

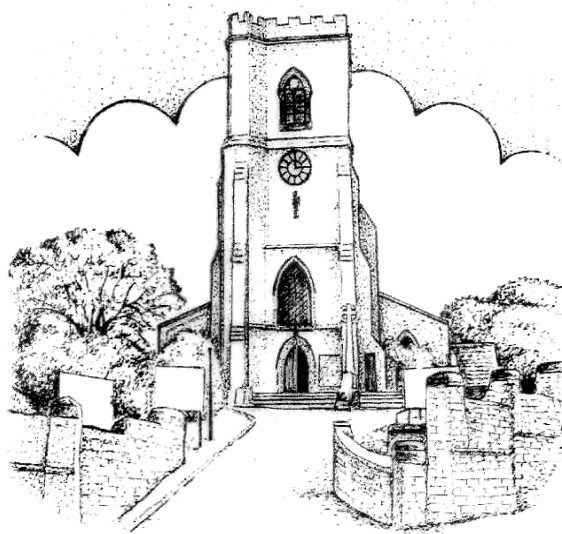
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Remembering Saints & Angels
A Service for the Bereaved
10am Sunday 4th Nov 2018

There will be a special service to remember our loved ones at St Mary the Virgin and All Souls Church, Highbury Road, Bulwell, 10am Sunday 4th November.



There will be special readings and hymns, and the opportunity for candles to be lit and prayers said. Refreshments will be served at the end of the service. You and your family and friends are most welcome to attend. If you would like a loved one remembering in the service, please contact:

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MESSY CHURCH AT ST MARY'S – 2ND Sunday each month 3-5 pm. Arts & crafts, God slot and free food.

WHIZ KIDS each Sunday morning 9.30 am free breakfast for children & their families, plus arts & crafts.

YOUR VICAR WRITES



What - or better, who - are saints? Priests, deacons, bishops, missionaries, nuns?
Sometimes, but not always.

St Catherine Adorno ran a hospital.

St Thomas More was a politician, a lawyer and the Lord Chancellor of England.

St Margaret of Scotland was a queen, a wife and a mother of ten children.

St Isadore and St Maria were farmers.

St Kateri Tekawitha was a young woman who practised being a good neighbour.

Some saints are famous within their own lifetimes. But more spend ordinary lives quietly, yet extraordinarily, and die in their own beds surrounded by family and friends.

Simply put, saints are people who show great love in their lives. As the Bible reminds us "God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them" (1 John 4:16)

We probably all know a 'saint' with a little 's' - either a loving friend or family member. St Paul referred to his congregation members as being 'saints'. And I'm sure that you and I, dear reader, are all very much 'saints-in-progress'.

With every blessing

Fr Andrew

ON MY PLACEMENT AT ST MARY'S

As many of you know, I am exploring my vocation and my belief that God is calling me for ordination; and my placement at St Mary's is part of the process of experiencing different ways of being church.

My own church, St Helen's in Trowell, is 'low church': open, evangelical and charismatic, with modern and traditional forms of worship.

I have very much enjoyed the expression of 'high church' at St Mary's, where the choir and servers are robed and the clergy wear vestments for all services; and I have learned much from 'shadowing' Fr Andrew, who has graciously allowed me to participate in a wide range of church and ministry activities.

I have enjoyed the opportunities to participate in services, especially reading, serving and preaching, although donning my alb or robe (borrowed from the vestry) and learning to tie the cord correctly was a novel experience; and the Eucharist bell still startles me each time.

I am extremely grateful to Fr Andrew for enabling me to experience the detail in weddings, baptisms and funerals from the clergy side, and for the opportunities for further exploration which he has afforded me. We looked at hospital chaplaincy, where we were lucky to escape following our visit to Rampton Hospital, to meet the Highbury Hospital chaplain, after trying to park where we shouldn't and attempting to smuggle in contraband – my cough sweets; we had an eye-opening visit to the Sozein Trust healing ministry in Derbyshire; and I joined the weekend pilgrimage to Walsingham, led by Fr Andrew.

My background is in education, care work and training, so I have greatly enjoyed our visits to schools, hearing the children read, taking part in assemblies and helping Bishop Tony to bless the new playground; and taking Holy Communion to residents in the local care homes.

Thank you, Fr Andrew, for taking such interest in my journey, for the considerable time you have invested in my explorations, for your confidence (or risk taking?) in me; and for your very positive encouragement and constructive feedback – all priceless and greatly appreciated.

A special thank you also to Fr Andrew, Louise, Sophia and Sam for making me welcome and sharing some of their insights on clergy life with me.

I am extremely grateful to the altar team and Michael and the choir for taking me under their wing and ensuring that I am always in the right place, at the right time (well, nearly anyway); and a special thank you to Robert and the bell ringers for a tour of the tower and some (very patient) basic training in bell ringing.

And a big thank you, to all the congregation, for your wonderful warm welcome, kind thoughts and helpful words. This placement has filled me with a refreshing vibrancy. Special memories I will treasure include: The Pilgrimage to Walsingham; Preaching from the pulpit for the Deanery Mothers' Union service; Reading the Gospel from the middle of the church; and the 'Better than Halloween' Party.



Wherever my journey leads, I will not forget my time with Fr Andrew and the people of Bulwell's 'Church on the Hill'.

Regards, Roy Hadfield

MAN ALIVE BREAKFAST MEETING

Saturday 24th November 8.15 – 10.30 am (including breakfast)

Venue: Betel Community Church,

Rawson Street, New Basford, Nottingham, NG7 7FR

BREAKFAST

The keynote speaker will be Gareth Sands, Governor of Hewell Prison

The Cross behind bars

According to government statistics, the current prison population is 92,500, with an underlying, increasing trend in the number of people held in prison. Gareth will share his story of the challenges and opportunities of being a prison governor.

There is no charge for this breakfast, but there will be a retiring offering for the ministry of Betel.

To book, please contact

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ST MARY'S WEBSITE www.bulwellchurch.com.

FACEBOOK PAGE

St Mary's The Virgin and All Souls Church

CHRISTMAS APPEAL
ST MARYS CHURCH AND UNIFORMED GROUPS

As many of you know for many years we have supported the Operation Christmas Shoebox Appeal, due to the cost of sending a shoebox now, we have chosen to make our shoeboxes up for the Homeless people of Nottinghamshire.

Items that can be donated are as follows

Toiletries soap, shampoo, toothpaste, Deodorant, sanitary items Baby Wipes Hand warmers Colouring books/puzzles Pens/pencils Torch Mini Sewing Kits Rain Ponchos Emergency Foil Blankets Underwear - men's and ladies Socks Chocolate - long dates Sweets Cereal Bars/treat type snacks

Donations of money are also acceptable, and we will purchase any items that we are short of.

Eleanor Lang

CHRISTMAS FAYRE 2018



Donations for the Christmas Fayre and other events will be gratefully received from now until the Fayre – unwanted gifts, bottles, ingredients raffle prizes, books, tombola prizes, quality bric – a brac, jewellery, Christmas items, ingredients for baking (to Joyce White please)

MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

HEALTH & WELL BEING GROUP meets alternate Mondays in the West Room 10.30am – 12 noon, at St Mary's Church. This month 5 & 19 November, for ages 18 upwards. You can bring your Carer, friend or family relative to the group for support (but we cannot allow anyone under the age of eighteen years of age)

CENTENARY OF THE END OF WORLD WAR ONE 11 NOVEMBER 2018

9.30am Parish Mass 10.45am Remembrance at the memorial followed by a service in the church. The church bells will be rung half- muffled for both services followed by open ringing (as usual) at 12.30pm following the directive of the Government, that church bells should be rung at 12.30pm in all churches with bells.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE SETTING-UP FRIDAY 30 NOVEMBER

CHRISTMAS FAYRE SATURDAY 1 DECEMBER 11.00am – 2.00pm

To be held in the West Room & Upper Hall. The Church will be open for visitors. Various stalls, light refreshments, raffle, tombola, Christmas stall, 'pluck a duck' books, cakes, bottle & others. Santa's Grotto.

REMEMBERING SAINTS & ANGELS 10am Sunday 4th Nov 2018

A Service for the Bereaved

BULWELL LIGHT SWITCHING – ON Monday 3 December in Bulwell Market Place – 3.30pm – 5.30pm.

Come and listen to Freddie Kofi and supporting group, a local Gospel singer who is well known around the country.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT FRIDAY 14 DECEMBER with the Band of the Royal Engineers. 7.30 pm tickets £5 (2 children 14 years and under free with one paying adult) Light refreshments and a raffle.

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REMEMBRANCE by DAVID ANDERSON

They named them Tommy Atkins
The long, the short and the tall.
Whenever there's a foe to fight
They are the one they call.

Their colours show the places
They fought and won the day
The northern plains of Germany
The road to Mandalay.

The jungles of Malaya
Sahara Sands and Belgium mud
The Middle east, Near and Far East
They list where Tommy stood.

Many a Tommy has fought and won
And many died just there
And lie in lawns 'neath grey gravestones
And many a silent tear.

And there's many a Tommy made it back
And left something behind
A leg, an arm, a foot or two
An eye or half a mind.

So, let's remember all of them
The long, the short and the tall
And the sacrifices they made that day
The day they stood to fell.

THE TOWER

On Saturday 20 October our tower was visited by bell ringers belonging to the Guild of Saint Agatha, who is listed as the Patron Saint of bell ringers. As I said in the October issue of The Hill, they were visiting Nottingham churches and the towers to the north of Nottingham, including Bulwell, they were accessing by the tram. The Guild of Saint Agatha is an association of ringers who ring mostly in the Roman Catholic churches, in this country, which have bells. There are about 50 of these churches worldwide, which ring in our English style and 32 of them are in this country. The nearest to us here is St Marie's Cathedral in Sheffield. Although Grace Dieu, Priory School, in North Leicestershire also has a tiny ring of bells.

All bell ringers can belong to their local diocesan guild or association. Here in Nottingham we are members of the Southwell and Nottingham Guild of Bell Ringers. However, other groups exist, which maybe based on small local areas, or indeed trades or professions. In addition to our Guild, in this area we also have The Society of Sherwood Youths, which historically was the ringing society of the Church of St Mary, on High Pavement, in Nottingham. Membership is now open to any ringers in this area, who wish to join. We also have the East Derbyshire and West Notts association, based in that area and includes towers such as Selston, South Normanton and Pinxton.

Guilds connected with trades or professions such as The Clerical Guild, The Guild of Railway Ringers, The National Guild of Police Ringers, The Guild of Medical Ringers, The Teachers' Guild, The Armed Services each have their own separate associations, to name but a few. Some of these groups meet annually and arrange ringing holidays together.

Another aspect of bellringing is the existence of a bell ringers' club in most Universities. Our local example of this is the Nottingham University Society of Change Ringers, which is open to past and present students of both Nottingham and Trent Universities. Their membership, however, is a rapidly changing one, as students come to the University for about three years and then move on. Youngsters, who can ring, come up to the University and can immediately find themselves in a society of likeminded students from all years of their courses. There is an immediate social life, visits to local towers and student outings to other towers further afield. It is encouraging to see these young ringers enjoying themselves and so deftly handling the ropes of large bells. A recent freshers' outing from Nottingham University took in a visit to Loughborough Bell foundry Museum, a ring on the Foundry bells (always a unique experience) and further ringing at Loughborough Parish Church and St Mary's Bunny.

The next local ringing will take place on Saturday 3 November, when Our Guild visits All Saints in Nottingham. Here at Bulwell over the next few weeks, we shall be involved in ringing for a special Armistice Service organised at St Mary's by all the Bulwell Churches Together and the local royal British Legion. This will finish by the tolling of a single bell, while the names of all the fallen from Bulwell, are read out. On Remembrance Sunday, 11 November ringing will take place for the 11am service and will be half – muffled.

Additionally, ringers nationally have been asked to ring at 12.30pm with the bells unmuffled, and we will be joining in with this.

ADVENT CALENDAR WITH A REAL MISSION

The 2018 Real Advent Calendar has been officially launched with a new 24-page Christmas story-activity book, a children's competition, and profits helping to transform the lives of children in Kenya.

Behind each of the 25 windows is part of the Christmas story and a festive shaped Fairtrade milk chocolate. Click here to order a calendar.

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The Real Advent Calendar was created in 2013 following surveys which showed that 36% of 5-7-year-olds did not know whose birthday is celebrated at Christmas.

A PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED



Almighty and eternal God,
from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted,
either by death or life:
hear our prayers and thanksgivings
for all whom we remember this day;
fulfil in them the purpose of your love;
and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED ON ACTIVE SERVICE



O God of truth and justice,
we hold before you those men and women
who have died in active service:
in Iraq, in Afghanistan and elsewhere.

As we honour their courage and cherish their memory, may we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayers taken from the Church of England website

ST MARY'S PARISH REGISTERS



BAPTISM The following were baptized at St Mary's.
Please remember them in your prayers.

7 October

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Lindsay Andrews

Harold Stewart

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