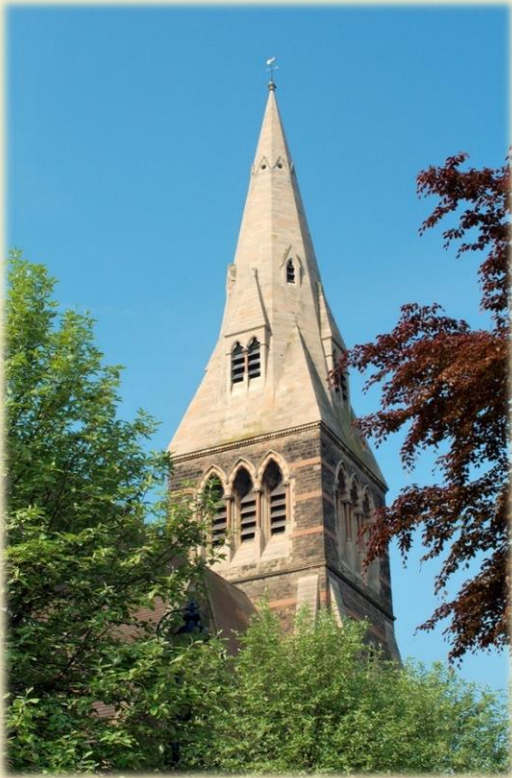


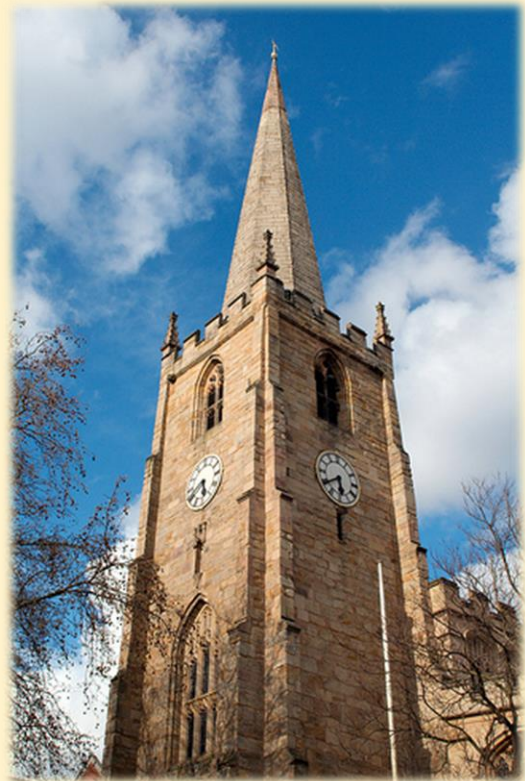


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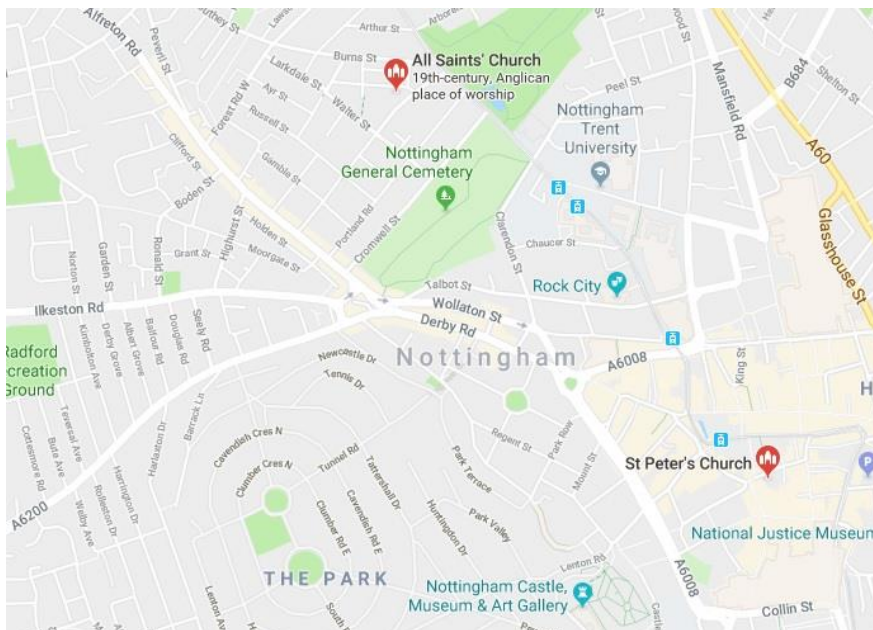


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## CHURCHES

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I always find that making chili oil is one of life's little pleasures. I'm not especially keen on consuming it afterwards (I'd rather enjoy my olive oil in its natural, unmolested state), but that isn't really the point. In fact, the knowledge that I'm engaging in the whole (slightly fatty) process primarily for other people is part of the charm. It's just about enough effort to give me a satisfied, Ready-break glow of altruistic good feeling, but isn't actually sufficiently hard-work to require any real sacrifice.

I first learned the technique from a good friend with an Argentine mother, and a mischievous sense of humour. This means that whenever I start pulling out the saucepans to begin the process, I fondly remember happy times propping up his kitchen counter and laughing together while he cooked. Once I've got my act together and the oil is heating, I invariably feel a pang of nervousness. Bubbling oil seems slightly dangerous, which to a certain degree is a legitimate concern, but the feeling is definitely stoked by a Ladybird edition of *One Thousand and One Nights*. Tales of people hiding in jars and having boiling oil poured on top of them haunted my nightmares. The oil in this saucepan shouldn't be boiling, and certainly nowhere close to spitting point, but I'm cautious nevertheless.

After a while the dried chilies begin to magically revive, regaining their plumpness and releasing a warm, toasty scent into the air. The hint of spice takes me back to a favourite edition of the Royal Institution Christmas lectures. It was recorded long after I'd exceeded the target age of the audience, but I was still fascinated by the evolutionary arms race between plants and animals. The eminent professor presenting fed a super hot ghost chili to an unfortunate lab-assistant and a budgie called Barry. Barry found it a tasty snack, whereas the lab assistant found it excruciating, much to the delight of the children in the audience. (If you're curious, you can find the entire program here: <https://www.rigb.org/explore-science/explore/video/300-million-year-war-plant-wars-2009>)

Chilis have adapted to be painful for toothy mammals who grind their seeds up with their molars, effectively getting a free meal and doing diddly-squat to assist with the plants' reproduction. In contrast, birds swallow seeds whole and fly off to disperse them over a wide area, and are not affected by the chemical compounds which set mammal mouths on fire. This means that chilies are perfectly adapted to coexist with helpful organisms, and repel free-loaders. I can't help marvelling at the complexity of this, and the intricacy of the process which brought it about. The unique, unmistakable tang of simmering chili oil brings it all to mind.

In due course, after it's cooled and soaked for a few days, I will do the mechanical chore of sieving out the chilies, bottling and labelling the liquid. The process requires all of my meagre reserves of manual dexterity, as the oil lubricates everything that it touches, including the funnel and my fingers. I have a sneaking suspicion that competent people manage to get it into a container without splashing their hands, but I never succeed in this. I simply accept the inevitable and scrub my skin afterwards as though I was about to perform open heart-surgery. (I've seen other people accidentally transfer chili from their finds into their eye, and it wasn't pretty). The net result is that I eventually have the satisfaction of several bottles of chili oil, which will make some of my loved ones happy, and extremely clean, soap-scented hands as a bonus.

It is reliable, soothing, and somehow important. In a world filled with so much uncertainty, chaos and outright horror, these kinds of rituals matter. Not all meditation is about stillness, and the thoughts, memories and prayers stirred up in us as we carry out our routines are woven into the fabric of our spirituality. The people and the ideas which come alongside us as we work, or play, or dream, form a crucial part of our relationship with God. We find God and his love through every facet of our existence, and the world in which we are set. I cannot sum up this reality more eloquently than in the words of George's Herbert's beautiful hymn: *Teach Me My God and King*. I wish you every blessing this month, and an awareness that your contribution to God's universe is unique and treasured.





Teach me, my God and King,  
in all things thee to see,  
and what I do in anything  
to do it as for thee.

A man that looks on glass,  
on it may stay his eye;  
or if he pleaseth, through it pass,  
and then the heaven espy.

This is the famous stone  
that turneth all to gold;  
for that which God doth touch and own  
cannot for less be told.

All may of thee partake;  
nothing can be so mean,  
which with this tincture, "for thy sake,"  
will not grow bright and clean.

A servant with this clause  
makes drudgery divine:  
who sweeps a room, as for thy laws,  
makes that and the action fine.

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## Nottingham Citizens update

*Chris Ward*

As you may know, St Peter's is a member of Nottingham Citizens, which is a very diverse group of organisations, including many churches, from across our city. Nottingham Citizens always focuses its work around a few key themes, setting itself winnable goals and campaigning to achieve them.

The current campaign on Fair Work and the Living Wage has been putting pressure on one or two prominent Nottingham employers to ensure that all the workers are paid enough to live in current conditions (a living wage). People at St Peter's and All Saints' may also be interested in the campaign on mental health, and the one on structural racism. All of these themes connect with what our parish has been thinking about in this year's Inclusive Church programme. Race is a sensitive issue in all churches, and not least for us, having recently been reflecting on our own connection with slavery.

There are several practical ways in which Nottingham Citizens can help us be more inclusive, and more able to serve the needs of the community in which we live. We can learn from other members of Nottingham Citizens who are facing the same issues, and our membership gives us access to useful training resources.

Would you like to learn more about Nottingham Citizens? Come to the Summer Assembly on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July at Djanogly City Academy 5.30-7.30pm. The last assembly was an inspiring experience. Please contact Ros Horsley (07792 511696/ [ros@rosproofreader.co.uk](mailto:ros@rosproofreader.co.uk)) or Chris Ward (07954302765 or [chrisward89@gmail.com](mailto:chrisward89@gmail.com)) if you would like to attend.

You can read more about Nottingham Citizens at their website:  
<https://www.citizensuk.org/chapters/nottingham/>



*Ros Horsley & Chris Ward*

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## Flowers at St Peter's

It has been lovely to see fresh flowers adorning St Peter's once again. Thank you to the Crawforth family, who donated money for the flowers over the Patronal Festival weekend and Laurie's funeral a few days later (arranged by Margi Shaw). The flowers in church on 3<sup>rd</sup> July are given by Dorothy & Keith Mountford in memory of Reg and Frances Dunford (Dorothy's parents) and were arranged by Christine Humphreys.



## Providing a welcome at St Peter's

*Dorothy Mountford*

Visitors often comment on the warmth of the welcome they receive at St Peter's. People who are new to our congregation say the same.

Visitors during the week and on Saturdays come from here and everywhere. Over the Jubilee Bank holiday people visited from: America, France, Italy, Poland, Israel, Turkey, Ireland, Romania and Uganda, to name but a few.

Many local people from Derby and Leicester, a Test Match grass widow from Cheshire, a young couple from Walsall, parents and children from the city on a day out who welcome a sit down (the parents) and something to do (the children).

**Sunday Stewards** - New people often return after receiving a warm welcome from members of our friendly team.

**Vergers** - For the rest of the week vergers Mike, Paul and Chi are there for people who seek peace and tranquility amidst the hustle and bustle, want to know about the history and heritage of our city, find a place to pray or appreciate a friendly face, a listening ear.

**Weekday Stewards** - We have had a good response to our request for volunteer Weekday Stewards to be in church as and when they can find some time - an hour, perhaps two, more if they can spare it.

**Sunday Welcomers** - We are looking for a team of people to follow up the welcome to new members of the congregation who they feel would appreciate it, by looking out for them Sunday by Sunday, taking them for coffee, introducing them to others.

If you are interested in becoming either Weekday Stewards or A Sunday Welcomer, then please talk to either of the Churchwardens: Dorothy Mountford or Chi Nwachukwu.

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## Prayers for July

*Peter Sims*

Dear Father God,

During times of grief and lament, we turn to You. In your word we learn that you are near to the broken-hearted and that you save the crushed in spirit (Psalm 34:18).

We ask that you pour out your healing oil upon our wounds, that healing balm of Gilead that soothes our souls; and draws us ever closer to Your Presence.

We petition You Father God for a new understanding of who You are, please give us a fresh revelation of Your Father Heart. May we become more aware of Your Presence in our lives and give us wisdom how to handle the situations that we come across.

In times of distress, You are the one we put our trust in, You are the one we turn to. May we be ever quicker to put You first, so You become number one in our lives in every aspect.

We ask for Your comfort at this time; we ask that You be with each and every one of us. We thank You for the lives of the people who have recently passed away, and also thank You for the many rich blessings which you bestow upon our lives.

Your Word teaches us that joy comes in the morning; help us to look out for that heavenly joy and cherish it. Help us to remember that Your joy is not determined by what happens to us, but by what Christ is doing in us; and through us.

Amen.

## Education Outreach

*Dorothy Mountford*

### Year 1 classes from Rosslyn School visit St Peter's Church

#### What's a Church For?

Over three sessions on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> and Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June, 90 children and their teachers visited St Peter's to learn about 'What a Church is for'.



They helped Lina and Peter to baptise a baby and discovered what the font was for.



They learned that churches were for Weddings, and all took part in marrying the Owl to the Pussycat with Gillian and Helen.



They explored the stained glass windows with Anne and discovered that they told stories, and helped us to remember people. Then they all made their own to take back to school.

All three sessions were evaluated by Culture Syndicates for a report to be submitted to the National Lottery and to our PCC. Look out for this in the autumn.

A good time was had by all.

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## St Peter's Churchyard

It was a delightful surprise to find that St Peter's Churchyard has once again become home to Bee orchids - and this year, these beautiful little flowers have spread more than they ever have before.

Roughly 25 of the orchids have cropped up in patches across the churchyard, making caring for the garden a little trickier! We are sorry if this area looks a little messy at the moment - but we think that it is important to protect these special orchids. We ask that you keep to the paths or the sections of grass which have been mown, and please don't pick the orchids!

"The bee orchid is a sneaky mimic - the flower's velvety lip looks like a female bee. Males fly in to try to mate with it and end up pollinating the flower. Sadly, the right bee species doesn't live here, so this orchid is self-pollinated in the UK."

*Wildlifetrusts.org*

*Photo: Adele Siepmann*



## Services in July

<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	8.15 am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	All Saints'
	10.45 am	Matins* Responses <i>Smith</i> Te Deum in F <i>Ireland</i> Quia vidisti me, Thoma <i>Palestrina</i>	St Peter's
	5.00 pm	Holy Communion with prayers for healing	St Peter's
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	11.00 am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
	1.15 pm	Holy Communion	St Peter's
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	11.00 am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	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	Choral Evensong* Responses <i>Smith</i> The Short Service <i>Gibbons</i> Behold the tabernacle of God <i>Harris</i>	All Saints'
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	11.00 am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
	1.15 pm	Holy Communion	St Peter's
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	11.00 am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	8.15 am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	All Saints'
	10.45 am	Sung Eucharist* Kyrie in F <i>JS Bach</i> Christe, Du Lamm Gottes <i>Praetorius</i> Jesus, bleibet meine Freude <i>Bach</i>	St Peter's
	5.00 pm	Taizé Service	St Peter's
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	11.00 am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
	1.15 pm	Holy Communion	St Peter's
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	11.00 am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	8.15 am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	All Saints'
	10.45 am	Sung Eucharist* Messe solennelle sur l'intonation de la liturgie catholique <i>Gounod</i> Notre Pere <i>Duruflé</i>	St Peter's
	6.00 pm	Choral Compline*	All Saints'
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	11.00 am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
	1.15 pm	Holy Communion	St Peter's
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	11.00 am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup></b>	8.15 am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	All Saints'
	10.45 am	Sung Eucharist* Holy Communion in F <i>Darke</i> If ye then be risen with Christ <i>Stanford</i>	St Peter's

*The Parish Office will be closed during the first week of August.*



## Regular Activities in our Churches

### All Saints'

- Coffee and Fellowship (part of the Places of Welcome network):  
Tuesdays from 11.30 am – 1.00 pm
- 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 10.30 am – 12 noon;
- 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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