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Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

21 April 1926 - 8 September 2022

*Gracious God, we give thanks
for the life of your servant Queen Elizabeth,
for her faith and her dedication to duty.
Bless our nation as we mourn her death
and may her example continue to inspire us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

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Fr Mark Stafford writes

It is with great sadness that the Church and its people reflect on the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. As we listened to the speeches made and memorials given, a common theme was that her life was well lived. A life where she worked tirelessly to promote good will and seeking the common good for all her subjects.

Queen Elizabeth II has been a constant character in the story of my life. I have watched her family grow and shared with them in the joys and sorrows of life. I have memories of play stopping on Christmas Day to watch the Queen, of comparing her hats to the ones worn by my Gran, watching Royal weddings and sadly funerals too.

One of the things that has always shocked and amazed me is the way that the Royal family are expected to manage grief in the public arena and also adapt to change. I often reflect on how many emotions must be experienced by the royals, especially the one who will be crowned, when the words “the Queen is dead, long live the King” are first heard?

But humanity is resilient and it's amazing how quickly we adapt and adjust our lives to accommodate new things and how quickly we build them into our daily lives.

In a time when things are changing rapidly and there is a lot of uncertainty, it is important that we try and find a rhythm to life.

For many attending, Church offers a safe place, a place of calm and grounding. Unfortunately, for some, attending Church can be difficult. Some of you join me in the morning at 9am for morning prayer on Facebook and have found this helpful in creating a rhythm. I was talking to one of our neighbours and for her, listening to the Archers, gives rhythm to life. For others, it may be watching the news or listening to the calming rhythms of the shipping forecast.

I find that the daily rhythm of prayer offers me a great sense of calm. I also gain a feeling of rootedness when using the order of service from 1662. I am reminded that for hundreds of years someone has said these words, they have been used in times of conflict, times of peace, they have brought comfort to the nation in all manner of situations and still do.

It is important that we all develop our sense of rootedness so that when the wind of change strike us we will have something to cling onto.

Finding things that offer us consistency when all else is at sea is important. What are your touching points that keep you grounded and on an even keel?

King Charles III is well known for his environmental

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concerns, his work with children and young people through the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme. During his first address as King, he pledged himself to the ongoing service of his subjects. I hope and pray that God will give him grace to continue to defend the rights and freedoms of the oppressed.

WHAT'S ON IN OCTOBER

We start the month with our annual "Day for All" on Saturday 1 October from 12 noon to 4.30pm. The theme of the day is '**Year of Jubilee Celebrations**'. At various times during the day, come and enjoy hearing St Mary's church bells, watching Ewell St Mary's Morris Men, petting two Jubilee Shetland ponies, cuddling rabbits, guinea pigs and other small animals, making a Jubilee-stained glass window or following the Mouse Trail. In addition to this there will be illustrated talks about the history of Nonsuch Palace and the workings of a beehive. You can bring along your dog for training in the churchyard. We're hoping to organise a fun dog show and musical sits. As always, dogs are welcome in church but remain the responsibility of their owner at all times. There's much more, Swap Shop, the Prayer Corner and the Prayer Walk. We celebrate the day with a short service at 5pm.

Our Bible Study Group continues on Tuesday 4 October for a further 3 weeks. Coffee is at 7.30pm for an 8pm start in the Parish Room. The theme for the course is a Christian response to environmental issues. If you would like to know more, please speak to the clergy.

On Tuesday 11 October at 1.05 pm, we continue our Bach Lunchtime Recitals.

You are invited to join us on Wednesday 12 October for our Church online zoom quiz. The link to join the quiz will be in the weekly notes nearer the date or you can email zoom@stmarysewell.com.

The ladies of the Church will be going out on Thursday 13 October for the second ladies' night out, this time to the Neapolitan Kitchen, Ewell. Please contact Lucy Stafford to book a place.

On Sunday 16 October, we will be welcoming Andy Adkins, CEO (UK) of A Rocha, "The Rock", the Christian Eco Charity, to speak at our 9.30am service of Holy Communion.

Simon Gregory returns to us on Saturday October 22 at 7.30pm with an entertaining organ concert playing popular favourites and a film improvisation.

On Saturday 29 October, St Mary's Church will be holding two memorial services for All Souls' Tide. There will be a said requiem at 12 noon and a Service of the Word at 4pm. During October there will be opportunity for you to add your departed loved ones' names to the list of those to be remembered at both services. The 4pm service of the word will be live streamed and also available to view on the Church Facebook page for one week following the service.

Apart from the items mentioned above, do check the Calendar on the back page to see the full list of services and events happening in October.

Every Blessing

Fr Mark

AV/SOUND DESK AT ST MARY'S

We are **urgently** seeking volunteers to learn how to operate our AV/sound desk and to join the team helping with livestreaming/videos at our services.

This is a vital part of our outreach so if you think you may be able to help, please contact the churchwardens.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

HOLY BAPTISM

Be Christ's faithful soldier and servant

28 August Belle Evelyn Hawkins

Ivy Francesca Young

4 September Archer Red Lee Griffiths

Clover Lily Griffiths

FUNERAL

In sure and certain hope (BCP Burial rite)

22 August Eileen Salisbury, aged 99

31 August Antony Knights, aged 85

8 September Ruth Susan Carnes, aged 58

Ashes Interment

31 August Brian Edward Mayhew, aged 72

OCTOBER CONCERTS AT ST. MARY'S

October 11 at 1.05 pm

Free Tuesday lunchtime Bach organ recital

Jonathan Holmes

Trio Sonata No 2 in C minor BWV 526

(1. Vivace, 2. Largo, 3. Allegro)

Fantasia and Fugue in G minor BWV 542

October 22 at 7.30 pm

'The Organist Entertains'

Simon Gregory

Popular favourites and a film improvisation

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

Save the date for St Mary's winter dinner on Saturday 3 December

Tickets cost £15 and will be on sale from early November

3 course dinner and seasonal entertainment

SEPTEMBER BRAINTEASER SOLUTION

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17 136

45 405

26 208

38 ???

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ST. MARY'S ON-LINE QUIZZES



We hold monthly on-line quizzes using Zoom. These have proved very popular and are fun for all the family, so why not join us?

Our next quiz will be Wednesday 12 October.

As always, you will need to register beforehand. You can use links provided in the Weekly Notes or you can also register by emailing

zoom@stmarysewell.com.

Prayers for October





- Romania
- Moldova
- Ukraine
- Bulgaria

JOIN US
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FAMILY & ELDERLY SHOEBOX APPEAL



This year, the climate all around the world seems to have been in turmoil. There have been times of drought, times of heatwave and wild-fires, and severe flooding. All affecting the quality and abundance of the harvest.

Creator God,

We bring before you our concerns for the world at this time of harvest. So many lives depend on a good harvest – farmers growing food for market, for feeding their livestock and themselves; all those in the work chain producing food to go to the shops for people to buy; all those worried by the rising prices and whether they will be able to put food on the table for their families. Lord, God, you created the world but have charged us with caring for it and nurturing it. Help us to be aware of the damage that we do, through ignorance and selfishness and help us to take responsibility for our own actions and not simply expect that someone will solve the many problems.

Lord, we give thanks for the seeds that have grown, the harvests that have been gathered, the storehouses that have been filled, and the mouths that have been fed. But, as we give our thanks, help us not to forget all those who struggle and so frequently go without. Help those of us who have plenty to share with those who are not so fortunate.

We bless you God of Seed and Harvest. Help us to bless each other that the beauty of this world and the love that created it might be expressed through our lives and be a blessing to others now and always. **AMEN**



OCTOBER 15 - 27

**Please don't forget...
and spread the news**

This year, St Mary's will be supporting the LINK TO HOPE SHOEBOX APPEAL which is UK based and has been sending shoe box gifts to Ukraine, Romania, Moldova, and Bulgaria since 1992. It isn't just about gifts to children either, but whole families and isolated elderly people. This year, with so many living under the threat of war coming to their homes, these gifts are needed more than ever.

Check out the charity's website at
<https://linktohope.co.uk/shoebox-appeal-2022>.

With all the cost-of-living rises, everyone is stretched so why not put together a box or two with other members of your family or with your neighbours or a group of friends? Every box that we send off in October will be bringing a glimmer of hope to people who are even worse off.

Pick up a leaflet from the back of church, or find out all you need to know by going to the charity's website shown above.

St Mary's will be a drop off point for all your filled boxes. Drop them off to us on:

Saturday, October 15 10am-12pm,
 Saturday, October 22 10am - 12pm,
 Monday, October 24 2.30 - 4.40pm,
 Thursday, October 27 2.30 - 4.30pm,

or bring them along and join us for one of our church services on Sunday October 16, 23 or 30.

Any problems? Please contact the Parish Office tel: 020 8393 2643

PLEASE NOTE: Shoe box gifts will be collected from church during the week commencing October 31, so don't be late! Many thanks.

Linda Staff

ICE CREAM SUNDAYS

We hosted our first of two Ice Cream Sundays at the end of July. It was an exceedingly hot day, and also the day of the ladies football final and the Grand Prix which may have explained why some of the booked attendees failed to show. However, that did not deter us from having an excellent afternoon! With the aid of our willing helpers we produced a fun afternoon for the children and parents alike. We started the afternoon with some action songs and then moved onto our planned craft activities. We made pinecone bird feeders using peanut butter and bird seed (and cleaned pine cones of course) – this went down very well with everyone and soon the parents were getting stuck in too and seemed delighted to be able to be creative. Next, we got the parachute out and did some games followed by painting using bubble wrap which was fun and once again the parents and helpers got involved. By this time, we were all extremely warm and so it was all about the ice cream. Ice cream with syrup and sprinkles along with ice lollies were liberally distributed and gave us all a chance to have a breather. We finished the afternoon with some summer themed colouring pages for the children to do here or take away. A good time was had by all.

Our second Ice Cream Sunday was held at the end of August – the weather this time was perfect. Once again, helpers were in abundance and we had a good number of children come along – some returners from the first session which was good to see. We followed a similar routine, but this time we created pebble people using pens and googly eyes and we decorated biscuits which the children particularly enjoyed as they tended to alternate popping one sweet on the biscuit and one into their mouths!

I must say that the existence of Daisy, the vicarage cat was a big draw as well as our climbing frame and amazing garden, which meant that the children could also have a play and a run around between activities.

A great time was had by all – and Mark and I sat down with a very large cup of tea and put our feet up when everyone had departed.

Lucy Stafford

GIVING TO ST. MARY'S

If you would like to support St Mary's by regular giving, the easiest way to do this is through the Parish Giving Scheme, which is a simple and secure method for parishes to receive donations by direct debit. You can register for and administer your giving online here:

<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/ewell-st-mary-the-virgin-epsom/>

or you can use this QR code:



The scheme handles gift aid automatically and at no cost to St Mary's.

Existing members can amend their giving on-line at any time.

JAZZ ON THE LAWN



A sunny (but not too hot) day brought about 80 people to the vicarage to listen to Florrie Namur perform "Jazz on the Lawn". We were greeted by the tempting smell of barbecue (meat and vegetarian) and a glass of fizz and settled down to a relaxing afternoon, enjoying many original and old favourite songs. Florrie played and sang magnificently and her performance culminated in a mass rendition of the Beatles' "Hey Jude".



The barbecue was delicious and we are grateful to those who manned the fire, and bar and helped with the preparation and clearing up for the event.



A very special "thank you" goes to Mark and Lucy for opening their home and garden once again. They were excellent hosts.

Jenny Dance

REPORT OF PCC MEETING 6 September

Fr Mark presented a paper which outlined the process for formulating St Mary's Mission Action Plan. A small group of members was formed to work on developing the plan further before bringing it back to the PCC at the next meeting in October.

The PCC ratified the decision of the Standing Committee to cease the filming and streaming of funerals due to possible contraventions of GDPR and music licences. However, families will still be able to film the services themselves, using their own equipment.

Members voted in favour of the clergy and the choir no longer having to take lateral flow tests prior to services. Following requests from the congregation, they also agreed that use of the chalice will be reintroduced in the near future.

A new, cheaper contract is being negotiated with BT, for a more efficient phone and Wi-fi system. It will make the internet more accessible within the body of the church whilst saving £600 a year.

The PCC agreed to Fr Mark going ahead with plans for a St Mary's blend of gin to be made by a company in Surbiton. This will then be sold in 'All Things Nice' as a fundraiser, hopefully in time for Christmas, beginning with Ewell Yule.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 31 October

Liz Divall, PCC Secretary

EIGHT HANDS ON TWO PIANOS

23 July 2022, Sarah Holmes, Jonathan Holmes, Simon Gregory and Matthew Burgess

How good it was, to see such a large audience this evening. Four accomplished musicians clearly relished the freedom – forbidden during the pandemic – to move around between our two concert grands in groups of two or four.

The opening number – *Otto Nicolai's* sparkling **Overture** to his opera '**The Merry Wives of Windsor**' – put pianos and pianists alike well and truly through their paces. It is interesting to note that the opera was first put on in Berlin in 1849, one year after our St. Mary's Church was built.

Madame Marie-Blanche de Polignac, who died in 1957, was a close friend of the French composer *Francis Poulenc*. Just how close the friends were, was shown in his deeply-felt **Elegie** for two pianos (four hands), dedicated to her memory. The next piece was far more extrovert in character. This was the **Prelude to Act 1 of 'The Mastersingers'**, the comic opera by *Wagner*. The music is made up of different tunes drawn from the opera. Wagner's skill at counterpoint – the art of combining a number of melodies at the same time – is such that it all sounds totally effortless. Another orchestral masterpiece, that sounded equally good on two pianos, was **Fantasy-Overture 'Romeo and Juliet'** by *Tchaikovsky*. Unlike the Nicolai Overture we heard just now, this piece was not written for a stage performance of the play. It is a concert piece that resulted from a collaboration between Tchaikovsky and a fellow Russian musician, Balakirev.

After the interval it was off to sunny Spain with *Emmanuel Chabrier*. In the 1870s Chabrier and his family spent a holiday there; it must have been a happy time for them all because the rhapsody **Espana** was the result. The folk melodies and rhythms sound authentic enough, yet they were all composed by the Frenchman. Next, music by a Spaniard, *Manuel de Falla* who achieved more success as a composer outside Spain than in his homeland. He was compelled to return there when the Great War broke out, and it was there that he wrote a ballet '**El amor brujo**' from which we heard the **Ritual Fire Dance** arranged for two pianos four hands. The name *Johann Sebastian Bach* is well known in Ewell for Jonathan's ongoing exploration of his vast organ repertoire. Today we heard another aspect of *Bach's* work, the **Chaconne** arranged for two pianos but originally composed for solo violin, the **Partita No.2 in D minor for solo violin, BWV 1004**. A Chaconne is a kind of dance, in which a tune stated at the outset is then restated in several variations. Bach's Chaconne theme is only four bars long and that enables him to write 64 variations on it. When *George Gershwin* died, he had not got around to arranging any kind of pot-pourri of tunes from **Porgy and Bess**. That job was left for others, among whom was Percy Grainger who, in 1951, arranged the opera for two pianos in the **Porgy and Bess Fantasy** which includes such famous numbers as "Summertime" and "I've Got Plenty of Nuttin".

Finally, all that was lacking were Benson's lyrics to sing, and flags to wave, for us to emulate The Last Night of the Proms. *Elgar's* inimitable **Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1** brought the evening to a memorable close.



ST. MARY'S ECO GROUP

ECO Tip from Nigel and Maria Bird. During the summer keep a 4 pint milk carton beside the kitchen sink. If you need to run the tap until hot run it into the carton and tip into a watering can outside the back door. They also told us about Splosh. (<https://www.splosh.com>), which is an online company which sells home essentials and by supplying refills avoids plastic waste.

ECO at St. Mary's Our Bible Study Group continues on 4 October for a further three weeks. Coffee is 7.30pm for an 8pm start in the Parish Room. The theme for the course is a Christian response to environmental issues. If you would like to know more, please speak to the clergy.

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ECO policy We are preparing an ECO policy for endorsement by the PCC. The policy is a top-level document that will make clear St. Mary's ongoing commitment to take practical action in caring for God's earth, addressing carbon emissions and reducing or eliminating waste. It will include consideration of worship and teaching; management of church buildings and land; community engagement; and lifestyle.

If you have an ECO tip, the Eco Group would love to hear from you. Please get in touch with Sue Ayling at: assistantpriest@stmarysewell.com or 020 8337 6347.

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OUR GUIDES & BROWNIES



Photo of Fr Mark with some of our guides and brownies taken after our Patronal Festival service on 11 September.

NEWS FROM THE BELFRY

We've followed a similar pattern to most other bell towers: a very slow resumption of ringing following the lockdowns, with most ringers eventually returning but some dropping out. We have two new ringers, Vanessa and Angela, but that still leaves us at least one down on a Sunday morning compared with pre-COVID.

When inspecting the bells last year to check that they were in a safe state to resume ringing, I discovered a battered old "Union Jack" flag, which had lain unnoticed for at least 30 years. It was in the crawl space between the ringing chamber (where the ringers stand and pull the ropes) and the bell chamber (where the bells are hung). Supposedly the flag is only a Union Jack if flown from a warship, otherwise it's a "Union Flag", but there's a lot of modern mythology around the subject, and I'm sure everyone knows what I mean!

The presence of a flag implies that there used to be a flagpole. Google found postcards from 1925 and 1955 showing a flagpole above the centre of the tower. Jeremy Harte of Bourne Hall Museum found a slide of 1962 showing it. The cover of the 1972 guide to the church does not show it though.

Does anyone know exactly when or why the flagpole came down? The pictures show it to have been about half of the height of the tower, so it can't have been very stable.

I'm also curious as to why the flag was a Union Jack not the flag of St. George. Church of England churches normally only fly the latter, except at times of national mourning, when the Union Jack is flown at half-mast (which apparently is defined as two-thirds of the way up, not half). So the death of the Duke of Edinburgh would have been one of the few occasions at which the Union Jack could have legitimately been flown.

A visiting ringer said that he'd seen a list of items of bellringing interest in various churches around the country, and apparently Ewell's claim to fame is supposed to be that it has three illustrated Victorian certificates for joining the local ringing associations. This was news to us! Two of these I also found in the crawl space, please see the pictures. If there is a third we have no idea where it is.

Besides COVID, there have been some mishaps. One of the peal boards fell down from the wall. It was dated 1894, the picture cord was unlikely to be that old but it

might well have been showing its age. Another peal board, for Queen Victoria's funeral, that was similarly hung was taken down as a precaution.

The sound control had also been problematic. On each of the four sides of the tower there are louvres to let out the sound of the bells but to keep the rain out. The top three quarters of the louvres are boarded up on the inside to deter neighbours from complaining about the noise of the bells.

The bottom quarters have sliding shutters, packed with insulation, which can be opened for services and closed for practices. This mechanism broke. Hopefully our second attempt at a DIY repair has worked – we managed to open the shutters for the wedding on August 13 – but if it breaks again we will need professional help. The shutters are a very Heath Robinson affair, and each of the four is constructed differently, using oddments of rope and wire.

Presumably the sound control was fitted when the bells were rehung in 1970, but there are no records or drawings of it. We only have the drawings of the new bellframe (iron girder work from which the bells hang), and quotes from the rival bellhangers, because a few years ago someone found them when clearing out their late father's attic and kindly posted them on to us. As far as we know the person hadn't been a ringer, but one of the many people who had generously given time and effort towards the fundraising for the rehanging.

Also, as far as I know, no records were made of the belfry (other than the bells themselves) before 1970. It is likely that the old bellframe would have been wooden. Recently a gentleman contacted me to say that he used to ring at Ewell in the 1960s, and that the tower had, in effect, been rotated

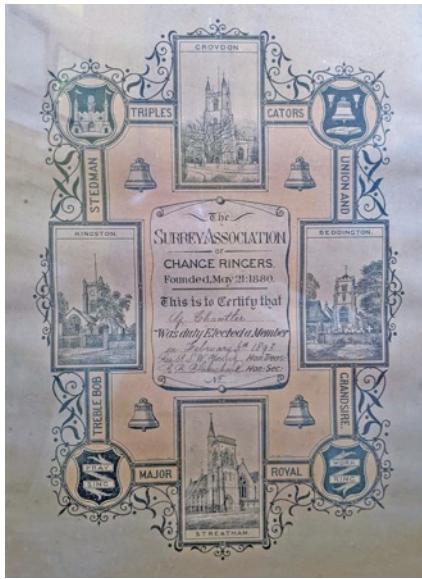
180 degrees in 1970, such that where the 1 bell was is now the 5 bell, where the 2 was is now the 6, and so on. It's only by chance that this history has been discovered.

If any of you would like to learn to ring, or are merely curious as to what goes on up in the tower, do let me know if you want to take a look.

Jeff Cousins (Tower Captain)
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PRAYER

Lord, keep your arm round my shoulder and your hand over my mouth



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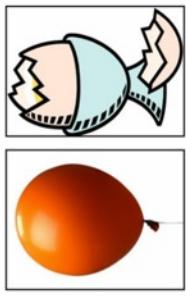
God was pleased with the tax collector's prayer!

The parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector

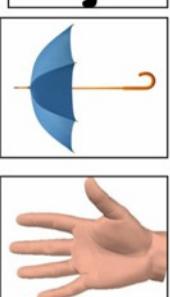
23 October 2022, the last Sunday after Trinity; Luke 18:9-14



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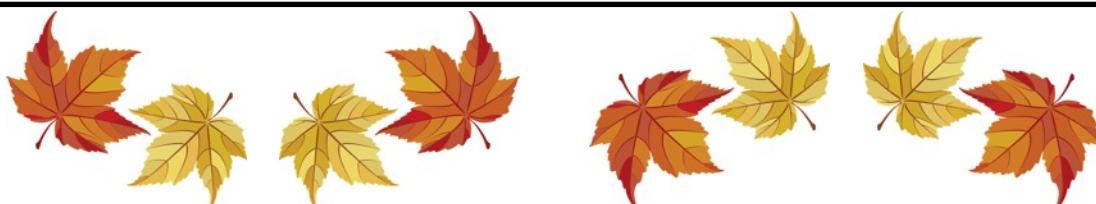
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Calendar for October



Morning Prayer will usually be celebrated at 0900 Monday to Saturday and shown online

- S 01 1200-1700 A Day for All (1730 Fish & Chip Supper)
- S 02 TRINITY 16**
- 0800 Said Holy Communion (Lady Chapel)
 - 0930 Harvest Festival (All-age Family Communion Service)
 - 1115 Morning Prayer and Holy Baptisms
- T 04 1000 Said Holy Communion (Lady Chapel)
- 2000 (Coffee 1930) Bible Study Group 'Caring for God's Creation' (Parish Room)
- Th 06 1000 St Mary's Toddler Group (Hall)
- S 09 TRINITY 17**
- 0800 Said Holy Communion (Lady Chapel)
 - 0930 Jesus and Me (JAM) (Hall then Church)
 - 0930 Sung Eucharist
 - 1115 Choral Mattins
- T 11 1000 Said Holy Communion (Lady Chapel)
- 1305 Lunchtime Bach Organ Recital
- 2000 (Coffee 1930) Bible Study Group 'Caring for God's Creation' (Parish Room)
- W 12 2000 Quiz on Zoom
- Th 13 1000 St Mary's Toddler Group (Hall)
- S 15 1000-1200 Link to Hope Shoebox Appeal collection
- S 16 TRINITY 18**
- 0800 Said Holy Communion (Lady Chapel)
 - 0930 Jesus and Me (JAM) (Hall then Church)
 - 0930 Sung Eucharist (Speaker Andy Adkins of A Rocha)
 - 1730 Choral Evensong
- T 18 1000 Said Holy Communion (Lady Chapel)
- 2000 (Coffee 1930) Bible Study Group 'Caring for God's Creation' (Parish Room)
- Th 20 1000 St Mary's Toddler Group (Hall)
- 1445 Bereavement Café (Hall)
- S 22 1000-1200 Link to Hope Shoebox Appeal collection
- 1130 Holy Baptisms
 - 1930 Organ Concert by Simon Gregory
- S 23 TRINITY 19**
- 0800 Said Holy Communion (Lady Chapel)
 - 0930 Sung Eucharist
 - 1115 Morning Prayer and Holy Baptisms
- M 24 1430-1640 Link to Hope Shoebox Appeal collection
- T 25 1000 Said Holy Communion (Lady Chapel)
- Th 27 1430-1630 Link to Hope Shoebox Appeal collection
- S 29 1200 All Souls' Said Requiem Eucharist
- 1600 All Souls' Service of the Word
- S 30 4TH BEFORE ADVENT**
- 0800 Said Holy Communion (Lady Chapel)
 - 0930 Jesus and Me (JAM) (Hall then Church)
 - 0930 Sung Eucharist
- M 31 1930 PCC Meeting

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