

## SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> March & Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2021

### 28<sup>th</sup> March - Palm Sunday

#### 8am Holy Communion (BCP)

live streamed with in-person attendance in church.

10.30am Choral Eucharist live-streamed only.

### 2nd April - Maundy Thursday

#### 10.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

In person and live streamed

6.30pm - Maundy Thursday Liturgy Live streamed only

### 3rd April - Good Friday

#### 12 noon - Choral Meditation on the Cross

Live streamed only

#### 2pm Liturgy of the Last Hour

In person and livestreamed

### 4th April - Easter Day

#### 6am Sunrise Service with communion

In person and live streamed

9am Choral Matins live streamed only

11am Easter Comunion in person and live streamed

**NB Please email [churchwarden@stmaryletower.org.uk](mailto:churchwarden@stmaryletower.org.uk) to reserve a socially distanced seat for this service.**

### CHURCH NOTICES

Please note that on **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April** there will be no services at St Mary-le-Tower for either in person attendance or being live streamed, as the Vicar and the Director of Music will be taking a much needed break.

**Regular 10.30am Wednesday Holy Communion services** will recommence on 14<sup>th</sup> April for in person attendance.

Further announcement will be made regarding the pattern of services from 18<sup>th</sup> April when it is known what the regulations for choir singing in attended services will be.

### 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 Penny Parke.

We continue to pray for Derek Le May, Sally Graham and family, Sally Patient, Andy Courage, Peter Gotts, Margrid Brooks and Mary Gurney

We pray rest in peace and rise in glory for those who have recently died.

We pray for all who mourn the passing of those they have loved but see no longer.

We give thanks for the lives of those whose remembrance falls at this time of year Mollie Bellis, Neville Tostevin and Doris Jex.

*May the love of God enfold you, may the mercy of God absolve you. may the strength of God support you, may the peace of God console you.*

### INTERCESSIONS

*Lord Christ, who for love of our souls chose the costliest following of the Father's will: forgive us, who have so often followed the easy path of selfish desire, and set, and set your law of sacrifice within our hearts.*

We pray for the mission and unity of the Church throughout the World, remembering today Hong Kong and for the peace of Jerusalem. In our diocese we pray for Parishes in the Sudbury Deanery and for Retail Industry as it faces the consequences of lockdown.

In our life at St. Mary-le-Tower we pray for one another as we journey together through Holy Week to reach and celebrate the joy of Easter. For our careful plans to again be able to worship together in Church.

We pray for peace in the World and for the Leaders of Nations. May everyone seek true righteousness and be united in a community of justice and peace, building a

world free from fear and want. Hasten the coming of your kingdom, when Nations shall be at peace.

God have mercy on the world that is struggling with climate change. We pray especially for the people of New South Wales, Australia where much has been destroyed in the extreme floods. For those in Sydney who have been evacuated from their homes. May we look with your eyes of compassion.

O God, continue to strengthen us in our country as we prepare for the reopening of businesses and the reduction of restrictions, that we can gradually overcome the Covid 19 epidemic. Be with those who continue to produce and administer vaccines.

## 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.]*

## Chancel Works in St Mary-le-Tower

Since the New Year, plaster repairs and redecorations to the sanctuary walls have been under way with the support of a government Cultural Recovery Fund grant covering 80% of the costs, with a top up grant from Suffolk Historic Churches Trust. The scaffolding is now down, though the protective hoarding in the sanctuary will not be dismantled until after Easter.

The work is not quite finished and there are couple of issues to sort out, including some unfortunate marks on the ceiling, but it should not be long now until we are able to see the chancel sanctuary of St Mary-le-Tower in all its renewed glory.

At the same time, external repairs have taken place to the chancel roof to storm damage caused in early 2019 and early 2020. Some of this has been covered by insurance and other aspects have been covered by the Cultural Recovery Fund grant.

The roof is now sound, and the sharp eyed will have already spotted the brand new and very smart east nave cross that now stands above the nave. It was the old one that was hit by debris in a storm in early 2020 and fell onto the chancel roof.

The new chancel cross is due to be set up at the apex of the chancel roof during the coming week. What a great sign this is of the Easter renewal of our church life as lockdown starts to be lifted.

Many thanks indeed to Sonia Docherty of all her care and hard work in sorting out the insurance claims applying for the grants. There has been a lot of complex administrative work associated with these projects.

## Bishops' Lent Appeal for Kagera 2021: Supporting key workers

The Bishop's Lent Appeal for 2021 is aimed at supporting some of the most important key roles and responsibilities in Kagera, and will focus on extending the care and compassion which has been shown to communities here in Suffolk during the pandemic by supporting Kagera farmers, doctors, and priests, so that they can continue to help their local communities and encourage self-sufficiency. Every year the Bishops encourage reflection and giving through their Lent Appeal. It is important to help fund these essential roles where possible.

In the Kagera Lent challenge booklet you are invited to take on different daily challenges if you wish. This is a good way to accumulate your donation whilst reflecting on the lives of the people in Kagera as you save your challenge donation.

### A Message from Bishop Mike:

"We are learning so much from our partner diocese of Kagera about mission and Christian life, about passion for the gospel, generosity of spirit and intense prayerfulness. How can we support Kagera? We know well how important key workers are from our

own experience in 2020 with Covid-19 - here's a great opportunity to support some key workers in our partner diocese."

For more information about Kagera and the Lent appeal and to download the lent challenge booklet visit [cofesuffolk.org/bishops-lent-appeal](http://cofesuffolk.org/bishops-lent-appeal). Alternatively, you could email [kagera@cofesuffolk.org](mailto:kagera@cofesuffolk.org) or ring Chris and Anji Dawkins on 01473 831423

## Lent Appeal Challenges: Holy Week

### March 29<sup>th</sup> Monday



Asante means Thankyou in Swahili. How many languages can you use to thank people?  
*Give 10p for each language.*

### March 30<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

Priests and evangelists in Kagera go out to remote villages in their parishes, visiting parishioners, preaching and teaching.

*Give 20p for each church leader who has helped you on your Christian journey.*

### March 30<sup>th</sup> Wednesday

Friendship across boundaries are valuable for our growth. They help us to love and be loved.

*Give a thanksgiving donation for your friends.*

### April 1<sup>st</sup> Maundy Thursday



Walking on the dusty red paths in bare feet or flip flops, like many people in Kagera, makes it very difficult to keep your feet clean. Let us learn from Jesus' humility in washing his disciples' feet.  
*Give 10p for every pair of flipflops or sandals in your home.*

### April 2<sup>nd</sup> Good Friday

As we remember that Jesus died for us all, let us join in prayer with the people of Kagera for the coming of his Kingdom on earth as it is in Heaven.

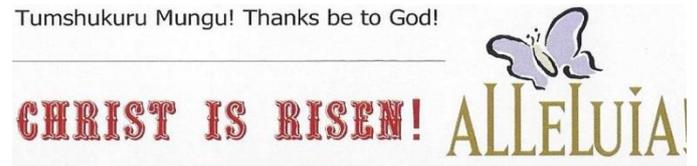
### April 3<sup>rd</sup> Holy Saturday

Give thanks for all you have learned through this Lent Appeal.

Tumshukuru Mungu! Thanks be to God!

## April 4<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday

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**We wish everyone a Happy Easter and look forward to being able to be together in church very soon.**

