

FOR PRAYER

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DEPARTED: Sue Waugh, Gordon Pettett, Mary Sharpe, Vera Heavens, Linda Andrews.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please see list by ICON and in the magazine

THANKS FOR:

- A Brexit deal – after so much waiting

PRAYERS FOR:

- NHS workers on the Covid-19 front line at this tough time.
- Any residents of Newmarket and Exning who are affected by Covid-19 in one way or another.
- Michael Bell and his team at Fitzroy House; all residents of Black Bear Lane and Fitzroy Street.
- Joe Biden, Kamala Harris and their White House team: preparing for the 'off' on January 20.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER: Lord of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:
by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth
through the waters of the new creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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NOTICES

Continued worship in church: a message from the Bishop of London, Sarah Mullally, who chairs the Church of England's Covid Recovery Group, following the statement by the Prime Minister, Boris Johnson at 8.00pm on Monday 4 January, detailing new restrictions in England to control the spread of Covid-19: *"The Prime Minister's words underline the severity of the situation for the country, as the virus continues to spread rapidly. At a time like this, the Church is here to offer comfort and spiritual support to everyone. We have a duty to care for each other, but particularly those who are vulnerable or who may be most at risk. "The Government has chosen not to suspend public worship in England at this time and we will continue to follow the guidance and ensure that churches remain as safe as possible. The Government guidance on the safe use of places of worship makes clear that those attending a place of worship must not mingle with anyone outside their household or support bubble.*

"However, some may feel that it is currently better not to attend in person, and there will be parishes which decide to offer only digital services for the time-being. Clergy who have concerns, and others who are shielding, should take particular care and stay at home.

"I would urge everyone in our churches to pray for those on the front line in our public services - the NHS and those working in social care, for schools and many others on whom we depend; and for parents and carers of children at this anxious and stressful time.

"There is hope. The vaccination programme is underway and, as Christians, we have a deeper hope in God that comforts us beyond fear itself. As we have been remembering this Christmas Season, even in the midst of our darkest fears, that hope brings light."

Today's service at St Mary's...

- Is not being live-streamed. The Revds Cheryl and Peter Gill are streaming a service live from home for the benefit of viewers at home, on St. Mary's YouTube channel at 10:00 am. The line is open from 09:30 am. The service sheet is accessible if you click on: [Service Times – St. Mary's & St. Agnes Anglican Churches, Newmarket](#) (stmarysandstagnesnewmarket.org.uk). As ever, thanks go to the Revd Cheryl Belding for operating the film technology.
- Please note that next week's service will also be livestreamed from home at the same time.

Please note: If you missed the **Drive-Thru' Carol Service** organised by the Revd Susan Allison and other members of Newmarket Churches Together, you can now 'listen in' by clicking on the following link.

<https://www.allsaintsnewmarket.org/driveincarolservice2020.html> *Susan writes:* 'I would also like to share the good news that the voluntary bucket donations at the end raised £1200 for local charities - which was incredible!

We aim to distribute this as soon as is practicable, and any suggestions as to where the money could go are welcome. We already intend to give to the Food-

bank, and have checked with the Food parcels initiative that they have enough funding.'

Services at St Agnes'

- Sunday 14 February, 11.15 am. We were planning to hold a service the week before, but rector is keen for St Agnes' folks to have a chance to hear the bishop of Richborough speak at St Mary's that morning.

Other services

- As in previous years, **there will be no Evening Prayer** at St Mary's during December and January.
- The **bishop of Richborough, the Rt Revd Norman Banks**, will be celebrating and preaching at St Mary's on Sunday 7 February, 09:45 am. As I've previously indicated, Bishop Norman represents a traditionalist point of view regarding sacramental ministry, and his sermon will doubtless touch on this theme. He ordained Fr Jeremy at St Mary's in July 2018.

Day Centre... Many thanks to those who sent donations for the Day Centre Christmas giving. They have said it went very well. People had been very generous with donations and it was more than they had hoped for. It has been amazing to see from this and the Journal how people have worked very hard and been extremely generous to ensure the isolated, struggling families as well as the Day Centre family had some Christmas cheer. *Revd Cheryl*

Foodbank...

Demand has increased considerably and we are extending our opening hours on Fridays from January to 10:30 to 2:30 in line with Tuesday and Thursdays opening. In general we are very well off for stock and have increased our storage greatly. For the foreseeable future we DO NOT NEED: Soups, Baked Beans, other types of tinned beans, Pasta, Porage, Cereals, Herbal or flavoured teas, Cook-in-sauces. We DO NEED: Long life Milk, Toilet Rolls, Small jars of Instant Coffee, Rice, Small packs of regular tea, Tinned vegetables, Tinned meat pies (Fray Bentos), Tinned meat ready meals (like curry, spaghetti bolognese, stews), Pot noodles and similar. Thank you for your continued support. *Tony White*

Forthcoming...

- I was intending to resume **Sunday 8am services on 31 January - Candlemas** ... Boris permitting. Watch this space: the resumption is likely to be delayed.
- **Monday evening Communion services at St Mary's** will not resume until further notice
- We hope to re-start worship at the old White Lodge hospital chapel (**St Philip & St Etheldreda's**) on St Valentine's Sunday – 14 February, 9.30 am. Time will tell.

As the church's ministry continues and adapts during the COVID-19 challenge, your prayers are much appreciated by the rector 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: John, Cheryl, Jeremy; also Canon Mark Haworth.

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

THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST Year B (according to the Common Worship Lectionary) 10 January 2021

READINGS

9.45

Acts 19.1-7

Psalm 29

Mark 1.4-11

6.30

COLLECT: Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

A prayer for all those affected by coronavirus

Keep us, good Lord,

under the shadow of your mercy.

Sustain and support the anxious,

be with those who care for the sick,

and lift up all who are brought low;

that we may find comfort

knowing that nothing can separate us from your love

in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU DO NOT MINGLE OR LINGER AFTER THE SERVICE YOU'RE ATTENDING HAS ENDED, FOR REASONS OF COVID SECURITY; REMEMBER THAT EVEN ONCE YOU'RE OUTSIDE THE CHURCH, PROTOCOLS OF MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING ARE STILL IN FORCE AS LONG AS YOU ARE WITHIN CHURCH PRECINCTS. THANK YOU.

