

SUNDAY 11th July & Sunday 18th 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 (no service on 18th July)

live-streamed with in-person attendance in church.

Wednesday 14th July & 21st July

10:30am Holy Communion (BCP)

live-streamed with in-person attendance in church.

Looking Forward: Holidays

The vicar will be on leave on Sundays 25th July, 1st and 8th August. Due to the very low numbers currently attending 8am services, there will be no 8am services on these Sundays. Wednesday 10.30am services will continue during the vicar's leave.

Due to Choir holidays, today is the last Choral Evensong service of term. Choral Evensong will recommence in September.

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.

NEW CHURCH SOUND SYSTEM

There have been some difficulties recently with sound in the nave from the speakers and we apologise for this. Although the live streaming system has been upgraded, the church speakers in the nave remain the same as before. We have now discovered that the person controlling the sound in the new control desk is actually hearing the sound at a rather louder volume than in the rest of the building! This is something to do with the

acoustics of being up against the back wall of the church. Now we know the problem we will begin addressing it. Please bear with us and let the churchwardens know how we are doing.

HOLDING PEOPLE IN PRAYER

Amongst those who are unwell or in difficulty, including Penny Parke, Jaydon Mc Connachie, Neville Smith, Simon Hulme and Felix Todd.

We continue to pray for Derek le May, Sally Patient, Helen Burtonshaw, Andrew Hastings, Andy Courage, Peter Gotts, Eileen Mayers and Mary Trythall.

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

We give thanks for the lives of those whose remembrance occurs at this time including Tony Lodge and Henry Hanley.

May the love of God enfold us, may the mercy of God absolve us; may the strength of God support us; may the peace of God console us.

INTERCESSIONS

Father of mercy, keep us joyful in your salvation and faithful to your covenant; and, as we journey to your kingdom, ever feed us with the bread of life, your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

We pray for the mission and unity of the Church throughout the World, remembering the Episcopal Church in the Philippines, and the Anglican Church in Rwanda. In our diocese we pray for Parishes in the Saxmundham Deanery. For Hospitals and Hospices, their staff and patients; and for children in Kagera, our link diocese in Tanzania.

In our life at St. Mary-le-Tower we pray for Charles and Susan as they prepare for Charles' retirement. For our PCC and Leadership Team working with Rhiannon Archdeacon of Ipswich: that we find the right person to lead us as we continue to serve people in our Town centre. That we can continue to share in the Ipswich Deanery Inspiring Ipswich project.

We give thanks for the successful progress of the Covid 19 vaccine roll out. That everyone will act responsibly as business and leisure opportunities increase. We pray for Government Ministers and advisers bearing the responsibility of the decisions they make on our behalf.

We pray for people around the world seeking support from richer nations. For all whose lives are devastated by war and civil strife. For those in the midst of famine and natural disasters. We pray for Aid agencies. For all who work for justice and peace. We pray for prisoners, refugees and all who are homeless.

CURRENT PARISH CONTACTS

Please refer to the Parish Website for latest updates and downloads 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.]

Lunchtime Concerts on the Willis Organ at St. Mary le Tower

Our summer lunchtime concert series is well underway, with an excellent variety of music on instruments to suit almost every preference, and with a particularly strong representation of organ talent!

On June 8th we welcomed Thomas Hawkes- organist, conductor and composer, formerly Organ Scholar and Musician in Residence at St. Edmundsbury Cathedral. Richard Cook joined us on 22nd June, in a concert sponsored by the Suffolk Organists' Association called "Music for the King of Instruments". Richard is the Assistant Director of Music at St. Edmundsbury Cathedral.

On July 6th we saw the return of William Saunders to the Tower, for a concert entitled "Triumphant Organ - Music from the Victorian Town Hall." William has been music advisor to the Cathedral over the past year, whilst also contributing to multiple music projects in the region.

On July 13th we see the return to Ipswich of William Dore. A former Assistant Director of Music and Organist at Ipswich School 1987-93, Richard is currently organist at Ampleforth Abbey and Head of Keyboard at Ampleforth College.

On August 3rd Christopher Moore returns to perform "Music on the lighter side" on the Willis organ. (Certainly, this is probably less stressful than conducting the choir after multiple music and chorister changes because of government Covid policy!)

Lastly, we are delighted that our most recent organ scholar, Adam Chillingworth, returns for a concert "All roads lead to Bach" on August 24th. Adam is a talented young man who won the Advanced Organ category of the Suffolk Festival in 2020, and "Most Promising Organist" in 2019. A pupil at Norwich School he is now working with Norwich Cathedral. This concert is also sponsored by the Suffolk Organists' Association, see below.

The St. Mary le Tower Organ

An organ was provided in the 17th century by the famous organ builder Renatus Harris and installed in a gallery at the West end. It was taken down from a gallery around the middle of the 19th century and broken up some 10 years later as part of a wider rebuilding and restoration program in the church. Pinned to the North aisle wall is a fragment of the case, giving an impression of the scale of the instrument. One stop remains in the present organ from the Harris instrument, namely the Stopped Diapason on the Great division.

'Father' Henry Willis was commissioned to build a new instrument in the north aisle of the new Chancel and this three-manual, 32 stop instrument forms the heart of the organ used today. It was rebuilt in 1931 by

Spurden Rutt and then in 1964 it saw a return to the Willis firm when Henry Willis IV converted the action to electro-pneumatic and replaced the console in the style of the firm which resulted in the organ growing to include 42 stops. Further revoicing of the reeds and mixtures and the addition of some small-scale upper work, including a three rank Cornet stop and a two rank Mixture stop on the Great, took place in 1984 by Bishop & Son who continue to look after the instrument today.

The transmission was converted to "Solid State" switching. In 1997 a Vox Humana stop was added to the Swell division and the 16 foot Oboe was made to play at 8 foot pitch on both the Swell and Choir divisions.

Work in the 21st century has included the refitting of keys and the replacement of the pedal board in 2006 by Bower & Company of Norwich. The organ presently has 46 speaking stops and 2713 pipes.

(A full specification of the organ can be found here: - <https://www.npor.org.uk/NPORView.html?RI=A00297>)

The Suffolk Organists' Association

We are grateful to the Suffolk Organists' Association for sponsoring several of our upcoming lunchtime organ concerts. The Organisation offers opportunities to visit churches throughout the county and further afield and promotes recitals and lectures. They offer bursaries and advice to those of any age who would like to advance their abilities with the instrument. We look forward to the Suffolk Festival of Performing Arts' Organ competition at St. Mary le Tower on 25th September 2021, which the SOA are sponsoring. Do come and support our organists of tomorrow!

Kate Thompson Member of the PCC & SMLT Choir

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

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

July 20th Oliver Pigram clarinet & piano. The French Clarinet— Debussy, Saint-Saëns & Poulenc

July 27th Erdem Mısırlıoğlu piano. Works by Franz Schubert

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

August 10th British Army Band Colchester. Brass Quintet

August 17th Joel Cooper & William Saunders trumpet & organ. Summer Serenade

August 24th Adam Chillingworth organ. All roads lead to Bach.
Sponsored by the Suffolk Organists' Association

August 31st Goldcrest Ensemble flute, violin, viola & harp. Ibert, Fauré, Donizetti & Alwyn.

September 7th David Newsholme organ. Music for the King of Instruments.
Sponsored by a member of the St Mary le Tower congregation

September 14th Kathryn Parry & Ben Parry violin & narrator. Bach, Telemann & Rimmer

September 21st Jonathan Hanley & Gavin Roberts tenor & piano. Schumann, Brahms & Britten

September 28th Mary Pells viola da gamba. Music from the 17th & 18th centuries— Telemann & Abel

October 5th Andrew Leach piano. Schubert Sonata in B flat D 960

October 12th William Baldry organ. Music by Dupré, Duruflé and Widor

The Winter Concert Series begins Tuesday 30th Nov