

St Mary's and St Agnes' Newmarket



July 2020
35p

St Mary's

8am Holy Communion
9.45am Sung Mass
6.30pm Evensong

Weekday Eucharists

Monday (except Bank Holidays) 7pm
Wednesday 10am

10.15am Tuesday Café Church

At The Stable (4th Tuesday only)

Churchwardens

Mrs Janet Ramsay-Helie: 603489
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PCC Secretary

Mrs Ruth Kent: 667871

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Miss Joanne Goodchild: 664467

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Mrs Daphne Knott: 603348 (Leader)
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Please send copy to Father John by
20th of the month.
Thank you!

St Agnes'

9am Holy Communion
(3rd Sunday only)
11.15am Parish Communion
(1st Sunday only)
11.15am Mattins
(except 1st Sunday)

Churchwardens

Lady Victoria Fairbairn: 662733
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1 st	David Argent (1991) Stanley Marshall (1993) George Frame (1993)		Dickie Westbrook (1992) Marjorie Gent (1997) Miriam Morgan (2017) Andrew Greaves (2017)
2 nd	Sidney Bonney (1994)	18 th	Frederick Smith (1991)
3 rd	George Hollington (1989) Linda Edwards (1999) Thomas Wall (2010)	19 th	David Prout, rector (2002) Gwendoline Patmore (2008) Hilary Harbett (2000) Jean Levick (2003) Harold Bentley (2010)
4 th	Alan Hollard (1994)		Lain Mackenzie (1980)
5 th	Harry Lloyd (1981) Patricia Lane (2010) John Granger (2014) Maureen Tombs-Card (2015)	20 th	Emily Mason (1989) Percy Coultts (1991) Roy Henderson (1999)
6 th	Elsie Hawkins (1988) Chriss Kelty (1992) Reuben Badcock (1994) Carol Harrison (2000) Mona Leonard (2005) Fred Fitzpatrick (2013)	22 nd	Hilda Roberts (1989) Ernest Peacock (1996) Mark Bowen (1997) Mary Tetlow (1999) Jean Tanner (2018) Derek Cole (2019)
7 th	George Watt (1993) Juliette Hullobone (1994) Julia Rensome (1996)	23 rd	Evelyn Hills (2003) Cynthia Macfarlane (2009)
8 th	David Stockwin (1989) Amelia Pentney (1996) Stanley Hedger (1998) Irene Gladman (1998)	24 th 25 th	Sydney Marshall (1988) Albert Morley (1991) Frederick Brown (1980) Chris Morley (2011)
9 th	Blodwen Hill (1986) Tracey Lovell (2008)	27 th	Lionel Harrington (1997) Gwendoline Butler (1998)
10 th	Sheila Hindle (1990) Phyllis Short (1998) Robert Coulter (2000)	28 th	Marion Wilt (1987) Alec Hardy (1993) Ethel Blenkin (2006)
11 th	William Bolton (1993) Iris Papworth (1998) Olive Johnson (2014)	29 th	Doris East (1978) Muriel Newman (1994) Gillian Shipton (1994)
12 th	Emily Ashwell (1988) Margaret Canning (2009)	31 st	Kenneth Wright (2019) June McCalmont (1983) Tony Leaman (2006) John East (2015)
13 th	Gladys Swann (1991) Edward Wells (1994) Colin Richardson (1998) Lilian Few (1999)		May they rest in peace and rise in glory
14 th	Elsie Blades (1988) Linda Cork (2015)		
15 th	Harry Buck (1970) Lilian Rosling (2003) Joan Joy (2005)		
16 th	Paula Landymore (1992) Frederick Crosby (1994) Edna Moore (2003) Reg Coombes (2011)		
17 th	Lilian Coombe (1988) Olive Pettitt (1988)		

This Country: Wisdom from the Cotswolds

Northleach. An ordinary Cotswold village, halfway between Chedworth Roman villa and the World of Mechanical Music (if you look on your AA Road Map). Perilously close to Cheltenham race-course and Bourton-on-the-Water, Northleach is where the BBC filmed *This Country*, that well-known documentary series about rural life today, and all its ups and downs. Essential viewing for young curates of any age, not least because one key figure is local vicar Francis Seaton, who does his very best to help ne'er do wells in his picture post-card village with its share of social problems and challenging personalities.

This Country (you can catch it still on BBC Iplayer) brings into sharp focus a question faced by any cleric re-considering their priorities at ordination time, Petertide: what is being a cleric – a priest or deacon – really about? Is it about being a prophet, a social worker, a temple functionary (a worship leader)? Is it a mix of all these? At least, that's the question arising as I read a scriptural text which justifies and privileges 'social services religion': *res non verba* - Christ's disciples will be known by their deeds.

We all know it: *Whoever gives even a cup of water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple – truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward. (Matthew 10:42).* St Matthew is likely talking about material support for disciples of our Lord, messengers of the gospel, missionaries – otherwise known in the parlance of his community as 'little ones'. Matthew is suggesting, perhaps, that anyone can partake of the Christian mission by supporting missionaries – gospel messengers. The simple act of giving a thirsty missionary a cup of cold water on a hot day brings its own reward: it makes the giver part of the missionary enterprise.

One day, Fr Francis Seaton takes Curtin (Lee) and Kerry Mucklowe to a disused airfield so that Curtin can learn to drive, driving being a vital skill if he's going to improve his job prospects. Admittedly, Lee thinks mainly in terms of leisure life: driving will mean he can get to Gloucester services, TGI Fridays, or Jamie's Italian in Cheltenham (oh no, that's close, Lee remembers).

Nonetheless, the vicar means well, and, more than that, on the way to the airfield, he stops off at Junes house to return her garden sprinkler (she complains its scuffed-up); tries to find Len, a vulnerable older gentleman; helps Arthur change his Skybox; nips into Budgens to purchase essential supplies for Kerry (a grab-bag of Quavers, a can of full-fat coke, some dairy dunkers, a whipple). In the end, they didn't get a lot of driving done, but Fr Francis did do a lot of other things, including finding Len being carted off to hospital for over-night rehabilitation, after Arthur had discovered him, collapsed under a bush, Len having drunk some tainted water from a bird bath...You couldn't make it up.


Half a dozen good deeds before lunch: of course, Fr Francis – arguably – does too much himself, and the Mucklowe cousins (Curtin and Kerry) aren't literally missionaries, although they are parishioners and churchgoers, so gospel representatives in *that* sense. *This Country* is a fictional documentary, with a basis of truth to it, for time was when many clergy, in town and country, lived out their days much like Fr Francis Seaton – and who can say they were wrong? Lending a hand when a hand was needed, liberal to all, and open as the day. Even nowadays, in Exning and North Newmarket, clergy can – surely should – lead by selective example, and have a lot of fun into the bargain. As Fr Philip Gray, long-time incumbent of Mendlesham (still in post, forty years on), once confidentially remarked to me in the tea interval at diocesan synod, 'Lose your sense of humour, and you might as well give up!' Wise words indeed. Mind how you go. *Fr John*.

COMMUNITY EVENTS & NOTICES

“We never closed!” (as they said at the Windmill Theatre)...

To: All Members of St. Mary's Mothers' Union, Newmarket.
 Daphne and I hope you are keeping well during this difficult time in our lives.
 I would like to thank each and everyone of, including Father John and Father Max, for sending me the little notes to go on Daphne's 80th Birthday card. I can tell you that she was absolutely delighted with the card, especially as she was unable to go out and celebrate, so reading it made her day.
 I also wanted to let you know that Mary Sharpe has become a great-grandmother again and Elizabeth and Nick Longford are the proud grandparents of another baby boy, the second son for their daughter Emily and her husband. On a sadder note, our friend and fellow member, Phyllis Baker, has passed away. She had moved from her bungalow into Kingfisher House as she had become quite frail and she died last week.
 We have all been sent a letter from Mothers' Union head office asking for financial help during this coronavirus lockdown. This is not compulsory and I know some of you have already sent donations, but if you haven't and would like to do so, could you please send your donation to me and I will then send a cheque to our Treasurer at Ipswich. He will then calculate how much has been sent from our diocese.
 Thank you to Father John, Father Max, Cheryl and Father Jeremy for their support for our branch and although St. Mary's

...Very well done, St Mary's and St Agnes' Mothers' Union

Church is closed at the moment, you can listen to the service every Sunday at 10 a.m., either on the telephone 03300 945 940 room number 24456910 and PIN 7760, or on the internet.
 If any of you have the internet and an e-mail address, please let me know as I can then send you any information I receive from Ipswich, as everything is sent via e-mail now. I'm sure we are all looking forward to the time when we can meet again, but until then, many thanks to you all for your continuing help and support.
 Stay safe and keep well and if you need anything, please let us know.
 Much Love
 Deirdre & Daphne
 665960 603348
 P.S. We have just heard the good news that Father Max and Charlotte have had a baby daughter. She was born in the early hours of Monday 11th May weighing 6lb 9oz and they have named her Cynthia Aurelia Mary. So we send them our love and congratulations.


Around the parishes...

- Church services re-begin on Sunday 5 July: 9.45 am at St Mary's, 11 am at St Martin's – Holy Communion (said). Social distancing and hand-sanitising required; no singing (although played or piped music seems to be permissible). Please await further instructions in points of detail – these will depend on Bishop Martin's advice to the clergy regarding health and hygiene protocols, which change from week to week.
- St Mary's Evensong will resume on Sunday 19 July, 6.30 pm, in the choir.
- St Agnes' and St Philip & Etheldreda's are expected to re-open on Sunday 2 August, with services on that day at the usual times (11.15 am and 9.30 am respectively).
- Early services and weekday services at St Mary's: please watch for further news.
- Holy matrimony at St Mary's: please pray for Caroline Airey and Raymond Simmons, to wed on Saturday 22 July by Common Licence.
- Mark Rodman BEM resigned as Church Organist and Choirmaster at both St Mary's and St Agnes' on 16 June: the search is on for a new organist. Please await further news.

Holy days and holy people

- 1 Henry, John, Henry Venn the younger, Priests, Evangelical Divines, 1797, 1813, 1873
- 3 Thomas the Apostle
- 6 Thomas More, scholar, John Fisher, bishop of Rochester, Reformation Martyrs, 1535
- 11 Benedict of Nursia, abbot of Monte Cassino, father of Western Monasticism, c.550
- 14 John Keble, priest, tractarian, poet, 1866
- 15 Swithun, Bishop of Winchester, c.862
- 15 Bonaventure, friar, bishop, teacher of the faith, 1274
- 16 Osmund, Bishop of Salisbury, 1099
- 18 Elizabeth Ferard, deaconess, founder of the Community of St Andrew, 1883
- 20 Margaret of Antioch, martyr, 4th century
- 20 Bartolomé de las Casas, apostle to the Indies, 1566
- 22 Mary Magdalene
- 23 Bridget of Sweden, abbess of Vadstena, 1373
- 25 James the Apostle
- 27 Brooke Foss Westcott, Bishop of Durham, teacher of the Faith, 1901
- 29 Mary, Martha and Lazarus, companions of Our Lord
- 30 William Wilberforce, social reformer; Olaudah Equiano and Thomas Clarkson anti-slavery campaigners, 1833, 1797 and 1846
- 31 Ignatius of Loyola, Founder of the Society of Jesus, 1556