

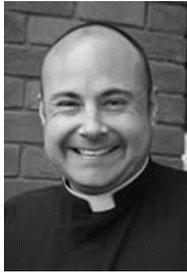
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YOUR VICAR WRITES



Did you know that the more you watch or listen to the news on radio or television, the more pessimistic you become? News addicts have an exaggerated fear of the dangers around them.

Psychologist Jennifer James offers a strategy for keeping things in perspective:

“To reduce stress, simply turn off your TV or radio, and go easy on the newspapers... You don’t have to tune out forever, just take a rest,” she suggests. “Anxiety, even if it is manufactured anxiety, can make us very cranky.”

Now, I am not suggesting that you shouldn’t stay well-informed. Ignorance is definitely not bliss. But it is easy to overdo anything, to put too much emphasis on something – even something that’s basically good.

Our world can be a tough place. But God made it our mission to make it better. And that should be good news.

The heavens are the Lord’s heavens, but the earth he has given to human beings (Psalm 115:16)

Creator God, show us how to be good stewards of the earth, your gift to us. Amen.

Every blessing

Fr Andrew

ONE LIFE MISSION 2019



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We pray for the One LIFE Mission with the Archbishop of York and all the northern Bishops:

Father God help us to reach out in faith and love and witness to all. By your Spirit help us grow in unity, grow as followers of Jesus Christ, and grow your Kingdom in Southwell & Nottingham. Amen

As you know, the Diocese is hosting this high-profile Mission by the northern bishops 13-15 September.

Bishop Philip North, the Bishop of Burnley, will be visiting Bulwell St Mary’s School for lunch on the Friday of the Mission weekend (13 September) along with mission team member Revd. Sam Cheeseman. Bishop Philip and Sam will then meet clergy from Churches Together in Bulwell and visit Bulwell Academy in the afternoon. The new Principal at Bulwell Academy is

keen to promote PSHE (Personal, Social, **Health** & Economic Education - which includes teaching on ethics and religion), and the One Life Mission will help promote this.

It is hoped that churches in Bulwell could visit classes, give chaplaincy support, and put on assemblies.

Please pray for the One Life Mission and think how you might be able to help us and support Bulwell Academy...

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

CHURCH OPEN AND BIBLE STUDY Tuesdays 9.45 – 10.45am

DUSTBUSTERS 10.45am – 12 noon

“LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS CONCERT”. **Saturday 22nd June** 6.30 for 7.30, pm at the Bulwell Academy covered amphitheatre, a fantastic facility, and secure car parking and disabled friendly facilities. Refreshments served from 6.45pm including a sumptuous variety of cakes baked by Torkard Ensemble members and a none alcoholic bar serving a medley of exotic drinks.

SPECIAL CONCERT AT ST MARY’S WITH PYE HILL MALE VOICE CHOIR. Saturday 29th June 7.30pm The Choir will be holding the concert and it will be used to celebrate Colin Dutton's 50 years of singing and will comprise a programme of choral music with a number of solo performances. Tickets for the event (or pay on the door) will be £5.00 for adults and £3.00 for children. Any proceeds made will help raise funds for St Mary’s. There will be a raffle and refreshments will be available.

The Choir regularly gives concerts across East Derbyshire and West Nottinghamshire areas in churches, community centres, nursing homes, hotels and conference centres.



BULWELL ARTS FESTIVAL IS COMING SOON WITH LOTS TO DO AT ST MARY’S:

CHURCH TOWER OPEN

Sunday 7 July 2-5pm (last entry 4pm). For adults, children & young people (8 – 17 years only, who must be accompanied by a responsible adult) All visitors must be physically able to climb a stone spiral staircase. See Jillian or Robert for more information

MESSY CHURCH Sunday 7 July 3-5pm; free arts, crafts, food and God Slot.

SONGS OF PRAISE: A CELEBRATION OF NOTTINGHAM'S WILLIAM BOOTH

7pm Monday 8th July: a night to celebrate the founder of the Salvation Army, William Booth, who was born here in Nottingham. Featuring a brass band and vocalists from Salvation Army's across the East Midlands. Organised by Bulwell Churches Together.

MUSIC FOR ALL 10 – 10.40am Tuesday 9 July. Enjoy classic and contemporary music with our organist, Michael Anthony. Free event - refreshments available.

MESSY CHURCH 3.30 – 5pm

Tuesday 9 July at Crabtree Farm School. Free, fun arts & crafts activities, bible stories, songs and food for all the family. This is organised by St Mary's Church, the Salvation Army and Crabtree Farm School.

COOL JAZZ QUINTET 2pm Saturday 13 July. Spend a relaxing afternoon in the company of Cool Jazz, enjoying Swing and Latin from the 1930s to the 1990s.

Refreshments available and raffle.

£3 adults, children free. Pay on door.

ALFRETON MALE VOICE CHOIR Heritage Open Day Event 7.30-9pm Saturday 21

September. Michael Anthony and the Choir will be performing a Choral Concert. Admission is free, with a retiring collection for the Choir and church funds.

Alfreton Male Voice Choir was formed around the turn of the 20th century but the actual date is not known. The year 1903 has been suggested but the earliest mention in the local press is in 1917. The conductor at that time was Mr John Haslam. The choir's most productive early period was in the 1940's - 1960's under conductor Mr. Albert Walton, including a win at Blackpool Festival and a notable 3rd at Llangollen. There have been several Musical Directors in the intervening years, when a number of visiting choirs were also hosted. Our current Musical Director is Mr. Terry Clay TD, and our two Accompanists are Lisa Smith and Michael Anthony.

In 2009 the Choir was granted charity status and has continued to raise money for many causes including Cancer Research, BHF, The Royal British Legion and the East Midlands Air Ambulance.

ROYAL ENGINEERS BAND CONCERT Friday 13 December 7.30pm at St Mary'. Tickets £5 (incl refreshments) or pay on the door. Raffle extra.

The Band of The Royal Engineers is based at Chetwynd Barracks Chilwell. It is an Army Band and will be paying yet

another return visit to St Mary's, having done so for the last 12 years. It is a Band which is in high demand both in this country and abroad. A concert not to be missed, many of the established audience members returning year after year for this feast of band music.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE OF SOUTHWELL & NOTTINGHAM

1. *Claire Meese will be moving on from her role as Diocesan Director of Education at the end of August.*

*She will become the **OPERATIONS MANAGER** at St Luke's Gamston and Bridgford which is a new and pioneering role in the church, established to help with its development into a larger resource church.*

This role is as part of the overall leadership team and will give Claire the opportunity to be involved in the setting up of a new worshipping community in Pierrepont Gamston Primary School.

Bishop Paul said: "We are grateful for the work Claire has done over the past nine years at a time when the world of education has been continually changing, always remaining mindful of the mission of the whole church."

2 ANNOUNCING NEW WELLBEING AND MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT APPOINTMENT

A vicar serving in New Zealand has been appointed as the Principal for Wellbeing & Ministry Development in the diocese. The Revd Sarah Patten, currently vicar of Church of the Saviour, Blockhouse Bay, Auckland, will be joining the Discipleship & Ministry team on 1st September.

"I am delighted to be joining the team and am looking forward to working closely with colleagues to ensure that wellbeing and personal development are an integral part of our culture as we seek to grow disciples wider, younger and deeper," said Sarah.

Bishop Paul said: "We are very pleased that Sarah Patten will be moving to the diocese to take up this newly-shaped role, having special responsibility to support the flourishing of all those called to lay and ordained ministries. She brings considerable experience in training and development, as well as leading a larger church in sustaining mission and growth."

Sarah, who is married to Murray and has two children, has been in New Zealand for 11 years. Prior to that she was a curate in Ealing, London Diocese, and before ordination training at Wycliffe Hall she worked as a training consultant in HR for the Royal Bank of Scotland Group.

Canon Dr Richard Kellett, Director of Discipleship and Ministry, said: "It is wonderful to have someone joining our team who brings both a rich variety of parochial experience and a deep desire for encouraging the wellbeing and development of ministers".

3 THE DIOCESE REMEMBERSin prayers

Wednesday 10 July Bulwell St John the Divine (David Gray & Bob Stephens)

Friday 12 July Bulwell St Mary, St Mary the Virgin All Souls, (Andrew Fisher)

4 **THE NEW ARCHDEACON OF NOTTINGHAM** has been appointed The Revd Canon Phil Williams .

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SUMMER FAYRE

SATURDAY 15 JUNE 2019

11.00am – 2.00pm

to be held in the

Church Grounds, West Room &
Upper Hall

Attractions include a variety of stalls,
Christian literature, cake, bric – a
brac, pick a bag, plants & others.
Tombola & raffle.

Refreshments indoors, barbecue
outdoors, ice cream on sale.

Small admission charge.

Church open for visitors

WHAT IS GENERATE?

Generate is an event for young people (in school years 6/7 – 13) to gather, pray, and worship together.

Generate starts with a café style gathering – drinks, games and quizzes. Following that we move into a time of youth relevant worship with contemporary music, teaching, prayer, interactive response and reflection.

Through Generate, working together with the local churches we aim to provide opportunities for as many young people as possible from across the diocese to gather, relax and make friends, have a laugh, worship and pray together.

For 2018/19 we have 20 gatherings planned, we are growing again and adding a new venue For East Bingham Deanery at St Mary's, Radcliffe on Trent. The changes don't stop there! We have added more dates to the Generate gatherings in Bassetlaw and Bawtry deanery and because of growing numbers we have moved venue for the Generate gathering in Nottingham.

As well as working together with the local Anglican churches, at some of the gatherings we have also enjoyed the support of Methodist, United Reform & Assemblies of God Churches. Generate will also be providing the youth ministry at [Transform Weekend 2019](#).

For more information or if you would like posters or flyers to promote Generate in your church please contact

Dave Keetley on david.keetley@southwell.anglican.org

Or have a look on Southwell & Nottingham Diocese website

CAN YOU HELP?

Dustbusters could do with more helpers. If you can lend hand, weekly or occasionally, your help will be appreciated. Tuesday mornings 10.45am. Please speak to Anne or Lindsay, if you can help, with this important work, helping to keep our beautiful church clean.

CLOTHES COLLECTION AT ST MARY'S



Folk from St Mary's have helped boost church funds over the years through collecting old clothing. Thank you to everyone who has supported this venture. Special thanks must go to Irene Gimson for storing the bags in her garage!

A Clothing Bank container is now situated outside of church, on the hill. Fr Andrew has been in contact with an organization called Savanna Rags International. Savanna Rags is a recycler and exporter of high quality second hand clothing, shoes and textiles. It is a family-owned and run business is based in Mansfield, providing textile collection and recycling services to a wide range of customers in the public and charitable sectors.

Supporting community organisations, churches and charities is an essential part of their business model. Savanna Rags works with community organisations, churches and charities helping them raise funds - while at the same time supporting charities and deserving causes in Africa and Eastern Europe, such as the Uhuru (Peaceful) Trust and National Police Aid Convoys (NPAC). NPAC provide medical equipment, hospital beds and books, pens, pencils and other stationery equipment. Uhuru (Peaceful) Trust works in Zambia, Zimbabwe, Tanzania and Malawi and, with Savanna Rags' help have built schools and hospitals, and dug bore holes to supply fresh water in remote areas. Closer to home, Savanna Rags have partnered with Mansfield's Heroes Memorial Fund to help it raise cash to support ex-service men and women.

Savanna Rags pride themselves on their high ethical standards and environmental credentials. Every ton of material that is recycled means an organization (or church like St Mary's) can benefit and less waste is dumped in landfill sites.

Following a recent meeting between Fr Andrew, our Churchwardens and Treasurer, we have agreed to trial hosting a Savanna Rags clothing bank at St Mary's. There is no outlay for St Mary's at all; all costs are covered by Savanna Rags. All we have to do is to fill the clothing bank with our old clothes, shoes and textiles (such as linen and curtains). Savanna Rags will make a monthly payment based on the kilogrammes collected - £300.00 per ton - which works out at £00.30p kg.

So do please give generously and tell your friends and family about it - together we can boost funds for our church, support worthy charities at home and abroad, and help save the planet!

Don't blame the children

If children live with criticism, they learn to condemn;
If they live with hostility, they learn to fight;
If they live with ridicule, they learn to be shy;
If they live with shame, they learn to be guilty;
If they live with tolerance, they learn to be patient;
If they live with encouragement, they learn confidence;
If they live with praise, they learn to appreciate;
If they live with fairness, they learn justice;
If they live with security, they learn about faith;
If they live with approval, they learn to feel good;
If they live with acceptance and friendship,
They learn to give love to the world.

Worrying doesn't take away tomorrow's troubles; it takes away today's peace of mind

Our days will be that much better if, instead of giving people a piece of our mind, we give them a bit of our heart

If you live a good, honest, righteous life, when you get older you will be able to look back and enjoy it all over again

ST MARY'S PARISH REGISTERS

WEDDINGS May 4 Sian Fahy & Dale Harvey

May 25 Laura Morgan & Lance Howarth

BURIAL of ASHES 2 June Jean Meakin

FUNERALS 3 June Paul Smith

5 June Alan Polkey (Bramcote) & Service of Thanksgiving for Alan's life at St Mary's Church

We give thanks for their lives

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