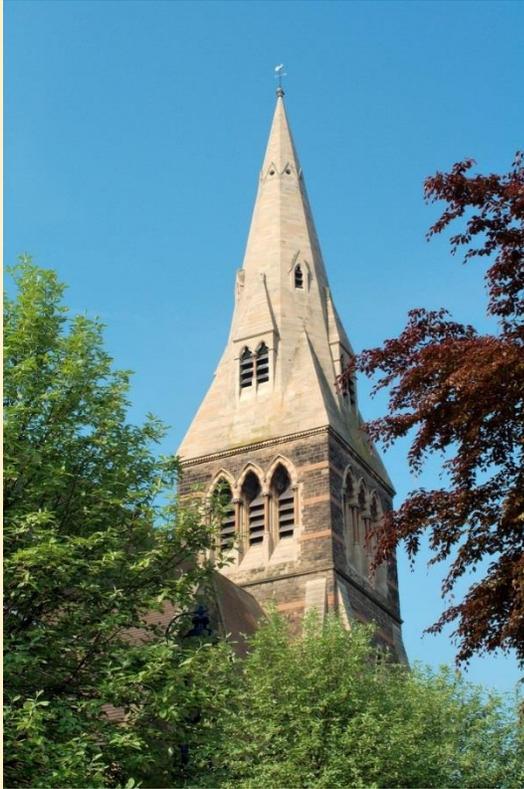


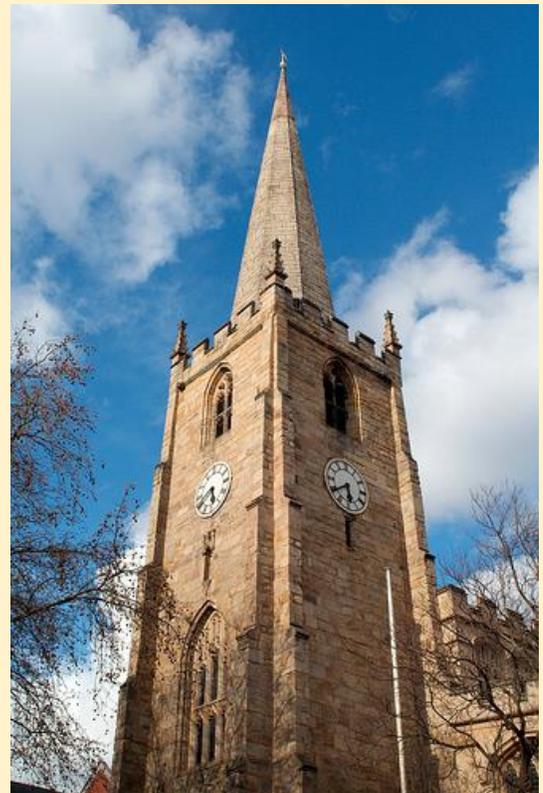


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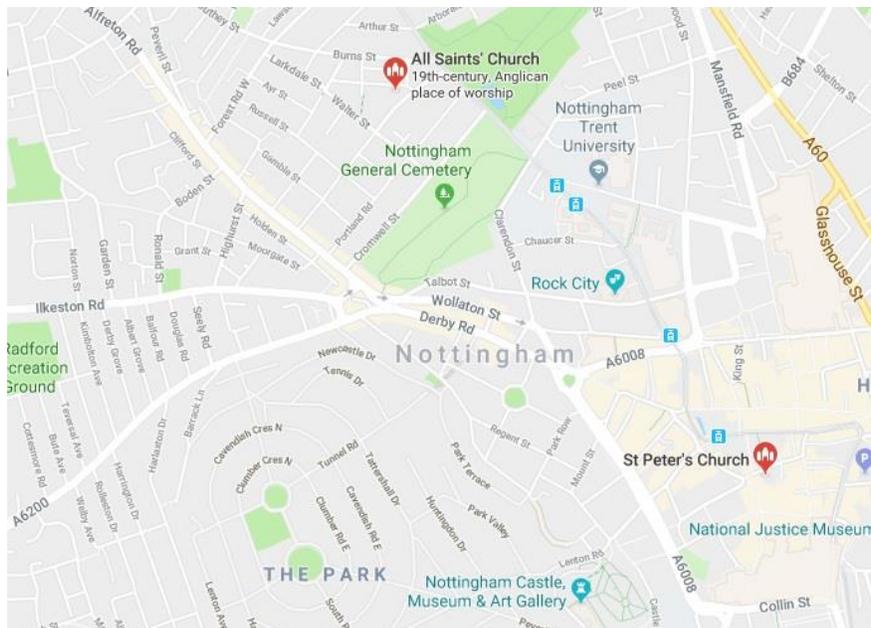
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From the Rector...

The Reverend Christopher Harrison

As we enter the month of July, we are just over two months away from the Diocesan Mission which will take place from 12th-15th September. During this period, several bishops from other dioceses in the Province of York, along with a supporting team, will spend time with churches around our diocese as they present various mission events. The two bishops who will be coming to our Deanery (Nottingham South) are Pete Wilcox (Sheffield) and Beverley Mason (Warrington). Our churches are planning to be involved in the Mission in various ways, including a parish picnic in the afternoon of Saturday September 14th, a special service at St Peter's in the morning of Sunday September 15th to which you are encouraged to bring your friends, and – we hope – a 'city debate' in the evening of Thursday September 12th. The new 'Bridge Gospel Community Choir', based at All Saints' and led by Freddie Kofi, is planning to sing outside St Peter's on 14th September along with the St Nic's gospel choir.



I hope that these events will bring people into our churches and enable them to find a welcome, as well as experiencing something of the faith which we share and the ethos of service to the community which lies at the heart of our life. Please do make a priority of supporting these events as we do our best to play our part in the Mission. There will also be follow-up meetings of various kinds at which those who have come into our churches during the Mission can learn more about the Christian faith.

As we plan for the Mission, it is a good time to reflect upon the theme of discipleship, which lies at the heart of our diocesan vision. The word 'discipleship' is associated with learning, which means that the journey by which our faith matures and deepens should lie at the heart of our Christian life. Discipleship should therefore involve regular reflection on Scripture and a commitment to prayer and worship, and in these activities it is important for us to join with other people who are walking along the same path of discipleship. It should go hand in hand with a serious and genuine attempt to live according to Jesus' values of love, compassion, forgiveness and justice, giving priority to caring for those in special need. Unlike in a school exam, though, in discipleship there is not always a clear distinction between 'pass' and 'fail', as God will always give us another chance to make amends. Indeed, if we keep falling short of what God desires of us, but return to God each time to seek forgiveness, we come to learn more fully what true repentance and mercy involve. This should help us to grow in true wisdom and to share God's compassion with those around us, in the knowledge that we are all fellow-travellers on the road of discipleship.

If we are honest with ourselves, we may well realise that there are times when our faith is not particularly strong, and that doubts and questions have a tendency to persist. However, we should not allow this to discourage us or make us conclude that we are in some way inferior to others who are walking on the same path. Whilst there are of course core elements of the Christian faith which the Church has always believed, and which are timeless and eternal, there will always be aspects of Christianity which are mysterious and difficult to understand fully, as well as areas of our faith which will need fresh analysis in the light of new developments in science, philosophy or other fields of study (such as the patriarchal attitudes which can be found in some scriptural texts, and attitudes towards homosexuality, for example).

Whether we are old or young, new to the faith or a Christian since birth, the path of discipleship always continues to extend before us. Sometimes the greatest challenges to our discipleship come late in life, when our strength is depleted and we have been worn down by sadness, loss and the cares of the world. Alternatively, perhaps you are a young adult who finds it difficult to avoid being carried along by the prevailing trends of scepticism and living for the moment. Or maybe you have reached the point when the voice within that says, 'There's more to life than all this' shouts more and more loudly and you simply cannot ignore it any longer. However difficult it may be for us to define or understand God, the idea of God should take us beyond ourselves towards a way of life which is more meaningful, more rewarding, perhaps more challenging, but of more lasting value. Jesus came to earth to show us such a way; how, therefore, will we respond to his call to the first disciples, 'Come, follow me'?

Community environmental initiative: if in doubt, leave it out

Steph Lax

Since launching the parish environmental survey I've been familiarising myself with the depth of my ignorance when it comes to kerbside recycling collections. I've realised the list that Broxtowe Borough Council send to us every now and again isn't a guideline, it really is a complete list (by 'complete' I of course mean 'limited'). So I now realise we CAN recycle tin cans, but CAN'T recycle tin foil or foil trays, for example. In case you're switching off, I have also learned that anyone living in one of the seven boroughs of Nottinghamshire (i.e. not Nottingham City Council), should be following exactly the same rules, as all of our kerbside recycling is processed in exactly the same facility in Mansfield.

Back to the foil; apparently the reason many councils don't take foil at kerbside is to do with the fats, oils and grease often left on the foil that contaminate the rest of the batch. As foil makes up only 0.025% of the bin by weight, and 81% is paper and card which then potentially has to be thrown away, I can understand why this policy exists! Having separate hoppers for ad-hoc foil drop-offs does seem a good solution to this.

The second thing my family have been 'recycling' quite happily, or so we thought, for many years, is plastic food trays. I was surprised to learn most of our local councils don't take them, especially as our kerb collections take plastic bottles (apart from the lids, I have checked), even down to bleach bottles. As I understand it, the argument here is that plastic bottles tend to always be made of the same stuff, but the trays are less consistent. The recycling facility in Mansfield uses a mixture of manual and automated sorting methods and I'm told would require a considerable upgrade to correctly process the variety of plastic trays that we come across. There isn't enough of a market for recycled plastic to allow for this kind of investment. Plastic is, after all, a by-product of the petrochemical industry, so we're able to produce it fresh to spec so cheaply. Plastic packaging is also often associated with a lower carbon footprint than, say, paper bags or biodegradable alternatives.

So what do we do? It can't hurt to try shopping for things without any packaging, but that's another article and beside the point here. We are advised to put our plastic trays in the domestic waste bin, ignore the misleading recycling labels and triangles on the packaging itself as it won't reflect the local provision, and **if in doubt, leave it out** of the recycle bin. Let's turn this into a positive though; we leave out the awkward-to-sort bits to make sure the paper and plastic bottles DO get recycled! Also, we can familiarise ourselves with what and where we can recycle locally outside of the kerbside collection, like **tetrapak** cartons, **paint**, and **electricals**, etc.

And don't waste time worrying if you've recycled wrongly in the past. The only direction is forward here. I think if we have a healthy attitude then we're halfway there, we just also need to stay open to new information as and when we get it so we can do the best we can.

Please continue to share our survey with whoever you are able using the links provided, print copies available on request, or get in touch through caringforourcommonhome@nottinghamchurches.org.

New recycling schemes to try at St Peter's

Dental (any brand used toothbrushes, empty toothpaste tubes, packaging): these will be recycled as part of the Colgate® Oral Care Recycling Programme, partnered with TerraCycle. I also would recommend Humble Brush bamboo alternatives to reduce plastic toothbrush and packaging waste.

Baby food pouches (any brand): these will be sent to Ella's kitchen, partnered with TerraCycle.

Bottle tops: I have previously taken them to Lush, the handmade cosmetics shop, however they appear to now want 'domestic amounts' and are discouraging large-scale collectors. I'm not sure we'll collect enough to be a problem, but I will be frank that I have concerns about this one long term. As one survey respondent suggested, various charities have previously collected bottle tops, but these schemes aren't lucrative enough to be worth the effort, apparently, and many charities have stopped collecting them. However, if anyone does know of a good scheme, ideally a local one, that we can support, please let me know. Also, if any transferring toddler or upcycling enthusiast needs a good supply then feel free to reuse as many as you like!

For a short time we are also collecting clean jam jars, ideally unlabelled, under the green table in preparation for a 'zero waste' food stall we are hoping to run alongside other events contributing to the Diocesan Mission in September.

Please find the new collection boxes underneath the 'green table' along with the foil box. We will empty these as regularly as we can, but if you happen to notice that they are brimming over please do email in so we can make an extra collection. Let's try these out and see how we go. If it feels like the carbon and effort to transport them fails to outweigh the gains then we'll have to think of something else. In the meantime, if we can all think Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, then that will help too!

Latest tips from survey respondents

Thanks again for the latest batch of hints and tips, a couple of which I'll share below:

Mobile phone recycling: One respondent asked about this, and Matt and I have previously sold phones to <https://www.mazumamobile.com/> who refurbish them for Reuse. If you choose to do this, definitely use the 'Data Delete Tool' to remove personal information.

It isn't just us parents of very small children that get through a lot of disposable cleaning stuff, although it can't be denied that nappies and wipes are a big part of our lives. Visit <https://www.cheekywipes.com/> for washable nappies, wipes, and also just regular washcloths and sanitary items. There are cheaper options too, like any wetbag and flannels. If reusable is not the way you want to go in your bathroom, then take a look at <https://uk.whogivesacrap.org/>. If nothing else, have a giggle at their marketing.

Upcoming events and campaigning opportunities

A petition opportunity against rainforest destruction in Brazil:

www.rainforest-rescue.org/petitions/1133/stop-the-slaughter-no-free-trade-with-south-american-beef?t=362-66-8392-1

Plastic free July: to sign up for the challenge visit <https://www.plasticfreejuly.org/> or just have a go anyway!

Ask HSBC to make the Big Shift and stop funding new coal projects -

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/campaigns-climate-change/big-shift/hsbc-powered-climate-justice>

surveymonkey.com/r/5TXQDN6



Parish Barbecue

Huge thanks to Ministry Assistant, Jason, for masterminding the Parish Barbecue following the Patronal Eucharist at St Peter's on Sunday 30th June. It was a lovely occasion, and a good time was had by all!

Thank you to everybody who contributed in any way.



CALENDAR FOR JULY

Sunday 7th	8.15am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist	All Saints'
	10.45am	Matins*	St Peter's
		Responses <i>Ayleward</i> Te Deum in B-flat <i>Stanford</i> How beautiful are their feet <i>Stanford</i>	
	5.00pm	Gospel Choir Rehearsal	All Saints'
	5.00pm	Holy Communion with prayers for healing	St Peter's
Monday 8th	1.15pm	Meditation	St Peter's
Tuesday 9th	10.00am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
	10.30am	Community Coffee morning Places of Welcome	All Saints'
	1.15pm	Holy Communion	St Peter's
Wednesday 10th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	All Saints'
Thursday 11th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	All Saints'
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
Friday 12th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	All Saints'
Saturday 13th	11.00am	Family Coffee Break Concert The Wheels on Debussy Hansel & Gretel	St Peter's
	8.15am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
	9.45am	Family Service	St Peter's
Sunday 14th	10.30am	Sung Eucharist	All Saints'
	10.45am	Sung Eucharist	St Peter's
	5.00pm	Evensong*	St Peter's
		Responses <i>Ayleward</i> Stanford in B-flat Behold the tabernacle <i>Harris</i>	
	1.15pm	Meditation	St Peter's
Monday 15th	10.00am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
	10.30am	Community Coffee morning Places of Welcome	All Saints'
	1.15pm	Holy Communion	St Peter's
Tuesday 16th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	All Saints'
Wednesday 17th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	All Saints'
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
Thursday 18th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	All Saints'
Friday 19th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	All Saints'
Saturday 20th	10.30am	Mother's Union Meeting	All Saints'

Sunday 21st	8.15am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist	All Saints'
	10.45am	Sung Eucharist*	St Peter's
		Kyrie & Agnus Dei in F <i>Darke</i> Jesus bleibet meine Freude <i>Bach</i>	
	5.00pm	Gospel Choir Rehearsal	All Saints'
	5.00pm	Taizé Service	St Peters'
Monday 22nd	1.15pm	Meditation	St Peter's
Tuesday 23rd	10.00am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
	10.30am	Community Coffee morning Places of Welcome	All Saints'
	1.15pm	Holy Communion	St Peter's
Wednesday 24th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	All Saints'
Thursday 25th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	All Saints'
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
Friday 26th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	All Saints'
Saturday 27th	3pm & 7pm	Not All Fish and Ships	St Peter's
Sunday 28th	8.15am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist	All Saints'
	10.45am	Sung Eucharist*	St Peter's
		Kyrie & Agnus Dei in E-flat <i>Jackson/Bairstow</i> My eyes for beauty pine <i>Howells</i>	
	5.00pm	Compline Let nothing trouble you <i>Farrell</i> Kyrie <i>Jackson</i> Nunc Dimittis in c <i>Dyson</i> Salve Regina	St Peter's
	Monday 29th	1.15pm	Meditation
Tuesday 30th	10.00am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
	10.30am	Community Coffee morning Places of Welcome	All Saints'
	1.15pm	Holy Communion	St Peter's
Wednesday 31st	9.00am	Morning Prayer	All Saints'
Thursday 1st August	9.00am	Morning Prayer	All Saints'
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
Friday 2nd	9.00am	Morning Prayer	All Saints'
Sunday 4th	8.15am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist	All Saints'
	10.45am	Matins*	St Peter's
		Responses <i>Clucas</i> Te Deum in A-flat <i>Sumsion</i> View me, Lord <i>Wood</i>	
	5.00pm	Holy Communion with prayers for healing	St Peter's

Prayers for July

Reverend James Saxton

Often in our prayer life, we do not know what to say or how to talk to God through Christ. Moments in our life, when we want answers, when we want to understand, moments when we are frightened, worried, and anxiety takes over. I reflected we are now in the season of Ordinary Time – and in the ordinariness of the moment things happen – to us personally, the world around us. In our contemporary world we pray for sense and sensibility in the world of politics, for peace, for the places in the world where there is war, violence, unrest and uncertainty.

Especially we pray at this time for this land of ours – for issues surrounding Brexit, for the new Prime Minister, but also for the issues that face all of us – issues to do with our environment and how we care for our world – that God cherishes and has entrusted to us, for the future of our children, and all for whom we are concerned:

‘Lord teach us to seek You, and show Yourself to us as we seek; for we cannot seek you unless You teach us, nor find you, unless You show Yourself. May we seek you in longing for You, and long for You, in seeking we may find You, in loving You, and love you in finding...’...St Anselm

We pray for a deepening in our faith, especially when people can be cruel, and marginalise us by attitude and words, for those who feel excluded, and for those communities who want to have a ‘voice’ and be noticed, and understood.

I found a prayer of John Bunyan – whom I have to confess I have not read or understood - which resonates, I feel, in some way:

‘He that is down needs fear no fall,
He that is low, no pride:
He that is ever humble ever shall
Have God to be his guide.

I am content with what I have,
Little it be or much:
And, Lord, contentment shall I crave;
Because thou savest such.

John Bunyan 1628-88

Our prayers for you in all the ordinary moments of life – and whatever , there is always the remembrance that God is with us.

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Mother’s Union

20th July

Mothers’ Union Meeting at All Saints’,
10.00 for 10.30am.

Speaker: Paul Applegate
The Philippines

9th August

Mary Sumner Day

A service will be held at St Paul's Church, Wilford Hill
at 2.00pm to mark this day.



Family Coffee Break Concert

Saturday 13th July

The Wheels on Debussy

*All concerts begin at 11am, with coffee and
biscuits served from 10.15am.*

*Admission is through donation to the church
music fund.*



Music at St Peter's & All Saints'

Peter Siepmann

As many readers will know, as well as singing at St Peter's and All Saints' throughout the year, St Peter's Choir has a long history of visiting churches and cathedrals across the UK. The first such visit was to Lichfield Cathedral during Easter Week 1969, and recent years have seen visits to almost all of the UK's major cathedrals. The first international tour was undertaken in 2004 (to Northern France), and further such visits followed to Ireland in 2006, to Paris in 2011, and to Cologne in 2014. This August, the choir are visiting Riga (the capital of Latvia), for concerts at the churches of St John and St Peter, and at the city's cathedral. In preparation for this tour, the choir, together with Mike Leuty at the organ, are performing a 'pre-tour' concert showcasing some of the repertoire that will be sung during the visit. This concert will be on **Saturday 20th July at 3pm** in the sumptuous acoustic of **The Church of the Good Shepherd** on Thackerays Lane (the choir sang Mass here during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2012, and I'm delighted to be returning). Everyone is most welcome to attend (admission is by donation). The programme will comprise some of the greatest British choral and organ music from the sixteenth to the twenty-first century, encompassing works by Wood, Mathias, Byrd, MacMillan, Tallis, Whitlock, Stanford, Howells, Stainer, Weelkes, Croft, Parsons, Holst (Imogen and Gustav) and Wills. Do come!



Poem

Another hopeful spring. The usual warmth,
surprises and the greening world. But noticeably
this year, while fruit trees blossom and blue or gold
spring flowers illuminate our lives, the ash trees
in the municipal car park, stay bald
and cling to last year's seeds. Governmental trees,
reluctant to accept the new, tentatively
showing leaflets of a nervous green, holding back
in this new year of climate change rebellion.
Everywhere this spring, attempts to save, renew
and interact, be seen, be heard and flourish
growing and enlightened, finally seeking
hopeful futures while the governmental ashes
desperately hug last year's dead ideas.

Ann R Parker

NOT JUST FISH AND SHIPS

A new play by Pat Ashworth

It's the year 664 and Whitby Abbey is hosting a Synod by royal request. Two opposing currents meet as the delegates arrive, with the date of Easter and the monks' haircuts dominating the agenda. It's about the power of Rome and the pull of the saints, but most of all, it's about conformity.

And who can argue with that?

Colman for one, the impetuous Abbot of Lindisfarne. He's pitted against the ambitious Wilfrid, Abbot of Ripon, impatient to become a bishop. King Oswy has a lot on his mind, with a north-south divide in the country and the Mercians

always at his back. Caedmon is in a world of his own. It falls to Abbess Hilda to navigate these choppy waters – and to fulfil her own destiny.

A portrait of monastic life in Anglo-Saxon England, *Not Just Fish And Ships* is a courtroom drama with a light touch, with more than a little resonance for our own quarrelsome times.

The performance is being presented at Southwell Minster; St Peter's Church in Nottingham; the Church of St Mary Magdalene in Sutton in Ashfield, Notts; Peterborough Cathedral; St Mark and St Lawrence, Bolsover, Derbyshire; and Hull Minster.

Southwell Minster - 25th and 26th July, 7:30pm

St Peter's, Nottingham - 27th July, 3:00pm and 7:00pm

Tickets for this performance available from Dorothy Mountford.

Price: £12 (£10 concessions for students and over 60s)

St Mary's, Sutton in Ashfield - 14th September, 3:00pm and 7:00pm

Peterborough Cathedral - 21st September, 3:00 and 7:00pm

St Mark and St Lawrence, Bolsover, - 28th September, 3:00pm

Hull Minster - 26th October, 3:00pm and 7:00pm

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Dorothy Mountford

Toilet Twinning

We have now twinned a fifth Toilet at St Peter's thanks to continued contributions from congregation members and Monica White's cake sales in her department at Nottingham University. Our new toilet twin is I. Kabaya, North Kivu, Democratic Republic of Congo.



Coffee Room and Fairtrade & Christian Book Shop

Please remember to support our Coffee Room & Fairtrade Shop. Help is especially needed in the Coffee Room to recruit new volunteers. If you would like to help, or know someone who would, please speak to Lynne (manager) or the Parish Office.

BOOK OF THE MONTH

By 'Bramcote Book Worm'

'The Words in my Hand'

By Guinevere Glasfurd

Descartes and Dutch interiors, Cartesian philosophy and the land we now call the Netherlands; this novel is most of all the story of the historical Helena Jans, a young woman, who learns to read and to write, to think, observe and to draw in a time when none of these skills were readily available to girls or women.

Based on historical records, the roots of 'The Words in My Hand' are to be found in the historical documentation of the relationship between the French Catholic philosopher, René Descartes and Helena, a Dutch Protestant and a maid servant. Glasfurd has researched and re-created an evocative world. She transports us from Amsterdam to Leiden, from Deventer to Amersfoort, places all beautifully described and easily identified on the frontispiece map of the 1635 Dutch Republic.

Chapter titles are beguiling and evocative and when listed, themselves read like poetry.

Glasfurd begins with: 'Ice', 'Books', 'Flowers' and moves through 'Bruises' and 'Feathers' to 'Wax' 'Linen' 'Crows' and 'Snowflakes' ending with 'Paper', 'Fever', 'Ash' 'Truth'. The epilogue gives us 'Raindrop'.

This is a story about words and writing:

'Somnolence; those sudden hot days; clouds piled so high I thought they would topple out of the sky. If I said the word slowly, it reminded me of the sound a marble makes, rolled around a bowl'

It is also a story of love and loss.

Helena's wants to write so badly she experiments with making ink from beetroot and with, clandestinely through lack of access to paper, writing on her skin.

Helena's search for knowledge and an understanding of the world marries Descartes' quest for reason. Glasfurd brilliantly explores Helena's journey towards literacy, juxtaposing this with Descartes' pursuit of learning. Their relationship is the heart of the novel. The stringent moral codes and puritan values of their time inevitably put their love to the test.

If you have read and been fascinated by Jessie Burton's debut novel (2014) 'The Miniaturist' or watched the entrancing TV Mini Series version in 2017 then this is a book for you. 'The Words in My Hand' has the same luminosity of style and characterisation as Tracy Chevalier's 'The Girl with the Pearl Earring', both the 1999 novel and 2003 film.

This book was recommended to the book worm; what a joy and privilege it is to have a friend who knows just what you will like in terms of a good read. Thank you so much- you know who you are.



Regular Activities in our Churches

For regular services, see the calendar pages in this magazine

All Saints'

- Community Coffee Morning (part of the Places of Welcome network):
Tuesdays from 10.30 am – 12.30 pm
- Women of Faith activities and lunch, first Thursday of every month from 11.00 am – 1.30 pm
- Mothers' Union: Third Saturday of every month, 10.00 am – 12.00 pm
- The All Saints' Drama Club meets from time to time to prepare and present short dramatic items
- 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;
Wednesdays from 11.30 am – 12.30 pm
- Gateway Drop-in for anyone with particular mental health needs:
Wednesdays from 1.30 – 3.30 pm
- The Thursday communion service at 11.00 is followed by coffee and fellowship
- Bible Study group: Thursdays from 12.15 – 1.00 pm
- 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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