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## Remembrance Sunday



**12 November 2023**

**10.45 at the War Memorial for a service of  
Remembrance and wreath laying followed  
by a memorial service in church**

**We will Remember them**

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## Fr Mark Stafford writes

Do you remember the days when children would push a Guy Fawkes around in a pram, and then ask you for a penny for the Guy, to sponsor their fireworks for that year?

Or do you remember the endless list of sponsored events that schools would run, to try and pay for the long hoped for swimming pool or super sprung gym floor?

Sponsorship or the odd penny for the Guy, meant that by many giving a little, a lot could be achieved.

At a recent Church funding meeting we discussed giving in the Church. We discussed ways in which we can all give a little to change a lot.

As I am sure you are aware, we as a Church have very few sources of income, the hall generates some money (thank you to the hall management team), we raise some funds through concerts and events (thank you to the Music Dept and the Social Team and to all who help with Ewell Village Fair), but the majority of our income comes from you and your very kind weekly giving. Thank you for your generosity. For information about ways to give to St. Mary's please see our website <https://www.stmarysewell.com/about-us/giving-to-st-marys/>.

However, despite all of this we are still not breaking even, which is a source of concern, as without change the Church finances will continue to decline. In 2024, we will be having a giving campaign, and will be encouraging all of us to look at and review our giving to the work of the Church. In addition to this we will also be looking at how we can leave legacies to the Church and other ways to support our village Church.

Today I would like us to think about different types of giving, over and above our usual weekly donations.

I was once told that the best way to approach a huge problem is a bit like eating an elephant- one small bite at a time!

Maybe sponsorship is one way that we can as a Church, make small contributions that help to overcome our larger financial problems.

At St Mary's we already sponsor the flowers on Sundays in memory of someone we have loved and lost, or sponsor a voluntary after the service. The funding group were wondering if we could take this a little further.

As most of you will have noticed, we have stopped taking donations for tea and coffee after the service. The reason for this is that, when we have new people and invite them to join us in the hall, it can be a little off-putting and embarrassing, if they see the donations bowl and don't have any change. So rather than risk losing them or upsetting them, we have decided to not ask for donations and be a bit like the NHS, be free at point of service!

However, also like the NHS the service still costs us, we were wondering if anyone might like to sponsor the refreshments one Sunday morning? (a good estimate of costs would be £25)

Beyond this, we have lots of very specific projects on the go or coming up. We need to replace a section of the floor and perhaps people would like to buy a pack of floor tiles?

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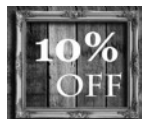
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Ewell Hall

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or see St Mary's website



One of the things that came from our mission action plan, was a desire for us to replace our hymn books with a newer book with a greater selection of hymns. Once we have agreed a replacement for the New English Hymnal, you may want to sponsor a hymn book or two?

We realise that financial giving is just one aspect of our opportunity to give to the Church and that giving of our time and skills can be just as valuable and important. During our lives God blesses us with many skills and opportunities.

Since coming to St Mary's, I have had opportunity to chat with most of you, and I am constantly amazed at the array of skills we have in our congregation, just to mention a few, we have professors, professional fund raisers, teachers, businesspeople from so many industries, we have almost every skill to cope with every situation, we even have cabin crew, should we need to be escorted to far off destinations!

Many of you are really busy in the life of the Church, thank you- without you we would be sunk! But it would be great to make more use of the skills we have in our Church, after all the more helpers we have the more we can achieve!

We are not looking specifically for people to take on massive tasks that will take all their time (however, there are some big jobs that need taking on, if you are up for it!), but we would like people to form smaller groups, that can work as a team to achieve a task.

In order to help us identify what skills we have and how we can use them, the funding team have created a skills audit, and a copy is included with this issue of EPN. If you would like to volunteer to help in Church, could you please complete the audit and return it to Church.

To finish, I would like to thank you all for everything you do, as my granddaughter says, "Teamwork makes the dream work".

## WHAT'S ON IN NOVEMBER?

**All Souls – On Saturday 4 November** we 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 5pm. The 5pm Service of the Word will be live streamed and also available to view on the Church Facebook page for one week following the service.

If you would like to add your departed loved ones' names to the list of those to be remembered at both services, could you write their names down and place your papers in the blue box at the back of Church, or email [parishoffice@stmarysewell.com](mailto:parishoffice@stmarysewell.com) as soon as possible.

We will be celebrating **All Saints on Sunday 5 November**, followed by a parish lunch at the Eight Bells, Ewell. Please book for the lunch as spaces are very limited - £20 per head.

**Messy Church goes wild – Saturday 4 November** at 2:30pm. We look forward to seeing you at our Eco Church. This is a new type of service for people of all ages, featuring outdoors activities, singing, prayers and refreshments.

**Bach Recital – Tuesday 7 November** at 1:05 pm. Come and join us for our Lunchtime Bach Tuesday recital featuring the Bach's major preludes and fugues. Tea, coffee, and refreshments to follow.

**Remembrance Day Sunday 12 November** – We will be meeting outside Church at around 10:45 to meet the Remembrance Day parade and at 11:00 we will have An act of Remembrance and wreath laying. This will be followed by a memorial service in Church - please feel free to come and join us for this Act of Remembrance and Worship.

15 November at 8.00pm – **On-line quiz on Zoom**. If you have not joined one of our on-line quizzes, then do consider it this month. Our quizzes really are great fun. You will need to register using a link that will be given in the Weekly Notes nearer the time, or you can email [zoom@stmarysewell.com](mailto:zoom@stmarysewell.com).

On Saturday November 25 3pm and 7.30pm we will be holding a "Come and Sing" Handel's Messiah led by our Parish Choir. We hope to be joined by members of local choirs and choral societies. See page 4 for more information.

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

Every blessing

Fr Mark



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## ST. MARY'S ON-LINE QUIZZES



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 on Wednesday 15 November

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](mailto:zoom@stmarysewell.com).

## FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

### HOLY BAPTISM

**Be Christ's faithful soldier and servant**

24 September Joshua John Garrod

### FUNERAL

**I will come again and take you to myself**  
(St. John 14:3)

*Ashes Interment*

23 September Ronald Parfitt, aged 85

## NOVEMBER CONCERTS

**November 7 at 1.05 pm**

**Free Tuesday lunchtime Bach organ recital**

Jonathan Holmes

**November 25 7.30 pm**

**Come and sing Handel's Messiah**

Concert led by St Mary's Parish Choir  
directed by Jonathan Holmes

If you would like to sing, registration starts at 3pm. We will be using the OUP edition and music can be provided. Suggested donation £10. Rehearsal is from 3.30pm till 6pm with a break for tea. Dress code: white tops and black bottoms.

Doors open at 7pm and the concert will start at 7.30pm with an interval for refreshments and finishes at about 9.30pm.

Audience suggested donation £10, free 18 and under.

## MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING



On Friday 29 September, we hosted a Macmillan coffee morning in Ewell Hall. Our happy helpers arrived at 9am with an abundance of baked goodies and the doors opened to the public at 9.30am. We had a good amount of visitors who were amazed at the selection of cakes we had on offer. There was lots of tea and coffee drinking, lots of cake eating and a great deal of chatting too.

We cleared away at around midday and by then had raised in excess of £300. I took some of the left over cakes to my old place of work in the afternoon, raising a bit more cash and then we sold some more after Church on Sunday taking the final total to a fantastic £400!

People were extremely generous both with their monetary donations as well as their baked donations. Thank you so much to all our amazing helpers, bakers and donors!

Shall we try and exceed this amount next year? I had better get baking!

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# Prayers for November



By tradition, November is a month for remembering.

On November 1, we remember all those called to be saints. November 2 is All Souls' Day when we take time to remember loved ones who have died. Although now called 'Bonfire Night', November 5 was traditionally a time for remembering a past historical event, the Gunpowder Plot of 1605. November 11 is Remembrance Day when we remember all those killed in war.

It is certainly a time for quiet reflection; a time for remembering and a time for prayer. But in our reflecting, may we also remember in faith the one who died for our sins and rose again, our dear Lord, Jesus Christ. Whatever has befallen us, our families, our friends and neighbours, and the wider world during the past year, we can still cling to that which gives us hope.

**Lord God**, we pray for ourselves and all leaders of the Nations, asking You to pour out Your Holy Spirit of hope, love, and reconciliation on them and on us. Give us all a longing to bring freedom from fear and freedom from want to all peoples. Give strength and courage to those who particularly bear the heavy responsibilities for the peace of the world today. May they and we work with all to break down the barriers which divide people. We pray that, whatever faith we may profess, we may also learn to respect those who sincerely hold another faith and build a community where there is harmony and understanding, that all may live together in peace.

AMEN

## PATRONAL ORGAN RECITAL

### 16 September

Programme of music by Florence Price,  
Marcel Dupré and Cesar Franck

I am sure many of us have heard of Cesar Franck and Marcel Dupré; how about **Florence Price**? She is a new name to me as well. Price was an African-American composer who died as long ago as 1953; judging by what we heard of her music, the time is surely right for wider recognition of her music.

Some pieces by Price opened the evening's recital. However, before playing a note, Jonathan introduced the audience to Florence herself, her family, background and the obstacles she faced throughout her professional life. I perceive a slight resemblance between Price and Percy Whitlock, whom we met last month. Both musicians clearly relished life, combining work as theatre organist with that of church organist. In Price's *Suite No. 1* for Organ, which opened the recital, we could hear elements of theatre and church at the same time. There are four movements: *fantasy*; *fughetta*; *air*; *Toccato* (sic). All four reflect the different strands that made up Price's musical personality: jazz, spirituals and music of her African heritage. In the final piece, I could detect an allusion to the type of outdoor all-American life suggestive of Aaron Copland. All in all, music that was a delight to hear.

Though their lives overlapped, it is unlikely that Price and our next composer – **Marcel Dupré** – ever met. Trained as an organist and working mostly in France, Dupré made several concert tours to the United States. It was on one of these visits, in 1922, that he wrote his popular *Cortège et Litanie*. The piece began life as incidental music for a play and written for orchestra; only later was he persuaded to transcribe it for the organ.

There is no connection between Dupré and our next composer, **Cesar Franck**. Franck died prematurely of a respiratory infection following a street accident, when Dupré was only four years old. Franck's greatest and best-known compositions were all written in the last ten years of his life. The intervening years had been spent first as a virtuoso pianist then, tiring of this peripatetic life, he settled in Paris as a teacher and highly successful one at that. He was also appointed organist and choirmaster at the church of Saint-Clotilde. The famous Cavaille-Coll organ in St. Clotilde profoundly influenced his compositions for organ including the three works we heard tonight. These were the *Trois Chorals* composed in the last year of his life, when Franck was convalescing following his accident. What Franck calls 'Chorals' bear no relation whatsoever to Bach's Chorales or Chorale-Preludes. Unlike the chorales of Bach, these are not any kind of hymn. Instead, Franck made use of his Catholic heritage and borrowed these 'Chorals' from a type of harmonised plainchant melody that developed in France during the 1850s. As the title suggests, there are three in the set: *no. 1 in E major*; *no. 2 in B minor* and *no. 3 in A minor*.

The A minor piece mentioned above ends in a splendid plagal cadence in the major key. Jonathan treated us to an encore, a short piece by Florence Price entitled *Adoration*. It was gentle music such as this that brought the evening to a peaceful conclusion.

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On Saturday, October 7 we were blessed with a lovely sunny afternoon and were able to venture out into the new graveyard, across the road from the church. We enjoyed looking, listening, and even smelling nature - the trees and plants, the birdsong, people playing football and smelling the new mown grass! Our activity this month was to build a bug hotel and even the youngest members of the group enthusiastically carried twigs and logs to build it! There was also a Bible story, an action song and a couple of short prayers to end the session.

**Don't forget to join us, rain, or shine, for our exciting new outdoor venture for all ages this autumn**

**Saturday, November 4 2.30 to 4.00 pm**

(when we hope to plant some bulbs and sow some wild-flower seeds)

**Saturday, December 2 2.30 to 4.00 pm**

We will gather in the Parish Room before discovering the great outdoors. Outdoors unless the weather is really, really, inclement! Having completed our outdoor activity, we will return to the Parish Room to share and reflect on what we have done, to celebrate God's creation and enjoy a welcome drink and refreshments together.

**Come and join us. We would love to see you there!**

## St. MARY'S WINTER DINNER IN EWELL HALL

Join us for "Deck the Halls"  
St Mary's winter dinner  
Saturday 2 December

Tickets cost £15 and are on sale  
after services

3 course dinner and seasonal  
entertainment

## ST. MARY'S ECO GROUP

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- Buy wrapping paper with glitter on.

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***The same applies to birthday cards, thank you notes and wrapping paper through the year***

<https://www.zerowasteweek.co.uk/going-glitter-free-this-christmas>

*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: 020 8337 6347 or*

[assistantpriest@stmarysewell.com](mailto:assistantpriest@stmarysewell.com).

## EPSOM & EWELL FOODBANK

Our local foodbank relies on your goodwill and support. 6,500 people have already been supported this year, which is 50% more than the same period in 2022. Your food donations are vital - please help if you can.

**Urgently needed:** UHT milk, powdered milk, instant mash, long life puddings, long-life juice, ketchup, mayonnaise, savoury biscuits, washing up liquid, loo rolls, soap, shaving gel and cleaning products.

**Please no more of these items as we are fully stocked:** tea bags and pet food.

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.

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

## THE BELLS RANG OUT ON THE 10<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF A DAY FOR ALL!

On 30 September the theme of A Day for All was 'Ring out the bells!' and ring out they did!

The wonderful sound of the church bells of St Mary's launched the day as the bell ringers displayed their skill, and more people gathered outside the church attracted by the bell pads and wooden sticks of Ewell St Mary's Morris Men and their musicians, dancing steps and playing songs developed since the 15th century. The demonstration of hand bells inside church had a good audience and there was a queue for people wanting to have a go themselves. They were a picture of concentration, needing to ring their hand bell at just the right time to formulate the tune. The display of bells, loaned by various people, was fascinating in their variety and history.

As the planning team had anticipated, the return of the two Shetland ponies, with their small friends – guinea pigs, rabbits, ducklings and a bearded dragon – proved extremely popular in the churchyard especially as it was a dry day. It was interesting to hear how Kingswood Shetland & Friends use animal therapy to help many young people facing challenges in life. <https://kingswoodshetlands.org/>

Having St Mary's 16th century brasses (currently on loan to Bourne Hall) back in the church for brass rubbing had a feel good factor and - as ever - the Children's Craft Activities, the SWOP shop, the Prayer Corner, the Mouse Trail and the Prayer Trail were much enjoyed. As always, those serving (free) refreshments during the day and the bread and soup lunch were kept very busy! More people entered the Photo Competition and the Dog Show than last year and the winning entries can be viewed on the next page and on our website.

Positive feedback was received. The most frequent comment was 'It was an absolutely wonderful day!'. Here are some other comments -

*"A fantastic day – must be the best ever! It was a pleasure to see so many people obviously enjoying themselves."*

*"The catering team were brilliant as usual, friendly even though at times very busy. The talk from the animal therapy ladies was very informative and their interactions with their visitors was lovely to observe. Overall I would say a good day for our community to get together and enjoy, well done to all those involved."*

*"1st Ewell Village (St Mary's) Brownies and Guides were kept busy with helping a constant stream of young visitors make wooden bell shakers and origami bells! It was lovely to see the church so busy inside and out with so much going on for all ages."*

*"The Day for All which was held in the church was a truly relaxing and informal day, there was plenty of delicious refreshments, soup lunch, tea and cakes and so lots of chances to meet and chat with other people whilst also enjoying the various entertainments such as the photographic competition, the dog show, a talk held in the church, and of course all the beautiful animals to meet and pet in the church grounds. It was a lovely day for children and grown-ups alike"*

*"I think the day was a great success. All my visitors really enjoyed it."*

The notes of a planning meeting for the 2014 A Day for All record that "The aim of the Parish Day is to encourage people from the village, as well as members of St Mary's, to come and enjoy spending time in and around our beautiful church – maybe to have fun, to learn something, to make new friends, to eat and/or drink, to pray or to simply relax." That aim was certainly fulfilled during the 2023 A Day for All!

Sue Ayling



# A DAY FOR ALL 2023 COMPETITION WINNERS



**Photography Joint Winner**  
*The Revd Chris Lee*



**Photography Joint Winner**  
*Nigel Bird*



**Most handsome dog & dog performing the best trick: ZEUS**



**Dog Show Prettiest Bitch: JESS**



**Photography Third**  
*Charles Johnson*

## THANK YOU FROM TIM

Tim Price would like to thank all his sponsors and supporters for the recent Surrey Churches Preservation Trust Ride & Stride event. Tim postponed his ride from Saturday 9th due to the 30°C + heat and together with a friend of 50+ years, Richard, they completed their ride on Wednesday 13th.

It was an ideal day for the 70km ride, passing 43 churches en-route and taking 4 1/4 hours with stops for coffee at St George's café in Lower Ashted - (highly recommended - great cakes!) and a picnic lunch outside the impressive St Martin's in Dorking.

We raised close to the target of £350 for the preservation of Surrey's churches, half of which will be coming to St Mary's Ewell.

Thank you all.

## EPSOM & EWELL STREET PASTORS



At the 9:30 Eucharist on 17 September we were pleased to welcome three members of the Epsom and Ewell Street Pastors team, Meryl, Anne and Martin, who gave an inspiring presentation in the sermon slot. Fr Mark, also a member of this team, introduced our speakers and then asked them a series of questions so that they could talk about the work that they do and how they came to this ministry. After the service our three visitors joined us for coffee in Ewell Hall.

A Street Pastor is a local church member who volunteers to patrol in the local community to care for vulnerable people, to help and to listen. Street Pastors want/aim to show the love of Jesus to all those that they come in contact with, to be gentle and have a willingness to serve others.

Their patrols in Epsom take place on Friday nights between 10pm and 3am and on Saturdays as well during Derby weekend. The Pastors work in teams of three and patrol one week in four. As you can see from the photograph a standard uniform is worn. Initial and ongoing training are provided. If you would like to learn more please email them at [epsom@streetpastors.org.uk](mailto:epsom@streetpastors.org.uk)

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## PUBLISH YOUR CHRISTMAS GREETING IN EPN

In December EPN we plan to include a page of Christmas greetings to EPN readers from members of our church family

If you would like us to include a greeting from you, please email it to [epn@stmarysewell.com](mailto:epn@stmarysewell.com) no later than Friday 10 November. You will need to post early for Christmas!

An early Merry Christmas &  
thank you in anticipation!

*EPN production team*

## WRESTLING WITH GOD ASKING AWKWARD QUESTIONS

During September Mark and Sue hosted a series of discussions where we were invited to ask the really difficult questions that bother us. It is only by confronting them that we are able to more fully understand our faith and grow stronger as Christians.

Session 1 was about Religion, Faith and Spirituality. As Christians our spirituality is centred upon the Holy Spirit but in the secular world to be spiritual often means something different for each individual. We considered the role that rituals play including sacrificial offerings in the Old Testament, prayer, baptism, sharing the body and blood of Christ and singing hymns. We need experiences that lift us out of ourselves and give us a glimpse of a larger purpose to our lives and trust God.

Session 2 tackled Holy Communion. We traced its institution in the Bible and the words said over the bread and the wine. It is known by different names: Eucharist (Greek word eucharistia meaning thanksgiving), Holy Communion (common+union), Mass (Latin "Ite, missa est" often translated as "Go, the Mass is ended"). Finally we discussed the controversial subject of what happens to the bread and wine during Communion looking at three views; transubstantiation, consubstantiation and receptionism.

Session 3 discussed life after death. Reincarnation, leading to Nirvana or eternal bliss, doesn't solve the problem of sin. Alternatively there is the Christian view of Atonement, culminating in Jesus' death on the cross which opened eternity to us. "Today you will be with me in paradise". This suggests that we go immediately to Heaven when we die. Our bodies remain on earth, awaiting the Resurrection, but our souls go to be with the Lord. Universal salvation is the belief that God will eventually save everyone as it is impossible that a loving God would only choose some of us. Predestination is the doctrine that God has eternally chosen those whom he intends to save. For evangelicals the central message of the Gospel is that it is only through justification by faith in Christ and repentance from sin that believers are forgiven.

Session 4 looked at Christianity and Spirituality. We considered three Christian spiritual traditions: Celtic, Carmelite and Franciscan. We had a brief Julian prayer session using a few words of Julian of Norwich but mainly to feel the presence of the Lord in the silence. We talked about a Prayer Walk where you let creation speak to you, and the comfort a Holding Cross can bring. Two forms of meditation are Lectio Divina and Ignation Meditation. The former means "divine reading" in Latin and is a meditative way of reading the Bible. Ignation Meditation is based on St Ignatius of Loyola's 16th century style of prayer in his "Spiritual Exercises".

Many thanks to Mark and Sue for an enriching and informative series of discussions. We were thirsty for more (!) and with several questions still to be covered hope that there will be another series in the near future.

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# KATHLEEN ELIZABETH BASHAM 1938-2023



David Basham writes

Our dear mother Kathleen Elizabeth Basham sadly passed away on August 3rd 2023, at the age of 84. She was a wonderful, kind and loving mother who was always there when we needed her. She was a proud yet humble woman full of timely advice, had many friends and was a well-loved member of the community in Ewell, especially at St Mary's Church. Kate was born in Peckham to her parents William and Kathleen in 1938 and was one of seven children. She met her husband Brian at ZD Berry of Westminster in the late 1950s and was married to him with complete devotion for 52 years. Outside of Kate doting on her family, she loved nothing more than her house in Ewell and tending to her garden which brought her much peace and joy. She loved to travel around the world and was always welcoming to new friends. Kate found light in the darkness and loved turning the smallest detail into the loveliest focal point. She shone a light on the nuances of life and believed in the unlimited potential of everything and everyone around her, enhancing the life of everyone she met. Kate is survived by her brothers Kenny and Freddie, her sister Shirley, daughter Clare, son David as well as her grand daughters Emma, Annie and Grace and her great grandson Archie.

The Revd Sue Ayling writes

I was privileged to have known Kate for around nine years and was at her confirmation service here at St Mary's on 30 June 2015. That was an occasion of great joy, as - along with others - Kate made the baptism promises her own before being confirmed by Bishop Ian. Over the years, she came along to some of the discussion groups, always willing to ask questions, and she was an occasional Sidesperson. What stays with me most is Kate's lovely smile, her gentleness and her generosity of spirit. The world is a better place because she has lived. Kathleen was someone who enriched the lives of all with whom she came into contact.

## OCTOBER PCC MEETING

Treasurer Donna Boosey reported that things are slightly better – for the first 8 months of 2023, a loss of £30,000 had been recorded compared to a loss of £75,000 for the whole of 2022. The next Parish Share is projected to rise by 5%.

The Finance Committee has reviewed our Financial Policy and this was subsequently approved for adoption.

Members are considering transferring the current account from Barclays to one of the banks with effective ethical policies. Currently the favoured choice is the Co-operative bank.

Fr Mark updated the meeting with progress made on the Mission Action Plan.

He also reported that he has been in discussions with organisers of the Foodbank and Citizens Advice Bureau to set up a joint community support hub in Ewell Hall on

a Friday and is on the committee organising Ewell Yule on 8 December. Both of these initiatives fit into the 'Community' element of our MAP.

PCC members were pleased to approve the Christmas leaflet for printing. This year it will include the addition of an Advent calendar for children to colour in and will be distributed to homes and schools in the parish.

The next PCC meeting will be held on Tuesday 7 November.

*Liz Divall, PCC Secretary*

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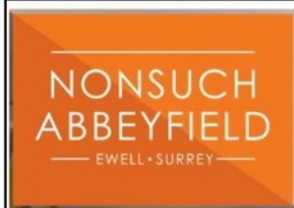


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# Calendar for November



**Morning Prayer will usually be celebrated at 0900 Monday to Saturday and shown online (Saturdays will be specifically Prayers for Peace)**

Th	02	1000	St Mary's Toddler Group (Hall)
S	04	1200	All Souls' Said Requiem
		1430-1600	Messy Church Goes Wild
		1700	All Souls' Sung Memorial Service
S	05		<b>4th BEFORE ADVENT - ALL SAINTS' DAY</b>
		0800	Said Holy Communion - 1662 (Lady Chapel)
		0930	Jesus and Me (JAM) (Hall then Church)
		0930	Sung Holy Communion
T	07	1000	Said Holy Communion (Lady Chapel)
		1305	Lunchtime Bach Organ Recital
		1930	PCC Meeting
Th	09	1000	St Mary's Toddler Group (Hall)
S	11		<i>Armistice Day (1918)</i>
S	12		<b>3rd BEFORE ADVENT - REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY</b>
		0800	Said Holy Communion (Lady Chapel)
		1000	<i>Church opens for Remembrance Day Service</i>
		1030	<i>Parade processes to War Memorial in Churchyard</i>
		1058	<i>Live-streaming of outside starts: Prayers, Act of Remembrance, the Exhortation, Last Post at 1100 and Reveille, followed by wreath laying. Live-streaming of outside ends. Procession into Church for Remembrance Day Service</i>
T	14	1000	Said Holy Communion (Lady Chapel)
W	15	2000	Quiz on Zoom
Th	16	1000	St Mary's Toddler Group (Hall)
		1445	Bereavement Café (Hall)
S	19		<b>2nd BEFORE ADVENT</b>
		0800	Said Holy Communion (Lady Chapel)
		0930	Jesus and Me (JAM) (Hall then Church)
		0930	Sung Holy Communion
		1730	Choral Evensong
T	21	1000	Said Holy Communion (Lady Chapel)
Th	23	1000	St Mary's Toddler Group (Hall)
S	25	1500	Rehearsal for Concert at 1930
		1930	Concert - Come and Sing Handel's Messiah
S	26		<b>NEXT BEFORE ADVENT - CHRIST THE KING</b>
		0800	Said Holy Communion (Lady Chapel)
		0930	Jesus and Me (JAM) (Hall then Church)
		0930	Sung Holy Communion
T	28	1000	Said Holy Communion (Lady Chapel)
Th	30	1000	St Mary's Toddler Group (Hall)

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