

## Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021

### SERVICES

All services are in person attendance in church

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> October**

**9.30 am Choral Matins**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> October**

**10.30am Choral Eucharist**

Live-streamed

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October**

**Choral Evensong**

Live-streamed

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October**

**17.30 All Souls Eucharist**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November & Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

**6.15pm Choral Evensong**

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October & 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

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

### COVID AWARENESS

Please be aware that the Covid infection rates have increased locally. Can we ask everyone to respect others by continuing to wear a mask and use the hand sanitizer provided when in Church. A mask needs to be worn when moving around church and when sitting in the central aisle but if you sit in the side pews then you are exempted from wearing a mask.

### HOLDING PEOPLE IN PRAYER

We pray for those we know who are unwell or in difficulty including: Fraser and Jenny Bell, Andy Courage, Jaydon Mc Connachie, Simon Hulme, Peter Mayes, Tanya Smith, Mary Trythall, Peter Matthews and Robert Jones.

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.

## 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.

## 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

### All Saints and All Souls Services

*Please note the new time of the service for All Souls – This service is will start at 5.30pm*

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 5:30pm 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](mailto:hilarynorman41@gmail.com) or Rosemary at [pipstone@me.com](mailto: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

## A MESSAGE FROM THE VICAR

Dear all,

I don't know about you, but this has to be one of the strangest autumn's I've ever experienced. And no, I'm not referring to my new church, but the weather. As I type it's bright sunshine but raining, and yesterday it was 20 degrees yet grey and miserable! I almost left the house wearing shorts and a thick coat, just to cover all the bases. This uncertainty with the weather, though, is probably a good metaphor for the times in which we are living. You only need look at Ipswich Town's form this season, let alone the changing news and advice about winter infections. I hope, however, that as we approach then end of the Church year you will know some stability and surety in the St Mary le Tower community. Because sure as eggs is eggs, a new Church year is upon us. And as Advent signals the coming of God in Jesus Christ, whatever happens, we know we will feel his presence among us, both at the bread and wine of the Eucharist each week, but also in our hearts and minds this coming Christmas. God's presence with us through Christ is steadfast and unending, so no matter how it feels in this place in time, in 2021, know that God is with you and will be so forever.

As many of you will know by now, one of my absolute priorities as your Vicar is communication. This is of course something that goes both ways – I need to hear from you as much as you need to hear from me and the PCC – but I want to start off by committing to communicating in the E-News any important decisions the PCC takes. As well as this, the PCC will ensure that minutes, once agreed as an accurate record, will be displayed in church for all to see. In that spirit, I am delighted to tell you that the PCC has given its unanimous approval to begin work on the song school in the north wing of Tower House. The architects have now been instructed to finalise their plans and put the work out to tender. We have been given an estimated completion date of November 2022, though this is obviously not guaranteed. My hope is that this development, funded by the Bellamy Legacy which was designated for Tower House, will provide top class facilities that will not only support and strengthen the choral ministry of this church, but also reach out beyond our current choir community, to resource the town of Ipswich and the rest of the county of Suffolk. This is an exciting new step in our journey!

I also want to inform you that the PCC are looking into upgrading to the kitchenette at the back of church, allowing us to have things such as fridges, microwaves and better washing-up facilities. This will mean we are better able to cater to ourselves as the existing Tower community, but also reach out in hospitality and welcome to those in our parish who we do not yet know. We will be seeking grant funding and donations for this project in due course, and if anyone has ideas for this, please let me or the Churchwardens know. I hope these pieces of news will excite you as much as they have me. Despite the obvious challenges we all face in light of the pandemic, we really do have so much to look forward to in the coming years!

Now, it would hardly be a Church of England communication without a call for volunteers from the Vicar, so I don't want to disappoint. This week the Churchwardens and I did an audit of what it would take to give the best possible welcome and experience of Sunday worship at the Tower (something which if we are to grow must be absolutely top notch!). We counted that, not including the priest and altar party, we need 7 volunteers for a Sunday service. Two to welcome, one to lead intercessions, two to serve refreshments, and two to operate the audio/visual equipment. I include intercessions as I think we need to open this really important ministry to all, rather than

just the Lay Elders. Training for all of these roles will be provided.

Because this is so important, I would love to hear from anyone, from any part of the Tower community, who would be able to take on one of these roles on occasion. Your offering of yourselves in service of the mission of this church would indeed make the angels sing (not to mention the Vicar!).

If you have any questions on anything I've said, please get in touch. Please also let me know if there are any pastoral situations which I'm yet unaware of that may require visiting.

As ever,

Tom

## HARVEST FESTIVAL DONATION

This year St Mary le Tower felt it appropriate to help people other than themselves and donated the plate collection to Families in Need (FIND) Ipswich – a local charity helping people who are experiencing hardship.

In addition Lis Rolinson, a member of St Mary le Tower choir, initiated organising the choristers into collecting food to donate to FIND.

Recently Jo Jones (Church Warden) received the following letter of thanks.

*Dear Mrs. Jones,*

*Please pass on our thanks to everyone at the church for the many donations of foods given to FIND (Families in Need) recently from your Harvest Thanksgiving services.*

*We were beginning to see gaps on some of our shelves at the Food Bank so we were delighted to receive your donations of food. This was especially so as we have been experiencing an increase in requests for emergency food supplies over recent weeks and we know that this situation will continue, as many people find it difficult to cope financially when prices are increasing on food and utility bills.*

*Our thanks go to everyone for their ongoing support for our work amongst those in real need.*

*Yours sincerely,*

*Heather Cade (FIND Trustee)*

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

### 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

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 Bose. Speak to or contact any one of them for information.

## 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 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:

William Baldry - [will.baldry@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:will.baldry@yahoo.co.uk)

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



**ST MATTHEW PASSION**  
J.S. Bach

**Saturday 13 November 2021**  
ST MARY LE TOWER IPSWICH — 6PM

**TOWER CHAMBER CHOIR**  
**TOWER SINFONIA**

Daniel Joy *Evangelist*  
Andrew Gosden *Christus*  
Zoë Brookshaw *Soprano*  
Catherine Backhouse *Alto*  
Jonathan Hanley *Tenor*  
James Geidt *Bass*

Christopher Borrett *Conductor*

Tickets: £15.00 (all seats)  
Purchase on the door or online [www.stmaryletower.org.uk/concerts](http://www.stmaryletower.org.uk/concerts)

THIS CONCERT HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FROM APRIL 2020  
FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING PRE-PURCHASED  
TICKETS PLEASE VISIT THE CHURCH WEBSITE

## SERVICES DURING TREES AT THE TOWER

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December** Opening Event at 19.00  
For Sponsors, Participants and Guests

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December to Wednesday 8th December**  
The Festival is open to all.

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December** Christingle Service 17.00

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December** Festival Lunchtime Concert 13.00