

Sunday 17th October 2021

SERVICES

All services are in person attendance in church

Sunday 17th & 24th October

9.30 am Choral Matins

Sunday 17th & 24th October

10.30am Choral Eucharist

Live-streamed

Sunday 17th & 24th October

5.30pm Choral Evensong

Live-streamed

Monday 18th October & Tuesday 19th October

6.15pm Choral Evensong

Wednesday 19th & 26th 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, Peter Mays 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

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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.

All Saints and All Souls Services:

On Sunday 31st October we will be celebrating both the feast of All Saints and All Souls. All Saints will take place in the morning as part of the regular Choral Eucharist, and All Souls at 4:30pm with a Requiem Eucharist. As part of the All Souls liturgy we will be holding a commemoration of the faithful departed, at which point the names of loved ones who have died will be read out. If you would like to have a name read out in the service, please pass them to either Hilary at hilarynorman41@gmail.com or Rosemary at pipstone@me.com who will be collecting and collating those names ahead of the service. I warmly commend this service to you all, whether you request a name to be read or not. These are always beautiful occasions, offering space for reflection and helping us celebrate the saints in a more local and intimate key, those we have known more directly, those who have given us life, those who have nurtured us in faith.

Rev. Tom

Pattern of Sunday worship

The current pattern of Sunday worship, consisting of 9:30 am Choral Matins, 10:30 am Choral Eucharist, and 5:30 pm Choral Evensong, will continue as is until Advent Sunday. At this point the 8.00 am BCP service of Holy Communion will return for a trial period. I use the word 'trial' because as we continue to come out of the acute stages of the pandemic, we are provided an opportunity to look again at the pattern of worship within the life of the church. And as we do so, we must think and pray carefully about how our limited resources are allocated and spent. This will be done with the fullest consultation and no decisions will be made without the agreement of the PCC. If you have a view on the pattern of Sunday worship at the Tower, please be in touch. My metaphorical door is always open!

Rev. Tom

Midweek evensong

The midweek evensong services will start again commencing on Monday 18th October at 6.15pm with the girls' choir singing for the service and on Tuesday 19th with the boys choir. The following week 25th October and 26th October is the schools half term therefore there will be no even song on these dates. From then onwards the services will be weekly with the exception of those days which fall during the school holidays. We will keep everyone informed of the holiday dates via enews, and SMLT web site.

Christopher Borrett – Director of Music

A THANKYOU MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

Thank you so very much for all the contributions to our wonderful farewell gift. You have been generous indeed, and the new TV has been duly installed. Thank you too for all the individual good wishes for our retirement many have sent us and for the messages of appreciation of our ministry in Ipswich. The heart-warming farewell for us on 5th September was lovely, and it was good to see so many friends there. Retiring a year earlier than planned at relatively short notice has been quite a logistical challenge; for St Mary-le-Tower community too. We are happy in our new home and are (mostly) undaunted by the long list of tasks that surround us. We hope to have a kitchen by Christmas! We continue to keep St Mary-le-Tower and Tom and Laura in our thoughts and prayers, and send you all our very best wishes.

Charles and Susan.

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 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

Suffolk Historic Churches Ride and Stride event September 2021

Thank you to those that helped in providing a welcome to St Mary le Tower on Saturday 11 September.

The Suffolk Historic Churches Trust have shared the proceeds of our efforts with us 50:50 and we have been given £312 towards our general funds.

It was a good day with many walkers and cyclists coming into Church. It was also wonderful to have the Church open and to welcome passers-by too.

Jo Jones

LUNCHTIME CONCERT

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 23rd Colin Walsh *organ*

November 30th Zoë Todd & Andrew Leach *mezzo-soprano & piano*

December 7th Duke Dobing & Caroline Finlay *flute & piano*

December 14th Yalda Davis & Andrew Leach *cello & piano*

December 21st The Choir of St Mary-le-Tower

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

William Baldry - will.baldry@yahoo.co.uk

or Sonia Docherty – sonia.docherty1@gmail.com

J.S. Bach's St Matthew Passion Saturday 13 November 2021

The Tower Chamber Choir and Tower Sinfonia will be performing J.S. Bach's St Matthew Passion on Saturday 13 November 2021 in St Mary le Tower. This concert has been rearranged from April 2020, when the first lockdown prevented its performance.

Flyers are available at the back of the church. Please take one and circulate them as best you can beyond our church community. There are further details on the church website.

Tickets (£15) are available via our website or from Sue Adair following services and can be purchased in cash or via the card machine at the back of the church.



TREES at THE TOWER – T@TT

St Mary le Tower is pleased to announce that the Christmas Tree Festival is returning 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.

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 2nd December until Wednesday 8th 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

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

SERVICES DURING TREES AT THE TOWER

Wednesday 1st December Opening Event at 19.00
For Sponsors, Participants and Guests

Thursday 2nd December to Wednesday 8th December
Festival open to all.

Christingle Service Monday 6th December 17.00

Festival Lunchtime Concert Tuesday 7th December 13.00