

**SUNDAYS 30<sup>th</sup> Aug & 6<sup>th</sup> Sept 2020 – 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> Sundays after Trinity**

## Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August

### **PRAYER FOR THE DAY (The Collect)**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray  
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:  
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,  
forgiving us those things

of which our conscience is afraid  
and giving us those good things  
which we are not worthy to ask  
but through the merits and mediation  
of 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 12.9-21**

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.

Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

### **GOSPEL: 16.21-28**

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.

And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.'

For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

## Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September

Almighty God,  
who called your Church to bear witness that  
you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:  
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,  
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;  
through him who was lifted up on the cross,  
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **FIRST READING: Romans 13.8-14**

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not

covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy.

Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

## GOSPEL: Matthew 18.15-20

Jesus spoke to his disciples. 'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector.

Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

## INTERCESSION

*Grant to your people, good Lord, the spirit of unity, that they may dwell together in your love, and so bear to the world the ointment of your healing and the dew of your blessing.*

We pray for the mission and unity of the Church throughout the World: remembering today the United Church of South India; and the Anglican Church of Southern Africa. In our Diocese we pray for Parishes in the Sudbury Deanery. And we pray for children of Ngara Anglican Primary School; for their safety, and for the support of families and staff.

In our life at the Tower, we pray for our children and young people as they return to School and Colleges at the beginning of a new academic year. We pray for

Charles and Susan who are currently on holiday. We pray for strengthening of our faith and mission, and a deepening of understanding of God's purpose here.

We pray for the World. For the Fire fighters tackling the Wild fires in California USA We pray for Governments, Ministers and advisers who continue to make decisions upon so much depends to control the Covid19 pandemic.

We pray for those around the World living in fear of war, persecution and poverty. For those who are hungry and homeless. For Aid workers who try to relieve their plight.

We pray for Farmers and Growers as they complete the harvest of grain and fruit from the fields and orchards. We give thanks for all who work on the land and those who market the produce and distribute our food.

As many jobs are lost we pray for families who are struggling. We give thanks for those who can provide and support food banks and other support services, that can bring hope to those who use them.

We pray for those we know who are sick or otherwise distressed including Simon Hulme, Revd. Geoff Colmer Angela Pantelis, Linda Haywood Smith, Freya, Andrew Hastings and John Wheeler. We continue to pray for Derek le May, Andy Courage, Magrid Brooks and Mary Gurney.

We pray rest in peace and rise in glory for those who have recently died, including Stafford Patient, and Callum Doe, and we pray for all who mourn. We give thanks for the lives of those whose remembrance falls at this time of year including Reginald and Elsie Pallant, Patricia and Ronald Coleman, David Adair and Paul Barker

## NOTICES

**10.30am Parish Eucharists have resumed. Please note that everyone is required by the Government to wear a face covering in church. We are pleased to support this in making the church as safe a place as we can for worship.**

We are continuing the practice of Spiritual Communion at least for now, where only the celebrant receives on behalf of the whole Body of Christ. The main reason is in order to make the service in church as safe as

possible and this is achieved partly by having the minimum of movement around the church. It also means that it is the same for people participating in church or at home on line. This policy will be kept under review.

Those who are attending the service in Church are asked to download the service at home and to follow it on their phone or tablet or print out their own copy. There will be some printed copies available in church for those who prefer not to do this, but it would be good to save printing and paper as much as possible.

## SERVICES WILL CONTINUE TO BE STREAMED LIVE

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 Live page. Then click on the service when it appears about five minutes before the time, and you will be logged on.

## PARKING PERMITS

Will be available during the first week of September for all permit holders.

## SMLT WEBSITE SURVEY

**Please let us know what you think!**

The new Social Media team at SMLT are keen to have your opinions on our website, to help inform updates and proposed improvements. To that end we have designed a very brief survey and would be really grateful if you could find a minute or two to complete it. It is just five short questions. To access the survey, click this link: [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/G6C8RQ6](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/G6C8RQ6) or hover your smartphone camera over the QR code above.



**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.

## CURRENT PARISH CONTACTS

Please refer to the **Parish Website** for latest updates and downloads [www.stmaryletower.org.uk](http://www.stmaryletower.org.uk)

### Revd Canon Charles Jenkin

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## FINANCE UPDATES

**EMERGENCY APPEAL** The PCC has launched an emergency appeal to sustain our church over the coming winter following all the disruptions of the Covid-19 pandemic crisis. Letters have been delivered to all regular members of the St Mary-le-Tower Church Community, and over the coming weeks we will be reaching out further to other contacts. You can download the appeal documents from our website.

**THANK YOU SO MUCH** for the response that has already been made to this appeal. We have now **exceeded** our initial target of £50,000. This is really fantastic progress but we need to keep going!

**THIS IS NO TIME TO RELAX.** No one should be in any doubt that our church faces a very significant challenge to sustain St Mary-le-Tower into the future. A good start has been made. Thanks be to God! But let's keep it up.

**WAYS OF GIVING TO SMLT.** Because of the Covid-19 restrictions, there will continue to be no plate collections in church. Donations can be made in the following ways:

- Via the Donations Cabinet in church
- Via the Contactless Terminal in church
- Via the Donation Button on our website
- Via regular giving by Standing Order
- Via BACS to 30-94-55, 00059383  
PCC St Mary le Tower Ipswich

*[The donations bank account is separate from the PCC's operational account and is seen only by the Churchwarden, Donations Officer and Bookkeeper.]*