

SUNDAY 18th April & Sunday 25th April 2021

SERVICES

Sunday 18th & 25th April

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 21st & 28th April

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.

A PRAYER ON THE DEATH OF HRH THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH

God of our lives, we give thanks for
the life of Prince Philip,
For his love of our country
And for his devotion to duty.

We entrust him now to your love and mercy,
And pray for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth in her loss
and for all the Royal Family,
Through our Redeemer Jesus Christ. Amen.



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, Carolyn, Tony Brooke-Carr, Joyce Courage, Andy Courage, Peter Gotts, Margrid Brooks, May Gurney and John Bradberry.

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

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 including, Joan Peart, Isabel Yonge, Pam Blatchly, Adrian Parry and Beatrice Crane

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

Let us give thanks to Jesus Christ our Good Shepherd. You laid down your life for us. You lead us out, and we find pasture. You call us by name; we hear your voice.

We pray for the mission and unity of the Church throughout the World: remembering the Anglican Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean and in Ireland. In our diocese we pray for Parishes in the Waveney and Blyth Deanery and the Woodbridge Deanery. We pray for members of the Mother's Union and for Chaplains to Seafarers.

In our life at St. Mary-le-Tower we pray for one another as we plan for our future ability to worship together. For children and young people returning to schools and colleges, and their teachers. For all those preparing for the world of work.

We pray for peace in the world and for the Leaders of Nations. For those in Myanmar and Yemen. For people in Northern Ireland, where there has been dangerous demonstrations and unrest.

For the hopes and needs of people throughout the world. May we be united in community of justice and peace, building a world free from fear and want.

We thank you Father for the varied talents you have given us and for understanding, sympathy and friendship with which we can offer help and happiness to others. May we use them to your glory.

Amen

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

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PARISH NOTICES

SUE RUDLAND, Business Manager for Tower House, will be leaving us at the end of April, for family reasons. We are extremely grateful for the business sense and strategic outlook she has brought to the Tower House project. In the light of a current major grant application which will be submitted before Sue leaves, we will be pausing before appointing a successor, until we know the outcome. In the short term, Sonia Docherty will take over an interim manager of Tower House on a voluntary basis, for which we are very grateful.

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.]

Find Your Voice!

Do you know a young person who loves to sing? Boys and girls aged 7-18 receive vocal training, enjoy exciting performance opportunities, make life-long friendships, and enjoy unforgettable experiences as part of our choir here at St. Mary le Tower.



Does your child love to sing?

First class musical education
Social opportunities
Tours, concerts & recordings
Sing in amazing places as part of
a team of experienced singers

To apply, please contact our
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All choristers
receive
lessons in
vocal
technique,
aural and
music theory

#FindYourVoice

Over the past year the choir has flourished online. Our young people have received individual singing lessons, music theory tuition and crucially, support and encouragement during a challenging year.

Over the past 12 months, the choir have made many recordings for our church services and have participated in charitable causes nationally. These recordings have not only given joy to those who hear them but have proved instrumental to the physical and mental wellbeing of the choristers.

Unsurprisingly the difficulty has been meeting new potential choristers, as this usually occurs by our Director of Music, Christopher Borrett, visiting local schools. As the UK emerges from lockdown, the choir of St Mary le Tower looks forward to welcoming singers, old and new, to our church.

2021 is a very exciting time for the choir, with a recording of Christmas carols taking place in July, (due for release Dec 2021) and building work on a state-of-the-art music department due to commence.

For information please contact Christopher Borrett music.stmaryletower@gmail.com or visit www.stmaryletower.org.uk

From Donna Joyce

To my friends at SMLT: As lockdown eases and Easter, a time for new beginnings, is upon us, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all for your kind contributions towards my leaving gift.

Thank you all, Happy Easter and very best wishes for a brighter future. **Donna**

Ringling at St Mary le Tower on the death of HRH The Duke of Edinburgh and the meaning of the tolling bell.



With the passing of HRH Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, we were encouraged by the Bell Ringers' Guild to toll a bell at the tower on the day of his passing and again on the day of his funeral. A bell at St Mary le Tower was tolled on 9th April at 4:45 pm and will be tolled again at 14:55 on Saturday 17th. These two incidents of bell tolling will be recorded onto the Bell Ringers' Bellboard which will be passed to Buckingham Palace as part of the record of the towers who have marked this sad event.

Bell tolling historically was used to let the local community know of the impending death of a parishioner. The first tolling was known as the "passing bell" to warn of impending death, the second was the "death knell" which was rung immediately after the death, and the third and last was the "lych bell", or "corpse bell" which was rung at the funeral as the procession approached the church. This third tolling is closest to what is known today as the *Funeral toll*. The number of strikes of the tolling bell indicates the age of the person for whom it is being tolled.

Tolling is the technique of sounding a single bell very slowly with a significant gap between strikes. It is commonly known as the "Nine Tailors", a name almost certainly derived from the "Nine Tellers", or maybe even "Tollers". It consists of the Tenor bell being tolled nine times in relation to a man and six times in relation to a woman in groups of three, with a longer pause after each group of three. These nine or six "Tellers" would then be followed by further tolls totalling the age of the deceased - In the case of the death of a child, only three "Tellers" are rung using the smaller Treble bell.

In modern times, where communities are much larger and everyone no longer knows everyone else, and

where deaths are more likely to occur in hospitals, the tradition has changed so that the Tolling now takes place just before or after the funeral service rather than on the person's death.

The chiming of a bell 9 times in three groups of three with a gap in between each group, is the same as the ringing of the "Sanctus Bell" which is rung at the raising of the Host at High Church Holy Communion to signify the death of Christ.

Sonia Docherty – Churchwarden

Hymn singing arranged by the Mothers Union

If you enjoy singing hymns then why not consider joining the weekly zoom hymn singing group on Friday afternoon. The zoom meeting can be accessed from the details on the poster. All are welcome regardless of singing ability.

Beryl Mee
Secretary/Administrator
St Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocese Mothers Union



Hymn Sing

Join with others to sing hymns/worship songs together by Zoom

Fridays 2:30 – 3:00pm
New theme each week
Hymns and songs chosen by participants

Simply go to www.zoom.us to join the meeting using these details:

Meeting ID: 979 9398 9383
Passcode: 315656

Landline dial by your location
0203 901 7895 United Kingdom 0208 080 4591 United Kingdom
0208 080 4591 United Kingdom 0330 088 5830 United Kingdom

If you would like to choose a hymn, please email: togetherwosing@gmail.com by Thursday morning.

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