

## SUNDAY 27<sup>th</sup> June & Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2021

### SERVICES

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##### 8am Holy Communion (BCP)

live streamed with in-person attendance in church.

##### 10.30am Choral Eucharist

live-streamed with in-person attendance in church.

##### 5.30pm Evensong

live-streamed with in-person attendance in church.

#### Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June & 7<sup>th</sup> July

##### 10:30am Holy Communion (BCP)

live-streamed with in-person attendance in church.

### CHURCH NOTICES

#### PLEASE LET ONE OF THE MINISTRY TEAM KNOW

(Vicar, Elders, Churchwarden) 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.

#### HOLDING PEOPLE IN PRAYER

Amongst those who are unwell or facing difficulties we pray particularly for Neville Smith, Simon Hulme, Penny Parke, and Jaydon McConnachy. We continue to pray for Derek le May, Sally Patient, and Helen Burtonshaw, Grace Chandler, Ian Miller, Phyl Fisk, Joyce Courage and John Bradberry.

We pray rest in peace and rise in glory for those who have recently died including Valery Myravyov and for those who are bereaved.

We give thanks for the lives of those whose anniversaries occur at this time including: John Jex, Dennis Lant, Ronald and Joyce Christian, and Ruth Pearce.

*Lord, may we live in faith, walk in love, and be renewed in hope, until the world reflects your glory and you are all in all.*

### INTERCESSIONS

*O Lord of hosts, purify our hearts that the King of Glory may come in, your Son, Jesus our redeemer.*

We pray for the mission and unity of the Church throughout the World, praying today for the United Church of Pakistan and the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea. In our diocese we pray for Parishes in the Mildenhall Deanery and for Chaplains to Uniformed Organisations for young people.

In our life at St. Mary-le-Tower we pray for Charles and Susan, as they prepare for Charles' retirement. For the PCC and Leadership Team working with Rhiannon King, Archdeacon of Ipswich, to find the right person to lead us in our future mission for the people of the Town centre.

We give thanks for the success of the Covid 19 vaccine roll-out in this country. We pray for our government, its ministers and advisers as decisions for the summer and autumn are made.

We pray for people around the world for whom war and oppression have robbed them of health, homes and livelihoods.

We pray for those who are persecuted for their faith. Protect those who are falsely imprisoned. Give them courage and patience to endure mistreatment, uphold and strengthen their faith, that they will obtain justice and freedom.

### CURRENT PARISH CONTACTS

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

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## WAYS OF GIVING TO SMLT

Because of the Covid-19 restrictions, there will continue to be no plate collections in church. We are grateful for your continued financial support. 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

*[All donations go into a private PCC account seen only by the Churchwarden, Donations Officer & Bookkeeper.]*

## FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends,

Rather unexpectedly, I have taken the decision to retire quite soon. My gastro consultant has advised me to take what step I can to reduce stress, and although I find great satisfaction in ministry it has always been a stressful role for me. I am not yet ill, but I have a pre-condition in my oesophagus that needs to be controlled to prevent serious illness. So as part of controlling it I am going to retire sooner than expected. I shall be receiving treatment over the next year which gives a good hope of recovery.

Susan and I have actually been preparing a house in Bury St Edmunds for retirement for some while. It is always good for a vicar to get well out of the way of their successor. Finishing off our house will be quite a project but we have looked forward to doing this for some time. So we are prepared, even if the timescale is much tighter than we originally planned...

I want to be clear that there is nothing that has happened in the parish that has made me want to leave. Far from it. I am actually rather sad to be leaving when the future looks so exciting and encouraging for SMLT, and when the leadership team, the staff team and the PCC have been working so well together, and when so much seems to be coming to fruition in our vision. On the other hand there is much work still to be accomplished, and perhaps in God's timing this is the right time for a new leader to take up the challenge.

Following this decision, I met with Bishop Martin and Archdeacon Rhiannon, with a view to encouraging a process that would see an interim appointment to St Mary-le-Tower made promptly, rather with an extended interregnum, because I feel it is important

that the momentum we have built up in the last year or two is not lost. I am very pleased to report that the Bishop and Archdeacon agreed wholeheartedly, and moreover they have been fulsome in their support for the vision we have been developing for SMLT. This has been most heartening.

So a process is now in motion to see if an early interim appointment can be made for a few years. The churchwardens and the PCC (without my own involvement) will be working with Archdeacon Rhiannon over the next few weeks towards this end. Actual timings will depend in part of the outcomes of this process.

Please pray for all that now needs to happen, and for discernment. Pray that the whole SMLT community will pull together in support of the churchwardens, leadership team and the PCC at this time, and that the SMLT community will be strong and faithful to the leading of the Spirit. And please pray that God will bless this transition process and that it will be a source of new life and encouragement.

With my prayers and blessings,

Charles

## A Message from the PCC

Most of you are probably aware by now that Charles has decided, for health reasons, to bring the date of his retirement forward. We are all very sad to see him leaving, particularly at this exciting time in the life of St Mary-le-Tower. We wish him the very best both in relation to his health and for his retirement with Sue in Bury St Edmunds.

Charles leaves a united PCC which is really looking forward to the next stage of the growth of our church. We have met with Archdeacon Rhiannon King and discussed the options for Charles' replacement and have been heartened and excited by the confidence she and the Bishops have in our vision. We are also grateful for their offer of practical and moral support.

It is critical for us as a church to make the right decisions, so please pray for all those involved in this process, including the Bishops and the Archdeacon, to ensure as best we can that the right person is appointed to lead us into the future.

Rosemary Caudle      PCC Secretary

## PARISH OF IPSWICH ST MARY-LE-TOWER THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

This will be held in St Mary-le-Tower Church on Sunday 11th July 2021 at 11.30am.

The meeting is being held for the election of Parochial representatives of the laity as follows:

- To the Parochial Church Council 6 representatives.
- For the appointment of Sidespersons and the Independent Examiner.
- For the consideration of:

(a) A Report on changes in the roll since the annual parochial church meeting;

(b) An Annual Report of the proceedings of the parochial church council and the activities of the parish generally;

(c) The Financial Statements of the Council for the year ending on the 31st December immediately preceding the meeting audited or independently examined;

(d) A Report on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the church or churches of the parish;

(e) A Report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod and other matters of parochial or general Church interest.

## NOTICE OF A MEETING FOR THE ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS

### Parish of IPSWICH ST MARY-LE-TOWER

A meeting for the election of churchwardens will be held in St Mary-le-Tower Church on Sunday 11th July at 11.30am.

This meeting may be attended by:

1. All persons whose names are entered on the church electoral roll of the parish and
2. All persons resident in the parish whose names are entered on a register of local government electors by reason of such residence

Signed Charles Jenkin Minister

*In this Notice "parish" means an ecclesiastical parish.*

## LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

We have been fortunate to have secured a grant from the Culture Recovery Fund which supports our concerts until the end of June.

If you wish to sponsor any of the concerts from July onwards please contact our Assistant Music Director William Baldry at Will.Baldry@yahoo.co.uk or Sonia Docherty at Sonia.Docherty1@gmail.com and let them know which concert you would like to sponsor.

All Concerts will be socially distanced audience & live broadcast

**June 29<sup>th</sup>** Matthew Heyburn piano. Howells & Prokofiev

**July 6<sup>th</sup>** William Saunders organ. Triumphant Organ— Music from the Victorian Town Hall  
Sponsored by Malcolm Mitchell – a member of the congregation

**July 13<sup>th</sup>** William Dore organ. Praetorius, Saint-Saëns, Humperdinck, Piazzolla & Arnold  
Sponsored by an anonymous member of the audience

**July 20<sup>th</sup>** Oliver Pigram clarinet & piano. The French Clarinet— Debussy, Saint-Saëns & Poulenc

**July 27<sup>th</sup>** Erdem Misirlioglu piano. Works by Franz Schubert

**August 3<sup>rd</sup>** Christopher Moore organ. Music on the lighter side! Sponsored by an anonymous member of the congregation

**August 10<sup>th</sup>** British Army Band Colchester. Brass Quintet

**August 17<sup>th</sup>** Joel Cooper & William Saunders trumpet & organ. Summer Serenade

**August 24<sup>th</sup>** Adam Chillingworth organ. All roads lead to Bach.

Sponsored by the Suffolk Organists' Association

**August 31<sup>st</sup>** Goldcrest Ensemble flute, violin, viola & harp. Ibert, Fauré, Donizetti & Alwyn.

**September 7<sup>th</sup>** David Newsholme organ. Music for the King of Instruments.

Sponsored by a member of the St Mary le Tower congregation

**September 14<sup>th</sup>** Kathryn Parry & Ben Parry violin & narrator. Bach, Telemann & Rimmer

**September 21<sup>st</sup>** Jonathan Hanley & Gavin Roberts tenor & piano. Schumann, Brahms & Britten

**September 28<sup>th</sup>** Mary Pells viola da gamba. Music from the 17th & 18th centuries— Telemann & Abel

**October 5<sup>th</sup>** Andrew Leach piano. Schubert Sonata in B flat D 960

**October 12<sup>th</sup>** William Baldry organ. Music by Dupré, Duruflé and Widor

The Winter Concert Series begins Tuesday 30th Nov