reason why you have been so ill-served? Mr Wilkinson believed he knew it. But would any of his persecutors admit the truth?

Saturday 24 July & Sunday 12 September at 2:30pm and 5pm

**Bramcote Old Church Tower, Town St, Bramcote
Nottingham NG9 3DP**

Tickets £5 available online:

www.ticketsource.co.uk/headland-theatre



Duration, 1 hour. The play is written for a socially distanced cast and a small cabaret-style audience, with Covid-19 safety in mind.

The performances will take place outdoors whatever the weather. Refreshments are available from 2pm and 4.30pm.

Recommended parking for all performances except Sunday 12 September at 5pm is in the car park of St Michael & All Angels, Church Street, NG9 3HD, by kind permission of the Vicar and PCC. The Tower is a short walk away, past the White Lion pub.

Regrettably, there is no wheelchair access to the site.

www.bramcoteoldtower.org.uk www.headlandtheatre.co.uk



Deanery Days of Prayer with Bishop Paul

Thursday 24th June 2021 at St Peter's Church

In the evening of the Feast of St John the Baptist, the Bishop came to St Peter's for the City Centre session of his Deanery Days of Prayer. As the light from the setting sun poured through the Workers' Window, the strains of Sally Breamish's music 'In the Stillness' filled the church (<http://oneequalmusic.org.uk/>). The words of the carol seemed particularly appropriate even on a Midsummer's Day in the middle of a pandemic:

'In the stillness of a church where the candles glow...

'In the calmness of a pool of healing light

'There's a patience as we wait for a new morn.'



Charlie Macksey

The Bishop drew our attention to the image on the front of the Prayer Booklet (you may know Macksey's famed 'A Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse'), which shows an angel gently kissing a cellist. The Bishop felt this symbolised God being with Us in all we strove to make and create. He asked us to share it. So here it is.

Here also are some lines from the prayers and hymns (spoken) we shared:

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart:

Be Thou naught to me save that Thou art.

Be Thou my best Thought, by the day or the night.

Waking or sleeping thy presence my light

Lord, take us from where we are,

To where you want us to be. Amen

Christianity and the Environment

Below are some prayers, provided by 'Green Christian', which can be used to reflect on the current climate crisis, and how we as a Church can respond to it.

Merciful God, we believe that you uphold and sustain all that you have made, while also lovingly giving us the freedom to live in relationship with the rest of creation. We ask your forgiveness for the ways we have abused that freedom, through what we have done and what we have left undone. We bring our lament and our longing for a renewed earth to you now.

Creator God

For our world of beauty and plenty, we praise you-
For the earth, the seas, the plants, the animals and all the wonders of the universe.
We stand before you in awe and wonder in all that you have created.

Redeemer God

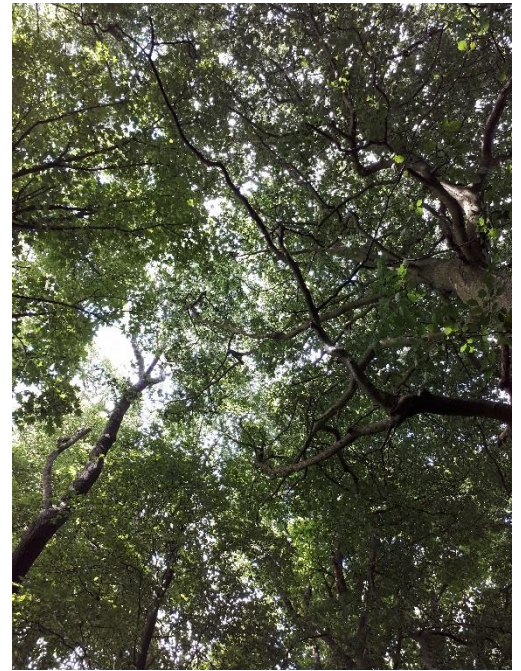
Have mercy on us for our over consumption of the world's resources,
For our lack of responsibility in devastating the habitats of your creatures,
For our thoughtlessness in filling the world with our rubbish,
For the pursuit of economic growth which leaves our brothers and sisters in poverty.
Forgive us our selfishness, that has led to this climate crisis, and bring us together as One World.

Sustainer God

Be generous in your gifts of wisdom, understanding and courage to help us see:
the interconnectedness of climate, nature and our lifestyles,
our responsibility to secure a future for our children, and the urgency to act now.
Inspire us to change personally, in our local communities, as nations and at a global level.

Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, you are very great!
You are clothed with splendour and majesty, covering yourself with light as with a garment,
stretching out the heavens like a tent.
He lays the beams of his chambers on the waters;
he makes the clouds his chariot; he rides on the wings of the wind; he makes his messengers winds,
his ministers a flaming fire.
He set the earth on its foundations, so that it should never be moved.
Psalms 104

More resources can be found at: www.greenchristian.org.uk



Ordinary Christians,
extraordinary times

Services in July

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

Thursday 1st	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
Sunday 4th	8.15am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
	10.30am	The Eucharist	All Saints'
	10.45am	Sung Eucharist*	St Peter's
		Communion Service in E-flat <i>Bairstow</i> The Call <i>Vaughan Williams</i>	
Tuesday 6th	11.00am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
	1.15pm	Holy Communion	St Peter's
Thursday 8th	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
Sunday 11th	8.15am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
	10.30am	The Eucharist	All Saints'
	10.45am	Sung Eucharist*	St Peter's
		'Collegium Regale' <i>Howells</i> Give us the wings of faith <i>Bullock</i>	
Tuesday 13th	11.00am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
	1.15pm	Holy Communion	St Peter's
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
		Litany to the Holy Spirit <i>Hurford</i> Communion Service in D <i>Leighton</i> Prayer of St Richard of Chichester <i>White</i>	
Tuesday 20th	11.00am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
	1.15pm	Holy Communion	St Peter's
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
Tuesday 27th	11.00am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
	1.15pm	Holy Communion	St Peter's
Thursday 29th	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Peter's

Church Opening Times

All Saints' Sunday services are taking place in church every week at 10.30 am. Sunday morning services at St Peter's are 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 www.nottinghamchurches.org/webcasts or to watch again from the following day).

Booking for the 10.45 service is advisable – www.nottinghamchurches.org/booking

We are pleased to announce that the two Tuesday Communion Services will recommence soon. The All Saints' service began on Tuesday 29th June, at the new time of 11 am. The St Peter's service will begin on Tuesday 6th July, 1.15 pm.

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

The Coffee Room is open Tuesday – Friday, 10.30 am – 2.30 pm - now with indoor as well as outdoor seating!

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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