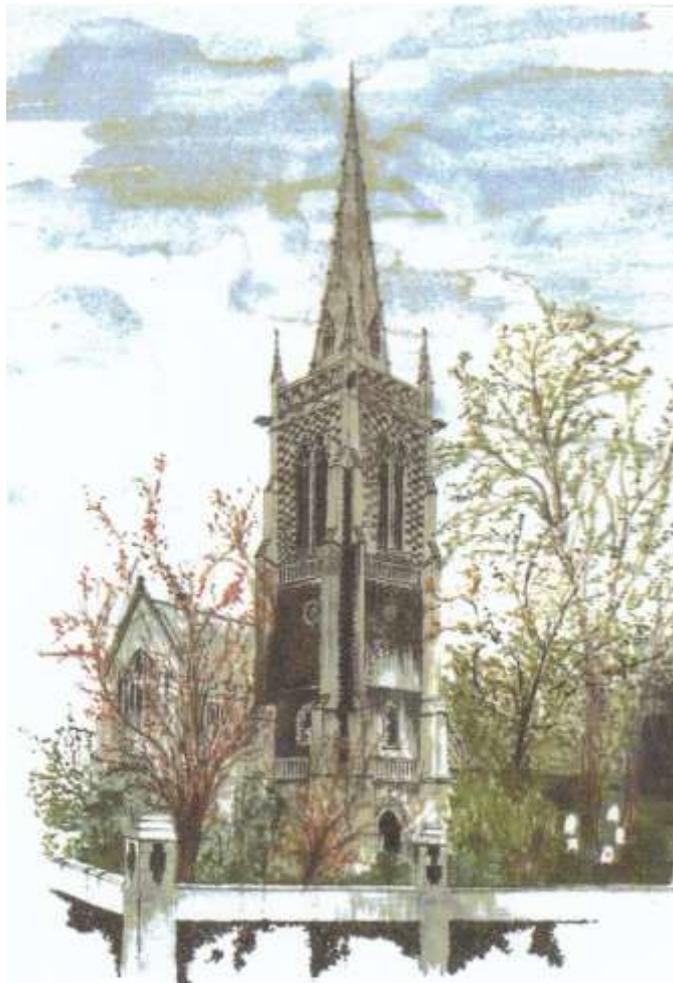


ST MARY-LE-TOWER CHURCH PAPER

SUNDAY 9th DECEMBER 2018



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If you have difficulty in getting to the Communion Rail, or require gluten-free bread, please let a steward know and appropriate arrangements will be made.

- 8.00AM Holy Communion (BCP)**
President: Canon Roger Pallant
- 9.30AM Choral Matins (BCP)** Choir: Sopranos & ATB
Officiant: Canon Charles Jenkin
Readings: Malachi 3.1-4; Philippians 1.3-11
Psalm: 80 vv. 1-7 (page 449) Responses: *Ayleward*
Setting: *Stanford: Benedictus in C*
Anthem: *Stanford: How beauteous are their feet (page 5)*
Hymn: A&M: 47
- 10.30AM Choral Eucharist (CW)**
President: Canon Charles Jenkin
Address: Canon Roger Pallant Choir: Sopranos & ATB
Readings: Philippians 1.3-11; Luke 3.1-6
Setting: *Palestrina: Missa Aeternae Christi munera*
Anthem: *Byrd: Ave verum corpus (page 5)*
Hymns: A&M: 46, 320, 39, 36, 35
- 5.00PM Choral Evensong** Choir: Choristers, SCS & ATB
Officiant: Canon Charles Jenkin
Readings: Isaiah 40.1-11; Luke 1.1-25
Psalm: 75 (page 440) Responses: *Ayleward*
Setting: *Day in B flat*
Anthem: *Byrd: Rorate caeli (page 5)*
Hymns: NEH 2, 10

Principal Readings: Philippians 4.4-7; Luke 3.7-18

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No Choral Matins
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Canon Charles Jenkin
- 4.30PM Handel's Messiah - Choral Foundation Concert**

Forthcoming Special Services

Sunday 23rd Dec **10.30AM** Family Crib Service (**No Choral Evensong**) *Christmas Services: See separate leaflet.*

INTERCESSIONS

O God, you sent your Son into the world to be the Saviour of all who believe, and promised that he will come again to be our judge. Increase in us the attitude of watchfulness and prayer; so that we may always be ready to meet him.

We pray for the mission and unity of the Anglican Church throughout the World, remembering today the Church and people of the Falkland Islands. We pray for all who suffer persecution for their faith. In our diocese we pray for Archdeacons Ian Morgan and David Jenkins, and for all the Diocesan Officers and advisors.

In our life at the Tower we give thanks for the successful Christmas Tree Festival. And we pray for the work and support of the Choral Foundation. We pray for those preparing for the Messiah performance next week. We give thanks for the gift of music: and pray for all who will take part in Carol Services at St. Mary-le-Tower during the coming weeks.

We pray for all who will be celebrating in the Town Centre: for the Town Pastors out on the streets engaging with them: that everyone will remain safe.

We pray for the needs of the World: for those living amidst conflict and an uncertain future. For those providing Emergency Aid. For the rebuilding of communities.

We pray for our own nation, for unity, wisdom and commitment to the common good as the process of Brexit continues. For Civil Servants and members of Parliament.

We pray for those we know who are sick or otherwise distressed including: Jaydon McConnachie, Baby Harry Hausermann and family. We continue to pray for, Adrian Parry, Barbara Bellamy, Linda Haywood Smith, Carolyn and Tony Brook-Carr.

We pray for those now unable to be regularly 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, among them Revd Roy Courage, Connie Matthews and Pamela and John Rodaway.

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

PRAYER FOR THE DAY (The Collect)

**O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power
and come among us, and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness
we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,**

be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

BIBLE NOTES

One of the major themes of Advent is encouragement. Even the theme of judgement is meant to be encouraging to all of good will. For judgement properly understood is about setting things right, not meting out punishment. And so St Paul is encouraging the congregation he founded in Philippi to greater acts of love and forbearance, and John the Baptist quotes the prophet Isaiah in his confidence that nothing can stand in the way of God's promises.

Such confidence should be one of the hallmarks of the Christian community, and confidence should lead to generosity of heart and good relationships. It is, sadly, when people are fearful of the future that they often become narrow and defensive, as so many conflicts in the Church and the world today continue show. Of course confidence can also lead to complacency, but the theme of judgement puts this firmly in context.

Often the challenge is to maintain a generous confidence in God when times are hard or we find ourselves in the midst of conflict. At such times it is vital to draw close to God, to renew our sense of his loving presence. Failure to do this risks a hardness of heart that makes us blind to the Gospel.

Advent is a time of encouragement, but we need to remember that this encouragement fundamentally comes from God, and amid all the busyness of the season, we need to make time to allow ourselves to be drawn closer to him. Then we will be able to discover the encouragement we really need.

Canon Charles

FIRST READING

Philippians 1.3-11

My brothers and sisters, I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel.

For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

GOSPEL

Luke 3.1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler

of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of

Zechariah in the wilderness.

He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, ‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.” ’

ANTHEMS SUNG BY THE CHOIR TODAY

9.30AM, Stanford:

How beautiful are their feet who stand on Zion's hill! Who bring salvation on their tongues, and words of peace reveal! How happy are our ears that hear this joyful sound, which kings and prophets waited for, and sought, but never found! How blessed are our eyes that see this heavenly light Prophets and kings desired it long, but died without the sight. The Lord makes bare his arm through all the earth abroad; Let every nation now behold their Savior and their God!

10.30AM, Byrd:

Ave, verum corpus
natum de Maria Virgine,
Vere passum immolatum
in Cruce pro homine,
Cujus latus perforatum
unda fluxit et sanguine,
Esto nobis praegustatum
in mortis examine.

O dulcis, O pie, O Jesu Fili Mariae
miserere mei. Amen.

*Hail, true body
born of the Virgin Mary,
Who truly suffered, sacrificed
on the Cross for man,
Whose pierced side overflowed
with water and blood,
Be for us a foretaste
In the test of death.*

*O sweet Jesus, O gentle Jesus, O Jesus,
Son of Mary have mercy on me. Amen*

5.00PM, Byrd:

Rorate coeli desuper et nubes pluant justum, aperiatur terra et germinet salvatorem. Benedixisti, Domine, terram tuam, avertisti captivitatem Iacob. Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto: sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain righteousness; may the earth be opened, and bring forth a saviour. Thou hast blessed, O Lord, thy world, thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob. Glory be to the Father and

to the Son and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen.



GEORGE FRIDERIC HANDEL

MESSIAH

Candlelit Performance



4:30pm, Sunday 16th December 2018

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

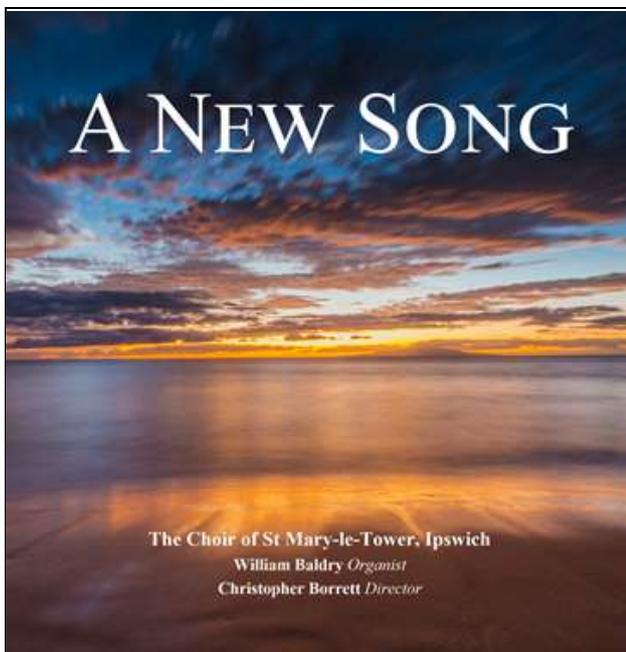
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IPSWICH TOWN CENTRE CHURCHES TOGETHER

Journey To The Manger

An Advent Discussion Group is meeting at Tower House on Friday mornings at 10am from 23rd November to 14th December to discuss the Advent book by Paula Gooder

All welcome



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ST MARY-LE-TOWER ADVENT 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 will be 25th December.



LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

Please remember we will need some mince pies for
the final concert by the
Choir of St Mary-le-Tower on
Thursday 20th December!



**GRAND CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL -
THANK YOU** to everyone who volunteered to
make the Festival such a success. We welcomed
5670 visitors this year, and everyone was very
positive about their experience at the Festival.

A particular thank you to the Planning Group (Jo
Jones, Revd Charles Jenkin, Keith Faull and
Donna Joyce) for the work during the year; and
to Sally Graham for the Festival Cafe and to
Vicky Faull for the Children's activities.



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.'

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WHAT'S ON AT THE TOWER 10th – 18th December

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

Mon 10 th	Ipswich High School Rehearsals and Concert (all day)
Tues 11 th	1.10PM Lunchtime Concert: Stephen Cooper <i>baritone</i> and John Cooper <i>piano</i> 4.30PM
Wed 12 th	10.30AM Holy Communion (BCP)
Sun 16 th	8.00AM Holy Communion (BCP) ***No Choral Matins*** <u>9.30AM</u> Choral Eucharist (CW) 4.30PM Choral Foundation Messiah Concert
Mon 17 th	St Josephs School Rehearsals and Concert (all day)

INSPIRE The deadline for articles for Inspire is 12th December. Please send your articles to Sue Adair hmadair@doctors.org.uk or to the parish office.

FESTIVAL CHRISTMAS TREES FOR SALE A number of trees from the Festival will be available for sale afterwards. These are good fresh trees of the non-dropping sort (Nordman Fir). Prices £23 for a 4' tree to £40 for a 7' tree. Please register your interest with the Parish Office.

SUNDAY 16th DECEMBER *Please note* that the Choral Eucharist will be at 9.30AM, to enable preparations for the performance of Messiah to begin straight afterwards.

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.



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