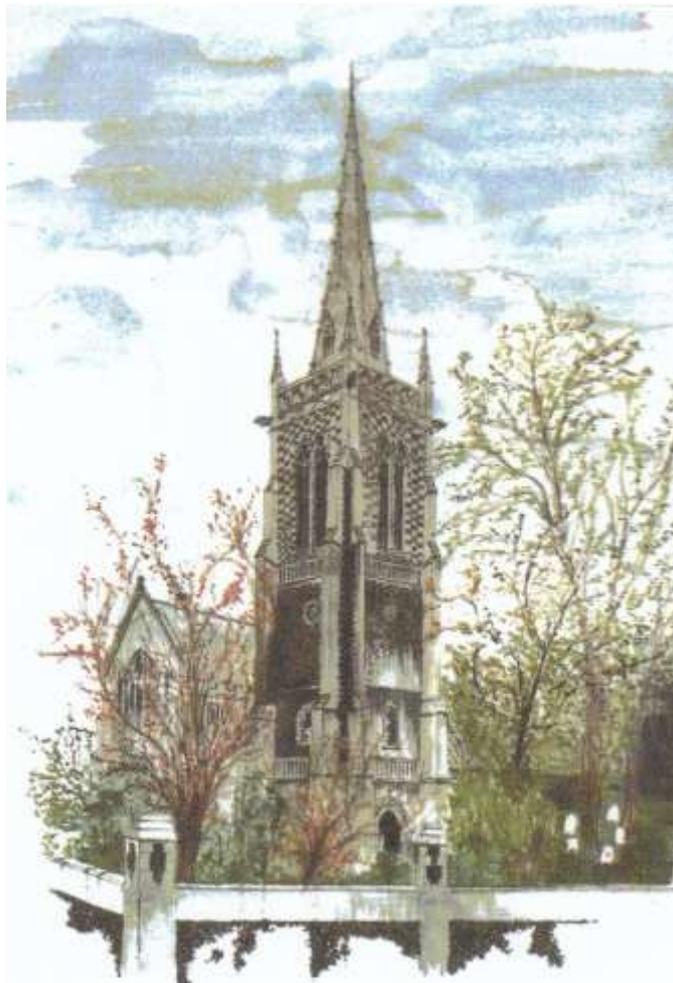


ST MARY-LE-TOWER CHURCH PAPER

SUNDAY 6th JANUARY 2019



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8.00AM Holy Communion (BCP)
President: Canon Charles Jenkin

9.30AM Choral Matins (BCP) Choir: SCS, Ladies & ATB
Officiant: Canon Charles Jenkin
Readings: Isaiah 60.1-6; Matthew 2.7-12 Responses: *Morley*
Psalm: 72 vv. 10-15 (page 434)
Setting: *Ireland – Te Deum in F* (page 5)
Anthem: *Mendelssohn – There shall a star from Jacob come forth*
Hymn: A&M: 94

10.30^{am} Parish Eucharist (CW) Choir: SCS, Ladies & ATB
President: Canon Roger Pallant;
Preacher: Canon Charles Jenkin
Readings: Ephesians 3.1-12; Matthew 2.1-12
Setting: *Darke in F*
Anthem: *Holst – Personent Hodie* (page 5)
Hymns: A&M: 105, 103, 63, 93, 96i

4.30PM Festival Concert of Epiphany Carols
including: A Ceremony of Carols - *Britten*
The Full Choir of St Mary-le-Tower

Principal Readings: Isaiah 43.1-7; Acts 8.14-17; Luke 3.15-17,21-22

8.00AM Holy Communion (BCP) *Canon Roger Pallant*
9.30AM Choral Matins (BCP) *Mr Richard Hanley*
10.30AM Choral Eucharist (CW) *Revd Jeanette Gosney*
Canon Roger Pallant
5.00PM Choral Evensong (BCP)

Forthcoming Special Services

20th January 5.00PM Mayor’s Service *at SMLT*
27th January 5.00PM **Unity Service at Christ Church Tacket St.** *No service*
3rd February 10.30AM Parish Communion with All-age address
6th March **Ash Wednesday. Services at 10.30AM and 6.30PM**
17th March 3.00PM Justice Service at the Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds,
Combined choirs (Cathedral & SMLT). *No Evensong at SMLT.*

INTERCESSIONS

The Magi came from the East to worship your Son. Father, grant to Christians everywhere a true spirit of adoration.

We pray for the mission and unity of the Anglican Church throughout the World, remembering today the diocese of Kimberley and Kuruman (Southern Africa) In our diocese we give thanks for the support offered by the Honorary Bishops.

In our life at the Tower we pray for Charles as he commences his study leave. We pray for the work of the Lighthouse Women's Aid in Ipswich. And for those who will share in the Festival of Epiphany Carols this afternoon.

We pray for farmers and Agricultural Workers on this Plough Sunday: as new crops are prepared. We pray for the homeless and the lonely; and give thanks for various agencies who work to support them. For food banks and those who provide shelter and advise.

We pray for peace in the World: for those living amidst conflict and an uncertain future. For the people of Indonesia who are suffering following another tsunami. For all who are providing aid.

We pray for our own nation as time to resolve Brexit negotiations becomes limited. That an appropriate way forward may be agreed.

We pray for those we know who are sick or otherwise distressed including: Jean Goodson, Christopher Browne, Harley Shinn, Cullum Doe and Jaydon McConnachie. We continue to pray for, Adrian Parry, Barbara Bellamy, Carolyn and Tony Brook-Carr.

We pray for those now unable to be regularly with us in Church, including this week: Jill Ganzoni and Isabel Yonge. *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)

**O God, who by the leading of a star
manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:
mercifully grant that we,
who know you now by faith,
may at last behold your glory face to face;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

BIBLE NOTES

The Visit of the Magi is the headline story for the Feast of Epiphany, and the message is every bit as important as Christmas itself. The Holy Child has come not just for one People, one culture, one nation or one identity, but for the whole world. Christmas is not the beginning of a new sectarian religion which will be in eternal competition with a host of other faiths, it is the beginning of a new vision for the unity of the whole world.

Epiphany is about the real meaning of Christmas. Distinguished representatives of other religions come to worship the new King. Jesus is not just for the Jews; he is the fulfilment of all people's search for God. But this is not an imperialist thing. It is not about a new earthly empire; it is not about the Christian faith conquering all others; even if Christians have at times behaved like that.

For the new King is a different sort of king, for whom loving service is the key. For the Son of God reveals not an exclusive but an inclusive God. And He invites humankind to participate in the same divine character, to become also children of God. He invites people to grow out of the competitive living that is our nature, and become something more spiritual. For only as such can all humanity fulfil their potential as spiritual beings

Canon Charles

FIRST READING

Ephesians 3.1-12

I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles – for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, ‘Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.’ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: “And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.”’

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, ‘Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.’ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

ANTHEMS SUNG BY THE CHOIR TODAY

9.30AM, Mendelssohn

There shall a Star from Jacob come forth, and a Sceptre from Israel rise up, and dash in pieces princes and nations. As bright the star of morning gleams, so Jesus sheddeth glorious beams of light and consolation! Thy Word, O Lord, radiance darting, truth imparting, gives salvation; Thine be praise and adoration!

10.30AM, Holst

*Personent hodie voces puerulae,
laudantes jucunde qui nobis est
natus, summo Deo datus, et de
virgineo ventre procreatus.*

*Id-e-o-o-o, id-e-o-o-o,
Id-e-o gloria in excelsis Deo!*

*In mundo nascitur, pannis involvitur
praesepi ponitur stabulo brutorum,
rector supernorum. Perdidit spolia
princeps infernorum.*

On this day earth shall ring with the
song children sing to the Lord, Christ
our King, born on earth to save us; him
the Father gave us.

Therefore.....
Glory to God in the highest!

His the doom, ours the mirth; when he
came down to earth, Bethlehem saw
his birth; ox and ass beside him from
the cold would hide him.

*Magi tres venerunt, parvulum
inquirunt, parvulum inquirunt,
Stellulam sequendo, ipsum adorando,
Aurum, thus, et myrrham ei offerendo.*

*Omnes clericuli, pariter pueri, cantent
ut angeli: advenisti mundo, laudes tibi
fundo. Ideo gloria in excelsis Deo.*

God's bright star, o'er his head, Wise
Men three to him led; kneel they low
by his bed, lay their gifts before him,
praise him and adore him.

On this day angels sing; with their
song earth shall ring, praising Christ,
heaven's King, born on earth to save
us; peace and love he gave us.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN IPSWICH TOWN CENTRE

United Service for the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity

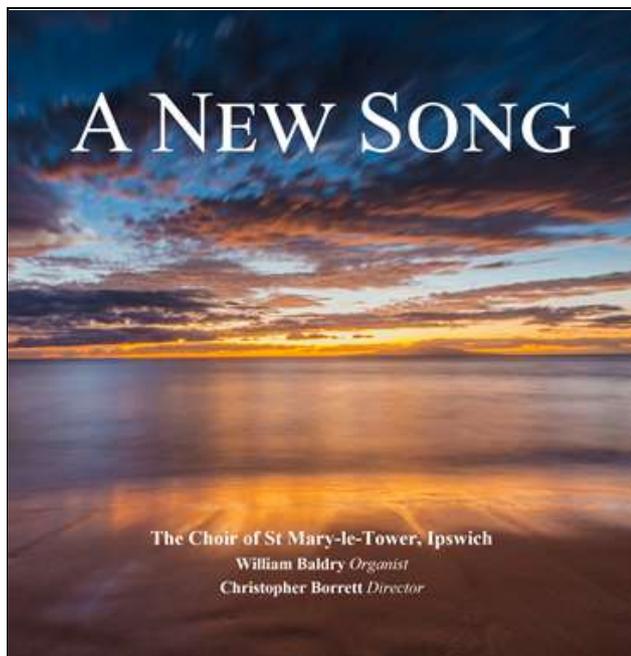
Sunday 27th January 5pm at Christ Church Tacket Street

Please support this service as an expression of our united mission. Christ Church have a new minister and it would be good to show our support for him in this way. There will be no evening service at SMLT.

ST MARY-LE-TOWER CHRISTMAS APPEAL

In aid of the Children's Society.

Boxes are available at the back of church. Please take one.
The due date for the return of the boxes was 25th December but we
will be happy to receive your box for a little longer if you have
missed that deadline.



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

Our next session is on FRIDAY 18th JANUARY

VICAR'S STUDY LEAVE Canon Charles will be taking extended study leave from tomorrow, 7th January until the end of March (12 weeks). Arrangements have been made to cover Sunday services which will continue as usual. Midweek Choral services will not take place until after Easter. Monday Prayers and Wednesday Communion will continue as usual. Overall, the parish will run for these 12 weeks on the same general principles as though we were in an interregnum.

This is not an extended holiday for Charles! Rather it is a structured period of rest, refreshment and resourcing in preparation for the next few years of Charles' ministry at the Tower. Extended leave has three main elements: a time of intentional rest and recovery, a programme of spiritual refreshment, and a specific area of study for which Charles will be supervised by Bishop Mike.

The subject for Charles' study is looking at how parish churches can be more intentionally encouragers and resourcers of people's spiritual pilgrimage, as they come into contact with the Church in multiple and diverse ways, meeting them where they are rather than just expecting them to join in with congregational life and groups.

Please pray for the parish officials teams who will manage the parish in the vicar's absence and for Charles too.

Arrangements for Sunday Parking at St Mary-le-Tower Church

We are fortunate to have the kind and generous support of the Trustees of the Ipswich and Suffolk Club, making available their car park to our congregation on Sunday mornings. If you wish to park there, you must have a permit from the parish office and it is important to display this clearly, and you must be attending church. The car park is regularly patrolled and a penalty notice once issued cannot be cancelled. The gates open automatically at 8am and close at 2pm. This is an important facility and privilege for SMLT congregations, for which the PCC is very grateful.

WHAT'S ON AT THE TOWER 7th – 15th January

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

Mon 7 th	12N Prayers for Light and Peace
Wed 9 th	10.30AM Holy Communion (BCP)
Sun 13th	Normal Sunday Services
Mon 14 th	12N Prayers for Light and Peace

MANY THANKS once again to everyone who contributed to Christmas festivities at the Tower especially the choir.

TODAY AT THE 10.30am SERVICE two new silver candlesticks will be blessed for their use in worship at St Mary-le-Tower. They have been designed particularly for use on the Nave altar but will also be used in the Lady Chapel. They have been given by Barbara Norman in memory of Iris Barrell who was indeed a light in our church for many years. Many thanks indeed.

The design of the candlesticks is very much in keeping with the new Ciborium that was purchased with kind donations a few years ago. The Ciborium and Candlesticks have been made by Avon Silversmiths in Birmingham.

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES PLEASE NOTE there will no evening services at St Mary-le-Tower on 27th January (5pm Unity Service at Christ Church Tacket St) or on 17th March (3pm Justice Service at the Cathedral). The evening services on Sundays 3rd February and 3rd March will be Evensong and Communion.

WEEKDAY EVENING SERVICES PLEASE NOTE that the regular weekday evening choral services will not be taking place until after Easter, because of the Vicar's Study Leave. There will be a Choral Eucharist at 6.30pm on Ash Wednesday (6th March).

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