

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

## SERVICES

All services are in person attendance in church

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> October**

**9.30 am Choral Matins**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> October**

**10.30am Choral Eucharist**

Live-streamed

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> October**

**5.30pm Choral Evensong**

Live-streamed

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> October**

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

## HOLDING PEOPLE IN PRAYER

We pray for those we know who are unwell or in difficulty including: Fraser and Jenny Bell, Andy Courage, Jaydon McConnachie and Simon Hulme. We continue to pray for Derek Le May, Sally Patient, Joyce Courage John Bradberry, Andrew Hastings, Barbara Norman and Anne and Peter Smith.

We pray rest in peace and rise in glory for those who have recently died and all who are bereaved. We give thanks for the lives of those whose anniversaries occur at this time including: Elizabeth Ann Parker, Iris Barrell, Margaret Thompson, Peter Moss and Rebecca Hanley.

*Grant O Lord, that your love may so fill our lives that we may count nothing too small to do for you, nothing too much to give, and nothing too hard to bear, for Jesus Christ's sake.*

## INTERCESSIONS

*Lord, as you call us to your city, founded on the rock of ages, let the springs of living water rise within us to eternal life, in Jesus Christ our Lord.*

We pray for the mission and unity of the Church throughout the World, remembering the Church in the Province of West Africa and the Church in the Province of the West Indies. In our diocese we pray for the

Parishes in the Loes and Mildenhall Deaneries. For victims of Modern Day Slavery. We pray for an end to poverty around the globe. For those who are hungry and without shelter and the agencies that work to help them.

In our life at St. Mary-le-Tower we pray for Tom as he begins his Ministry amongst us. For our role as the Civic Church serving people in the centre of Ipswich.

We pray for the Nations of the World. Eternal God and Father, from whom comes every good and perfect gift, we pray for those entrusted with the responsibility of government, that they may further the cause of justice and peace. We pray for the nations where natural disasters and political unrest have caused destruction and loss of life.

We pray for young people who are moving on to opportunities in further education; living independently away from home. May they know your presence with them Lord.

We pray for those with whom we share our daily lives: that together we can grow in faith and show your Love Lord, to those we meet.

## **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



During the pandemic we have suffered a serious loss of income and hope that the plate collection will help us to recover some of this loss.

We are grateful for your continued support.

You may also use the following ways for giving if you wish.

- 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.]

## 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 MESSAGE FROM THE VICAR

“Dear all, what a week it’s been! As I write it’s been barely more than 48 hours since my licensing and I’ve loved every minute of it. I can tell you though; I will sleep well the night of my rest day!

Firstly, could I just say a huge thank you again to all of you for making my licensing, and my moving to Ipswich, such a joyful occasion. Thank you for the cards and gifts to my house (especially the bottle of fizz!!). Thank you for being there on Monday and working so hard to make it so special. I have felt so warmly welcomed by all, and on Monday night in particular, not only myself but my family and friends felt the same which made me feel exceptionally proud. The welcome was brilliant, the music sublime, and the refreshments first class...if only we’d got the bishop to remember all his lines!! Joking aside, I was also deeply grateful for Bishop Martin’s support and encouragement, not just of my ministry, but the ministry we now all share in

this church and parish. His sermon should be inspiration for us all in the coming years.

In the coming weeks though, my hope is to try and meet as many of you as I can. I want to spend time with you, listen to you, and try to discern with you what call God is putting on us all. This will take some time, so please bear with me, but I very much look forward to it.

My hope is that I will meet at least most of you in some way this coming Sunday. I can’t wait! I will be preaching, so bring a good book just in case. Don’t worry though, I won’t be reinstating the 3 hour sermons Bishop Martin mentioned in the history of the Tower.

Finally, on a personal note, you all know that on 6<sup>th</sup> November Laura and I are getting married. It will take place at St Edmundsbury Cathedral at 2pm, and Bishop Martin will kindly be taking the service (hopefully at no point saying my lines before me again!). I want to take this opportunity to invite all of you in the Tower community to be there. This next month will no doubt be a bit of a whirlwind, both settling in here and preparing to get married, but Laura and I are so excited and we would love to have as many of you as can make it. To be with us as we celebrate our love for each other and begin married life. I’m really looking forward to meeting more of you on Sunday and in the coming weeks.

With my heartfelt prayers, as ever,  
Tom”

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

### MORNING PRAYERS

Dear Friends,

As I mentioned in the notices at my licensing, I am aiming for at least Morning Prayer to be said publicly in church every day. This cycle of public prayer, I feel, is vital for a civic church such as ourselves. It brings the place to life, and reminds us and the people who pass by what we are for, and that we’re open! However, to enable this to happen we will need a team effort and there needs to be others to lead this very short service (about 20-25 mins). If any of you feel a sense of call to share in the leading of Morning Prayer (maybe a morning a week?), if you like starting your day in the beauty of our church and in the presence of God, please do let me know. You don’t need to be ordained and I will offer training. I know any offer you could make would be a real gift to the church, but that it will also be a real gift for you - what else could prayer be?!

If you would like to help with Morning Prayers or would like to find out more please contact me at [vicar@stmaryletower.org.uk](mailto:vicar@stmaryletower.org.uk) or have a word with me in church.

## COUNTERS

We are currently short of counters to count the contents of the donation box, concert takings and any other cash. This is done by two people on a weekly basis, usually on a Monday or Tuesday morning. New counters are paired with experienced ones. Special accounting skills are not required. If you would like to help with this task, please contact Humphry Adair at [hmadair@doctors.org.uk](mailto:hmadair@doctors.org.uk)

## TREES at THE TOWER – T@TT

St Mary le Tower is pleased to announce that the Christmas Tree Festival is retuning this year, in an updated format, with new branding and an extended team planning the Festival. We will be asking everyone at SMLT to volunteer and do their part in welcoming the people of Ipswich back to enjoy the Trees and the Church. We will need help to provide a warm welcome, and to serve food and drink in the Festival Cafe. The T@TT Team are Jo Jones, Keith Faull, Sally Graham, Kate Thompson, Vicky Faull, Ian Lord, Mary Baldry and Tracy Bone. Speak to or contact any one of them for information.

## LUNCHTIME CONCERT

### Summer Series

Our summer lunchtime concerts series concludes this coming **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October with** a recital by our own Organist, William Baldry. The concert includes works by Dupré, Duruflé and Widor.

### Winter Series

Our winter series of concerts will begin on Tuesday 23 November and run weekly until 21 December.

**\*\*\* Please note: These concerts will begin at 1pm \*\*\***

**November 23<sup>rd</sup>** Colin Walsh *organ*

**November 30<sup>th</sup>** Zoë Todd & Andrew Leach *mezzo-soprano & piano*

**December 7<sup>th</sup>** Duke Dobing & Caroline Finlay *flute & piano*

**December 14<sup>th</sup>** Yalda Davis & Andrew Leach *cello & piano*

**December 21<sup>st</sup>** The Choir of St Mary-le-Tower

If you would like to sponsor one of our winter concerts, please contact:

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or

Sonia Docherty – [sonia.docherty1@gmail.com](mailto:sonia.docherty1@gmail.com)

## INSPIRING IPSWICH - IMMEASURABLY MORE

You are invited to join us in prayerful preparation for the **Free Online Deanery Conference on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2021,**

We only have one mission – to go and make disciples of all nations. So how well-prepared am I to accept this mission and to accompany others on their journey of faith?

Last week, we thought about Sherpas and how they are born to climb. They have both social and physical advantages that enable them to be of vital support to all those wishing to climb Mount Everest.

Sherpas are ‘way-makers’, they look at the terrain and make strategic decisions, taking the best route to the summit on the day. They also know their role in the climb – to lead climbers to the next camp. That is all they need to do; they can’t make the climb for them. Like Sherpas, our role is to help by showing others the next step.

Take a moment to read **Colossians 4:2-6**, reflecting on how we interact with others as well as the different opportunities that we have to witness.

If you are interested in joining the course you can register in advance at

<https://www.inspiringipswich.org/subscribe>

or by email at [Inspiring.Ipswich@cofesuffolk.org](mailto:Inspiring.Ipswich@cofesuffolk.org)

## CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

**Our Christmas Tree Festival is due to be re-launched this December, rebranded as Trees @ the Tower.**



After a year’s absence we are keen to encourage individuals and organisations to place a tree into the Festival, to celebrate the start of the Advent season.

The festival is a wonderful opportunity to raise much needed funds for charity. This year we are supporting Medical Detection Dogs, Creative Computing (The Mayor's charity), as well as the Church. Trees @the Tower will be open to the public from Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December until Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December, with our popular Cafe offering drinks, light lunches and homemade cakes.

## Participants

We are keen to attract as many participants as possible to the re-launch of this popular event and are seeking sponsorship for trees on the pillars, at the main doors and in the porch. We will also be inviting everyone to place a Tree into the Festival.

Participants will need to complete **two** forms - one with the tree information and the other if it is necessary to order a tree-stand and/or leaflet stand for information the participant wishes to share with our visitors.

Participant tree information forms may be downloaded from <https://treesatthetower.blogspot.com/p/participants.htm> Please return your completed forms either via email to [churchwarden@stmaryletower.org.uk](mailto:churchwarden@stmaryletower.org.uk)

or via post to St Mary-le-Tower, Tower Street, Ipswich IP1 3BE. Please mark your envelope "Trees at the Tower". Tree order forms are waiting final tree prices and will go live shortly.

Look out for further Information will follow in next week's enews. The T@TT Team