

M ST MARY'S MENDLESHAM

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WORSHIP

SUNDAYS: 9.30 am: Parish Mass

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First Mass of Sunday:

Friday 4th Oct: 9.30 am;

Saturdays 12th, 19th, 26th Oct:
10.00 am

Weekday Mass: offered every day.

For times, see calendar on church website and church noticeboard.

For pastoral visits, Marriage, Baptism (Christening), etc- contact Fr Philip.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: see church website & noticeboard.

You are welcome to any of our services, as are your children.

EVERY TUESDAY COFFEE & CAKE

10.00-12.00 in church.

No Charge, but donations welcome to Friends of St Mary's. **ALL WELCOME**



Sun 6th Oct: 9.30 Sung Mass & blessing of blankets, toiletries and good clothing for homeless people in Norwich cared for by St Martin's Housing Trust

Sun 13th Oct: Harvest Thanksgiving 9.30 Sung Mass & Blessing of donated Harvest produce for those cared for by St Martin's Housing Trust, Norwich

Mon 14th Oct: 2.30pm monthly healing service

Sun 27th Oct: Dedication Festival 9.30 Sung Mass and blessing of Friends of St Mary's boxes

Please give generously. The current leaks in the nave roof will cost at least £1500 to repair.

Thur 31st Oct: 6.30pm Sung Mass of All Saints (All Hallows' Eve) + shared party

Fr Philip Writes

In the miracle of the Feeding of the 5,000 Jesus took the 5 loaves presented by a boy and gave thanks for them (*John 6 v 1-15*). There are many lessons to learn from this, not least that it is a miracle of generosity which should encourage us to be generous. The boy gave what he had and Jesus saw that each person got as much as he or she needed, yet still 12 basketsful were left over. Generosity should have a place in the life of every Christian. This is not just about giving things, but also about giving ourselves – our time, energy and love.

Harvest Thanksgiving reminds us to be generous and there are several opportunities to us to do this right here.

1. We can support our food bank for those in need locally. The red boxes just inside the church door are emptied regularly by representatives from the **Stowmarket Foodbank** but they are always grateful to receive even more.
2. We can support **St Martin's Housing Trust**, helping homeless and vulnerable people in Norwich. Please bring bedding, good clothing or toiletries to be blessed on 6th Oct and food (tins, packets, jars, vegetables or long-life fruit etc.) to be blessed on 13th October and to be taken later that day to Norwich.

I frequently hear people grumble that money is tight but most of us are so much better off than many others. Mother Teresa of Calcutta told how once she came across a Hindu family in India who had not eaten for several days. She took a small quantity of rice and gave it to the family, but what happened next surprised her. Immediately the mother divided the rice into two parts and took one half to the family living next door – which happened to be a Muslim family. Seeing this, she turned to the mother and asked: **“How much will you have left over? Aren't there enough of yourselves to feed?”**

The woman simply replied: **“But they haven't eaten for days either!”**
“That,” said Mother Teresa, **“takes greatness.”**

The mother's greatness consisted of being able to look beyond her own need. Jesus says to us: **“I was hungry and you did (or did not) feed me... what you did to the least of my brothers and sisters, you did to me.”**

May we look beyond our own needs and give generously this Harvest.

Friday 11th October 7.00 pm

'Fytt for thy degree: Clothing and arming the Typical Tudor man'



Online Talk on Zoom by Ninya Mikhaila with Dr Tobias Capwell. Hosted by the Medieval Dress and Textile Society (MEDATS)

Tickets £5

Order via the MEDATS site:

<https://www.medats.org.uk/events/fytt-for-thy-degree/>

(see St Mary's website for further details.)

Ninya is an expert who makes authentic Tudor clothes for films, TV and major museums.

Toby is a leading authority on armour and former armourer at the Wallace Collection.

We are indebted to Ninya and Toby for generously offering all profits to the Mendlesham Armoury Facelift Project