

## FOR PRAYER

SICK AND SHUT-IN: Debbie Thornton / Alan Bartlett / Olive Lane / Bryan Walker / Wendy Trent / John Round-Turner / Mary Sharpe / Margaret Watson / Pamela Bowen / Sue Waugh / Cindie Lind / Marlene Jackaman / Georgina Simpson / Rob King / Caroline Tea / Sybil Groves / Pam Appleyard / Stuart Voss / Ruby Lee / Peter Brown / Lesley Gill / Ian Ramsay-Helie / Lynne Hayward / Janet Ramsay-Helie / Elizabeth Burns

DEPARTED: David Shaw, Douglas Anscomb, Reginald Firman  
ANNIVERSARIES: Please see list by ICON and in the magazine

### PRAYERS FOR:

- Scientists working to finalise the Pfizer/BioNtech Covid-19 vaccine, following on from the final stages of testing - known as a phase 3 trial.
- Good news from trial results, due in the next few weeks, on a vaccine being developed by British drug manufacturer AstraZeneca and scientists at the University of Oxford.
- Residents of Sassoon Close, George Lambton Estate
- Newmarket's NHS professionals: phlebotomists
- United States of America: President-elect Joe Biden and his team
- Sharon Connell (chaplain of St Nicholas Hospice), Sharron Coburn (priest-in-charge of Brandon) and Sharon Potter (rector of Cockfield), new honorary canons of St Edmundsbury cathedral

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER: Gracious Lord,  
in this holy sacrament  
you give substance to our hope:  
bring us at the last  
to that fullness of life for which we long;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

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## NOTICES

### Worship arrangements in a time of Covid-19, going forward...

- **Sunday Online worship: a message from the clergy.** We will continue to offer an online service as a principal Sunday service at 10am (unless otherwise advised) (and opening up half an hour beforehand) for November.
- There will also be Wednesday evening services at 7pm, some following a familiar format, and perhaps newer things also. As usual, the telephone line will be open for all online services (accessed by dialling 03300 945 940 and using room number 24456910# and PIN 7760# when prompted), and service sheets will be made available at <https://www.stmarysandstagnesnewmarket.org.uk/service-times/> for you to download.
- **Services at St Agnes'. Please note:** Unless Boris intervenes again, there'll be Matins on Sunday 6 December, 11.15 a.m., and Holy Communion on Christmas Day, 11.15 a.m. But all is provisional at this stage.
- As in previous years, **there will be no Evening Prayer** at St Mary's during December and January.

**St Mary's PCC: re-arranged.** In the event, the PCC meeting in church, planned for Monday 9 November was cancelled, by order of the archdeacon. Rather than happening by Zoom (not the rector's favourite medium), it will now take place in church, on Monday 7 December, 7pm – Covid-19 allowing.

**Warmest thanks go to the Revd Cheryl Belding** for putting together and staging last Sunday's Act of Remembrance and service of Prayer Book Matins from St Agnes' Exning; also to our bugler for the day, **Mr Barry Peachey**. Barry is a long-serving member of Newmarket Town Band, and (in more normal times) a regular worshipper at St Philip and St Etheldreda's church.

**Newmarket Day Centre: a message from Cheryl.** I have received a request from the Day Centre regarding their community folk this Christmas. They realise that there will be more of them who will be on their own this Christmas and wanted to provide a bag of Christmas treats for them. They are asking for small gift donations of treats; i.e. biscuits, chocolate, toiletries, drinks in cans or small bottles anything small that could go to make a parcel for them. They are planning to do all the wrapping etc themselves so need to fill a bag or box. Anything at all would be much appreciated by them. You can either drop items off yourselves at the Day Centre – they are there mid-morning to mid-afternoon sending out 'Hot Plates' -or I am happy to sort out collecting items if you find that you can help the staff achieve their goal for this Christmas.

Donations accepted up to 17<sup>th</sup> December. Many thanks in anticipation *Revd. Cheryl phone 07801499179*

#### Forthcoming...

- WELL... Boris has intervened after all – so **St Mary's Christmas coffee morning** will NOT go ahead on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November from 10-12 unless Boris intervenes again and the lockdown is lifted in time, which we do not expect to happen.
- St Mary's **tombola** will take place in the Guineas on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December, BP and WP (Boris Permitting and Weather Permitting).
- NB: **Sunday 8am and Monday evening Communion services at St Mary's** will not resume until further notice, nor worship at St P & E's.

#### Shared Ministry in Exning and North Newmarket (SMENN): update...

Further to my previous communication, in November's newsletter, and as a next step in the PCC's and congregation's 'stock-taking' process around the future of priestly ministry at Newmarket St Mary's, I have now booked visits next year to Mass at St Mary's on a Sunday morning, from not one but TWO bishops (on separate occasions), for the purpose of encouraging thoughtful, frank, and friendly debate within St Mary's church family on each side of the question.

The Bishop of Richborough, the Rt Revd Norman Banks, will preside and preach at 9.45 am on Sunday 7 February. Then the Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, (our own diocesan), the Rt Revd Martin Seeley, will preside and preach at 9.45 am on Sunday 2 May.

Bishop Norman and Bishop Martin will each take the opportunity to stay behind after the service for informal, cordial conversation with the congregation (over [virtual?] coffee) on the whole subject of women and in men in priestly ministry, having addressed the issue in their sermon earlier.

Bishop Norman, who represents a traditional point of view, previously visited in July 2019 when he ordained Fr Jeremy to the priesthood. He is well known to your rector from his own, and Norman's, happy years of parochial ministry in Newcastle upon Tyne, back in the 1990s.

Bishop Martin is a familiar friend, having ordained Fr Max to the diaconate and priesthood, and the Revd Cheryl to the diaconate. He has also celebrated at St Mary's a couple times in recent years. He came to the late Fr Geoffrey Smith's Requiem Mass (October 2017), also to our Patronal Festival in September 2018 when he dedicated the new nave roof.

Any bishop who comes calling at one of their parish churches deserves a warm welcome and respectful hearing, which I know both Bishop Norman and Bishop Martin will receive. Please save the dates in your 2021 diaries.

## Welcome to the Benefice of St Mary's Newmarket with St Agnes' Exning

### THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT 15 November 2020

#### READINGS

**9.45**

Zephaniah 1.7, 12-end

Psalm 90.1-8

Matthew 25.14-30

**6.30**

Psalm 89.19-37

1 Kings 1.15-40

Revelation 1.4-18

COLLECT: Heavenly Father,

whose blessed Son was revealed

to destroy the works of the devil

and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:

grant that we, having this hope,

may purify ourselves even as he is pure;

that when he shall appear in power and great glory

we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;

where he is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

***As the church's ministry continues and adapts during the COVID-19 challenge, your prayers are much appreciated by myself and all the clergy at this time. With our prayers and best wishes. Please do not hesitate to be in contact should you wish to speak with one or other of us: Revds John, Cheryl, Jeremy; also Canon Mark.***

**CHURCH SERVICE DETAILS: PLEASE READ ON**





