



# The View

*Parish Magazine of  
St Mary with St Peter,  
Bury St Edmunds*



## August 2018

### La Reine Blanche

Adventurers!



**We're going on an adventure!**

**Come and join us!**

**Loads to do and great fun!**

Fancy a week that will change your life???

Or at least enrich it beyond your expectations!!!

Adventurers Parish Holiday Club will be happening from 28 – 31 August, with a special event on Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

If you have children or grandchildren who would like to attend the holiday club, or if you have friends / neighbours with children, please go on to our website for a booking form or contact the Parish Office.



Here's a date for your diaries! Author Sarah Bryson (*above*) has researched the life of Mary Tudor using primary sources – letters, and state papers – to get a much clearer view of her than we have previously had.

Sarah will be in St Mary's Church on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> August at 7:00 pm to tell Mary Tudor's story for the first time using her own words. This will be followed by a question and answer session and an opportunity for her to sign copies of the book.

*La Reine Blanche* is available from all good bookshops and direct from the publishers, Amberley Publishing. The hardback edition costs £20.00.

## Parish Giving Scheme



The Church of England has recently introduced a direct-debit based donation scheme, called The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS). The purpose of this is to help parishes encourage their congregations to commit to regular giving. The Finance Committee of St Mary's has examined the scheme but following detailed consideration, decided not to adopt the scheme. The reasons for this were: (a) all donations are taken from donor accounts on the first day of the month, which may not suit all donors, and (b) a separate accounting scheme would be necessary to record cash donations, whereas the current system used by St Mary's records all donations by registered members.

Below is an extract from a letter sent out with annual statements to all who give in a planned way at St Mary's, whether by weekly envelopes or bank standing order.

*One aspect of the PGS that the committee did think worthwhile was that it encouraged members to agree to their donations being increased by the rate of inflation. The effect of inflation means that for every £10 given a decade ago, St Mary's needs £12.40 in 2018 and we are therefore writing to ask you if you would consider increasing your giving by 2% this year to match the inflationary increases that the church is subject to. We appreciate that not everyone will be able to afford to do so and appreciate that many members already give very sacrificially to the work of the church, for which we are very grateful but if you are in a position to increase your giving we would be very grateful if you could do so.*

St Peter's DCC has made a similar decision about the Parish Giving Scheme and if you regularly give by standing order at St Peter's, or if you give in cash on to the plate or into the basket at either church, could we ask you to consider if your giving has kept up with inflation?

If you would like further information on this subject then please do speak, in confidence, to Robin Goodchild at St Mary's or Barbara Unwin at St Peter's.

### **St Mary's Parish Supporter**

You are probably aware that the second set of interviews for a new incumbent will be on September 26<sup>th</sup>. The sharp-eyed among you will have noticed that, while Dorothy Haile remains our Parish Representative, the Parish supporter is no longer me!

As it happens, Carol and I will be on holiday on September 26<sup>th</sup>, so I am unable to attend the interview. I therefore stood down as supporter and I am deeply grateful to Virginia Dean for stepping into the breach! (I should add that St Mary's DCC has voted unanimously for this change of personnel.)

It was a privilege for me to be involved in the recruitment process, as well as a considerable learning experience!

Dorothy and Virginia, and Ian and John will be in my prayers as they shortlist and interview.

*Nigel Beeton*

Could I ask for copy for the September edition of the View to be sent electronically to Jackie or myself by 4pm on Tuesday August 14<sup>th</sup>, please? If you prefer paper copy, that's fine, but I won't visit my pigeonhole after Sunday August 12<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks!

## Humorous View



A summer holiday visiting old ruins was just the thing to put the vicar's leaky roof problems into perspective

will be the natural fruit of that believing-work.

Believe in Jesus –

That's it!

*By Daphne Kitching*

## Farewell to Laurence & Hannah Smith.

Many of you will be aware that Laurence & Hannah will be leaving us on 12 August. Laurence will be taking up his first incumbency at St James, Woodley, near Reading, in September. We are collecting over the next few weeks for a farewell gift. If you would like to contribute, please place your gift in an envelope marked 'Gift for Laurence & Hannah' and place in the collection plate at either church. Laurence's last service in the parish will be on 12 August and we will be marking this occasion with special prayers and a presentation at both the 9:30 and the 11am services. Please do join us if you can.

## What must we do?

*(John 6:28-29)*

Rushing,  
serving on this committee or that,  
attending courses, meeting to pray,  
committed to study  
and give thanks for each day.

Trying so hard,  
trying so hard,  
longing to get it right for you, Lord.  
How can we know what we must do?

*Stop trying,  
stop doing,  
stop stressing.  
Be still and believe.*

The whole work of God  
is to believe in the one He has sent,  
then thoughts, words and actions

**Talk by author Sarah Bryson**  
**St. Mary's Church**  
Having arrived from her home in Australia  
**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> August**  
**St Mary's Church from 7.00 pm**  
**THE STORY OF MARY TUDOR TOLD**  
**THROUGH HER OWN WORDS FOR THE FIRST TIME**

**La Reine**  
Mary Tudor,  
A Life in  
Letters  
**Blanche**  
SARAH BRYSON

**Talk ★ Book Signing ★ Q & A Session**