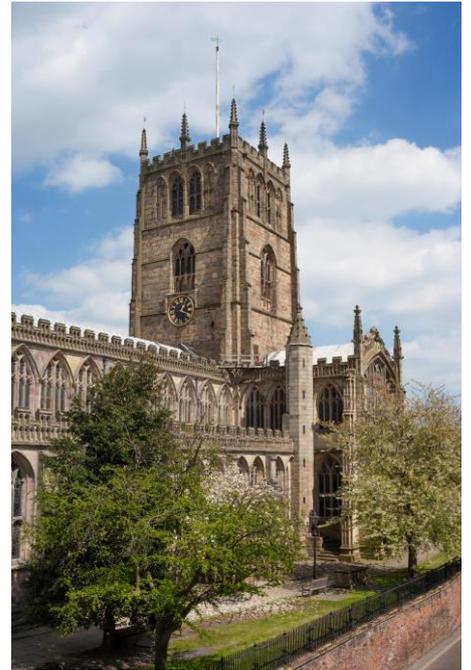


About St Mary's

- We are a **parish church**, serving a small but densely-populated square mile of Nottingham City Centre. Our parish is full of shops, cafés, offices, arts and cultural centres. It has student halls, flats, family homes and lots of public buildings. The streets are busy with people day and night. Among them are well-paid professionals, workers on minimum wage, tourists, shoppers, and some very vulnerable people who are sleeping rough.
- We are a **congregation**, gathered from across the city and beyond. While diverse in background, most people are attracted to worship at St Mary's initially by the stunning medieval architecture and exceptional musical tradition. They stay because of the warm community and open, undefensive way in which Christian faith is explored.
- We are **Nottingham's civic church**, meaning we have a particular calling to engage with, support and pray for the life of the city. In practice, this means we seek to build relationships with a diverse range of organisations, including the City Council, legal profession, universities, schools, businesses and many others. Nottingham Workplace Chaplaincy has strong links with the church as part of this ministry.
- We are a popular **venue for events**. Some of these are commercial lets and support church funds. Others - such as school Carol Services, concerts or Nottingham Light Night - are hosted as part of our commitment to play an active part in community life.
- We are a **haven of peace** in the heart of the city centre. While only metres from the Nottingham Contemporary and Motorpoint Arena, St Mary's is just far enough away from the crowds to provide a place of stillness and calm. We're open for visitors Monday – Friday and, alongside the tourists, find lots of people coming into the church and churchyard to grab a few moments of reflection and prayer.
- We are **on a journey**, forging a new vision and finding renewed purpose. With a recently appointed vicar and generous financial support from the Church of England, we are asking ourselves again what God is calling us to be. St Mary's is confident in the future, sharing good news of God's love in word and action with ever-growing numbers of people.



About the Role

This is perhaps a bit different from other Christian youth worker roles.

- You will be the **first person** to hold this role at St Mary's. That gives enormous scope for you to shape it and determine the most effective use of time. Our congregation and leadership are excited about the appointment, but you'll need to tell us what you require to flourish and have the greatest impact. Part of your role will be to help us shape our emerging vision for the church.
- It's a role for someone with a **pioneering** mentality, who is confident to reach out well beyond the boundaries of the church. While there are lots of opportunities, St Mary's is not currently blessed with large numbers of under-18s in the church community. We have a fair number of 18 – 30s, but too many of them 'pass through' and we're only at the early stages of engaging with them effectively. In some aspects of the role, you will be starting almost from scratch. You will need to be creative and proactive in going out, making connections and building relationships. You will need to encourage and nurture a team of volunteers. You will need to help us shape our vision for younger people and think through how we can provide a more effective welcome for them. That may sometimes mean challenging us to do things better than we do them now.
- St Mary's has a **distinctive tradition**, which is unusual in the area. In worship, we draw creatively on the best of the Church's long history. This makes our worship formal – but, we hope, never pompous or cold. In belief, we value the fact that we have a wide spread of views on most questions and are happy to live with creative disagreement on many things. That said, the majority of our congregation is instinctively liberal on most matters, including some of those issues which have most divided the Church in recent years.



Professional Development and Support



Within St Mary's, you will be line-managed by James (vicar), who will work closely with you as you plan, resource and deliver your ideas. James joined St Mary's in December 2024 after fifteen years in school chaplaincy. Aside from a weekly 1-1 catch-up with him, you will also participate in the church's professional review process (three meetings a year). Informal chats over a cup of coffee are also always welcome!

Although you will be part of a wider team in St Mary's, we recognise that you will want to find personal and professional support from wider networks. We will therefore ensure you are quickly connected with

Southwell & Nottingham's [Children Youth & Families Team](#) which offers an extensive programme of training and networking opportunities, as well as 1-1 advice.

Meet the Team!

You will be joining a friendly and committed team. Some of the key people at St Mary's are ...

Staff



The Rev'd Dr James Saunders
Vicar



Nick Turner
Operations Director



Tess Clothier
Parish Administrator



Duncan Purves
Verger & Events Coordinator



John Keys
Director of Music



Lucy Haigh
Children's Choir Director



Andy Thomas
Finance Assistant

Volunteers



Martyn Jewers
Churchwarden & Safeguarding Officer



Ed Mills
Churchwarden



Matt Triggs
PCC Secretary



Emma Richardson
Treasurer



Jean Hammonds
Lay Chair & Assistant Treasurer



Ellie Story
Chair of St Mary's Choral Scholars' Trust



Hannah Rednall
Young Adults' Coordinator



Louise Third
Lace Market Workplace Chaplain



Want to find out more?

If you would like to have an informal discussion, arrange a visit or simply find out more, we'd be delighted to arrange this. Please contact James Saunders (vicar@stmarynotts.org).

