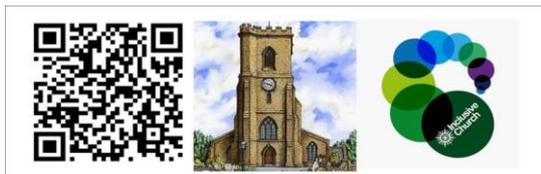


St Mary's Mirror



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Sundays 15th February 2026- 22nd February 2026

St Mary's is a down to earth Christian community seeking, serving and worshipping God by sharing the love of Jesus with all.

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/bulwell-st-mary-the-virgin-all-souls>

Receiving Holy Communion: following Church of England guidance, communicants are asked not to dip their host (wafer) but to drink from the chalice, ask the priest to dip for you before you receive, or receive the host (wafer) only. See the October Hill for more information.

Sunday 15th Feb – Sunday next before Lent

9.30am Bellringing

10am Family Mass with Baptisms of Ailey and Lisa Askham (led by our Whiz Kids Sunday School) (reading Matthew 17. 1-9)

There is a well-stocked Children's Corner in church for pre-school children to enjoy with their parents. Refreshments are available in the Upper Hall after the service.

If you are unable to attend church in person, the service can be watched online via our YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/@bulwellchurch>

To help us keep livestreaming our Services, if you are able, please leave a donation:

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'Post Christmas Wash Up' (Planning for 2026) after Service (Fr A, Rev B, EL, MW, LW, JT, ZE, AJ)

7.15pm – 9.25pm Farnaby & Co Choir Practice

Monday 16th February

Fr A day off, emergencies only please

1.30pm Meeting in church re: Renewal of Wedding Vows for Bruce and Ann Mulhall (Rev B)

Tuesday 17th February

Rev B day off, emergencies only please

Wednesday 18th February – Ash Wednesday

1pm - 3pm Bestwood and Bulwell Food Bank
07527 048226

6pm Liturgy of Ash Wednesday (with Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes)

6.15pm 'Spokoj' Al-Anon Group (West Room) For more information visit:

<https://al-anonuk.org.uk/about-us/>

7.30pm.-9pm. Bell Ringing (Practice)

Thursday 19th February

9.30am Midweek Mass (reading Matt 17:1-9)

11am Holy Communion at Fairway View (JB)

2pm Lent Course – exploring Holy Week with the biblical television series 'The Chosen' (Upper Hall)

Friday 20th February

9.30am Funeral of the late Margaret Nutt RIP (Fr A, Bramcote Crematorium)

6pm Ramadan Iftar (Fr A, Husaini Markaz Mosque, Hucknall)

Saturday 21st February

11.30am – 1.30pm Muddy Church Pancake Party (contact Zoe to book a place zoejackson000@gmail.com)

3pm Choir practice

Sunday 22nd February – Lent 1

9.30am Bellringing

10am Parish Mass (Sung) (Readings: Isaiah 42:1-9, Acts 10. 34-43, Matthew 3 .13-end}.

Our fantastic Sunday School, 'Whiz Kids' will be taking place during the Service (for ages 5-11).

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If you would like yourself or a loved one to be prayed for, please speak with/contact St Mary's Pastoral Visitor, Jackie Bramford, jackiebramford@hotmail.co.uk or Daniel Newton

newtondaniel826@gmail.com. *Re: safeguarding/data protection. If you are requesting prayer for somebody other than yourself, please obtain the person's permission in the first instance. Failing that, give their first name only. Any details about health matters should only be shared with the person's permission. Where an individual is seriously ill or not an adult, this permission may be given by the person's caregiver, guardian or family member.*



The Aumbry Lamp is the 7-day candle that burns before the aumbry in the Lady Chapel, announcing the Sacramental Presence of Our Lord in the aumbry. Sponsoring the lamp is a

wonderful way to show gratitude for answered prayer, or as a tangible way to extend our petitions before God. Lamp sponsorship covers the cost of a candle for one month and can be sponsored for just £10 for a month. Please speak with Fr Andrew if you would like to sponsor the St Mary's aumbry lamp. *We are delighted to announce that The Aumbry Lamp has been kindly sponsored from January 2026 until June 2026 in prayerful memory of Norah who passed away in 2024.*



Become a Befriender.

A befriender is someone who volunteers to support children and young people in the care system, acting as a trusted adult and a listening ear. For just one hour a

month, they are someone to talk to about anything and everything. It makes a real difference to a young person to know they have someone who has chosen to be there for them. So why not do something amazing today by volunteering to become a befriender in Nottingham?

For information, please visit

<https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/how-you-can-help/volunteer-to-help-children/become-a-befriender-in-nottingham>

Now Is The Time: Exploring God's Calling and Our Response in Preparing for Revival

As you will know, we are seeing and hearing many encouraging signs of God at work, with something of a change in the 'spiritual temperature' in wider society: more people asking questions of faith, buying Bibles, and visiting church for the first time. This is particularly among younger generations, though touching all ages and backgrounds.

In moments like this, it is important that we remain 'watchful and thankful', above all in prayer, as we discern what the Holy Spirit is doing. This includes considering how the Lord may be calling people in new ways to serve his purposes in these times. There is a plentiful harvest, and we trust that the Lord will provide all we need to engage in the work of spiritual harvesting.

With that in mind, we are hosting a day entitled **Now Is The Time: Exploring God's Calling and Our Response** as we pray and prepare for spiritual revival. This day is designed especially for those who are sensing a call to take a new step of faith in response to what God is doing. For some this may include new spheres of leadership – ordained or lay – and who would value space to explore what this calling might look like. We will offer some input, as well as the opportunity to hear from people who are already responding to a fresh

calling to serve and lead.

The event is taking place on Saturday 21st March, 9.30am-2pm at Trinity Church Nottingham. A sandwich lunch will be provided, and we would encourage you (if you are able) to come along with those you invite, if you think that would be beneficial.

We would love to invite you to think prayerfully about two or three people in your church who you might encourage to attend. These may be people in whom you already see leadership potential, people who are beginning to express a particular interest in what God is doing, or who are asking questions about how they might serve more for 'such a time as this'. An invitation to this day is an invitation to begin exploring – a readiness to be inspired and open to what God may be asking of his people – rather than a commitment to anything further.

Please use this link to find out more and book your places: <https://learning.southwell.anglican.org/resources/now-is-the-time/>

Thank you for your faithful ministry and attentiveness to what God is doing in your context. As we seek to pray and prepare for revival, we hope this day will help create space for emerging leaders to begin to ponder and explore, as together we seek to share the Living Hope of Christ with many more people across the city, towns and villages of Nottinghamshire and beyond.

Every blessing,

Bishop Paul Williams | Bishop Andy Emerton

Bishop of Southwell & Nottingham | Bishop of Sherwood



Volunteers needed

We are looking for a volunteer to take on the position of Editor for the weekly newsletter "The Mirror" and/or the monthly magazine "The Church on the Hill"

You will need a computer with internet access and an email address. You need to be able to use word processing software such as Microsoft Word, and the ability to send and receive emails, and attachments.

Time commitment - Around two hours a week (for the Mirror) or two hours a month (for the Hill).

