

Sunday 7th & 14th November 2021

SERVICES

All services are in person attendance in church

Sunday 7th November

9.30 am Choral Matins

Sunday 7th November

10.30am Choral Eucharist

Live-streamed

Sunday 14th November

9.30 am Choral Eucharist followed by an

Act of Remembrance at 11.00 am for those unable to attend the Remembrance Parade in Christchurch Park.

Sunday 7th November & 14th November

17.30pm Choral Evensong

Live-streamed

Wednesday 10th & 17th 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: Frazer and Jenny Bell, Andy Courage, Jaydon McConnachie, Simon Hulme, Peter Mayes, Tanya Smith, Mary Trythall, Peter Matthews, Eileen Mayers and Carolyn. We continue to pray for Derek Le May, Sally Patient, Jill Ganzoni and Phyl Fisk.

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 Madeleine Mimack, Philip Wilson, Phyllis Goss and Christina Hanley.

Yours is the majesty, O lord our God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, yours is the kingdom and the power; yours be the glory now and for evermore.

INTERCESSIONS

Lord, help us to understand that because of your coming to us in the power of the Holy Spirit, prayer is no longer the knocking at a door but the opening of a window.

We pray for the mission and unity of the Church throughout the World, remembering the Anglican Church in Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia, and the Anglican Church in Australia. In our diocese we pray for Parishes in the Sudbury and Thingoe Deaneries. We pray for the continuing work towards a more sustainable world at COP26. That Nations will agree to reducing their carbon footprints.

In our life at St. Mary-le-Tower we pray for Tom and Laura as they begin their lives together following their wedding. We pray for our ability to care for and support one another as we look to serve people living and working in the Town Centre.

We pray for the Nations of the World. Hear us, O Lord as we lift up before you all who bear the responsibility of government. Give them wisdom beyond their own, integrity in their dealings, and resolve to seek first your kingdom and your righteousness for all people.

We pray for all who work in the medical and healing professions at a time when they are weary and exhausted. May all who are enjoying Firework Parties and Displays take care and remain safe.

Father of all men and lover of souls, on Remembrance Sunday we hold in grateful remembrance those who have died in time of war. That the whole world may find your peace.

We pray for those suffering as a result of various forms of addiction. Loving Father, who sent your Son to set us free: we pray for those who are bound by the chains of addiction, to drugs, to alcohol, to gambling, or any other evil. Strengthen them by your Holy Spirit, that their bonds be broken, that they may be restored to fullness of life.

Morning Prayers

Everyone is welcome to join morning prayers in church. These are said Monday to Friday at 8.30am.

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

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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

A MESSAGE FROM THE VICAR

Dear all,

As you read this I will probably be sat nervously in the cathedral, excitedly waiting for the appearance of my bride and wife-to-be, Laura. I can't tell you how excited I am to spend my life with her. I love her so very much. I really hope that many of you will be there to share this special moment with us. Some members of the choir will be coming to sing, for which we are incredibly grateful and feel very blessed. I know that you don't really know me very well yet, but I am so pleased that I am here and that Laura and I will begin our married life together as part of this community. I feel that in so many ways, we have special and exciting times ahead.

As I get to know more about the life of St Mary le Tower I am discovering all sorts of different groups who work to improve the life of the parish. One of those groups is the Choral Foundation. It turns out that, being the Vicar, you become an ex-officio trustee of the foundation which is a registered charity. A couple of weeks ago I attended my first trustees meeting, and it was really good to learn about the history of the charity and to work through some of the procedures and policies that it has that ensure it can both to support the choral tradition of this church and also comply with charity law. Now, I am aware through conversations with some of you that the Choral Foundation is not a particularly well known or well understood part of the life of the Tower, and so I wanted to take this chance to explain a little bit about what I have found.

The foundation was set up in 2014 with an initial seed fund of around £36,000. This money was invested and receives interest, as well as receiving donations either from generous givers or events organised to raise funds. As a charity it essentially acts as a body that, should the PCC make well received applications, grants money to the church to aid in the sustaining and development of its choral tradition. Sadly, the Choral Foundation is not an especially wealthy charity, and is certainly not a large endowment fund of the sort enjoyed by cathedrals and some other major churches. Practising responsible charity governance, it will only in very exceptional circumstances spend any of its capital, instead spending largely interest accrued and new donations/income. So, despite currently holding £73,410 in the bank, in reality, the only funds hypothetically available to church to apply for work out at approximately £2,000 a year. Although not to be

sniffed at, this is really only a very very small proportion of the running costs of our music department. All this is to say that the Choral Foundation, although a genuine friend and real support, is not a major donor or financial support. It is also worth saying that because of the nature and size of the charity, it is not really possible for it to be a fund *raising* body. For example, it can't afford to employ staff or fundraisers.

The foundation comprises of a very talented and experienced group of people, all of whom support the churches mission and believe passionately in the choral foundation that is so important to this church. A number of trustees, such as myself, are relatively new, and so when we meet again in a month or so, we are going to discuss what our strategic aims will be going forward. Essentially, how can this foundation better support our choral ministry at a time when we are in such a financially challenging position. I am also hoping that the Chair of the trustees will come to a PCC meeting to meet with members of the PCC and perhaps attend a service to speak to members of the wider congregation who may have questions. If you have any suggestions for the Choral Foundation, or indeed questions about any of what I've written, please do get in touch and I will try and find the answer even if I don't know myself. As I said in my previous letter, I will endeavour to make good and clear communication central to how I serve you and this parish as your Vicar.

My final notice is about Remembrance Sunday which will see a slight change to the regular pattern of worship. The 9:30am service will be a shortened service of Holy Communion which will be taken by a member of the clergy team from the Elms. The reason being that I have been asked to be the Chaplain to the Royal British Legion in Ipswich and so will have extra responsibilities at Christ Church Park. I will, however, be there at the beginning of the service to welcome and say hello. Following that service, for those who aren't able to make it to the park, Jo Jones (Churchwarden) will be helping lead a simple Act of Remembrance in church at 11am.

So, the next time you see me I will be a married man! And hopefully one feeling a little more refreshed following an (all too brief!!!) honeymoon. Please keep Laura and I in your prayers, and I hope to see some of you on our big day.

With all my love,

Tom

FACE TO FACE SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

All parishioners are encouraged to complete this course. It is mandatory for everyone who has a designated role in the church whether paid or voluntary, licensed, or Lay.

St Bartholomew's Church have offered us 10 places on a face-to-face Safeguarding Training -basic level at St Bartholomew's Church,

Newton Road, Ipswich, IP3 8HQ

Wednesday 10/11/21 7pm Free to attend

Please let Sarah Purbrook (Parish Safeguarding Officer) know so she can reserve you a place

sarah@purbrook.org.uk

J.S. Bach's St Matthew Passion Saturday 13th November 2021 6.00pm

The Tower Chamber Choir and Tower Sinfonia will be performing J.S. Bach's St Matthew Passion on Saturday 13th November 2021 in St Mary le Tower at 6.00pm. 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.

LUNCHTIME CONCERT

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

A GIFT FOR TOM AND LAURA

To celebrate the marriage of Tom, our Vicar to Laura, we would like to make a collection for a gift to them. If you wish to make a donation towards a gift please do so in the usual ways stating Tom & Laura, so that we are clear what the donation is for.

The Big Leaf Sweep

Saturday 13th November - 9.30 a.m.



Bacon rolls and hot drinks in Church House for volunteers who come along on Saturday to help clear leaves in the churchyard.

Let's make the grounds look splendid ahead of Remembrance Sunday.

Will **YOU** give an hour of your time?

We hope so. See you there!

Thursday Lunchtime Forums at Christ Church Tacket Street

A series of Forums will be held at Christ Church Tacket Street Ipswich (next to Cox Lane car park) Refreshments will be available at a low cost 12 noon – 12.45 followed by a short talk from 1.10 – 1.5-pm You are welcome to either or both Here are the dates of the Forums, all of which look very interesting.

November 11th - Suffolk Archives: The Hold Annett Thompson – Senior Project Manager Concertus

November 18th - A Double Life Sentence – 28 years in the prison service Trevor Elliott

November 25th - My Time Serving as a Royal Naval Chaplain Neil Coulson

December 2nd - Folk Music David Stainer & Diz Deacon

www.christchurch-ipswich.org.uk
Thursday Forum can now be followed on Twitter at @ThursdayForum

CARDS FOR GOOD CAUSES

The Cards for Good Causes Christmas shop is now open in Tower House from Monday-Saturday, 10am-4pm.

Cards for Good Causes is a charity organisation representing national charities including Cancer Research, The British Heart Foundation, Save the Children, Parkinsons and Alzheimer's. As well as over twenty national charities the shop also stock cards for local charities such as Somersham Ward, East Anglian Air Ambulance and Suffolk Wildlife Trust.

You will also find a variety of gifts, stocking fillers, tree decorations, Advent Calendars and all the paper, bows, tags and ribbon you will need for your wrapping!

This year the Scouts will be resuming their special Christmas postal deliveries to addresses in the local area. Cost will be 30p per card. If you have cards for collection, please put your cards and money together in the special Scout Xmas Post Box which you will find in our shop. Collection dates for this year will be from Thursday 25th November until Tuesday 7th December 2021.

IPSWICH CHAMBER CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Pickled Boys and Sublime Christmas Music

The concert this year will be held at St Margaret's Church because it falls during St Mary le Tower Tree festival

Ipswich Chamber Choir's Christmas Concert is a joyful celebration of singing together and includes Palestrina's Tribus Miraculis (The Wonderful Gifts), Vaughan

Williams' Fantasia on Christmas Carols and Britten's delightful St Nicolas which, in its first recording in 1955 featured boy trebles from St Mary-le-Tower Choristers and Ipswich School. We are recreating this group of "Pickled boys" and the boy Nicolas from both choirs.



Stuart Grimwade, one of the boy trebles on the first recording, recalls Benjamin Britten coming to rehearse them: "He wanted us to sing with our mouths as wide open 'as if you had the biggest gob-stopper in it', especially when singing

'alleluia' with long emphasis on the 'ia' for the mouth open bit. At the end of the rehearsal he just said cheerio and threw us a bag of gob-stoppers, so we would remember to sing loudly with our mouths as wide open as possible".

A patron saint of children and of sailors, Nicolas' story is divided into nine sections. The fourth requires lots of percussion to depict a stormy sea and the sailors jeering at Nicolas kneeling in prayer. William Baldry will leave the organ loft to play the various instruments including drums, cymbal, gong and whip as part of the orchestra, The Façade Ensemble, with tenor William Searle.

The climax of the story is the seventh movement, "Nicolas and the Pickled Boys". A group of weary travellers mourns three boys who have gone missing. It is a time of famine and when they sit down in the tavern to eat, Nicolas tells them not to touch the food. It's the boys, "slaughtered by the butchers' knife"! Nicolas performs a miracle bringing the boys back to life: the three boys enter singing "Alleluia", then the women's voices and finally the men join in. It's a special moment reflecting the relief and joy of the boys' mothers.

The death of Nicolas and the hymn "God moves in a mysterious way" brings the work to a moving end and with the audience joining in, reminds us how bonding it is to sing together, as we did in childhood.

Come and celebrate with us on Saturday 4th December at 7.00pm in Ipswich's beautiful St Margaret's Church, Soane Street IP4 2BE.

Tickets £15, students free, from: choir members, Musicworld, Queen Street, Ipswich, Woodbridge Violins, Market Hill, Woodbridge or from WeGotTickets via www.ipswichchamberchoir.org.uk

Trees @ The Tower - 2nd – 8th December

Offers of help to give a warm welcome to visitors to the festival as well as helping to serve food and drink in the Festival Café would be very welcome.

Please contact any of the T@TT team:-Jo Jones, Keith Faull, Sally Graham, Kate Thompson, Vicky Faull, Ian Lord, Mary Baldry and Tracy Bose

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
The Festival is open to all.

Monday 6th December Christingle Service 17.00

Tuesday 7th December Festival Lunchtime Concert 13.00

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS ANGELS

For Christmas this year, the Diocese is planning an Angel trail which will consist of churches and other buildings around the county being decorated with Angel Wings in various shapes and sizes. The T@TT team are encouraging anyone connected with the church to take part by making angels of one sort or another so we can have a tree decorated with angels. You will find many patterns on-line on how to make angel wings, here's a lovely knitting pattern and picture attached here:

<http://www.christmasangel.net/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/Christmas-Angel.pdf>

If you don't have online access but you would like the pattern, let Sonia Docherty know and she will print one off for you.



Another option might be an origami angels tree, similar to the ones used in the angel wings installation in Hexham abbey during lockdown (amazing pictures look online)

https://www.hexhamabbey.org.uk/sites/default/files/styles/header_slider/public/angels-website.jpg?itok=PWbm2sev or those below.

It would be brilliant if this angels mission could be shared in as many different ways as possible. *Vicky Faull*

TREES @ THE TOWER ANGEL PROJECT

St Mary le Tower is working with other Ipswich churches this Advent and Christmas seasons to "Angel Bomb" Ipswich. There will be all sorts of Angel projects going on, and as part of our preparations for the Christmas Tree Festival: "Trees @ the Tower" we have chosen to try to make a chain of Angels holding hands and encircling our church. We will be able to display these around the boundaries of the St Mary le Tower. The Choristers and Choral Scholars will be getting involved, but we wanted everyone who can to make some. We will laminate them to make them weatherproof and join them all together in a continuous chain. The hope is that we can make enough to go right around the boundary. We hope that the Angel chain will be a joyful symbol of caring and unity and say something about how we can work together to bring God's peace and joy to others. Please do pick up a set of instructions and some paper from church, (available from this Sunday 7th Nov) or download a set of instructions from the website.

Vicky Faull on behalf of "Trees @the Tower"

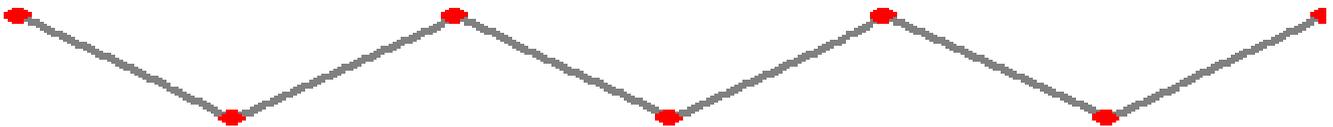
A Chain Of Angels holding hands around St. Mary le Tower.

As part of the preparations for our Christmas Tree festival, we would love you to make angel paper chains to encircle the perimeter of St Mary le Tower.

How to do it!

Ideally the paper chains should be made from A3 paper cut lengthwise, which is available in church.

Each strip of paper makes 3 Angels so you need to fold your paper in 6 like a zigzag. Each section is then 7cm wide and 15cm high.



Then draw an angel shape on the top layer of your zigzag. There is a plain one here as an example, or you can pick up a template from church, or design your own.

Please decorate them if you wish. We can post pictures of the most glamorous on the Trees @ the Tower website

Please bring your finished Angels back to church.

All the Angels will be laminated and attached together around the church railings. We are hoping to get all the way round!

Many Thanks for your contribution to this project.

Vicky Faull on behalf of Trees @ the Tower.