

FOR PRAYER

SICK AND SHUT-IN: Debbie Thornton / Alan Bartlett / Olive Lane / Bryan Walker / Wendy Trent / Margaret Watson / Pamela Bowen / Cindie Lind / Marlene Jackaman / Georgina Simpson / Caroline Tea / Sybil Groves / Stuart Voss / Ruby Lee / Lynne Hayward / Jean Marsh / Colin Wyatt / Jenny Robinson (Bedford) / Graham Anderton / Roger Newton / Ian Ramsay-Helie / Liz Walsh / Brian Clarke

DEPARTED: Donald Tollington, Doreen Hull, William Napier, Bill Billings.
ANNIVERSARIES: see the list in the magazine.

PRAYERS FOR:

- Residents of White Lodge, St Fabians Close, Kingfisher House.
- The future for Afghanistan: those eligible to come to the UK, but who have not been evacuated – including Afghan nationals and their families who worked with British forces during its time in the country, and asylum seekers who could be eligible to come to the UK under international law.

Looking forward...

- **St Mary's Monday Evening Communion:** 20 September, 7 pm.
- **Landwade St Nicholas Evensong:** Sunday 26 September, 3 pm
- **The next St Mary's Evensong:** Sunday 3 October at 6.30 pm.
- **The next Joint Benefice Mass:** Exning St Martin's, All Saints Sunday 31 October, 10 am: no 9.45 or 11.15 am services at St Mary's/Agnes'.

Liz Hardy's memorial service: at St Mary's, Friday 24 September, 2 pm, then afterwards at King's (off the High Street). ALL WELCOME.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER: Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy;
and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall,
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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NOTICES

NIFF Gathering Afternoon: TODAY, 12 noon until 4 pm, in the Turner Hall. Lunch will be served at 1 pm. All are welcome to dip in and out of this 'rainbow of faiths' get-together and relaxed, wide-ranging discussion organised by Newmarket Inter-Faith Forum and hosted by St Mary's.

Suffolk Historic Churches Trust (SHCT) Classic Drive Day: TODAY, Dr Simon Bailey enterprisingly (and well sponsored) drives a classic car for St Agnes and SHCT, starting somewhere in Darkest Suffolk (Helmingham Hall, possibly), taking in as many as 6 churches along his prearranged route, and finishing in Lavenham. Thank you, Simon, for this thoughtful outing.

St Agnes' PCC meets this Thursday (16 September) at the earlier-than-usual time of 10 am. With us will be our old friend Dr David Jenkins, Archdeacon of Sudbury, for a general catch-up and discussion with the PCC.

Battle of Britain Sunday will be celebrated in customary style at an All-Age Eucharist, next Sunday (Trinity 16), 19 September, at St Mary's, 09.45 am. In attendance will be members of ATC 2417 Newmarket Squadron, both staff and cadets. They will process with their standard, and participate in the service.

Stables Sunday (a well-established festival in Newmarket's church calendar) also falls on **19 September**, and in its honour St Agnes will be 'doing church' a bit differently that day. Instead of a church service, St Agnes' church community will hospitably host a Coffee Morning in the church hall for passing visitors (and cake, courtesy of Sylvia, Dorothy and Caroline, daughters of the late Dorothy Bland). The church – that hidden jewel of the Bury Road - will also be open for inspection.

St Mary's PCC meets after Mass, in church, on Monday 20 September: 7.30 pm

St Mary's Patronal Festival. A big thank you for all your donations from the faithful towards the work of St Mary's, last weekend. And of course, the sun did shine, as predicted by the bride's father on the Thursday evening before his daughter married at St Agnes on Friday 3 September.

A big thank you to all our talented flower arrangers who did their bit Friday and Saturday to decorate St Mary's so that she looked beautiful on her name day. We're grateful to Elizabeth, our organist, for arranging the choral aspect of St Mary's Festal Evensong, and to our various singers (including, as ever, the Revd Canon Emeritus Mark Haworth).

Mothers' Union: September's Meeting featured as its speaker the youthful and lively Jeanette Appleton, Diocesan MU Vice-President-in-waiting. Thanks to Daphne, Deidre and Ruth for their part ensuring all was in order ahead of time. October's Meeting on Friday 1st will be Peter Norman, at 10am in St Mary's.

From Mark Haworth: Taking to the High Road – a Pilgrimage. The *Vigil* context on the Firth of Clyde (near the Trident nuclear submarine base at Faslane) may

encourage you to join a pilgrimage: **Monday-Friday 11-15 October at the Cathedral of The Isles, and its College of the Holy Spirit, on the island of Great Cumbrae off the Ayrshire coast.** One of the boat trips, on the SS *Waverley*, sails up the loch past the Faslane base. A chance to be away on pilgrimage, in a holy house on a special island an hour out of Glasgow, at Millport, a lovely small seaside resort whence ferries run to other islands and up the Firth. If you'd like to come and share in a mixed programme of worship (led by us) in the pocket-sized cathedral, prayer and Bible Study, reading and reflection, exploration by boat, bike (hired), or on foot, 'R & R' in good accommodation with decent food, then have a word with me as soon as you can; it could be part of a longer holiday!

Travelling to Cumbrae by car is 450 miles, 7 hours driving, or just under 8 hours by train from Stowmarket, on a glorious route up the east coast main line to Edinburgh; change for Glasgow and then Largs. The return railfare is only £94.30 with a senior railcard. We've 11 bedrooms available and we hope to be able to accommodate everyone's needs. Scotland in the autumn is renowned for good weather, so mindful that I will be opening this up more widely soon, do please avail yourselves of this opportunity, emailing, telephoning or speaking to me directly.

Covid protocols in our churches. Note the following guidelines will still apply in BOTH our churches. We will: 1. Still wear face masks. 2. Continue to sanitise hands on entry and exit. 3. Maintain social distancing. 4. Continue with maximum ventilation. 5. Not have physical contact when passing the peace. 6. Holy Communion will continue to be administered in one kind. *Fr John.*

Psalm 116.1-8

1. I love the Lord, for he has heard the voice of my supplication; ♦
because he inclined his ear to me
on the day I called to him.
- 2 The snares of death encompassed me;
the pains of hell took hold of me; ♦
by grief and sorrow was I held.
- 3 Then I called upon the name of the Lord: ♦
'O Lord, I beg you, deliver my soul.'
- 4 Gracious is the Lord and righteous; ♦
our God is full of compassion.
- 5 The Lord watches over the simple; ♦
I was brought very low and he saved me.
- 6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul, ♦
for the Lord has been gracious to you.
- 7 For you have delivered my soul from death, ♦
my eyes from tears and my feet from falling.
- 8 I will walk before the Lord ♦
in the land of the living.

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Welcome to the Benefice of St Mary's Newmarket with St Agnes' Exning FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY Year B (according to the Common Worship Lectionary) 12 September 2021

READINGS

NO EVENSONG

09.45 Mass (St Mary's)

Psalm 116.1-8

James 3:1-12

Mark 8:27-end

COLLECT: God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit
upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:
grant that your people may be fervent
in the fellowship of the gospel
that, always abiding in you,
they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;
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.

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