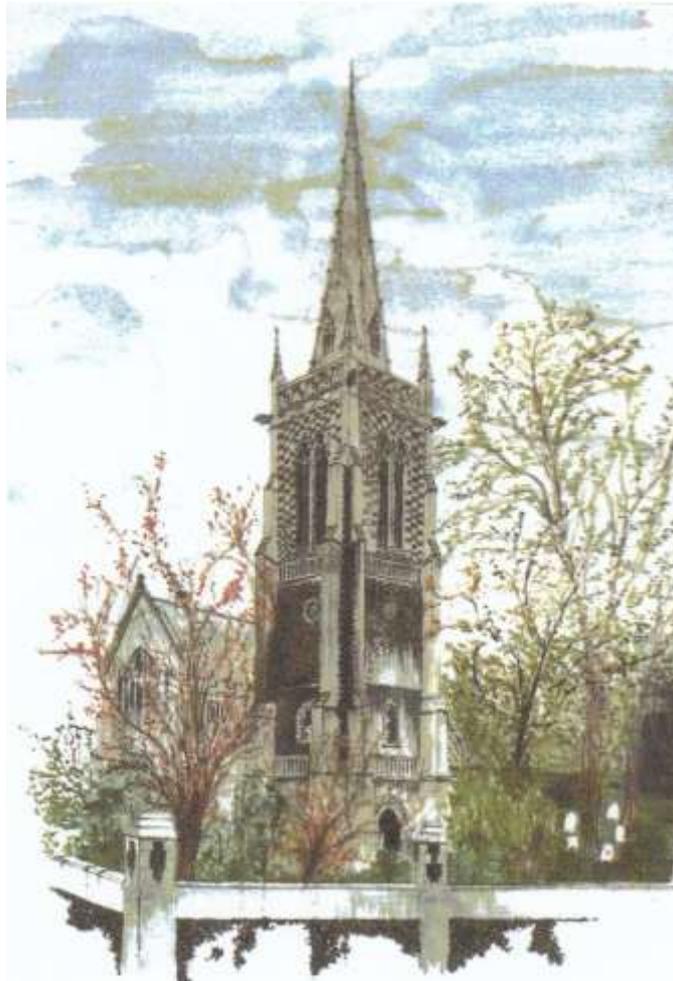


ST MARY-LE-TOWER CHURCH PAPER

SUNDAY 11th November 2018



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INTERCESSIONS

God our Father, as on this day we look back and remember with gratitude those who have given their lives in time of war; we also remember with compassion those who continue to suffer as a result of conflict.

We pray for the mission and unity of the Church throughout the World; for the Episcopal Church in Cuba, for their Bishop, clergy and people: in our link diocese of Kagera (Tanzania), for the work of the HIV/AIDS project giving thanks for the babies now being born free of the virus. In our own diocese we pray for the ministry of Archdeacons Ian and David, our Diocesan Officers and advisers.

For the work of the Royal British Legion and Forces' Charities. For all who serve today and for their families: for the peace of the world, and the leaders of nations.

In our life at the Tower we pray for the preparations for the Christmas Tree Festival; that we can each volunteer to play our part in making it a success. For our continuing journey to grow in God, and to share God's love with the Community we are here to serve.

We pray for peace in our troubled world, and an end to conflict. *Guide the Leaders of Nations into ways of peace and justice.* For Jewish Communities who fear persecution. For the people of Yemen and the wider Middle East that their suffering as a result of war and famine will be addressed. We pray for the unity of our own nation as we face Brexit together.

We pray for those we know who are sick or otherwise distressed including: Ian Miller, Baby Harry Hausermann and family and Simon Gilbert. We continue to pray for, Adrian Parry, George Pipe, Barbara Bellamy, Angela Pantelis, Bob and Alexander Tostevin.

We pray for those now unable to be with us in Church, including this week: Margrid Brooks and Mary Gurney. *Be with them and those who care for them.*

We pray rest in peace and rise in glory for those who have recently died, and we pray for all who mourn. We give thanks for the lives of those whose remembrance falls at this time of year.

Names and Topics for the prayer lists should be given to the Administration Office.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY (The Collect)

**Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the king of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

BIBLE NOTES

It is remarkable that the Disciples respond to Jesus so quickly when he calls them, without delay. St Mark is very clear about this; the word 'Immediately' is used twice in two separate instances. Here is a clear message.

Perhaps the Disciples already knew Jesus and were waiting for the call to action, but there is no hint of this in the Gospels. Perhaps Jesus just knew what was already in their hearts and that they would respond without question. But why don't the Gospels say a more about the back story of each disciple and why they responded so readily? It would very interesting!

But all we get is a bald narrative; Jesus calls and the Disciples follow. And there are three reasons for this. Firstly, the call to Discipleship is a work of grace. Of course people have the choice as to whether to respond or not, but the call to discipleship is entirely in God's hands in the first place. No one wins a place on Jesus' team on their own strengths and merits. No one is disqualified because of their past or because they haven't done enough homework. The back story is strictly irrelevant at this point.

Secondly, of course responding to the call to discipleship is often tortuous and complicated. People are so good at finding reasons why they should not respond in this particular way just today! This is human nature. But actually, once we have worked through all the "fightings and fears within", in the end it is simply a matter of Jesus calling, and you and I following. Just like that. Just like the first disciples on the shore of the Sea of Galilee.

And thirdly, the call is God's responsibility. He knows what he is doing. He chooses us, not we him.

Canon Charles

FIRST READING

Hebrews 9.24-end

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgement, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

ANTHEMS SUNG BY THE CHOIR TODAY

9.30AM, Guest:

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old: age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.

5.00PM, Ireland:

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness.

Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus. Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation; That ye should show forth the praises of him who hath call'd you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

I beseech you brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies, a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto to God, which is your reasonable service.



THE CHORAL FOUNDATION FOR ST MARY-LE-TOWER

Patron: Ed Sheeran MBE Hon Doc Mus

The Choral Foundation is an independent charity whose purpose is to promote, preserve and expand the choral tradition at St Mary-le-Tower, including its outreach programme encouraging choral singing amongst young people in the wider community.

Ed Sheeran says, 'I appreciate the benefits which singing brings to young people both physical and emotional. Singing teaches you lots of skills and provides many opportunities which will help, enrich and sustain you throughout life.'

www.choralfoundationipswich.org.uk

PINS & NEEDLES:

Knit, Stitch and Craft at St. Mary-Le-Tower, Tower Street, Ipswich



IN CHURCH EVERY 1ST AND 3RD FRIDAY 12.00 to 2.30PM

Our next session is on FRIDAY 16th NOVEMBER

 www.stmaryletower.org.uk **GEORGE FRIDERIC HANDEL**
MESSIAH
Candlelit Performance 

4:30pm, Sunday 16th December 2018

Tickets £12 - £15 available on the door or in advance

Box Office: St Mary-Le-Tower, 17 Tower Street Ipswich.

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CHURCHYARD ACCESS – HATTEN COURT ENTRANCE

UK Networks will be carrying out essential works on the Hatten Court substation from 12th November for two weeks. During that time, the lane between Tower Street and the Hatten Court churchyard entrance will be closed. Disability access to the church via the Hatten Court gate will still be available but will involve going down to Tavern Street and coming back up the lane next to MacDonalds. We apologise for any inconvenience this might cause.

Grand Christmas Tree Festival 2018

An Advent festival of hope and light and community.

Thurs 29th Nov – Wed 5th Dec

****Two weeks to go!!****

we need your help to make our festival a resounding success.

Please sign up on the lists available at the back of Church.

Spreading the word – Please, everyone, help to distribute publicity about the festival and encourage organisations and people to take part. Literature is available at the back of church.

Welcomers – Entrance to the festival is free but volunteers are needed to provide a warm welcome to visitors, to offer assistance as might be required and to sell the festival programmes.

Café Service – Volunteers are needed be part of a team manning the café, serving refreshments and maintaining a clean, happy, friendly atmosphere in this very important area.

Cooks and Bakers – We have many talented cooks in our congregation and we hope you will feel able to pledge contributions of the foodstuffs required which are listed at the back of the church.

Festival Diary

Wed 28 th 7PM	Opening Event (by ticket only)
Sun 2 nd 6.30PM	Advent Festival of Hope and Light
Tues 4 th 1.10PM	Festival Lunchtime Concert
Tues 4 th 4.30PM	Christingle Candle Carol Service

Festival Charities

**The Music of St Mary-le-Tower Talitha Koum
Suffolk Law Centre**

***CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL OPENING CELEBRATION ***

6.45pm for 7pm Wednesday 28th November
with guest speakers, a glass of wine and canapé.

Entry is free but strictly ticket only.

Please add your name to the sign up list at the back of the church.

If we can't get your ticket to you beforehand, it will be reserved for you at the door.

WHAT'S ON AT THE TOWER 12th – 20th November

The church is normally open to visitors 10AM – 12NOON

Mon 12 th	12N Prayers for Light and Peace 6.30PM Choral Evensong
Tues 13 th	6.30PM Choral Evensong
Wed 14 th	10.30AM Holy Communion (BCP)
Thurs 15 th	7.30PM LIFT at 5 St Edmunds Road
Fri 16 th	12N Pins & Needles Group in church 8.30PM Choral Compline
Sun 18th	Usual Sunday Services
Mon 19 th	12N Prayers for Light and Peace 6.30PM Choral Evensong
Tues 20 th	1.10PM Lunchtime Concert: Scholars from Framlingham College 6.30PM Choral Evensong

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY. The Parish Eucharist today is at 9.30am so it does not clash with the Remembrance Service in Christchurch Park. There will also be an Act of Remembrance in St Mary-le-Tower at 11AM.

LIFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together) The next meeting of LIFT will be held at 7.30PM on Thursday 15th November at 5 St Edmund's Rd.

THE BIG CHURCH CHRISTMAS TREE arrives Monday 19th, at 8AM. Lots of help needed to carry it into church, and cut it to size. (*Please let Revd Charles know*).

HELP! OUR VICAR IS INJURED Every year, our Vicar plays a huge part in the physical preparations for the Christmas Tree Festival. Last week Charles dislocated his shoulder and will not be able to do these tasks. Can you help with putting lights up in the churchyard (10AM Sat 17th Nov), putting up pillar trees (Thurs 22nd and/or Friday 23rd Nov) and various furniture and equipment removals (25th, 26th and 27th). Please contact the Parish office if you are able to help in any way.

ADMINISTRATOR (Church and Tower House): Mrs Donna Joyce.

See Parish Office contact details on the front page.

Outgoing Letters: Remember to check the letter rack at the back of church



Prayers for Light and Peace

A quiet formal service of prayer with laying on of hands held at midday on Mondays

Come for yourself, for others, and for the world.

Mondays 12noon in the Lady Chapel