

FOR PRAYER

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DEPARTED: Stephen Carney, Rowena Taylor.

MAGAZINE: Due to the Sign (the magazine insert) having ceased publication in December 2021, the January issue of the Benefice newsletter or magazine will not appear. We're looking into possible alternatives to replace the Sign. (As they say, this is quite possibly a 'sign of the times' in this increasingly digitised time).

PRAYERS FOR...

- Staff at outlets in Studlands Retail Park, Oak Drive
- Residents and staff of Kingfisher House, Exning Road
- Joe Root and England's cricketers, struggling in Australia
- Family of Heidar Ghorbani, falsely convicted of the murder of three people linked to Iran's elite Revolutionary Guard Corps and executed at Sanandaj prison in north-western Iran on Sunday.
- Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe, languishing for her sixth Christmas in an Iranian prison; her husband, Richard, and daughter Gabriella

THANKS FOR...

- Excellent service from our local hoteliers and restaurateurs

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER: Lord God,
the bright splendour whom the nations seek:
may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light
discern the glory of your presence in your Son,
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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NOTICES

Big thanks to our cleaners and flower arrangers at both St Mary's and St Agnes' for bringing the churches fully up to standard for the festive season. They both looked beautiful through the Christmas season, and still look lovely in time for the Three Kings' arrival from far-away Persia (or do I mean Iran?). Let's give them a welcome to Royal Newmarket.

St Mary's church will be hosting Evensong for Epiphany on Sunday 2 January, 6.30pm. Our thanks again to Elizabeth Klingaman for gathering the choir and seeing to the seasonal music.

Website information regarding donations towards **Christian Aid's current work in Afghanistan** can be found at: [Afghanistan: our response - Christian Aid](#)

Bury Women's Refuge: Gift Box. Many thanks to St Mary's contributors for filling the usual Mothers' Union Gift Box with small presents for the residents of the Refuge. Just as usual. Lynnette Tonge took this over to Bury on Wednesday before Christmas after Morning Communion. All contributions were gratefully received.

A new face at the front...*Dr Tony White writes* that he's now two thirds of the way through training as an LLM with Ely Diocese and needs to arrange a placement for himself in a different environment from the group of small rural parishes (the Cheveley Group) with which I am associated. He continues: 'I wonder if there is any possibility of my undertaking a placement at St Marys' preferably in March 2022? St Mary's would seem ideal for me, as a larger semi-urban church with a different Anglican tradition to my own. The placement would normally involve four Sundays and whatever weekday activities can be managed and are appropriate. Mostly it would be as observer, but some involvement in services and possibly preaching are also expected.' I have said a big Yes to Tony, who will be joining the team at St Mary's, probably from the Sunday before Lent through the month of March.

A note on **Food Bank Needs.** *Dr Tony White writes:* Toothpaste, Toilet rolls Fray Bentos meat pies and canned meals such as chilli con carne, stews which can be simply heated up and served with vegetables, rice or pasta Tinned vegetables (not tomatoes), Tinned fruit, Tinned rice pudding Tinned or instant custard, Pasta sauces, Small packs of rice Small jars of instant coffee, Small packs of 'normal' tea bags,UHT semi-skimmed milk.

As before we have a super-abundance of some items so please avoid: Pasta (please no more!), Baked beans, Soups, Cereals, Tinned tomatoes. Thank you so much for continued support. May your Advent be blessed preparation for welcoming our Saviour this Christmas.

LOOKING FORWARD...

- **St Agnes' Patronal Festival** will be celebrated at St Agnes' (obviously), in the context of a Joint Benefice celebration of Mass, on Sunday 30 January

Covid protocols in our churches.

1. The wearing of face masks is **mandatory** at all times.
2. Please continue to sanitise hands on entry and exit.
3. Please try to maintain social distancing as best you can.
4. We will continue with good ventilation.
5. We will not have physical contact when passing the peace.
6. Holy Communion will continue to be administered in one kind.

- Psalms** 1 Give the king your judgements, O God, ♦
and your righteousness to the son of a king.
- 2 Then shall he judge your people righteously ♦
and your poor with justice.
- 3 May the mountains bring forth peace, ♦
and the little hills righteousness for the people.
- 4 May he defend the poor among the people, ♦
deliver the children of the needy and crush the oppressor.
- 5 May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, ♦
from one generation to another.
- 6 May he come down like rain upon the mown grass, ♦
like the showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall righteousness flourish, ♦
and abundance of peace
till the moon shall be no more.
- 8 May his dominion extend from sea to sea ♦
and from the River to the ends of the earth.
- 9 May his foes kneel before him ♦
and his enemies lick the dust.
- 10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute; ♦
the kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring gifts.
- 11 All kings shall fall down before him; ♦
all nations shall do him service.
- 12 For he shall deliver the poor that cry out, ♦
the needy and those who have no helper.
- 13 He shall have pity on the weak and poor; ♦
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.
- 14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, ♦
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.
- 15 Long may he live; unto him may be given gold from Sheba; ♦
may prayer be made for him continually
and may they bless him all the day long.

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Welcome to the Benefice of St Mary's Newmarket with St Agnes' Exning Year C (according to the Common Worship Lectionary)

THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY (transferred) Sunday 2 January 2022

- 8:00 am Early Mass (St Mary's)**
9:45 am Sung Mass (St Mary's)
11.15 am Parish Communion (St Agnes')
18:30 pm Evensong (St Mary's)

READINGS (Common Worship)

Isaiah 60.1-6
Psalm 72.[1-9]10-15
Matthew 2.1-12

READINGS (Common Prayer)

Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12

HYMNS FOR ST MARY'S SUNG MASS:

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EVENSONG READINGS

Psalm 100
Isaiah 60.1-9
John 2.1-11

COLLECT

O God,
who by the leading of a star
manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:
mercifully grant that we,
who know you now by faith,
may at last behold your glory face to face;
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.

