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Fr Mark Stafford writes

In 1966 the Beatles released the song "Paperback writer". In 1968 the Bee Gees had a hit with the song "Words", and in 1987 Alison Moyet released her cover version of "Love Letters". It seems that popular culture is obsessed with the need to communicate.

This need to communicate runs deeper than this, babies become fractious and frantic as they try and make their parents and carers understand what they need, teenagers constantly complain that "they are not understood", the water fountain in most offices is alive with the noise of chatter and gossip - We LOVE to communicate. There is something primeval about the need within us to express ourselves, to be understood and to understand.

Language is the foundation on which most other things are built, if you want to frustrate a project, then muddy the lines of communication. This was amply demonstrated at the Tower of Babel. Equally, if you are to gain advantage in a competition, campaign, or war, it is helpful if you can infiltrate your opponent's communications.

Communication is fundamental to building relationships and creating understanding, as I am sure we know communication is much more than the spoken and the written word.

Ray Birdwhistell, an American anthropologist, has suggested that non-verbal communication accounts for 60-70 percent of human communication, others have suggested that the figure is much higher than this, estimating it to make up 93 percent of our communications. This non-verbal component of communications was further broken down into body language (55 percent) and tone of voice (38 percent).

Whether we believe the stats or not, we can see that non-verbal communication is of significance in our understanding of one another and, unfortunately, one that is sadly missing from emails and other written communications.

For some time you have been reading weekly emails from me, some of which you may agree with, some you may find a little harder to approve of, some may have made you laugh and all hopefully helped you to think and stay connected with what's on at St Mary's.

The purpose of these emails is to keep us connected, to keep us in conversation. Communication is the building block of community, and we are a community.

Emails are great in some ways, but they lack that vital component of communication, the non-verbal. Non-verbal communication is like punctuation, without it, sometimes things can become misconstrued. "Let's eat, Grandma" is far less alarming than "Let's eat grandma"!

So, why not come and join us and share in our conversation of faith. We would love to meet you and have a full and proper conversation with you!

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WHAT'S ON IN JULY?

25 years of ministry celebration After the 9.30am service on 2 July Sue Ayling invites everyone to join her in Ewell Hall to celebrate her 25 years of ordained ministry. No gifts, please. If you decide you'd like to make a donation, then please donate to The Surrey Wildlife Trust, thank you. (www.surreywildlifetrust.org/support-us/make-donation).

Lunch time Bach recital Come and join us at 13:05 on Tuesday 11 July for our lunch-time Bach recital followed by refreshments in the parish room.

Ewell Village Fair The big July event is of course Ewell Village Fair. It would be great to see as many of you as possible at the Fair. Lucy and I will be walking around and helping on various stalls and games throughout the day so please say hello. The Fair is on Saturday 15 July in the grounds of Glyn House on Church St, but there will also be musical events taking place in Church. We will be drawing the grand prize draw at the Fair too, so thank you to all who have purchased tickets for this. For more information please see page 9. Also there is lots of information in the fair programme. You can pick up a copy in church or you can download it from our website <https://www.stmarysewell.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/EVF-Programme-2023.pdf>.

July 22 7.30pm 'The Return of 8 Hands on 2 pianos' This extremely popular concert with Sarah Holmes, Matthew Burgess, Simon Gregory, and Jonathan Holmes features Simon's new arrangement of Glinka: 'Ruslan and Lyudmila' Overture. Come along and join us for this fantastic piano extravaganza.

St Mary's Curry Night Fancy a midweek Madras? If you would like to come for a curry on Wednesday 26 July please let me know and I will book us a table at Dhansiri, probably around 7:30pm.

Ice Cream Sundays during the school holiday we will be hosting two Ice Cream Sundays at the vicarage (weather permitting), 30 July and 13 August for children 0-7 years old, tickets will be available on Eventbrite shortly.

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

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We continue to seek 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, our clergy or John Larkin.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

HOLY BAPTISM

In the name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit

28 May Margot Elizabeth Rose
Pennington-Richens
Jayden Arthur Green

FUNERALS

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord

22 May Rosalie Marion Deer, aged 92
30 May Joan Valerie Rowland, aged 97

ST. MARY'S ON-LINE QUIZZES



Apart from a summer break, we hold monthly on-line quizzes using Zoom

These are very popular and fun for all the family. Why not join us?

Our next quiz will be in September.

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.

JULY CONCERTS

July 11 at 1.05 pm

Free Tuesday lunchtime Bach organ recital

Jonathan Holmes

July 22 at 7.30pm

The Return of 8 Hands on 2 pianos

This extremely popular concert with Sarah Holmes, Matthew Burgess, Simon Gregory, and Jonathan Holmes features Simon's new arrangement of Glinka: 'Ruslan and Lyudmila' Overture

Admission to the Saturday Concerts is a £10 suggested donation for over 18s. The Tuesday concerts are free and are followed by afternoon tea.

Every penny raised goes towards restoration of the Willis organ.



St Mary's

Toddler Group

Thursday mornings in term time

10-11.30 in Ewell Hall

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Prayers for July



Lord God,

Father, creator of all, thank you for summer!

Thank you for the warmth of the sun and increased daylight.

Thank you for the beauty I see all around me and for the opportunity to be outside enjoying your creation.

Thank you for increased time to be with my friends and family and for the more casual pace of the summer season.

Draw me closer to you this summer.

Teach me how I can pray no matter where I am or what I am doing.

Warm my soul with the awareness of your presence and light my path with your word and counsel.

As I enjoy your creation, create in me a pure heart and hunger and a thirst for you. **AMEN**

THE SWEET SMELL OF RAIN

Have you ever noticed the sweet, fresh smell after a downpour of rain? That 'smell of rain' is called petrichor, and it fascinates scientists.

It was back in 1965 that scientists first named it. Petrichor comes from the Greek for stone, 'petra', and the golden fluid flowing through the veins of the immortals, 'ichor'.

Petrichor is produced when raindrops form air pockets on the rocks and soil, and softly force the release of aromatic chemicals trapped there. Petrichor-scented compounds drift upwards into the atmosphere as a gas, like a glass of champagne.

The odour itself comes mainly from a chemical called geosmin, which is made by bacteria in soil. Geosmin is made by soil microbes, to fend off hungry worms. Geosmin is highly pungent, and even just five parts per trillion can be picked up by the human nose!

BACH AT ST. MARY'S

Jonathan Holmes

Tuesdays 7 March and 9 May

It is most gratifying to observe how audiences at these recitals have grown over the months. Thanks to Mavis and Sue for providing tea and their wonderful home-made refreshments.

One additional recital, not reviewed here, took place on 11 April.

During the course of these recitals, we have encountered Chorale-Preludes several times. They could aptly be described as the 'bread and butter' of Bach's work as a church organist. In his programme notes for 7 March, Jonathan included an analysis of the Preludes that Bach contributed to his 'Clavier-Ubung'. Some of these are quite monumental works, as we heard today in two 'Kyrie' Chorale-Preludes. That means they are based on the prayer 'Kyrie eleison' (Lord have mercy) with which we are familiar at Sunday's Sung Eucharist. **Kyrie, Gott, heiliger Geist, BWV 671** Bach's German title just means 'Lord, God the Holy Ghost have mercy upon us.' **Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam, BWV 684** 'Christ our Lord came to the River Jordan' (to be baptized by John). Bach is never averse to a play on words. Here, in his own surname Bach ('brook' in English), we could hear the sound of babbling water in the music for the right hand.

One of Bach's organ masterpieces is the **Passacaglia and Fugue in C minor, BWV 582**. We have heard many fugues; how about a Passacaglia? Briefly, it is much the same, though on a grander scale, as what the English composer Henry Purcell called a Chaconne, or Ground Bass viz. a set of variations on a repeating pattern in the bass (pedals here), usually of between four and eight bars' length. Bach's youthful Passacaglia is a stupendous composition.

Turning to **Tuesday 9 May**, two large-scale works framed a variety of 'Schuebler' Chorale-Preludes, **BWV 645-650**. We have met Herr Schuebler before. He was a music publisher who, around 1748, published some of Bach's music. Today we heard the last three of the set: **Meine Seele erhebt den Herren** ('my soul doth magnify the Lord', that is, the Magnificat); **Ach bleib bei uns** ('Ah, stay with us, Lord Jesus Christ), **Herr Jesu Christ; Kommst du nun, Jesu, vom Himmel herunter** (Come now, Jesus, from heaven to earth).

One tends to think of Bach as a stay-at-home sort of man. Yet he did travel, even on foot in his younger days. In 1747 he made what would have been a noteworthy journey, from Leipzig to Potsdam which is near Berlin. Why did he want to go there? The church of the Holy Ghost at Potsdam contained a famous organ and Bach had been invited to give a recital on it on May 8. Among the works he probably played was his own magnificent **Prelude and Fugue in C major, BWV 547** with which Jonathan opened today's recital. An equally fine piece is the **Prelude and Fugue in B minor, BWV 544** which is Bach's tribute to a much-beloved queen, Christiane Electress of Saxony and Queen of Poland. In his programme notes, Jonathan is at pains to describe the significance of the key of B minor and its likely impact on audiences in Bach's day. Perhaps a better-known example of this key might be in 'Erbarme dich mein Gott' (Have mercy O God) in the St. Matthew Passion.

PCC MEMBERSHIP

Our PCC members after the 2023 Annual Parochial Church Meeting held in church on 21 May are:

Fr Mark Stafford - Vicar and Chair
 Revd Sue Ayling - Assistant Priest
 Valerie Wood - Churchwarden and Vice-Chair
 Nicholas Allsopp - Churchwarden
 Steve Cox - Deanery Synod
 Wendy Paxman - Deanery Synod
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 Helen Crossley - Safeguarding Officer
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 Gillian Reynolds
 Shelley Smith
 Valerie Smither

Secretary: Liz Divall

St. Mary's thanks all PCC members and appointed officers for taking on these important roles and sends them good wishes for their periods of office.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

'A Day for All' on 30 September
With five new attractions

Two new attractions are already in this year's programme of our community event A Day for All –

- hand bell ringing – to listen to and try if you wish;
- a talk about the Animal Therapy done by the charity Kingswood Shetland & Friends. (The Shetland ponies and their small animal friends will be in the churchyard for us all to enjoy.)

I'm delighted to let you know that three other new attractions are planned –

- brass rubbing;
- singing by the DIVAS Ladies Choir (a women's vocal group from Fitznells Music Centre in Ewell),
- a dog competition.

So, if you haven't already put the date of 30 September in your diary, why not do so now?

The full programme for the day – which has the theme 'Ring out the bells!' will be available on the church website www.stmarysewell.com very soon.

Everything is free!

Simply come along and enjoy the fun.

PS Photo Competitions - don't forget to start taking your photos! Use your imagination to think of anything at all with a link to bells.

Sue Ayling

ST. MARY'S ECO GROUP



In line with the Environmental Policy at St. Mary's we aim to reduce our carbon footprint as much as we practically can. We try to safeguard and nurture God's creation and increase our community and global engagement, always endeavouring to balance our activities with the needs of our church members and the wider community.

We are registered with A Rocha as an "ECO Church" which follows the diocesan recommendations. The "ECO Church" scheme gives clear advice which we use to further our environmental objectives. Detailed guidance and suggestions are provided under the headings Worship and Teaching, Buildings, Land, Community and Global Engagement and Lifestyle. Registered churches can be recognized with bronze, silver or gold awards depending on their ECO-related actions and activities. Awards are given once the required level has been reached under each of the above five headings. We aim to steadily progress through these levels and a target was set in January of this year of achieving the bronze level within one year. We are pleased to report that St. Mary's has now reached the bronze level.

Many congratulations to all involved. You can learn more about the ECO Church scheme at ecochurch.arocha.org.uk.

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

Church School Test

For a church school exam, young children were asked questions about the Old and New Testaments. These are two of the (real) results...

Lot's wife was a pillar of salt during the day, but a ball of fire during the night.

Samson slayed the Philistines with the axe of the Apostles.

PARISH CHOIR AT WORCESTER



The Pentecost weekend (27/28 May) saw the Parish Choir sing the services in Worcester Cathedral; the trip being re-arranged from 2020 as our 'booking' there was cancelled due to COVID.

The cathedral virgins gave us a lovely welcome and we settled into the Song School on the Saturday afternoon to warm up. At 4.00pm we moved into the choir stalls having already sorted out the procession order and where to go. When we stopped, we were pleased to accept tea and biscuits laid on by the cathedral before getting ready for Choral Evensong at 5.30pm.

There was a reasonably sized congregation for Evensong. We sang the Reading responses and the Thomas Tertius Noble setting in A minor we had sung at St Mary's the previous month. The anthem was the lovely setting of "Come, O Creator Spirit, come" also by Noble to keep a composer theme going.

After the service, we went on to have a lovely meal together at a restaurant in the city centre. When we had finished, we went our separate ways – to accommodation booked a while ago.

We arrived back for an 8.30am start in the Song School and ran over the music for the Eucharist going over to the cathedral for a short rehearsal before the service at 10.00am. With a large congregation present in the nave, we sang the Hassler Mass "Missa Secunda", which is well known to the St Mary's congregation, and, during the Communion, "O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit" by Thomas Tallis.

We joined the congregation after the service for coffee and were really pleased to have so many compliments as they genuinely appreciated our efforts, as did the clergy. The ex-Director of Music of Ely Cathedral was among the congregation and was effusive in his praise. We then wandered off in groups to find lunch.

We were back in the stalls at 2.45pm to practice for Choral Evensong at 4.00pm after a well-earned break for tea and biscuits. Sunday evening saw a goodly sized congregation. We sang the Reading responses again and the Wood in Eb (no2) setting we had sung at St Mary's the previous week. The anthem was "Dum complerentur" in six parts by Palestrina; a gorgeously rich anthem for Whit Sunday.

After the service, we were presented with a facsimile copy of part of The Worcester Antiphoner [1225-1230]; this showing the last two 'Great O's' better known now as the carol 'O Come, O Come Emmanuel' and the Marian antiphon 'O Virgo Virginum'. A lovely reminder of a great weekend!

We waited for the congregation to disperse so we could have a photograph to record our visit then packed everything up and made our way to our cars and the long journey home. The weekend went very well, and we kept St Mary's reputation at its high level. Guildford Cathedral is next in August!

DRC

ST MARY'S CHURCH, EWELL

JAZZ ON THE LAWN 2

Saturday August 19th
12:00 noon - 3:00pm

The Vicarage 14 Church Street, Ewell
£10 adults, £5 children to include a burger and a drink.

Processco bar. Bring your own picnic.
Tickets on Sale in Church and on Eventbrite.
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Florie is a Jazz-pop singer who fuses 1940's vocal Jazz singing with Beatlesque melodies

EPSOM & EWELL FOODBANK

Our local foodbank relies on your goodwill and support. 3,000 people have already been supported this year, which is 65% more than the same period in 2022. Your food donations are vital – please help if you can.

Urgently needed: dog food (wet & dry), biscuits, children's toothpaste, breakfast cereal (not porridge), pulses, tinned meat, hot chocolate, tinned vegetables, instant mash, tinned fruit, sweetcorn, tinned tomatoes, teabags, powdered milk, washing up liquid, shampoo/conditioner and deodorant.

Please no more of these items as we are fully stocked: pasta and tinned soup.

You can donate at St Mary's Church Ewell, Sainsbury's Kiln Lane, Waitrose Epsom and Banstead, Asda Burgh Heath and Tesco, Leatherhead, or directly to Epsom & Ewell Foodbank, Good Company Hub, (Behind West Ewell Primary School), Ruxley Lane, Ewell KT19 0JG. Open Monday to Friday 9am - 2pm excluding Bank Holidays.

You can sign up to the Foodbank newsletter on their website at www.epsomewell.foodbank.org.uk.

*** Please make sure all donations are sealed, in date and do not contain alcohol ***

Some threads of the rich tapestry of ministry

- The joy of new life, love and eternal life in baptisms, weddings and funerals.
- The sorrow of illness, bereavement and emotional hurt encountered in the church and parish.
- The holy ground of sharing faith journeys in spiritual accompanying.
- The colour and rhythm of life in the church's year - Christmas and Easter always new!
- The tiredness when everything happens in the same week!
- The privilege of being alongside people, of preaching and of presiding at the Eucharist.
- The friendship, fellowship, fun - and frustration - encountered in the church family.
- The self-doubt and failure to trust God.
- The faithfulness and constancy of God.
- The big difference over the years in the Epsom Deanery, now with a female Rural Dean, and several female incumbents.
- The humbling, amazing, unbelievable fact that I am serving God as a priest!
- The words of Jesus - "I am come that they may have life in all it's fullness."



Reverend Sue Ayling

Ordained Deacon 28th June 1998

Ordained Priest 3rd July 1999

MAMMA MIA SINGALONG

What a fantastic evening we all had at the Mamma Mia singalong on 10 June! On the hottest day of the year so far, we were delighted that so many people turned up and had made an effort to dig out their 70's/Abba gear and embrace the evening.

With so many great Abba songs, it became apparent that we could not sit down for long and as soon as 'Dancing Queen' was played, the audience rose to their feet and started dancing in the aisles (in fact anywhere where there was space!)

It was a really joyous occasion and there were many comments made about Mark's costume and wig and countless



requests to arrange 'Mamma Mia 2'. The bar did well too raising money for the Church and many guests were very generous with their extra donations. Thank you so much to all our wonderful helpers who helped make the evening one to remember. If you missed it this time, make sure not to miss the next one!

LS

SPRING MARKET 20 MAY

On 20 May many people took advantage of the glorious sunshine and made their way to the Spring Market in Ewell Hall where bargains galore were to be found as well as cakes, tea and coffee for a mid-morning snack.

The stall-holders were kept busy and the atmosphere was bustling.

A very successful event which raised just under £900.

Well done everyone. A very big thank you to all who helped and supported the Spring Market in any way. We could not do it without you.

GB



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

'From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace... we went on to Neapolis. From there we travelled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days (Acts 16:11-12).

I wonder if travel was in some ways easier in St Paul's day! No waiting at airports, cancelled flights or passport problems. The Roman Empire had an amazing system of well-maintained roads, provided with inns, guards, signposts and milestones. Everyone spoke Greek and the currency was interchangeable.

David Pickup



Saturday 15 July 10.30 - 4pm

**Glyn House Grounds
Ewell Castle School**

Admission £2.50

under 12s free

Ewell Village Fair organised by St. Mary's is a highlight of the year. Our wide range of attractions will make for a great day out for all the family. The arena events include by popular demand return visits from the Southern Golden Retriever Display Team and the Paladins of Chivalry, with Medieval re-enactment and combat display. We will also have Razzle Dazzle Dance Fitness, Nordic Walking, the Phillomena Dance School and the Sing out Sutton choir. The Army Reserves will be on site. All the fun of the traditional fair will include a coconut shy, Punch and Judy and a bouncy castle/inflatable assault course. There will be plenty to entertain both young and old plus those in between.

There will be a BBQ serving burgers and for those who fancy something different Dhansiri will be providing Indian Cuisine. Enjoy award-winning artisan Italian ice cream or you can buy doughnuts from Krispy Kreme. Our Beer Pavilion will be offering beer, wine, Pimms, craft gin & tonic as well as soft drinks. Tea and coffee will be available all day. As usual there will be side-shows and a wide range of stalls including cakes, books and music, bottle tombola, plants, bric-a-brac, toys and games, balloons, jewellery and craft. Our Guides and Brownies will be offering face-painting for children and the 3rd Epsom Scouts a Crazy Kitchen crockery smash activity. *Don't forget to bring some cash!*

The Grand Draw has lots of great prizes and there is also a Lucky Programme Draw. Maybe you could sell some Grand Draw tickets prior to the day? They are available now in church or from the organiser.

There will be a baking competition for adults and two age groups for children - one to bake and decorate & for the younger ones to decorate only. Further details are given below.

The church will be open all day and there will be short choral performances and recitals on our wonderful Father Willis organ.

PROGRAMMES, POSTERS AND DONATIONS

Enclosed with your Ewell Parish News is a copy of the Ewell Village Fair Programme.

There are activities in the arena and stalls area throughout the day to keep you entertained plus all the fun of a traditional village fair. Full details and the activity timetable can be found in the centre pages of the printed programme.

Inside the programme you will find a slip for the 'Lucky Programme Draw'. You could be the lucky winner so please fill it in and pop it in the blue box which can be found on the table at the back of the church.

We have plenty of programmes and more can be collected from the church, so please pass one on to a friend or neighbour and encourage them to join us for a grand day out in the beautiful grounds of Ewell Castle School, Glyn House. Posters and car stickers are also available in church. Entry forms for the cake competitions are available in church or can be downloaded from the website. If possible, please take a poster to display.

Donations for the stalls can be left in church from Sunday 2 July.

GRAND DRAW LAST CALL

You may recall that enclosed in the May edition of Ewell Parish News were two books of Grand Draw tickets. We have had many counterfoils returned with the appropriate cash. However, it is not too late to return yours if you have not already done so!

We have some great prizes including: cash, vouchers for meals and shops, a visit to Windsor Castle, theatre and festival tickets, exercise classes and many more to be won.

Please send your completed ticket stubs and cash to the promoter (details on the tickets) or put them in the blue box at the back of the Church. We are so grateful to all who support the Grand Draw either by donating prizes or selling and buying tickets.

CAKE COMPETITIONS

Can you bake a delicious Victoria Sponge? Or, if you're between 12-16 why not have a go at baking and decorating some cupcakes? For the younger kids, just let your imagination run wild and decorate some plain cupcakes. Choose your own theme.

Entry Forms are available in church or can be downloaded from the church website. Please submit them by Sunday 9 July – they can either be dropped off at church or emailed to flowers@stmarysewell.com. Judging is at 12 noon on the day of the Fair.

JOAN ROWLAND, 1925-2023

Joan Valerie Robinson was born in Lettice Street in Fulham, 19 May 1925. She grew up in Chiswick where she lived with her mother Maud who raised her alone after her husband Alfred died aged 44, when Joan was just 16.

She went to Oxford College, a small private school in Chiswick, where she excelled in poetry and elocution, winning many competitions. She loved dancing too, attending classes outside school. Her other passion was horse riding- she regularly rode in Richmond Park, cycling from Chiswick to the Crescent riding stables at Kingston Gate.

She was 14 when war broke out, and soon after her matric exams she was evacuated to family in Leicestershire where she briefly attended the village school. On returning to London she joined her mother working at Army and Navy stores in Victoria. During air raids she slept in the basement, which had become an underground village for the staff.

She enrolled as a member of the Chiswick fire guard, cycling around London reporting bomb damage to the fire service.

In the evenings she attended a Pitmans secretarial course where she learnt shorthand and typing.

In 1944, Joan was called up to the Ministry of Aircraft Production in Millbank and worked in the typing pool. Early in 1946 she was offered a job as personal secretary to the chairman of Berry's Electric, makers of Magicoal Fires. It took her three attempts to get discharged from the Civil Service, but she never looked back and was very happy at Berry's. She became part of the Berry family and frequently babysat for Ray and Phyllis' daughter Virginia, who later married Frank Williams, founder of the Williams Formula 1 team.

Berry's banked at Midland Bank in Victoria Street where she met Roy Rowland. They courted for a few years before getting engaged, socialising

at the Conservative club in Kew, driving around in his Lloyd sports car and watching Roy play cricket. They finally tied the knot in 1957 at Christ Church, Turnham Green and honeymooned in Looe, Cornwall.



When Keith was born a year later, they moved to Ewell and Joan became a housewife. Ann was born 4 years later. After seven years in Riverview Road, her mother came to join the family so they outgrew the house, moving to Ruxley Lane in 1966.

Joan never went back to work full time, although she dabbled as an Avon lady to help pay for Ann's dancing lessons, and worked briefly in a typing pool in a factory in Surbiton. Roy sadly passed away in 1980 at 55 years old and Joan never

really recovered from his death, living on her own but with huge support from her neighbours. In 2017 Ann decided it was time to move her closer to her in Pyrford.

Joan found a great deal of comfort in the Church, especially St Mary's. She was adopted by the Pyrford church and appreciated the welcome and support she received there.

Joan loved the theatre, she was a dance mum and she was proud of her ability to recite poetry. She had an incredible memory for detail, right to the end. She was keen on education, helping her children and grandchildren go to good schools and universities. She was exceptionally honest and straight talking, not always easy to convince. She loved her family and missed them living with her.

She continued to live independently in her own home until last year when it was decided she needed live-in care.

Joan died in the Royal Surrey County Hospital on 28 April, exactly 42 ½ years after the loss of her husband and just short of her 98th birthday. A long life, well lived.



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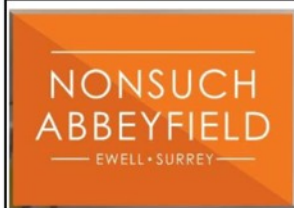


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Calendar for July



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

- S 02 TRINITY 4 The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
 0800 Said Holy Communion (BCP) (Lady Chapel)
 0930 Jesus and Me (JAM) (Hall then Church)
 0930 Sung Holy Communion
- T 04 1000 Said Holy Communion (Lady Chapel)**
- Th 06 1000 St Mary's Toddler Group (Hall)**
- S 09 TRINITY 5**
 0800 Said Holy Communion (Lady Chapel)
 0930 Jesus and Me (JAM) (Hall then Church)
 0930 Sung Holy Communion
 1115 Choral Mattins
- T 11 1000 Said Holy Communion (Lady Chapel)**
 1305 Lunchtime Bach Organ Recital
 1930 PCC Meeting
- Th 13 1000 St Mary's Toddler Group (Hall)**
- S 15 1030-1600 Ewell Village Fair**
- S 16 TRINITY 6**
 0800 Said Holy Communion (Lady Chapel)
 0930 Sung Holy Communion
 1730 Choral Evensong
- T 18 1000 Said Holy Communion (Lady Chapel)**
- Th 20 1445 Bereavement Café**
- S 22 1930 8 Hands on 2 Pianos!**
- S 23 TRINITY 7**
 0800 Said Holy Communion (Lady Chapel)
 0930 Sung Holy Communion
 1115 Holy Baptisms
- T 25 1000 Said Holy Communion (Lady Chapel)**
- S 30 TRINITY 8**
 0800 Said Holy Communion (Lady Chapel)
 0930 Sung Holy Communion
 1400-1630 Ice Cream Sunday (Vicarage)

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