



ST PETER & ALL SAINTS NOTTINGHAM



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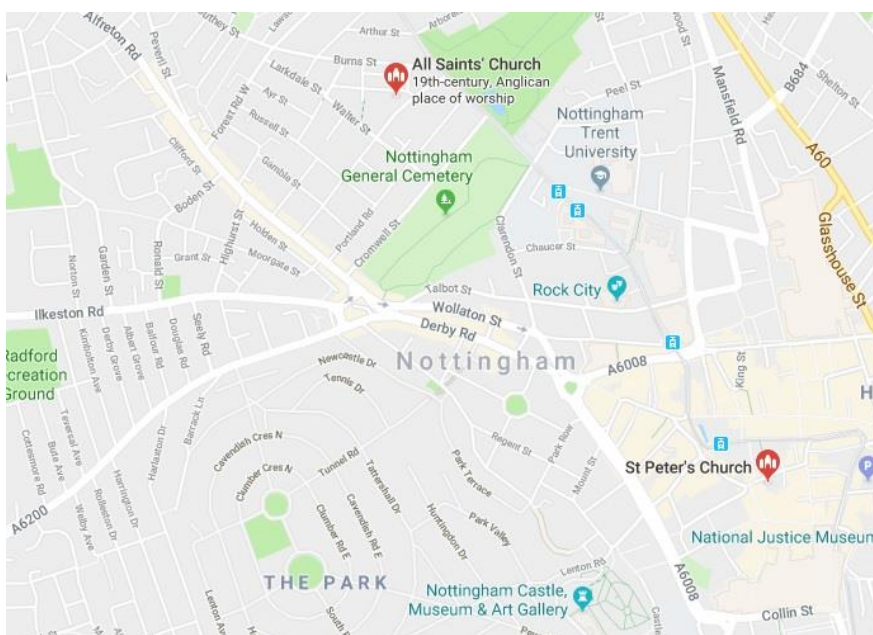
THE PARISH OF ST PETER AND ALL SAINTS, NOTTINGHAM



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It is hard to believe that this month we will celebrate a second Christmas under the shadow of Covid-19. Whilst much progress has been made in curbing the continued spread of the virus, the past year has been extremely costly on several levels for societies around the world. The toll on the lives of many people in this country and elsewhere has been substantial. We are also experiencing a range of economic pressures including rising prices – notably fuel – and shortages of goods and labour.



All these things have contributed to a growing feeling that some major changes are underway in how most if not all of us live our lives. We are having to get used to taking precautions in the face of the risk of an illness which can strike with random levels of severity; we are becoming familiar once again with the need to be careful about how much energy we use. The increasingly incidence of poverty and hunger is a growing cause for concern; I am particularly aware of this when I see the queues of people outside the food bank on Raleigh Street which is run by All Saints' neighbours in the Covenant Restoration Assembly Church, which meets in the old school building on the All Saints' site. I also see St Peter's and All Saints' as places which are used more and more by people who come to seek refuge and peace in the face of a world which is challenging and sometimes frightening.

Alongside all this, the familiarity and the reassurance which are provided by Christmas are a welcome source of stability to us all. We remember the coming to earth of the Christ child, a baby in swaddling clothes who is no less than God in human form, Emmanuel, God with us. His message of love not just for our friends but also for our enemies will always be a difficult path to follow but is a constant reminder that God wants all people to return to him, and will not cease loving humanity even in the face of everything that human beings do to ignore him and flout his will. Christmas should therefore be a time when we do our best to put aside our differences, let go of grudges and extend the proverbial olive branch when necessary. God's mercy and compassion are infinite, like the love of any good parent; even if we don't always succeed in matching up to this ideal, it should be our aim and our aspiration.

I therefore hope that, however anxious we may continue to be regarding Covid-19, at this Christmas time we can find solace and comfort in the eternal message of love shown to us by our Lord Jesus Christ. We will do all we can to make sure that our Christmas services are an opportunity to rejoice together whilst remaining safe. Please do therefore wear a face covering, unless you are exempt from the need to do this; in this way we can show our care for others and our desire not to be an unwitting cause of infection in others. At the Carol Service on Christmas Eve at St Peter's there will be a section of the church, probably part of the south aisle, which will be reserved for those who wish to be distanced from other people. All the other pews will be available as usual (unless, following the time of writing this article, we are obliged to make changes to this plan).

A piece of good news which I want to share with you is that we have recently made arrangements for a charity known as SFiCE to begin using All Saints' Hall for its work in the community with people in various kinds of acute need. This will include courses on cooking on a low budget; English language classes for those for whom English is not their first language; and targeted support for rough sleepers and those in similar forms of vulnerability. More details of their work may be found elsewhere in this magazine.

Finally, I would also like to express my heartfelt thanks to Dr Mike Leuty for all he has contributed to the musical life of the parish over the last twenty years or so. Mike will be retiring at the end of 2021 from his post as assistant organist, so that he can spend more time with his grandchildren and in order to prepare to move house. Like very many others, I have greatly appreciated his splendid skills both when presenting the considerable range of organ voluntaries which are in his repertoire, and as an accompanist to the choir. We will miss you enormously, Mike, but extend every good wish to you as this new chapter in your life begins.

Wishing you all a happy and blessed Christmas and a fruitful New Year.

Overseas Committee

As a parish we support USPG, the United Society Partners in the Gospel. Here is a Thank You from their Director of Mission Engagement, The Rev Canon Richard Bartlett:

As this year continues and restrictions ease may we continue to pray for our brothers and sisters who are struggling at this time during this pandemic. We long for the day when we can all be together again working toward God's mission to enliven faith, strengthen relationships, unlock potential and champion justice.

Thank you for continuing to support USPG, and thank you for your kindness in enabling our worldwide programmes to continue. Be assured of my prayers for you.

*The Revd Canon Richard Bartlett
Director of Mission Engagement, USPG*

USPG and COP 26

Erasto Magamba, Ugandan delegate to COP26

My COP26 experience started with COY16, the UN Climate Change Conference of Youth, where young people around the world came together to show what they are doing to fight against climate change. At COY16 (which started just before COP26) I attended sessions about climate education, financing, activism, farming and agriculture. I think that my increased knowledge of these subjects will help me to mobilise youth in church when I go back to Uganda, as these are all issues which affect young people in our country. So far, our youth haven't done enough about climate change. Once I return to Uganda, I hope to bring together a youth team focused on raising awareness of local ways to reduce the effects of climate change.

Being on different platforms talking about how youth should be involved in the fight against climate change has been good. In many countries, young people are not listened to and are considered troublemakers. Most importantly, young people need to be informed about climate financing and climate education so that we can act meaningfully in the context of the climate crisis.

However, I don't think that COY16 has had much of an impact. I was able to network, take pictures and talk to people. Yet, people just talk about what they do – there are no tangible networks, only verbal commitments. Although I enjoyed myself, I realised that young people need to create our own annual interfaith Conference of Youth to bring the voices of religious youth around the globe together. If everything goes well, we shall have the first one next year before COP27 in Egypt. I had many conversations with other young Christians attending COP26 about this but I would like even more young people to be involved and faith organisations to support this event.

During COP26 I spent some time with religious leaders including the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Archbishop of Central America, the Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church and the Archbishop of Canada. Archbishop Justin Welby and I talked about how young people in the global south, particularly in Africa, are suffering from the effects of climate change. I also met with the Deputy First Minister of Scotland, who encouraged me to continue working for climate justice and offered his support, regardless of what is promised at COP26.

Throughout the many events I attended, I was able to provide a Ugandan perspective on climate change. This has opened a big door for me to extend a collaboration with the Young Christian Climate Network and the Diocese of Kampala, which I will start work on immediately when I travel back to Uganda.

Erasto's visit to COP26 was facilitated by USPG, Tearfund, Christian Aid, the Scottish Episcopal Church and the Anglican Alliance.



The Silver Smarties Scheme - reminder

The Silver Smarties scheme was launched on Advent Sunday. If you wish to take part please let us know and we will provide you with a tube of Smarties, to be returned filled with 20 pence pieces by Ascensiontide in May.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Book of the month

'The Christmas Book Shop'
by Jenny Colgan

Who could resist such a combination in a book title?

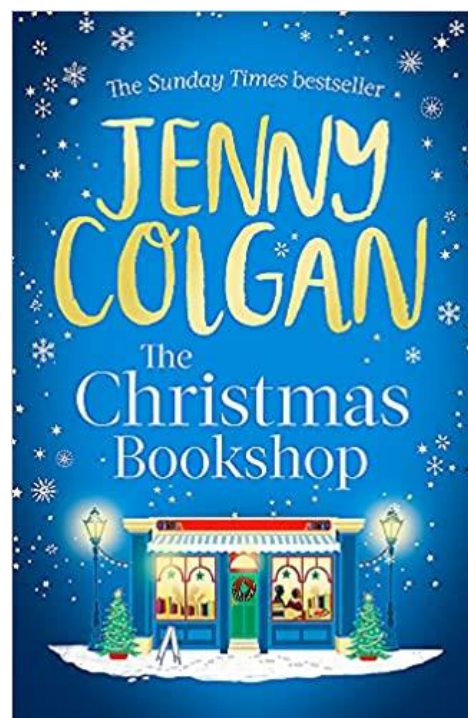
This is unapologetically escapist reading for the festive season. With an engaging cast of characters old and young this family-based novel has some surprises. In many ways it is a story of redemption and the triumph of what may be seen by some to be old fashioned values. Colgan is clearly in love with the city of Edinburgh where the story unfolds. Through her description of the Royal Mile and Grass Market, the winding streets and the brooding Castle she creates such a strong sense of place that the city becomes one of the main characters in its own right. If you have never visited, then Colgan makes a very good job of tempting you to head north.

This is basically a tale of two sisters- two women with very different lifestyles and aspirations- and their relationship. As mother and aunt of three very realistically drawn small children Colgan uses the festive season to explore each of their characters and the changes they each need to make to grow closer.

It an uplifting read for dark times. A little romantic maybe - but our handsome hero is a Quaker dendrologist from Brazil which saves him from being too much of a cliché. Perhaps the most charming aspect is the warmth which emerges in the way the most unlikely characters show care and compassion.

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By 'Bramcote Book Worm'



Nottingham
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**Carol
Concert**

Ed Turner *conductor*

Saturday 11th December 2021
11am

St Peter's Church, Nottingham

Free admission – voluntary donations welcome

Services in December

Sunday 5th	8.15 am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	All Saints'
	10.45 am	Matins*	St Peter's
		Responses <i>Radcliffe</i>	
		A Song of Peace <i>Stanford</i>	
		How beauteous are the feet <i>Stanford</i>	
	5.00 pm	Holy Communion with prayers for healing	St Peter's
Tuesday 7th	11.00 am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
	1.15 pm	Holy Communion	St Peter's
Thursday 9th	11.00 am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
Sunday 12th	8.15 am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
	9.45 am	Family Service	St Peter's
	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	All Saints'
	10.45 am	Sung Eucharist	St Peter's
	6.00 pm	Evensong*	All Saints'
		Responses Shephard	
		Third Service <i>Philip Moore</i> We wait for thy loving kindness <i>McKie</i>	
Tuesday 14th	11.00 am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
	1.15 pm	Holy Communion	St Peter's
Thursday 16th	11.00 am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
Sunday 19th	8.15 am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	All Saints'
	10.45 am	Sung Eucharist*	St Peter's
		Holy Communion in E Darke	
		Gabriel's Message <i>Trad. Basque, arr. Pettman</i>	
	5.00 pm	Taizé Service	St Peter's
Tuesday 21st	11.00 am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
	1.15 pm	Holy Communion	St Peter's
Thursday 23rd	11.00 am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
Friday 24th Christmas Eve	4.00 pm	Family Carol Service*	St Peter's
		The Sussex Carol <i>Willcocks</i>	
		Gabriel's Message <i>Trad. Basque, arr. Pettman</i>	
		Rejoice and be merry <i>Chilcott</i>	
		What child is this? <i>Hewitt Jones</i>	
		Hodie Christus natus est <i>Sweelinck</i>	
	11.15 pm	Midnight Mass	St Peter's
	11.30 pm	Midnight Mass	All Saints'
Friday 25th Christmas Day	10.00 am	Sung Eucharist*	St Peter's
		Resonemus laudibus <i>Willcocks</i>	
		Agnus Dei in E-flat <i>Bairstow</i>	
		Nativity Carol <i>Rutter</i>	
	10.30 am	The Eucharist	All Saints'
Sunday 26th	10.45 am	The Eucharist	St Peter's

Please wear a face covering when attending services, unless exempt

Services in January

Sunday 2nd Kept as The Epiphany	8.15 am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	All Saints'
	10.45 am	Sung Eucharist	St Peter's
	5.00 pm	Holy Communion with prayers for healing	St Peter's
Tuesday 4th	11.00 am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
	1.15 pm	Holy Communion	St Peter's
Thursday 6th	11.00 am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
Sunday 9th	8.15 am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
	9.45 am	Family Service	St Peter's
	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	All Saints'
	10.45 am	Sung Eucharist	St Peter's
	6.00 pm	Evensong*	All Saints'
Tuesday 11th	11.00 am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
	1.15 pm	Holy Communion	St Peter's
Thursday 13th	11.00 am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
Sunday 16th	8.15 am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	All Saints'
	10.45 am	Sung Eucharist*	St Peter's
	5.00 pm	Taizé Service	St Peter's
Tuesday 18th	11.00 am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
	1.15 pm	Holy Communion	St Peter's
Thursday 20th	11.00 am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
Sunday 23rd	8.15 am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	All Saints'
	10.45 am	Sung Eucharist*	St Peter's
	6.00pm	Compline*	All Saints'
Tuesday 25th	11.00 am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
	1.15 pm	Holy Communion	St Peter's
Thursday 27th	11.00 am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
Sunday 30th The Presentation of Christ in the Temple	8.15 am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	All Saints'
	10.45 am	Sung Eucharist*	St Peter's

Christmas opening times

- * The Parish Office will close at 2 pm on Wednesday 22nd December, and will re-open on Wednesday 5th January.
- * The Coffee Room will close at 2.30 pm on Christmas Eve, and will re-open on Saturday 8th January.
- * St Peter's and All Saints' churches will close the week after Christmas, to give staff a well-earned break. Services will resume on Tuesday 4th January.



Heritage Outreach Update

Dorothy Mountford

Although it may seem that we should be still basking in the afterglow of the October Launch when we celebrated our new roof and the outreach activities which had been achieved - life moves on.

Goodbye to Sarah Clemson

At the end of November we very sadly said goodbye to Sarah Clemson, our Heritage Officer, who had played such an integral part in the design and production of our interpretation materials, contributed to the Share History Group and was a key player in researching and designing the memorial to the enslaved people. We will miss her.

The Gift of A Black Plaque

November's magazine contained a very full account of the launch. Gloria Daniel's wonderful gift to the church of a Black Plaque and her accompanying speech were too important to abridge, so we are printing it here in full. We think that we may be the first church in the country to be honoured with such a gift. We would like to express our gratitude to Gloria for her support and for her generosity:

"The love of money is a root of all kinds of evil". *Timothy 6.10*

The Transatlantic Slave Trade was entirely engendered for the love of money. This love of money led to the destruction of more than 12.5 million African and Caribbean lives.



On Monday, 25th May 2020, a police officer felt entitled enough to crush the breath and life from George Floyd. A man – a black man. This entitlement to freely attack black bodies is rooted in the racist legacies of the Transatlantic Slave Trade, embodied here before you in these shackles, shackles similar to the very ones made not so far from here by Hiatt of Birmingham.

Reverend Robert White Almond was the Rector of St Peter's for nearly 40 years. His mortal remains lie within these very walls, commemorated and celebrated for his character and good works for the welfare of his flock. Like Derek Chauvin, Reverend Almond gave no thought to the 220 men, women and children whose names are being historically memorialised here.

It is 187 years since Reverend Almond collected this blood money, garnered from his brother-in-law's plantations in Jamaica. He did not consider these 220 men, women and children part of his flock. He did not consider the 760,000 sole survivor, dehumanized for the love of money. We are gathered here today to commemorate these named black lives – a first in Britain.

Accountability and atonement require action, your actions - in raising this memorialisation ensures hatred of our fellow man has no place in 2021. These men, women and children can finally rest in peace.

Tteach Plaques stands for 'Transatlantic Trafficked Enslaved African Corrective Historical Plaques'. My name is Gloria Daniel, and I am the great-great granddaughter of John Isaac Daniel, who was enslaved on a plantation in Barbados. It is a great honour to be here with you today to present the first installed Tteach plaque to St Peter's Church in Nottingham. Let us commit to each other to build new foundations under your new roof, for all mankind.

Thanks are given to Bishop Paul and Reverend Harrison for championing the space for this memorial to be installed. Further thanks are extended to Dorothy Mountford, Brian Dunn and the Shared History Group. Special thanks to Sarah Clemson, and Simon Ferrigno of Black History Lunchtime Conversations – our paths crossed there and these talks and Sarah's vision ensured this project was delivered with the utmost care and dignity.

Justice is being served. Thank you.

Legacy Plans

The award we received from the National Lottery Heritage Fund was granted on the understanding that we fulfilled our proposed outreach programme which was submitted as part of the original bid. This included ways in which we could ensure that the legacy of our heritage is continued to be shared by visitors to the church and city. Our new guidebook, the virtual tour and the online city stories along with the magnificent interpretation panels will ensure the continued high quality of the visitor experience.

Outstanding Projects

Two aspects of the outreach programme are in the pipeline. A four week photography session for the women who drop into the Dt James Room for support on Monday mornings, also another visit from the Rosslyn school children and their teachers during this academic year. Our thanks to Jagdish Patel from the Nottingham Photography Hub for his ongoing support of the tutorial programme and to members of our congregation who volunteer so readily to work with the children and proved such a wonderfully warm and welcoming experience for them.

Future Plans

Currently the Heritage Steering Group is looking at ways of ensuring that the important work with schools is not only sustainable but can be extended and developed to include older age groups and other schools.



Poem

The ghost of a Christmas past

What would Mary have to say,
if she knew how her glad tidings were celebrated today?
Would she recognise Nazareth, with buildings and churches in her name?,
as the place she once lived and to where the angel Gabriel came.

Old dwellings now transformed into smart boutiques.
It's all modern cookware and expensive antiques.
No more, the simple market stalls,
but COVID controlled, air conditioned malls.

It's nearly Black Friday and the race is on
to buy modern gifts 'on line', in honour of her son.
So different to those earlier tributes, brought by those from afar
To celebrate the birth of a new life, in a stable, under a star.

*Ros Horsley
November 2020*

St Peter's Fair Trade & Christian Book Shop

Adele Siepmann

We are delighted to announce that our shop has re-opened! Due to our current volunteer numbers, the shop will be open Wednesday – Friday, 11 am – 2.30 pm. However, I can also deal with any purchases on Tuesdays.

If you think that you would be able to offer some time to volunteer in the shop on Mondays, Tuesdays or Saturdays, please contact me in the office – office@nottinghamchurches.org



Opening Times

The Coffee Room is now open Tuesday – Saturday, 10.30 am – 2.30 pm.

The Parish Office is open to visitors 10 am – 2 pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Adele is also available via email on Wednesdays – office@nottinghamchurches.org

Please note that during the winter months, the Sunday evening services **at St Peter's** will take place at 5.00 pm.

Prayers for December & January

God of light and hope,
In this Advent season of waiting,
May we know your presence with us;
May we not lose sight of the life ahead.
As we prepare to celebrate your coming at Christmas,
Help us to be thankful for all the ways that you have blessed us
Even as we mourn the Christmas celebrations that we might have had.
Keep us safe from harm, Lord God
Let us turn to you and one another in the midst of difficulty,
And grant us the peace and hope that only you can give.
Amen.



Photo: Jo Copestake

Mike Leuty

Having been Assistant Organist at St Peter's since 1999, Michael Leuty has announced his intention to retire from his post after Christmas in order to spend more time with his grandchildren and (having become a French citizen in 2018) to prepare for a move to France.

Mike was encouraged by his parents to study music from an early age. He was a chorister at a London church from the age of 7, and at 14 he was appointed organist of a small church in Derbyshire which was announced in the local newspaper as "Beatles fan, 14, is new church organist"! As a former pupil of Nottingham High School (and thus of Kendrick

Partington who, alongside his work as Director of Music at the High School between 1957 and 1986, was also Organist of St Peter's between 1957 and 1994), Mike first started coming to St Peter's when he returned to Nottingham as a GP in 1985. After a few years, both Mike and his eldest daughter Emilie joined the choir, and in 1999, Mike became Deputy Organist under the then Director of Music, Andrew Teague.

Alongside his musical duties, Mike has also made a considerable contribution to wider parish life. As well as being a regular member of the reading rota, he built the first St Peter's website in 1996 and continued to maintain it until 2006. A superb photographer, Mike has also taken a huge number of photographs of the churches and of the choir over the years.

Personally, I will be sad to lose Mike from the parish music team - not just for his sensitive and thoughtful accompaniments to the choir month-by-month, but also the particularly fine playing he unfailingly brings out for the choir's cathedral visits and - perhaps most of all - his wise, considered, clearly expressed and enormously valued counsel and advice. A formal farewell and appreciation of all Mike has brought to St Peter's will be given during the Festal Eucharist on Christmas Day, and Mike's final duty on the organ bench (at least as a regular member of the team) will be accompanying the choir during their day in residence at Southwell Minster on Sunday 2nd January.



Peter Siepmann

**THE PARISH OF NOTTINGHAM ST PETER & ALL SAINTS
SEEKS TO APPOINT AN
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF MUSIC**

Following the retirement of Dr Michael Leuty after twenty two years service, the parish of St Peter's and All Saints' churches in the city of Nottingham seeks an experienced organist and inspirational accompanist to assist the Organist & Director of Music in playing the organ for services.

Further details of this position are given at www.nottinghamchurches.org/vacancies

Potential applicants are welcome to contact the Organist & Director of Music, Dr Peter Siepmann via email on peter.siepmann@nottinghamchurches.org for an initial, informal conversation if they wish.

SFiCE move into All Saints' Hall

"It's been a huge month for SFiCE Foundation. We're delighted to share some positive news with you all.

We have secured a new premises situated within the grounds of All Saints' Church. We will be running all of our projects, apart from the Social Cafe, from there. The whole team is delighted and excited at the prospect of having a new base of operations. Our new address is SFiCE Foundation, All Saints' Church, 75a Raleigh Street, Nottingham, NG7 4DP."



I am extremely happy that we have finally found our new accommodation. The SFiCE Social Cafe will still be held at the Hill View Community Centre in St. Ann's, but all the staff and our other projects will be operate from this new building, part of All Saints Church near the Arboretum.

Our Homeless work will now be conducted from within SFiCE HQ, starting from Monday 10th January. Every Monday, between 4pm and 6pm, people suffering homelessness may come under our roof for lovingly prepared hot meals, clothing, and a hot shower.

I would like to thank Ms. Abbott for a cheque of £1000 for a washing machine and tumble dryer for the homeless. We also want to thank Reverend Harrison and Lorraine for making haste to give us the keys to this beautiful building.

Welcome to all our new contacts, thank you for your interest in our charity, we will soon meet. We hope you will be inspired by our work and stay in touch.

*Parminder Dhanjal
Director*

We are delighted to welcome SFiCE as our new tenants at All Saints' Hall. For more information about their work, please visit: <https://sficefoundation.org>

SFiCE Foundation
Helping Vulnerable Adults in Nottingham, UK

Regular Activities in our Churches

Many of these activities are currently suspended due to the pandemic

All Saints'

- Coffee and Fellowship (part of the Places of Welcome network):
Tuesdays from 11.30 am – 12.30 pm
- 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.

St Peter's:

- Rough Sleepers' Drop-in: Mondays (women only) from 10.30am – 12noon;
- The Thursday communion service at 11.00 is followed by coffee and fellowship
- 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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