

SUNDAY 28th June 2020 – 3rd Sunday after Trinity

PRAYER FOR THE DAY (The Collect)

Almighty God,
you have broken the tyranny of sin
and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts
whereby we call you Father:
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,
that we and all creation may be brought
to the glorious liberty of the children of God;
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.

FIRST READING: Romans 6.12-23

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.

I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The

end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 10.40-42

Jesus said to the twelve: 'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.

Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple – truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.'

INTERCESSION

Eternal God, calm and quieten our souls, keep us humble and full of wonder. By your grace may we abide in you, as you abide in us.

We pray for the mission and unity of the Anglican Church throughout the World, praying today for the united Church of North India. In this diocese we pray for those in the Benefice of Eye in the Hartismere Deanery: and we pray for the Church's ministry among Jewish people

In our life at the Tower, we pray for one another, that we can all remain safe. We pray for our preparations for reopening our church for Sunday Services and for Private Prayer, that we may be able to gather the teams of volunteers that will be needed to achieve this.

We pray also for our future ability to maintain our Choral Tradition, and to serve people in the Town Centre around us. We pray for the financial resources needed to achieve this and give thanks for the generosity of all who give to St Mary-le-Tower.

We pray for shops and businesses as more open again to welcome their customers, that town centre

businesses may grow again as everyone follows advice and takes care to avoid the risks of increased coronavirus infection.

We pray for our Government, and the work of its Ministers and its advisers. We pray for the World Health Organisation, for nations continuing to struggle with the Covid-19 pandemic amid poverty and conflict: for the work of aid agencies and the United Nations and for international solidarity.

We pray for those who have lost their lives, and for the bereaved as a result of the actions of extremists. May all people be delivered from hatred, cruelty and revenge. We pray for the issues of justice being raised by the Black Lives Matter campaigns and for Ipswich as a multicultural town. May we all be able to stand together reconciled before God. We pray for all our National Health Service workers and volunteers in Hospitals, Residential Homes and those in the Community. For all who are still anxious or lonely.

We pray for those we know who are sick or otherwise distressed including: Andrew Hastings and John Wheeler. We continue to pray for Derek le May, Andy Courage, Angela Pantelis, Bob Tostevin, Linda Haywood Smith, Margrid Brooks and Mary Gurney.

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 John Jex.

NOTICES

ZOOM MEETINGS BEFORE SUNDAY SERVICES We are getting together by Zoom before the services, to help us arrive and feel more connected during the services. If you would like to join in with a SMLT Before Service Zoom Meeting, please email Susan at: susanjenkin5362@gmail.com and she will send you a link with some simple instructions on how to join the meeting. You will need a new link for each Sunday.

REOPENING ST MARY-LE-TOWER: CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking to put teams of welcomers and church cleaners together on Saturdays from mid-July to enable the church to be open for private prayer for a few hours on Saturdays and to prepare the church for Sunday Services. Strict safety rules for doing this means that people of 70 years and over are prevented from helping out in this way. If you would like to be part of this vital work for the future of St Mary-le-Tower, please get in touch with the Vicar.

GIVING TO ST MARY-LE-TOWER CHURCH

If you normally give to our church in the Sunday collection plate in any way, please can you consider giving at this difficult and challenging time in a different way.

For setting up a standing order the details of the church donations account are: **30-94-55, 00059383, PCC St Mary-le-Tower.** Our finance procedures maintain this account as highly confidential to only two lay church officers and our bookkeeper. There is a separate account for the church's operations.

There is now a donate button on our website. You may now use this too.

If you would prefer to give by an occasional cheque, please send this to the Churchwarden, Mrs Jo Jones, Parish Office, Tower House, 17 Tower Street, Ipswich IP1 3BE. The mailbox at Tower House is secure and locked, and please mark your envelope confidential.

SERVICES ARE BEING STREAMED LIVE

From within St Mary-le-Tower Church, though only the vicar is permitted to be physically present. Nevertheless we are still together in the Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit who makes us to be one body, and it is the Holy Spirit who continues to bring us together, working through social media too.

Services on Sundays are at 10.30am. You do not need your own social media account, and you do not need to watch at the time of live streaming. Just go to the St Mary-le-Tower website and click on "LIVE" after the **Streamed Services** title, and this will take you to the St Mary-le-Tower Facebook page. Just click on the service when it appears about five minutes before the time, and you will be logged on.

To Access the Service when it is no longer being streamed live, click on "CURRENT" after the **Streamed Services** title, and this will take you directly to the video.

Orders of service can be downloaded in advance to be viewed either on screen or printed off. Just click on the version you want.

St Mary-le-Tower Church remains closed to public access by order of the Government, which sadly includes all church members without exception. For hygiene reasons, there is permission for no one to enter the church other than the vicar or members of his household.

PLEASE LET ONE OF THE MINISTRY TEAM (Vicar, Elders, Churchwarden) know of any pastoral needs amongst the SMLT Community, so that we can respond, especially news of anyone suffering from the Coronavirus, but also other illness, or death, or just loneliness.

PLEASE PASS THIS ENEWS on to anyone you think would appreciate it. However, if you are going to put it through someone's door, please handle the paper with thoroughly washed hands and put it in an envelope before delivering it.

DAILY HOPE. The Church of England has launched a free dial-in worship service to bring prayer to people's homes while churches are closed because of the coronavirus pandemic. The service offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line. The national line is available 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044.**

CURRENT PARISH CONTACTS

Please refer to the **Parish Website** for latest updates and downloads www.stmaryletower.org.uk

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