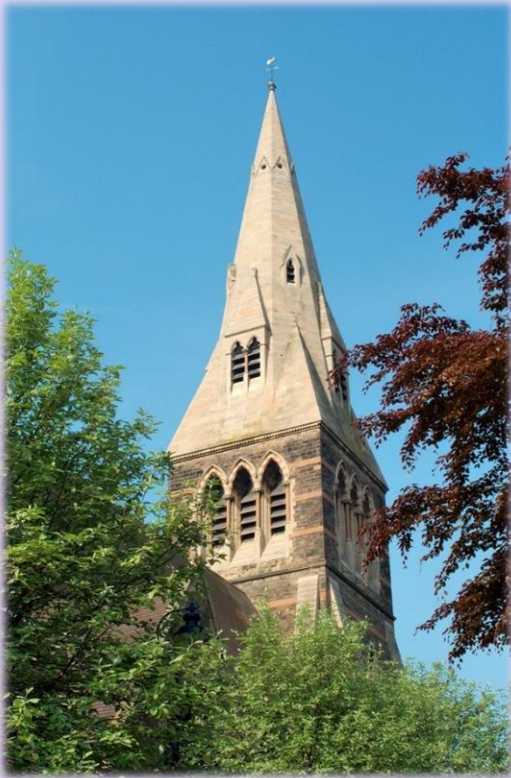




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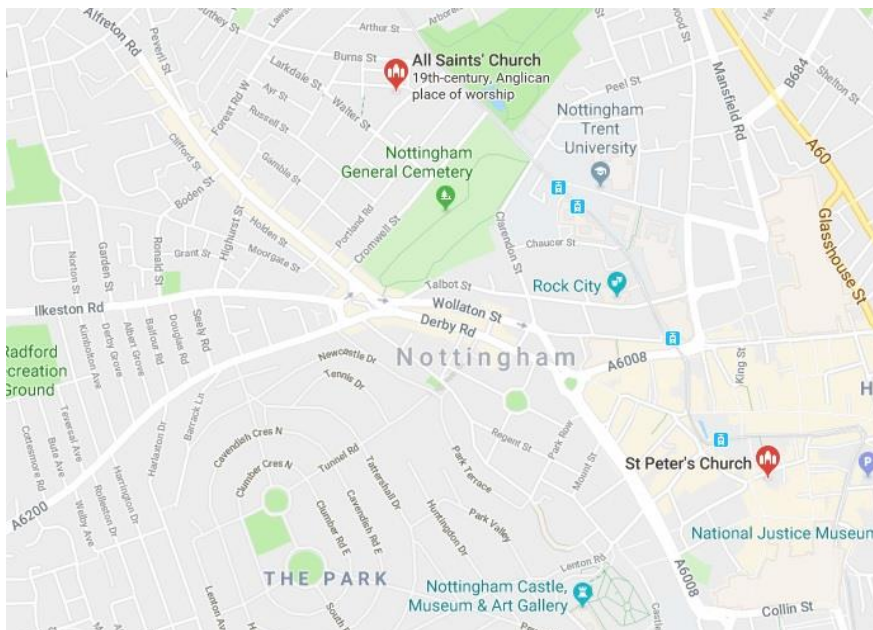


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CHURCHES

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On 12th August Clarence Rickards, lay reader in this parish for over forty years, died following several weeks in hospital and, more recently, in a nursing home. Clarence had served All Saints' church and the wider parish with deep devotion and dedication, and All Saints' had been at the heart of his life over this period. He brought to his ministry not just a comprehensive knowledge of theology, scripture and church history, but also a profound commitment to the worship of the church and its role in the community. The text from Saint Anselm which forms the centrepiece of the splendid altar frontal which he commissioned and donated to All Saints', 'Faith seeking understanding', sums up his approach to theology and will be an enduring memorial to him. His sermons were invariably well-researched and original, and he always devoted much preparation time to the intercessions which he led on most Sundays. He was active in the church on weekdays as well as on Sundays, and for many years was diligent in maintaining a pattern of daily prayer in the chapel at All Saints'. The Saturday Matinée film showings drew heavily on his wide knowledge of the cinema, and we are indebted to him for the many films from his personal collection which he presented.



Clarence's funeral service will take place on Thursday 29th September, with a requiem Eucharist at All Saints' church at 1.00 pm and committal at Wilford Hill Crematorium at 3.00 pm. Refreshments will be available at All Saints' after the Eucharist; if you have memories of Clarence you would like to share, you are invited to do so during the refreshment period.

I know that many people will miss Clarence, and I will always have fond memories of our conversations on a wide range of topics, his encyclopedic knowledge, and his wry sense of humour. I valued him enormously as a colleague who was always supportive, thoughtful, and totally trustworthy. May he rest in peace.

As the period of summer holidays draws to a close and the new academic year begins, I can't help feeling that various storms which have been gathering in the economy in recent weeks are about to come upon us all in a major way. Higher food and fuel prices, along with escalating housing costs, are making life increasingly difficult for many people, and levels of household debt are rising as more and more have to borrow to make ends meet. The increasingly common phrase 'heating or eating' is a painful reality, not a cliché, for those on the breadline. It certainly looks as if we will all face a difficult winter, and we need to look out particularly for those whose needs are especially acute. While we as a parish are very fortunate in that we currently have fixed price contracts with our energy suppliers, these will not continue indefinitely and so we need to be prepared for a large increase in costs when they come to an end, unless fuel costs fall substantially.

It is very troubling to see economies around the world so vulnerable to the massive rise in fuel prices which has taken place in recent months, resulting in rapidly rising levels of hardship for millions of people. It seems wrong that the price of something as fundamental to our wellbeing as fuel should be so dependent on the decisions of despots, and prone to massive market swings as speculators make money both when the price of oil rises and when it falls. The massive profits made in recent months by energy companies, which are completely unrelated to higher productivity or greater efficiency, also seem completely unjustified. The world must surely not only become independent from Russian gas as soon as possible but should also find ways of ensuring that speculative market trading in fuel does not make matters worse. In the longer term, this also reinforces the urgent need for us all to move towards forms of energy which are both renewable and more locally generated. As tensions with China also increase, moreover, this is another reason for us to take all possible steps to minimise the risk that our economy be held to ransom by countries upon whom we currently depend for imports of other essential items.

As we enter these uncertain times, let us remain strong in the faith that God will show us how to respond to the various needs and challenges which we will face. We must go beyond just protecting our own interests and remember that there are some whose situation is increasingly perilous. Let us pray that governments around the world will act swiftly and decisively to protect those who are most vulnerable, and that they will make it an absolute priority to strengthen the resilience of nations to withstand the massive shocks we have seen in recent weeks.

Thank you from the Crawforth Family

Joan and her family would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all who donated to Laurie's favourite charities. The family have been informed that a total of £718 (including Gift Aid) was raised and has all been sent to the designated charities. An overwhelming response - thank you once again.



All Saints' Church ramp

We are delighted that the new surface on the ramp at All Saints' Church has finally been completed. This new surface was kindly paid for by donations from members of the parish, and will provide a non-slip path up to the South door of the church. We are very grateful to those who donated to the appeal and enabled this work to take place.



Churchyard volunteers

Maintaining our churchyards is a time consuming process, and takes a great deal of commitment and skill from our dedicated volunteers. We offer our deepest thanks to Saxon Barrie, who has been tending St Peter's churchyard for many years, as she steps back from the role. We are very grateful to Sue Baker who has volunteered to help with this task, as well as Ian Brothwell, Phil Hobson and Maurice, Lorraine Smedley, and also Bruce and all the other volunteers from the wider community who help at All Saints'.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival will be celebrated on Sunday 25th September. This year, we are asking for donations for the SFiCE Foundation, who are the tenants at All Saints' Hall. Tinned and long-life items are requested - large containers of tea and coffee are also welcome!

SFiCE Foundation
Helping Vulnerable Adults in Nottingham, UK

There is also an urgent need for good quality men's clothes - if you have anything that you are able to donate, please hand to a vergor or Churchwarden.

"A huge part of our Mission is to fight food poverty, so twice a week we hold our Social Cafe, where you can pick a two course hot meal for you and your family for free, including free food parcels, clothes, toiletries and other necessities.

Tuesday and Thursday, 4pm-6pm."

Children's area at St Peter's

We would appreciate any donations of good quality toys, games and puzzles to augment the St Peter's family area. We hope to make this a space that can be used throughout the week by visitors, as well as on Sundays. Toys for children 5+ would be especially appreciated - if you have any questions or would like to make a donation, please speak to Adele Siepmann.

Prayers for September

God of compassion, you hear the cries of all who are in trouble or distress; accept our prayers for those whose lives are affected by storms and flooding: strengthen them in their hour of need, grant them perseverance and courage to face the future and be to them a firm foundation on which to build their lives.

God of compassion, your love for humanity was revealed in Jesus, whose earthly life began in the poverty of a stable and ended in the pain and isolation of the cross: we hold before you those who are homeless and cold especially as an uncertain winter approaches. Draw near and comfort them in spirit and bless those who work to provide them with shelter, food and friendship.

A prayer for those returning or starting school after the summer holidays:

Loving God, let me be strong today as I meet new people in new places. Make me brave when I am worried, show me how to learn from everyone around me, and help me to do my very best.

We also pray for those for whom the beginning of a new school year is difficult – for those who have lost children who should have been starting or returning to school; for children who do not have the support of a loving family; for those who do not have the funds to pay for the uniform and equipment expected of them; for children and staff who find school difficult or distressing.

Lord, thank you that we are a family in Christ. Help us to share his love and legacy with everyone that we encounter. May we lavish Christ's abounding goodness upon our families, friends and colleagues. Holy Spirit, come and equip us in our workplace, guide us in our school life, and inspire us in our neighbourhood. May we be your hands and feet to the needy, your words of affirmation to the oppressed and your arms of comfort to the lonely.

Amen.

Lina & Wilfred Morgan's Golden Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to Lina & Wilfred Morgan, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in August. St Peter's looked beautiful thanks to the flowers donated for this occasion, and the congregation greatly enjoyed the refreshments and very special cake supplied after the service!



Poem

The Dash Poem - Linda Ellis

I read of a man who stood to speak
At the funeral of a friend
He referred to the dates on the tombstone
From the beginning...to the end

He noted that first came the date of birth
And spoke the following date with tears,
But he said what mattered most of all
Was the dash between those years

For that dash represents all the time
That they spent alive on earth.
And now only those who loved them
Know what that little line is worth

For it matters not, how much we own,
The cars...the house...the cash.
What matters is how we live and love
And how we spend our dash.

So, think about this long and hard.
Are there things you'd like to change?
For you never know how much time is left
That can still be rearranged.

If we could just slow down enough
To consider what's true and real
And always try to understand
The way other people feel.

And be less quick to anger
And show appreciation more
And love the people in our lives
Like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect
And more often wear a smile,
Remembering this special dash
Might only last a little while.

So, when your eulogy is being read
With your life's actions to rehash...
Would you be proud of the things they say
About how you spent YOUR dash?

A poem read at the Thanksgiving Service for Arthur Bennett

Recycling

We have been made aware of a new recycling 'shop', which has opened on Lister Gate, down the road from St Peter's. The Tiger Community Hub is a place where you can take items which can't be recycled through local recycling schemes - including disposable gloves, sweet wrappers and biscuit packaging. It is also listed under the TerraCycle scheme. A number of sustainable items are for sale, so it is well worth a visit during Sustainable September!

For more information, please visit: <https://tigercommunitystore.co.uk/>



New Assistant Organist

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Benjamin Green as Assistant Organist, primarily to be based at All Saints' Church. Benjamin comes to us from St Mary's Clifton, where he will continue to play one Sunday a month. We look forward to welcoming Benjamin to the parish in September.

Services in September

Sunday 4th	8.15 am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	All Saints'
	10.45 am	Matins* Responses <i>Radcliffe</i> Te Deum in G <i>Sumsion</i> All power is given <i>Wilby</i>	St Peter's
	5.00 pm	Holy Communion with prayers for healing	St Peter's
Tuesday 6th	11.00 am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
	1.15 pm	Holy Communion	St Peter's
Thursday 8th	11.00 am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
Sunday 11th	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>Reading</i> Wood in D Oculi omnium <i>Wood</i>	All Saints'
Tuesday 13th	11.00 am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
	1.15 pm	Holy Communion	St Peter's
Thursday 15th	11.00 am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
Sunday 18th	8.15 am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	All Saints'
	10.45 am	Sung Eucharist* Holy Communion in G <i>Jackson</i> Ave Verum <i>Stephanie Martin</i>	St Peter's
	5.00 pm	Taizé Service	St Peter's
Tuesday 20th	11.00 am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
	1.15 pm	Holy Communion	St Peter's
Thursday 22nd	11.00 am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
Sunday 25th Harvest Festival	8.15 am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	All Saints'
	10.45 am	Sung Eucharist* Nidaros Jazz Mass <i>Chilcott</i> A Gaelic Blessing <i>Rutter</i>	St Peter's
	6.00 pm	Choral Compline* O salutaris hostia <i>d'Este</i> Kyrie (Missa Quarti Toni) <i>Asola</i> Nunc Dimittis <i>Palestrina</i> Salve regina <i>plainsong</i>	All Saints'
Tuesday 27th	11.00 am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
	1.15 pm	Holy Communion	St Peter's
Thursday 29th	11.00 am	Holy Communion	St Peter's

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:

- 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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