

## FOR PRAYER

SICK AND SHUT-IN: Debbie, Alan, Olive, Bryan, Wendy, Margaret, Pamela, Cindie, Marlene, Georgina, Caroline, Sybil, Stuart, Ruby, Lynne, Jean, Colin, Jenny, Graham, Roger, Ian, Liz, Brian.

DEPARTED: Donald, Doreen, William, Bill, Donna, Jake, Brenda.

ANNIVERSARIES: see the list in the magazine.

### PRAYERS FOR:

- Residents of George Lambton Avenue and Childwick House.
- The outcome of Israeli prime minister Naftali Bennett's official trip to neighbouring Egypt for talks with President Abdul Fattah al-Sisi in the Red Sea resort of Sharm el-Sheikh about regional issues, including ways to revive the Israeli-Palestinian peace process.

### Looking forward...

- **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 COMING (24 September), 2 pm**, then afterwards at King's (off the High Street). ALL WELCOME.

A BATTLE OF BRITAIN PRAYER: Gracious God, we have gathered on this Battle of Britain Sunday to give thanks once more for the liberty which that Battle preserved for us and the world. We remember with gratitude the dedication and heroism of members of the Canadian, British and Allied Air Forces. We remember their successors; our colleagues now engaged in many parts of the world and pray that you would watch over them. We pray for our Air Force, that its power and skill may always be used to safeguard justice and peace through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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## NOTICES

**TODAY, Battle of Britain Sunday** will be celebrated in customary style at an All-Age Eucharist, at St Mary's, 9.45 am. We warmly welcome members of ATC 2417

Newmarket Squadron, both staff and cadets. They will process with their standard, and participate in the service. All things being equal, coffee will be served after the service

**TODAY is also Stables Sunday** (a well-established festival in Newmarket's ecclesiastical calendar), and in its honour St Agnes will be 'doing church' a bit differently today. Instead of a church service, St Agnes' church community are hospitably hosting 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 Harvest Lunch.** Sunday 3 October in the Turner Hall. 12.30 for 1 pm. Gifts of tinned and packet goods for Open Door would be much appreciated. Please book by 26 September. Tickets £10 per person from Janet Ramsay-Helie (603489) or Val Goodchild (664467).

**NIFF Gathering Afternoon last Sunday**, 12 noon until 4 pm, in the Turner Hall. Big thanks to Alan Shand and the catering team from St Mary's for hosting this 'rainbow of faiths' get-together: relaxed, wide-ranging talks and discussion organised by Newmarket Inter-Faith Forum. Plus: the food, all vegetarian (excellent soup, curry, and much more), was greatly appreciated by our hungry visitors. Despite competition from other events around the town, a plentiful audience did dip in and out of this event, and learnt much in a short time about all sorts of faith-based activities.

**Suffolk Historic Churches Trust (SHCT).** Last Saturday, Dr Rupert Wace, boldly and well-sponsored, cycled to Clare and checked in at 14 churches in aid of SHCT and St Agnes: 14 churches represents a lot of ground covered, energy expended - and (possibly) Kendal mint-cake consumed.

Last Sunday, Dr Simon Bailey, equally boldly (and also well sponsored), drove a classic car for St Agnes and SHCT, starting somewhere in Darkest Suffolk, taking in 6 churches along his prearranged route, and finishing in Lavenham. Thank you, Rupert and Simon, for your respective outings in aid of two immensely worthwhile causes. The total of monies raised will be announced in due course.

In aid of St Mary's, Colin Almond, a member of St Mary's Monday evening and Evensong Sunday congregation, strode around half-a-dozen churches between Newmarket. Moulton and Dalham, starting at St Mary's, 10 am Saturday. Thanks to you also, Colin, for thinking of us.

**Tomorrow** sees the re-commencement of **St Mary's Monday Evening Communion:** 7 pm.

**Next Sunday: Landwade St Nicholas Evensong:** Sunday 26 September, 3 pm. Guest preacher: Fr Melvyn Skelton.

**St Mary's PCC meets after Mass**, in church, **TOMORROW (20 September)**: 7.30 pm

**St Mary's Gift Day and Patronal Festival.** A big thank you for all your donations from the faithful towards the work of St Mary's, which so far top the **£2k** mark: more precise information anon.

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:** October's Meeting on Friday 1st will feature well-known historian of Newmarket, Peter Norman, as the speaker, 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 still apply in BOTH our churches. We will:

1. Still wear face masks.
2. Continue to sanitise hands on entry and exit.
3. Try to maintain social distancing as best we can.
4. Continue with good ventilation.
5. Not have physical contact when passing the peace.
6. Holy Communion will continue to be administered in one kind. *Fr John.*

## Sixteenth Sunday After Trinity Year B (according to the Common Worship Lectionary)

### BATTLE OF BRITAIN SUNDAY

19 September 2021

READINGS

NO EVENSONG

**09.45 Mass (St Mary's)**

**11.15 Matins at St Agnes'**

The Book of Wisdom 1:16-2:1,12-22

James 3:13-4:3,7-8a

Mark 9:30-37

HYMNS: See the service sheet.

COLLECT: O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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.

**PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU DON'T LINGER AFTER SERVICE, FOR COVID SECURITY REASONS. YOU ARE ALSO RESPECTFULLY REQUESTED TO OBSERVE PROTOCOLS OF MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING IN CHURCH UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

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





