

Forward Diary

Next Sunday - 3rd August (Trinity 7)

9.30am Parish Eucharist
11.00am Elevenses
1.30pm Holy Baptism
6.00pm Service of Healing and Wholeness

Sunday 10th August 9.30am Confirmation Service with
re-commissioning of Elders
3.00pm First World War Centenary
Commemoration Service
Tuesday 19th August Parish trip to St Mary at Stoke, Ipswich
Friday 19th Sept 7.30pm Town Pastors Quiz Night
Saturday 22nd Nov 3.00pm Deanery Songs of Praise service in
Haverhill to celebrate the centenary
Sunday 23rd Nov 3.30pm Centenary Evensong at the Cathedral

Notices

Domestic cleaning services:

All aspects of domestic cleaning taken on. Flexible hours and competitive rates, Police checked and can provide references. Please speak to Paula, 07704 924847

There will now be **no choir practice** until September 3rd

Weekly Worship:

Parish Eucharist at 9.30am on Sundays
And **Elevenses Church** on 1st Sunday of the month at 11.00am,
Service of Healing and Wholeness on 1st Sunday of the month at 6.00pm

Eucharist at 9.30am Wednesdays, and 9.15am Fridays and Saturdays
Café Church 12.00noon on Fridays
Coffee served in church 10.00am to 12.00noon on Fridays and Saturdays

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Trinity 6



This Week

Holiday Club Monday to Friday mornings (10.00-12.30) this week - please note the altered times of Wednesday and Friday Eucharists

Tuesday 29th 7.30pm Ministry Team Meeting
Wednesday 30th **9.00am Eucharist**
2.30pm Bowls Club
No Choir Practice until 3rd September
Thursday 31st 7.30pm Bowls Club
Friday 1st **9.00am Eucharist**
10.00am Refreshments served until 12.00noon
12.00noon **Café Church**
Saturday 2nd 9.15am **Eucharist**
10.00am Baptism and Wedding bookings until 11.30;
refreshments served until 12.00noon

Please Pray For:

Sick - Brian Thomas, Joan Walton, Sheila Basham, Mandy Lean, Gill Glazebrook, Margaret Stary, Dot Tweddle, Cora Nuttall, Roy Ager, Steve McCabe, Michael Wheatley, Kay Morgan, Wayne Hillman, Jessica Johnston, Ryan Keys, Audrey Pickering, Joseph Kerezsi, Samantha McMurray, Mrs. Finn, George, Geoffrey

Departed - Jim Guinivan, Gordon Woods, Joyce Apps, May Bacon, Carole Burrows, John Bartram, Joan Marsh, **and all whose year's mind fall at this time**

Opening Hymn: 259 - Hail to the Lord's anointed

Collect: Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 29:15-28

Laban said to Jacob, 'Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?' ¹⁶Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, 'I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.' Laban said, 'It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.' So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. Then Jacob said to Laban, 'Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.'

So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, 'What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?' Laban said, 'This is not done in our country giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years.' Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

New Testament Reading: Romans 8:26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Second Hymn: 590 - Seek ye first the kingdom of God

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

When the reading is announced: **Glory to you, O Lord**

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.' He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ**

Offertory Hymn: 32 - And can it be that I should gain

The collection will be taken during this hymn

Eucharistic Prayer: B - page 22 in the red service book

If you are used to receiving Communion in your own church, of any denomination, you are welcome to receive here at St Mary's. If you do not usually receive Communion, or you would prefer not to today, you can come to the altar for a personal blessing if you wish. Babies and children are also invited to receive a blessing. We will use both the Lady Chapel Altar and High Altar during the distribution. You are welcome to stand to receive Communion or a blessing if that is more helpful.

Communion Hymn: 622 - Sweet sacrament divine

Final Hymn: 233 - God, the source and goal of being

You are warmly invited to stay for coffee after the service