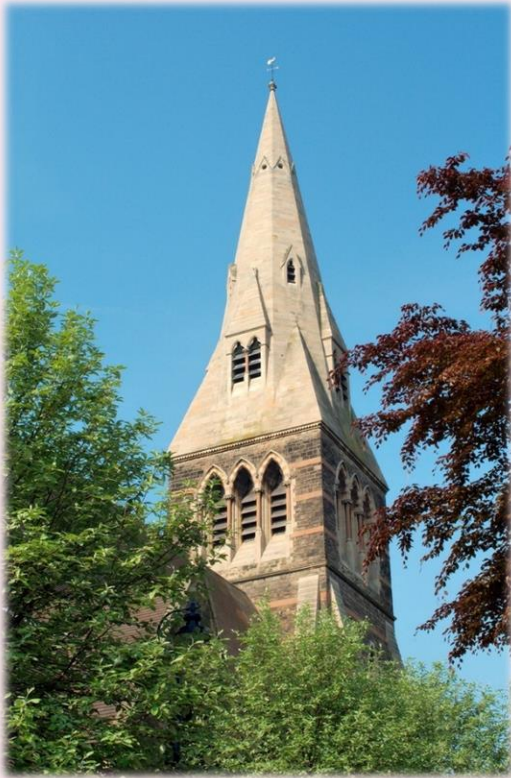


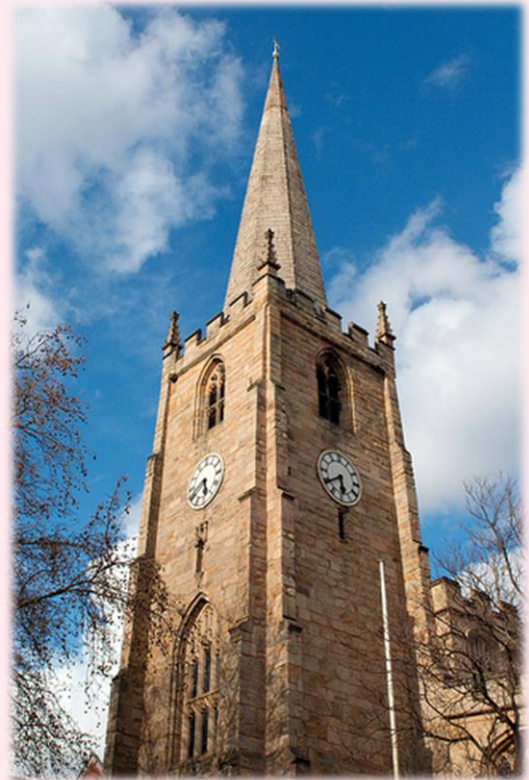


# ST PETER & ALL SAINTS NOTTINGHAM



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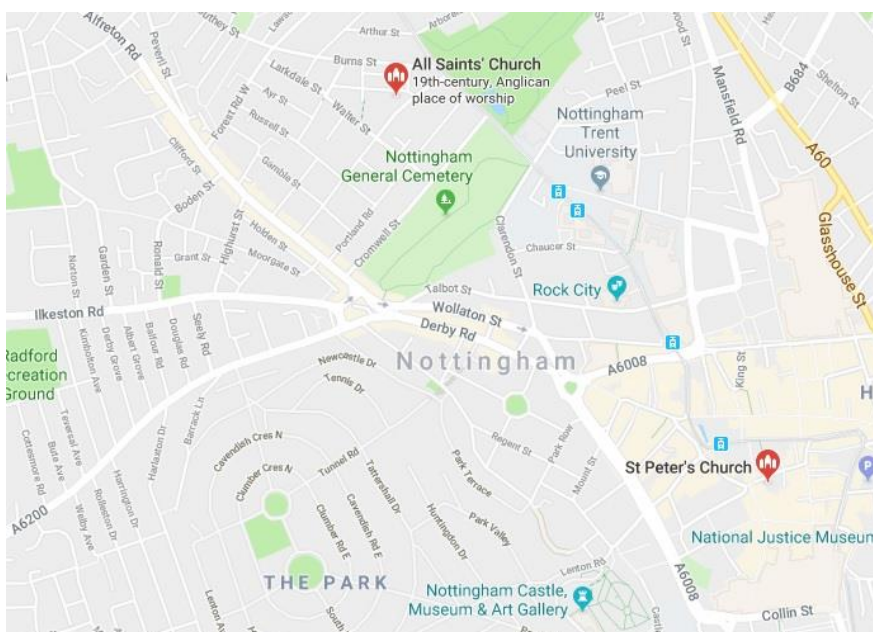
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I sometimes wonder how many people drift along not really knowing where life is leading them. There are probably more people than we realise who are not happy with the job that they are doing. A certain proportion of students are not sure that the course they are on is right for them, and some of these will continue into further studies just because they don't know which field they want to work in. Even when we reach retirement age, some people will ask themselves what they have achieved in life. Then there are those who are disappointed that the relationships they have had with family and friends were not as rewarding as they would have wished.



At whatever stage in life we happen to be, our path reflects choices we can freely make, on the one hand, and, on the other, actions we need to take as a result of choices we have made in the past or constraints such as those resulting from ill health or our age. Nevertheless, at whatever point in our lives we find ourselves, we always have a degree of freedom to begin afresh, to put the past behind us if necessary, and to make new choices. In one of Jesus' most memorable images, he tells of a man who discovered treasure hidden in a field and sells everything he has in order to buy the field. This treasure, says Jesus, is like the kingdom of God; when you experience the kingdom of God you will do anything to hold onto it and for it to be at the heart of your life.

We do not know whether Jesus was imagining a person who was young, middle aged or old, but the parable is relevant to each one of us. But how do we understand the kingdom of God? Going back to the New Testament Greek word 'Basileia' (kingdom), we can see it as the 'reign' or 'realm' of God; a way of living and of ordering society in which God's love, mercy, and compassion and justice prevail over all that is at odds with these values. In our own individual lives, we experience something of the kingdom of God when we live by faith in God and in the power of the Holy Spirit, who is our guide and strength through all that we face each day. We can also glimpse something of the kingdom of God at those moments when things seem to happen for a reason which we know, deep down, is right. When we discover a new confidence in God's purpose for us, whether this be through new opportunities which fall into place or things coming together in a way that makes sense of our past, the Kingdom of God becomes real for us. We can even know the blessedness of the Kingdom of God in occasions of sadness and loss; God may not take these away from us, as they are part of life, but as we learn to trust God more and more deeply, even the sufferings which face us all from time to time can open up God's Kingdom to us in new ways.

When we experience times such as these, something breaks through into our lives which makes us realise that the Kingdom of God is more important than anything else. This is what we are here on earth for; to know the love and blessing of God in such a way which not only brings a deep inner peace, but which also enables us to help others to know God's love and blessing for themselves. This should be our prayer as we say the words of our Lord, 'Thy Kingdom come on earth, as it is in heaven'. For God's Kingdom is both earthly and heavenly; Jesus came to earth to reconcile humanity to God in a new way, showing us how to be more like him and, through the Holy Spirit, giving us the means of doing so.

If you wonder what you can do about those times in our life when you have drifted without purpose, or if you feel bad about things you have done which you know are wrong, it's never too late to seek the treasure in the field. When we discover the difference that the Kingdom of God makes to our lives, we will want to hold onto that treasure whatever it takes. We may need to make sacrifices, but we know that they are worth the cost. Living by God's love, guidance and strength, and fashioning our lives in accordance with the purpose God has marked out for each one of us, makes everything else seem less significant. We will not escape troubles in this life, but they become more bearable when we know that Christ has been there before us and is always our companion on the journey of life.



## Sabbatical

Those who are ordained in the Church of England are offered the opportunity to take a period of twelve weeks as a sabbatical, or study leave, every ten years. The last time I did this was in 2002; I am therefore planning to take the period from May 1st to July 24th as a sabbatical with the main aim of studying the writings, notes and other unpublished documents of the late Rev'd Canon Norman Todd. Before his death Norman attended All Saints' church; he had previously served the Church both in this diocese and at a national level, including the training of clergy to episcopal level. His interests included prayer and spirituality, psychology, science, and management. Norman's son Mark has asked me if I can do this; I am in consultation with him regarding how his father's work can be made more accessible to our generation and how his legacy can be best preserved for the future. Mark lives in Kalamata, Greece, and so I will be spending part of the sabbatical visiting Greece and staying there with him and his wife.

Regular church services and other events will of course continue during my sabbatical.

Christopher

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## The St Peter's and All Saints' Overseas Committee

*invite you to their*

### Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March on Zoom**

- ❖ Come along and join the fun from the comfort of your own home
- ❖ This year you provide the pancakes, topping and drinks
- ❖ We will provide the Quiz

We look forward to seeing you all, so please save the date in your diaries.

For the Zoom Invitation, please email [office@nottinghamchurches.org](mailto:office@nottinghamchurches.org)

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## Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

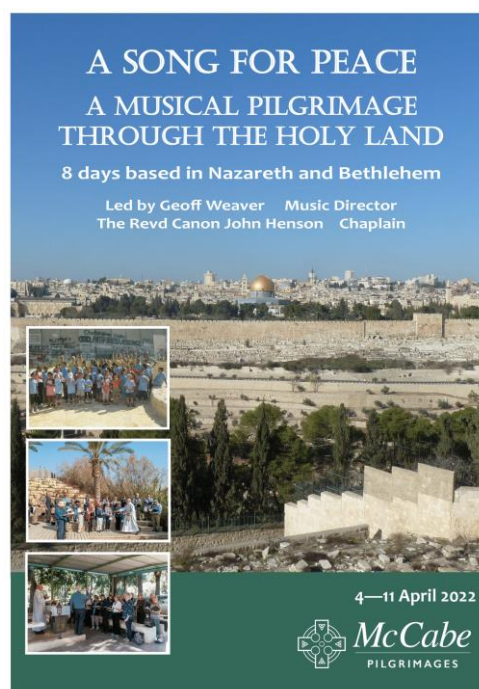
### Come and See ... and Sing - 'A Song for Peace' Pilgrimage

**4<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

Following two successful, significant and moving musical experiences of our Pilgrimages for Peace in January 2016 and April 2018 with singers from across the UK, another musical pilgrimage through the Holy Land is being planned. As well as visiting some of the holy sites, the primary focus of the week will be to meet local people and share a broad spectrum of music with others in concerts and acts of worship in a variety of settings.

As we make our pilgrimage we shall pray for justice and peace, joining with Palestinian Christians - our brothers and sisters in Christ - the 'living stones' who live and worship, often under great pressure, singing songs of lament and hope. We hope to present Liturgies for Peace in Nazareth, Ramallah and Bethlehem, sharing with local musicians wherever we can.

We invite participants of all ages to join us and would particularly welcome some young adults as we will hopefully be meeting with young people in some of the places where we will be singing. We will be singing a very wide variety of music - music will be supplied in advance. We invite you to join us on what promises to be an informative, challenging, memorable and uplifting experience. We would love to hear from you if you feel that you would be interested. Please contact [jane.henson@email.com](mailto:jane.henson@email.com)



## Book of the month

By 'Bramcote Book Worm'

Rough Ideas - Reflections of Music and More

Stephen Hough

Stephen Hough - Hough to rhyme with Rough, hence the title of the book - is indisputably one of the worlds' leading pianists. He is also a composer, a writer, a painter and a poet.

This book of reflections on music and more is one to be dipped into. A book to give as a present or to have on your bedside table to be read in any order you choose. In it Stephen Hough shares short accessible snippets with us each entitled in bold and no longer than a couple of pages at the most. People, places, books, art, composers, loves and likes are all grist to his mill. Serious and silly, poignant and profound- it is a privilege to share his thoughts and feelings about life and love, music and belief.

Hough divides his thoughts into sections beginning with 'Forum', 'Stage' and 'Studio' then moving onto 'People and Places' followed by '....and More' then by '....and Religion'. Some of the tiles of his reflections within these sections are worth sharing as a taster.

Forum:

"Music in Churches - magical ghosts or profane distraction?" relates to Hough's Catholicism and the fact that, strictly speaking, concerts are still banned in Roman Catholic Churches

Stage:

A trio of reflections under the headings:

'Bored on Stage', 'Neurotic on Stage' and 'Nervous on Stage' tell us a lot about the experience of being a concert pianist and dealing with the above emotions.

Studio:

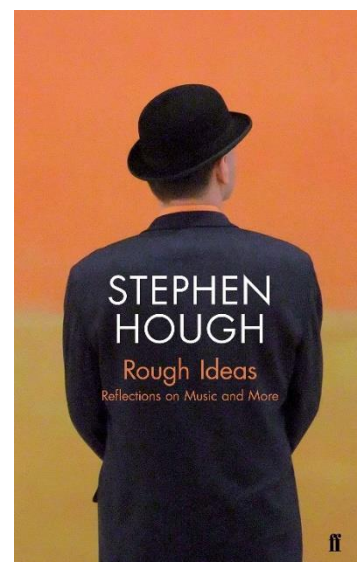
Intriguingly in this very specialist section the final contribution is called 'Trying to practise away from the piano and trying to try to pray'.

In "People and Places" who could resist exploring the one entitled 'I don't love Bach' immediately followed by "I don't hate Bach"?

'...and More' introduces us to another aspect of Hough's many talents - his life as a novelist. Under the title: 'The Final Retreat' my novel of desire and despair'. I have tried to order this book from the library but without success. A good friend, whose judgement I trust, warns me not to pursue it. Apparently it is a hard and very discomfoting read - but maybe it needs following up.

Hough's final Rough Ideas are dealt with in 'and Religion'. In his very readable introduction Stephen Hough writes that in these rough ideas:

'Even religion is there: the possibility of the existence of God, problems with some biblical texts and the challenge involved in being a gay Catholic and abortion. I've placed it in a separate section so that readers allergic to such matters can avoid them and we can remain friends.' It was the section I turned to first. 'Rock or Tree?' his first 'thought' about faith pulled me in immediately, reading the whole section in one sitting and finding it the most moving part of the 'Rough Ideas'.



## Donations of clothes and everyday items wanted

The SFiCE Foundation, which works from All Saints' Hall to provide food, clothing and other forms of support to those in acute need such as homeless people, asylum seekers and others living in poverty would be grateful for donations of clothing and everyday items such as toiletries. Please bring these to All Saints' Church or the Parish Office; the Director of SFiCE, Parminder Dhanjal (see photo) and her staff will be most grateful for all contributions.



## Prayers for February

*Peter Sims*

Creator God, lead us as we endeavour to serve you in this winter season. As we look forward to springtime, be the Hand that guides us. May your Presence ever be with us, as we go about our daily life. Lead us to more opportunities to serve You, and to serve one another.

May our actions work towards unity, may our hearts remain focused on You. As we put You first, mould our hearts like clay, make us ever more like Jesus Your Son.

As a man who refines silver heats it up to become liquid metal; he stirs it until the impurities come to the surface; he skims the dross off the top and he repeats the process until he can see his own reflection in the surface of the silver. This is how we want to be processed, Father God. May the fire of your Holy Spirit heat us up, and may Your Son Jesus Christ stir us until the impurities come to the surface; and may He scoop off the impurities from our lives. May the process repeat until Jesus can in fact see His Own Reflection in us.

We long to be in your Presence, Father God; lead us to more opportunities to spend time seeking Your Will, be our ever present help in our time of need.

Amen.

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## St Peter's Family Service

Thank you to those who donated buttons for the Epiphany star, created by those who attend the St Peter's Family Service. It was a lovely activity for the children, and the end result was beautiful!



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## Intercessions at St Peter's Church

Leading the intercessions in the Sunday service is a valued ministry, and enables those who do so to make an important contribution to worship. It would be good, however, if there were more people who could do this as part of the intercessors' rota. Could you consider offering to help in this way? While intercessors usually prepare their own prayers, it is also possible to use resources, including books of intercessions which are suggested for each Sunday of the year; these can be adapted and developed as appropriate. It would also be possible to read intercessions which had been drafted by a member of the clergy or another member of the church. If you might be able to do this, please approach one or the clergy or churchwardens. Training will be given!



## Heritage Outreach Update February 2022

We are now in the fourth year of our involvement with the National Lottery Heritage Fund. The roof has been replaced, the interpretation panels now enhance the West End and a navigational map - showing bits of interest in the church - is freely available to visitors. The new colourful guidebook which was compiled by Sarah Clemson is on sale, and a Virtual Tour of the church can be taken by visiting the St Peter's Heritage Website.

In the south aisle we have an exhibition of photographic work based on the history and heritage of the church and the city. In the north aisle the reflective area is a comfortable space for people to sit and find peace and tranquillity, light a candle, write in the prayer request book or explore some mindfulness activities.

The children's corner also offers a variety of things to do - a Zoo Trail, colouring sheets, story books and a Noah's Ark.

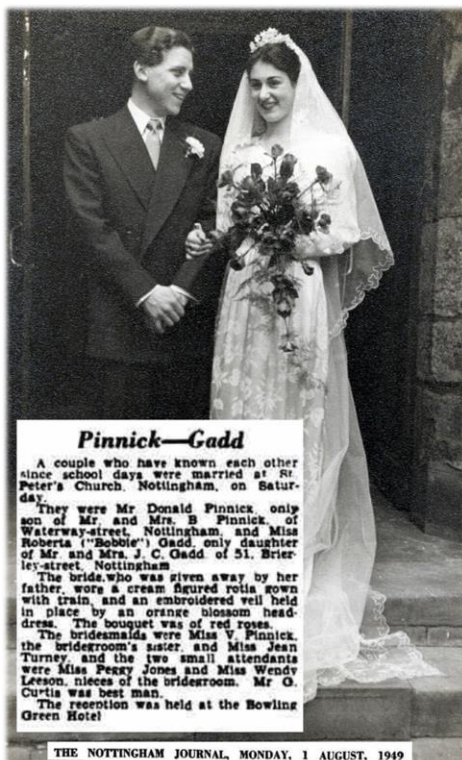
A volume of 'City Stories' has been compiled with stories from a wide range of people. There is a sample copy in the reflective area along with order forms. A coloured copy is £13 and black and white edition is £6.

Plans are in place for Year 3 children from Rosslyn School in Aspley to visit for what we are calling 'Easter Days' in late March. Our 15 wonderful volunteers are all ready to go ahead with a range of activities, and firm plans are in place for Year 1 and Year 6 visits in June and July.

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## Weddings at St Peter's - A History

A chance encounter between Mike Chappell and a visitor to St Peter's a few weeks ago led to us receiving some beautiful wedding photos from a couple married at St Peter's in 1949. The visitor was standing with his phone pointed towards the West Door, placing his parents in the exact spot where the photo was taken almost 73 years ago.



*Photographs courtesy of Julian Pinnick*

It would be wonderful to create a display recording such lovely moments in the history of our churches. If you have any historic wedding photos, either of yourselves or loved ones, which you would be happy to have copied and displayed, please contact Adele Siepmann - [office@nottinghamchurches.org](mailto:office@nottinghamchurches.org) / 0115 9483658.

## Going to Church

Anne Hardy

Three simple words, but what a vast range of experiences and emotions the phrase "going to church" cover. I often visit Lincolnshire and whilst there attend two or three different churches, (whichever one is open). Each is special, in its own unique way, especially the old thatched church at Markby.

This is built from stones saved from an ancient Priory. I have only attended Evensong and on each occasion the door is left open so one has a view over the graveyard to the countryside yonder as the sun sets. The birds sing gently. There is a feeling of peace and being one with nature and those who have worshipped here over the centuries. The congregation is tiny but the welcome is warm. On one occasion the vicar was accompanied by her husband, who had a strong manly voice and sang with great enthusiasm and gusto. Between the verses one could hear the birds squawking and screeching to drown the noise we humans were making. Sadly the bird's usual rhythm of life is unlikely to be disturbed again. This beautiful little church has not reopened since Covid as the clergy are few and the churches are many.



Heading seaward, the next church reached is equally special and due to the determination of the Reader / churchwarden will hopefully stay open. Each opening is regarded as precious and colourful little cards are sent out to all members of the congregation (even me!).

From the moment you enter this lovely Georgian building you feel welcome. According to season it is decorated with flowers or greenery. You are lead to a box pew and introduced to your neighbours, with whom, after the service you share tea and delicious home baked cakes. The homily is often a simple but a

moving little story connected to the church, as is the story of the trencher. This was donated by a church member whose family, in the past, had used it for serving bread, nothing fancy! It's new use was to be for the sharing of the bread in the Communion Service.

As you leave you are gifted by this amazing view over the beautiful unspoilt countryside to the distant Wolds. In my fancy I imagine it would be the image of England that the conscripts and volunteers carried with them in the two World Wars. Under two miles away is a memorial to a crew of seven who were "shot down in the early hours of March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1945, by a Luftwaffe intruder". I imagine the crew rejoicing as they safely made it back over the sea and seeing familiar land marks, feeling the tension ebb away - and then the unimaginable.

In complete contrast, I have recently had the privilege of visiting Canterbury Cathedral with two friends, Mary Davey and Jan Huckle.

Let Mary and Jan share their thoughts.



From Mary: " It is hard to choose highlights from two perfect days, but the All Souls evening service was very moving. It took me back to Cathedral worship in Chichester and feeling the presence of all those one had loved and see no more. The peace of the building early in the morning at worship and how it engulfs you with prayers of centuries past was another moment to treasure . The wooden horse was very special too, and moving - as was everything!"





From Jan: "Having followed the daily services online from Canterbury Cathedral during the pandemic it was so special to be able to spend three days in Canterbury in November with dear friends from St Peter's, and to worship in person in the beautiful cathedral.



It was extra special to be there for All Saints' day, and then to share in the All Souls Day Eucharist together remembering our loved ones. With its roots in the Benediction tradition of daily worship and hospitality we certainly experienced the beauty of such a wonderful place and were reminded of being part of the worldwide Anglican Communion."



Like Mary I especially loved the atmosphere of peace and the awareness of prayer offered in times past when you crept into the cathedral early in the morning. The quotation, from T.S. Eliot, "Time present and time past Are perhaps both present in time future" suddenly made sense.

Like Jan I too felt it a huge privilege to be able to worship in this beautiful cathedral but cheekily I would like to share this photo taken in the magnificent Chapter House. It reminded me of St Peter's a few months ago, when led by our churchwarden Dorothy we pulled together, as a team, to secure a lottery grant to save our church's leaking roof.

Jan, Mary and I have appreciated the morning prayer led by Dean Roberts at Canterbury and marvelled at his wisdom in explaining difficult passages in the Scriptures and his insight in discussing puzzling world affairs. At St Peter's we are blessed with a team of clergy who do likewise.

We have wondered at the beauty and peace of Canterbury but nothing can surpass our Eucharist service at St Peter's pre-Lockdown. Waiting to approach the altar one stood close to the person in front of and behind you, engendering a feeling of closeness and belonging. We are blessed with a wonderful choir and their exquisite singing heightened the sense of spirituality as one approached the altar to share in the receiving of the sacrament.



It's good to visit different churches when the opportunity arises, and learn from them, but nothing surpasses the feeling of fellowship engendered by belonging to one particular church. It was a good day for me when I joined St Peter's.

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**St Peter's Coffee Room** wishes to appoint a Catering Assistant, 16 hours a week. For the Job Description and Application Form, please visit: [www.nottinghamchurches.org/vacancies](http://www.nottinghamchurches.org/vacancies). Applications close on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February.

Please support the Coffee Room and Fairtrade shop! The Coffee Room is open Tuesday-Saturday, 10.30 am-2.30 pm. The shop opening times will change slightly from 22<sup>nd</sup> February - Tuesday-Thursday, 11.00 am-2.00 pm.

## Services in February

<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	8.15 am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
	10.30 am	The Eucharist	All Saints'
	10.45 am	Matins* O Lord, make thy servant Elizabeth <i>Byrd</i> Responses <i>Clucas</i> Te Deum in G <i>Sumsion</i> I saw the Lord <i>Stainer</i>	St Peter's
	5.00 pm	Holy Communion with prayers for healing	St Peter's
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	11.00 am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
	1.15 pm	Holy Communion	St Peter's
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	11.00 am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	8.15 am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
	9.45 am	Family Service	St Peter's
	10.30 am	The Eucharist	All Saints'
	10.45 am	Sung Eucharist	St Peter's
	6.00 pm	Evensong* Responses <i>Shephard</i> Dyson in F For lo I raise up <i>Stanford</i>	All Saints'
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	11.00 am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
	1.15 pm	Holy Communion	St Peter's
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	11.00 am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	8.15 am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
	10.30 am	The Eucharist	All Saints'
	10.45 am	Sung Eucharist* Short Communion Service in the Phrygian Mode <i>Wood</i> O sacrum convivium <i>Messiaen</i>	St Peter's
	5.00 pm	Taizé Service	St Peter's
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	11.00 am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
	1.15 pm	Holy Communion	St Peter's
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	11.00 am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	8.15 am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
	10.30 am	The Eucharist	All Saints'
	10.45 am	Sung Eucharist* Missa Brevis <i>Ives</i> Resplenduit facies ejus sicut sol <i>Victoria</i>	St Peter's
	6.00 pm	Compline*	All Saints'

## St Peter's Family Service

All are very welcome to attend the Family Service at St Peter's Church, which takes place on the Second Sunday of the month, 9.45 am. Following an informal time of worship, crafts and refreshments are enjoyed in the Coffee Room.



*The children produced their own version of a Jesse Tree in December*



# MUSIC AT ST PETER'S NOTTINGHAM

(next to Marks & Spencer)

## SATURDAY SERENADES

Concerts start at 11am and last  
just under an hour

Admission by donation on the door, online at  
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### Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February



*Illuminate  
shining a light on the  
work of women  
composers and  
performers*

### Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> February

Ivan Hovorun (piano)



### Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February



Hannah Cresswell  
Dana Morgan  
(flute duo)

### Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February

Katharine Dryden (mezzo soprano)  
Andrew Chadwick (viola)  
David Machell (piano)





# Regular Activities in our Churches

*Some of these activities are currently suspended during the closure of our church buildings*

## 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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