

## Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2021

### SERVICES

All services are in person attendance in church

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September:**

**9.30 am Choral Matins**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September**

**10.30 am Choral Eucharist**

Live-streamed

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September**

**5.30 pm Evensong**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**

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

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September:**

**9.30 am Choral Matins**

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**10.30 am Choral Eucharist**

Live-streamed

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September**

**5.30 pm Evensong – Civic Service**

Live Streamed

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September**

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

### 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.

#### HOLDING PEOPLE IN PRAYER

We pray for those we know who are unwell or in difficulty including: Jaydon Mc Connachie, Simon Hulme, and Felix Todd. We continue to pray for Derek le May, Sally Patient, and Jill Ganzoni.

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 remembrance occurs at this time including Paul Barker, Molly Baker Ellie Dowding, Christine Metters, Andrew Mc Nabb,

Meg Lant, Rachael Moss, Kevin Bryant, Ralph Pallant, and Sydney Fisher.

*O Lord, our God, accept the prayers of your people. Look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help.*

### INTERCESSIONS

*Give us grace, Almighty Father, to address you with all our hearts as well as our lips. You are everywhere present: from you no secrets are hidden.*

We pray for the mission and unity of the Church throughout the World, remembering the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan. In our diocese we pray for Bishop Martin and Bishop Mike: for all Clergy and Lay Ministers as they care for their congregations. In our life at St. Mary-le-Tower we pray for Revd. Tom Mumford as he prepares to move to Ipswich, to lead us forward in our ministry. For Jo and Sonia, our Churchwardens as they co-ordinate services and meetings during September. We give thanks for the many years of praise and worship in St Mary le Tower. We pray for Jonathan Hanley & Gavin Roberts providing the Lunchtime Concert on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September.

We pray for all who participated in, the "Ride and Stride" Historic Churches Fund event on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September, we give thanks for the money raised to support the upkeep of Churches throughout Suffolk.

We pray for the people of Afghanistan: who have been left under Taliban Leadership after American and British Service Personnel have left the country.

We pray for all the Nations of the World where natural disasters and political unrest have caused destruction and loss of life. Give political leaders wisdom and integrity in their dealings with one another. We give thanks for the wonders of creation. May we care for our environment so that further climate change can be avoided.

We pray for Schools and Colleges, Staff and students as they begin a new academic year.

We pray for victims of abuse and violence, intolerance and prejudice. For those in the midst of famine and disaster. For the unemployed, and those whose work is unfulfilling, stressful or fraught with danger.

## **CURRENT PARISH CONTACTS**

### **During the interregnum:**

The Churchwardens are coordinating the life of St Mary-le-Tower and, except for music department matters, all general church queries should be directed to them. Jo Jones, Churchwarden 07813 543587  
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**

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.]

## **A Message from The Rev'd. Tom Mumford**

Dear all,

I am sure many of you are wondering just who on earth your next Vicar is! It feels like it's been ages since the appointment has been announced. I hope, though, you haven't minded me keeping my head down. It is an unusual situation to be appointed to a role when someone is still in post and I didn't want to distract from Charles' leaving. I know he has served the parish for more than 12 years and had a significant ministry among you. I hope you were able to give him a good send off, and celebrate the ministry he has offered and you have shared with him.

Now time is moving fast, and it's not long until my licensing. In the next couple of weeks I will be moving into the vicarage and beginning ministry among you. I'll be honest, I can't wait! I'm really so excited about the years ahead, about what God has in store for all of us and the parish. I promise we will have lots of fun finding out along the way!

Though I have got to know the Churchwardens quite well now, and I've met the PCC and music department, there are many of you who I'm aware don't know anything about me at all (other than what you've managed to find on Google!). So for those who don't, let me tell you a bit about myself.



My name is Tom, I'm 31 and have been serving the parish of St Gregory's in Sudbury since I left ordination training at Westcott House in Cambridge. I am engaged to Laura who is a Curate in Bury St Edmunds and we are due to get married (COVID permitting!) in November this year. We're really excited! She will continue to serve her curacy in Bury, but live with me in the vicarage in Ipswich where we look forward to hosting as many of you as we can.

I was born on the south coast, near Horsham in West Sussex, and was brought up there until I was about 10. My dad, being a police officer at the time, decided to transfer police force and that brought my mum, little sister and I to the market town of Horncastle in Lincolnshire. I lived there for a further 8 years, doing school, a couple of paper rounds and stint stacking shelves at Tesco before I left to join the RAF. Sadly, however, my time in recruit training was cut short by injury and I left sooner than I'd have liked. On my return home, I got a job at a local law firm while applying to join the Metropolitan Police. I was offered a place, but only for the repercussions of the financial

crisis to result in it not actually existing. I decided instead to join Lincolnshire Police as a Special Constable, and did this for two years or so while continuing to work at the law firm.

During this time an interest in politics sprouted which led me to become a local councillor at 21 (quite surreal and completely unexpected!), and then attempt to go to university at 22 to explore it further. The problem was I didn't have the qualifications. For the next year I then gave up my full time job and worked part time in a hotel to fund an adult learning course at the local college. By the end of the year I was offered a place at the University of York to study politics - the first of my family to go.

You may have noticed that the church or faith has yet to appear in this journey...well, that's because it wasn't until a chance conversation and experience at York Minster while at university that it ever did. During my time in York, and particularly at the Minster, my Christian faith and vocation to ordained ministry emerged and developed...it's been quite a ride since. I spent a year ministering full time in a church in London, went to Peterhouse at Cambridge to do a BA in theology, did my vocational training at Westcott, and served my curacy in Sudbury.

Now, I sit here with great excitement contemplating serving in Ipswich as your parish priest. I really can't wait! I have a real passion for the local, and for the civic nature of parishes as a place for sharing the love of God, particularly with those outside the church (as I was for most of my life). My own faith journey has shown me the transformative effect the Way of Jesus can have on people's lives, that Way leading us to discover more fully what it means to be who we are called to be. This is why I think prayer, worship and spirituality must be at the heart of what we do. It is so important for us as Christians to deepen our lives of prayer and our relationship with God, and I hope to explore this and many other things with you in the coming years.

In my spare time, I love football and am a lifelong Newcastle United fan (for my sins). Because of the Bobby Robson connection between the two clubs, I've known Ipswich Town well for many years. I love walking (the Lake's is my favourite escape) and have an ever growing passion for craft beer, wine and good food. I also have a keen interest in current affairs, so with that and religion I can't be much fun at a dinner party...!

I hope all of this has given you a better picture of who your new vicar is, but I look forward very much to

meeting you all and getting to know in the coming months. Until then, please keep me in your prayers as I prepare to move, please pray also for Laura. I, of course, have been and continue to pray for all of you, and the whole parish. There is so much to look forward to ahead!

Yours,  
Tom

Ps. Some practical things you might want to know:

- My rest day will be Friday
- I am yet to get a phone number, but will pass that on as soon as I arrive

My email address will be [vicar@stmaryletower.org.uk](mailto:vicar@stmaryletower.org.uk)

## HOSPITALITY FOR TOM MUMFORDS' LICENSING

After Tom's Licensing Service on Monday 4 October we will welcome guests with a finger buffet and drinks. Please can you 'sign up' to provide refreshments, using the usual Allergens Chefs Recipe sheet and /or help serve at the event. Please can you consider making savouries for the occasion e.g. sausage rolls, mini quiche, cheese straws, sandwiches, sausage or cheese on sticks etc. or, if you are not a cook, consider making a donation towards the provision of foods.

Thank you!

Jo and Sonia.

## LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

If you wish to sponsor any of the concerts please contact our Assistant Music Director

William Baldry at [Will.Baldry@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Will.Baldry@yahoo.co.uk)

or

Sonia Docherty at [Sonia.Docherty1@gmail.com](mailto:Sonia.Docherty1@gmail.com)

and let them know which concert you would like to sponsor.

All Concerts will be socially distanced audience & live broadcast

**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



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A Celebration of Ministry

You are most warmly invited to attend the  
Licensing  
of the  
**Rev'd Thomas James Mumford**  
as  
**Priest in Charge**  
of  
**St Mary le Tower Ipswich**  
on  
**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 19.30**  
Please be seated by 19.20

RSVP [churchwarden@stmaryletower.org.uk](mailto:churchwarden@stmaryletower.org.uk)

or

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