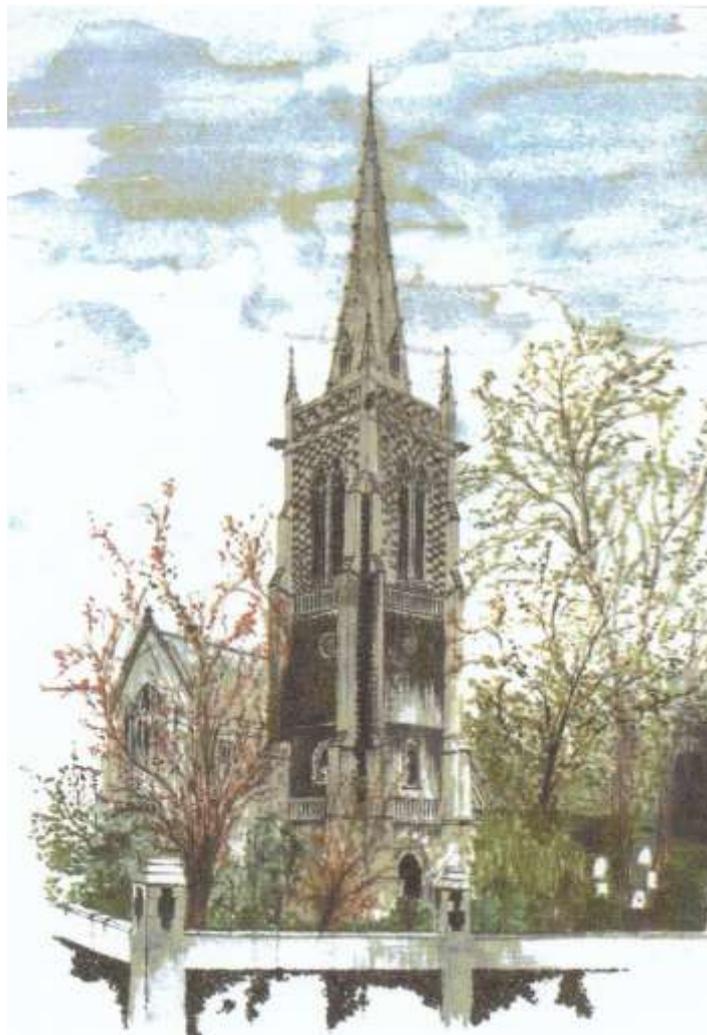


ST MARY-LE-TOWER CHURCH PAPER

SUNDAY 15th March 2020



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UPDATE TO C of E HYGIENE PRACTICE AT COMMUNION SERVICES:

By instruction from the Bishops of the Church of England until further notice:

- The Chalice will not be administered to the congregation,
- There should be no exchanging handshakes at the Peace,
- Please see the separate leaflet for more details.

If you have difficulty getting to a Communion rail, please let a steward know and appropriate arrangements will be made. At the 10.30am service, gluten-free breads are available at the communion rail in the chancel.

Sunday 15th March

Third Sunday of Lent

- 8.00AM Holy Communion (BCP)** President: Canon Charles Jenkin
- 9.30AM Choral Matins (BCP)** Choir: Ladies, SCS & ATB
Officiant: Canon Charles Jenkin;
Readings: Exodus 17.1-7; Romans 5.1-11
Psalm: 95 (page 468); Preces & Responses: *Byrd*
Benedicite in *F Dyson*; Benedictus *Tonus Peregrinus* (page 5)
Anthem: Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts *Purcell*
Hymn: A&M 131
- 10.30AM Choral Eucharist (CW)** Choir: Ladies, SCS & ATB
President: Canon Roger Pallant; Preacher: Canon Charles Jenkin
Readings: Romans 5.1-11; John 4.5-42
Setting: Communion Service in *C Ireland*
Anthem: God so loved the world *Stainer*
Hymns: A&M 652, 591, 669, 664, 135
- 3.00PM** The Choir will be joining the Cathedral Choir for the annual Suffolk Justice Service at Bury St Edmunds. *No Choral Evensong at SMLT.*

Sunday 22nd March

Mothering Sunday

Principal Readings: 1 Samuel 16.6-13; Ephesians 5.8-14; John 9.1-end

- 8.00AM Holy Communion (BCP)** *Canon Roger Pallant*
- 9.30AM Choral Matins (BCP)** *Canon Charles Jenkin*
- 10.30AM Choral Eucharist with all age address(CW)** *Canon Charles Jenkin*
- 5.00PM Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Canon Charles Jenkin*

Forthcoming Special Services

- Sun 5th Apr Palm Sunday. 10.30AM United Service at SMLT with Christ Church Tacket St. (No 9.30am Choral Matins)**
- Thurs 9th Apr Maundy Thursday. 6.30PM Eucharist of the Last Supper**
- Fri 10th Apr Good Friday. 10.30am United Service on the Corn Hill
12N Meditations on the Cross
1.30PM Liturgy of the Passion with Communion (Choral)**

INTERCESSIONS

Creator God, may every breath we take be for your glory, may every footstep show you as our way, that, trusting in your presence in this world, we may, beyond this life, still be with you, where you are alive and reign for ever.

We pray for the mission and unity of the Church throughout the World, remembering today the Church of England; for the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd. Justin Welby. In our diocese we pray for Joe Hawes (Dean) and our Cathedral Chapter and staff. For the Clergy and people in the Yoxmere Benefice. For the work of Christian Aid.

In our life at the Tower, we pray for our observance of a holy Lent. For all sharing in Lent Study Courses. That together we can learn how to grow in faith and tell others.

We pray for our stewardship of the natural world, and all its resources, that can be used to reverse and mitigate climate change, for the peace of the world.

We pray for all countries as they work to counter the developing Coronavirus; for those who are unwell, those who are treating and caring for them, for the bereaved, and for the work of health authorities; for the work of the WHO.

We pray for our own country, that we will find unity and friendship as work together to delay the spread of the virus; for respect for the advice of government and medical experts; for those in self-isolation, for UK citizens still trapped abroad; for all health workers and authorities.

We pray for those we know who are sick or otherwise distressed including: Derek Le May, and Grace Chandler. We continue to pray for Fr John Thackray, Linda Haywood Smith and Carolyn. We remember those unable to be regularly with us in Church including this week: Eileen Mayers, Pam Blatchly and Stafford Patient.

We pray rest in peace and rise in glory for those who have recently died, among them Isabel Yonge, George Pipe, Lilian Caudle and Stanley Harris, and we pray for all who mourn. We give thanks for the lives of those whose remembrance falls at this time of year, including Edgar Jenkinson, Russell Jarvis, John Richardson, and Christopher Horne.

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

THE COLLECT (Prayer for the Day)

**Almighty God, whose most dear Son
went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
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 encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan women in St John's gospel is remarkable. Firstly, it is surprising that Jesus even started the conversation. A Jewish teacher would not start a conversation with a woman he did not know, still less a Samaritan with whom the Jews had deep religious disagreements, even less likely a woman of dubious social standing.

But the point is that the salvation which Jesus went on to achieve on the cross is especially for outsiders like this woman. Just as God reaches out to suffering and wayward humanity on the cross, so Jesus engages this woman at the well in conversation.

The talk of "living water" has several layers of meaning. In the first instance it is about the water in the well, which is not stagnant and is therefore fit for drinking and sustaining life. Secondly the well is associated in history with God leading his people to a new life. And thirdly, the living water that Jesus means is a metaphor for the Holy Spirit and baptism.

The passage is about Jesus revealing himself as the author and giver of life itself. Indeed this is the principle theme of the whole of St John's gospel. Though the woman could not grasp it she had encountered the living God, who rather than ignoring her had offered her a new start in life.

No one is excluded from the invitation to new life in Christ. However chaotic someone's life has been, whatever the struggles and failures, Jesus offers new hope. And it is hope indeed because the foundation is the grace of God, and not our own achievements whether spiritual or any other.

Canon Charles

FIRST READING

Romans 5.1-11

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die.

But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

GOSPEL READING

John 4.5-42

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink," you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?'

Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.

"But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and

is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, “One sows and another reaps.” I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.’

Many Samaritans from that city believed in Jesus because of the woman’s testimony, ‘He told me everything I have ever done.’ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, ‘It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.’

ANTHEMS SUNG BY THE CHOIR TODAY

9.30AM, Purcell:

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts. Shut not thy merciful ears unto our pray'rs, but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour, thou most worthy Judge eternal, suffer us not, at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from thee. Amen

10.30AM, Stainer:

God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoso believeth, believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world. God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved. God so loved the world.



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J.S. Bach

Saturday 4 April 2020 - 6PM
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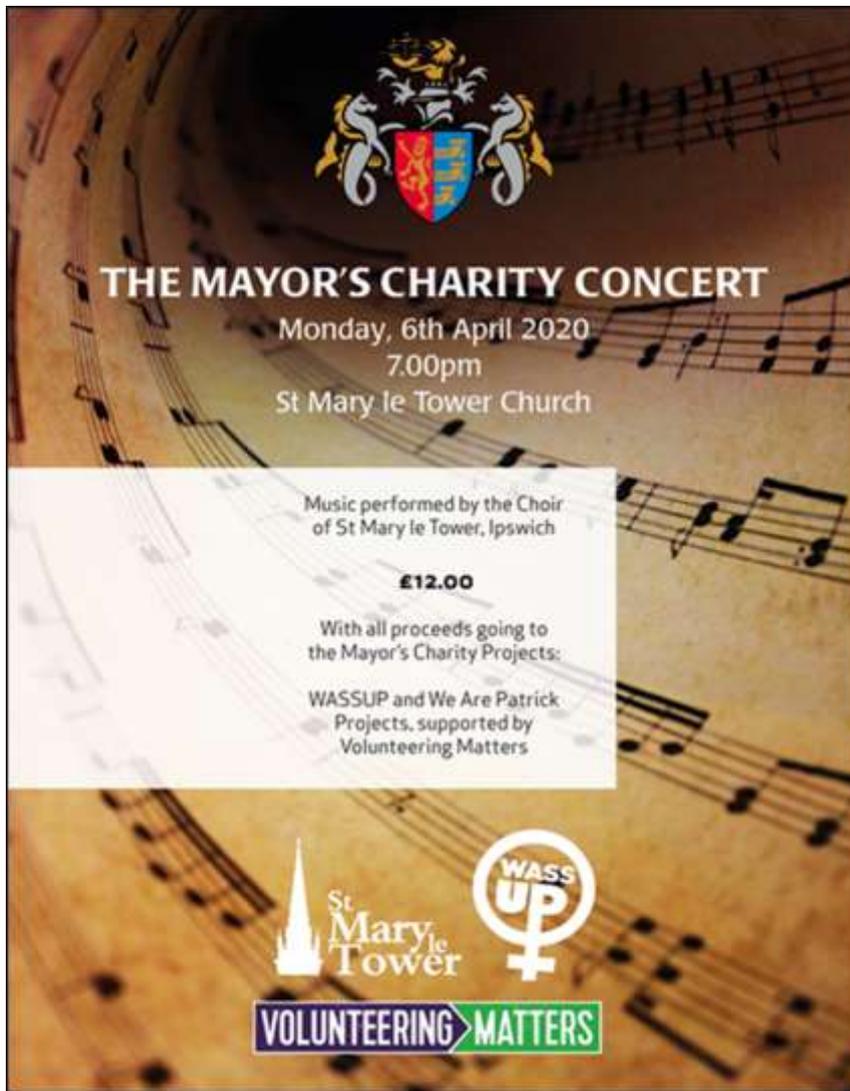
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EASTER FLOWERS Contributions towards Easter Lilies can be made in the envelopes to be found at the back of church. Please pass your contributions (*Please make cheques payable to S Adair*) to Sue Adair or hand in to the Parish Office (see front page) clearly marked.

LENT PRAYER LUNCHESS You are warmly invited to join us at Christ Church Tacket Street in the Turret Room at 12.30-13.30PM on Tuesdays 17th and 31st March and 7th April.



MESSAGE FROM SONIA DOCHERTY Thank you to everyone at SMLT for your prayers, good wishes and the moral, practical and spiritual support you've freely given to us at a very difficult time. God bless you all. Sonia, Phil and Claire Docherty.

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY It is time for the annual collection of coin boxes for The Children's Society. If you are able to bring your box to church that would be helpful but otherwise I would happy to come and collect it from you. Thank you for helping The Children's Society.

Sally Graham

WHAT'S ON AT THE TOWER 16th – 24th March

Mon 16 th	6.30PM Choral Evensong.
Tues 17 th	6.30PM Choral Evensong. 7.30pm PCC Meeting
Wed 18 th	10.30AM Holy Communion
Thurs 19 th	6.30PM Alpha Course in Church House
Fri 20 th	11.00AM Pins & Needles in Church House
Sat 21 st	10.00AM Mothering Sunday preparation of posies
Sun 22nd	Normal Sunday Services except: 10.30AM Choral Eucharist with All-age Address
Mon 23 rd	<i>No Choral Evensong.</i>
Tues 24 th	<i>No Choral Evensong.</i>

GEORGE PIPE RIP The funeral will be at 1.30PM 27th March in St Mary-le-Tower Church. Family flowers only. Donations to either St Elizabeth Hospice or East Anglian Air Ambulance *May he rest in peace and rise in glory.*

STANLEY HARRIS RIP Stanley passed away suddenly on Feb 18 at Ipswich Hospital. Stanley's Service of Thanksgiving will take place at the West Chapel, Ipswich Crematorium, on March 16, at 10.45AM. *May he rest in peace and rise in glory.*

MOTHERING SUNDAY POSIES Dads and children are invited to gather in St Mary-le-Tower Church from 10AM on Saturday 21st March to make the posies for Mothering Sunday. All materials supplied (drinks and biscuits included); just come along and help.

EASTER INSPIRE – More SMLT articles needed! The deadline for your contributions is Sunday *March 29th* . Please send your contribution to stmaryletower@hotmail.com or pass to Donna Joyce or Sue Adair.

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