

# *St Mary's Church - October News and Information*

**Services** – every Sunday in October at 10.30am - please book in in advance if you can with Ann Brownhill.

4<sup>th</sup> Youth, Children and Families focus

11<sup>th</sup> Harvest Communion

18<sup>th</sup> APCM

25<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion

**October is Black history month** – each week in Sunday we will highlight individuals who have contributed to the formation, teaching and practice of Christianity. Here is a prayer we can use during the month -

*Almighty God, through your Holy Spirit you created unity in the midst of diversity;*

*We acknowledge that human diversity is an expression of your manifold love for your creation;*

*We confess that in our brokenness as human beings we turn diversity into a source of alienation, injustice, oppression, and wounding.*

*Empower us to recognize and celebrate differences as your great gift to the human family.*

*Enable us to be the architects of understanding, of respect and love;*

*Through the Lord, the ground of all unity, we pray. Amen.*

**APCM** - St Mary's APCM will be held on **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October after a shortened morning service at 11.00am.** You are encouraged to attend if you are able. The meeting will elect churchwardens, deanery synod and PCC members as well as presenting accounts and reports for 2019 (all pre Covid!!!). It is an opportunity for church members to understand more of the work of the church, it's activities and the structures which help to maintain it and importantly to ask questions.

All church members should be on the **electoral role** and can vote at the meeting. Please let Margaret know if you need to add your name to the electoral role. Apologies for those not able to attend can be sent to Ann Brownhill.

Electronic copies of the agenda for the meeting and St Mary's Annual Report for 2019 have been circulated on the googlegroup email – if you have not received this or if you want a printed copy please let Ann Brownhill know.

**Congratulations Ela** – our curate here and at St Augustine who was ordained priest in the cathedral at the end of September.

**Farewell Tim** – our long-serving caretaker at St Mary's who retired (as planned) during lockdown so we were not able to say goodbye properly at the time. There have also been a number of other staff changes in the Centre – we will be sharing more details at our services in the coming weeks.

**Family Choir Crowdfunding** - We're raising £850 to fund and equip St. Marys Bramall Lane Family Choir to meet this term: we'll mostly be outdoors! It will help to pay for Tom our accompanist and the outdoor equipment. This project brings mental health benefits to all.. You are invited to share the JustGiving Crowdfunding Page that Yo has set up! [https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/familychoir?utm\\_term=85m5xbX6w](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/familychoir?utm_term=85m5xbX6w)