

FOR PRAYER

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DEPARTED: Stephen Carney.

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). For February, a slimmed-down 'newsletter' version will be available, all being well. Maybe by March something more bulky will be back on view.

PRAYERS FOR...

- Fr Mark Haworth, diocesan eco-adviser
- The work of A Rocha and the Eco Church project: visit [A Rocha UK – Caring for God's Earth](#) if you want to get involved
- Residents and staff of Gracewell Manor Care Home, Kentford

THANKS FOR...

- Excellent service from our supermarket staff around Newmarket town during the busy busy Christmas season.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER:

O Lord of all time and eternity,
who in the baptism of Jesus thy beloved Son
didst open the heavens
and didst reveal thyself as Father:
by the power of thy Spirit
make perfect the heavenly work of our rebirth
through the waters of the new creation;
through 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 looked 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 hosted 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, and helping to ensure that the service was both reverent and fun.

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 he's 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 Parish Communion (as it is always

known at St Agnes'), on Sunday 30 January. We look forward to welcoming our cathedral dean, the Very Revd Joe Hawes, to preach.

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.

- Psalm 29** 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven, ◆
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name; ◆
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; ◆
the God of glory thunders; ◆
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation; ◆
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; ◆
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf ◆
and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning; ◆
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; ◆
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe ◆
and strips the forests bare; ◆
in his temple all cry, 'Glory!'
- 9 The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood; ◆
the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.
- 10 The Lord shall give strength to his people; ◆
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

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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 BAPTISM OF CHRIST Sunday 9 January 2022

8:00 am Early Mass (St Mary's)
9:45 am Sung Mass (St Mary's)
11.15 am Mattins (St Agnes')

READINGS (Common Worship)

Isaiah 43.1-7
Psalm 29
Luke 3.15-17,21-22

READINGS (Common Prayer)

Romans 12.1-5
Luke 2.41-end

HYMNS FOR ST MARY'S SUNG MASS:

56 (Introit)
55 (Gradual)
52 (Offertory)
276 (Communion)
467 (Recessional)

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.

