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Fr Mark Stafford writes

Many of us will remember the film 'Educating Rita'. The film drew on the relationship between an academic and a hairdresser. In the film, twenty-seven-year-old Liverpool hairdresser Rita (Dame Julie Walters) decides to complete education before having children, although her husband Denny (Malcolm Douglas) has his heart set on starting a family as soon as possible.

Rita joins an Open University literature course where her tutor is Dr Frank Bryant, wonderfully portrayed by Sir Michael Caine, who is an upper-class professor who sees life through the bottom of a whisky glass.

During the film, both Frank and Rita start to develop new ways of life. Rita grows academically and by the end of the film Frank decides to stop drinking and leaves for Australia on sabbatical in the hope of building a new and better life for himself.

In the film we watch Rita struggling to balance work, family and her dreams of gaining her education, as well as having to pay for the privilege.

As a child, September was a month of dread as it meant that the long holiday was over and school was looming. I have to say that my school days were far from the happiest days of my life!!

University was much better, September was a time of gathering, regrouping of my Uni clan and resuming the endless trail of parties and fun.

In my late teens I resolved that I would be "a lifelong learner", as the world is MASSIVE and there is always something new to grapple with, a new concept, idea or thought. I have tried to always either be on a course or latterly teach on a course. I find either option to be invigorating as both require reading, thinking, digesting and changing my way of thinking.

Sometimes, learning can mean revisiting old ideas and familiar things and reconsidering how they apply to life today or seeing how our understanding of them has developed. This September we are offering a chance to gather on Monday evenings to look at the Lord's Prayer and think about those familiar words.

Sometimes learning can be something completely new, a new skill, idea, or way of approaching a situation. As we enter September maybe we can consider how much we have learned in our journey through life and look forward to that which we still have to learn.

Let's move away from "You can't teach an old dog new tricks" and move on to "Every day is a school day" and "You're never too old to learn". Let us embrace new opportunities, new understandings and new insights and see what new things we can learn and new experiences we can have.

WHAT'S ON IN SEPTEMBER?

Our Father... How often do we say the words of the Lord's Prayer, and how often do we think about what these words might mean, what they might demonstrate of our faith and how might they lead us away from temptation and into a closer walk with God. During September we will be offering the opportunity to meet on Monday nights (2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 September) and think about the sections of the Lord's Prayer and delve a

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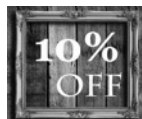
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little deeper into these familiar words. Meeting in the parish room at the back of Church at 7.30pm for refreshments and then start at 8.00pm

Bereavement Café offers a chance to meet with others who understand the experience of loss. Bereavement Café is a space to talk about the pain of bereavement, and find mutual support and encouragement, when you need it most. The café is open on the first and third Thursdays of the month from 2.45pm to 3.45pm at Ewell Hall.

7 September 7.30pm – **Patronal Festival Organ Recital** Jonathan Holmes plays Vienne Symphonie V, William Bolcom's jazzy American "Gospel Preludes" and some British Organ "Lollipops" with a Last Night of the Proms flavour.

Patronal festival – We will be celebrating our patronal festival on Sunday 8 September, so please come and join us as we celebrate the Blessed Virgin Mary.

14 September – **Ride and Stride 2024** – This annual event is a great way to see some of our lovely local churches, get some exercise and spend some quality time, possibly with family or friends. Many churches will be welcoming participants, opening their doors and offering refreshments. Additionally, it's a way to raise money for Church restoration and repair, and St Mary's Ewell will benefit directly.

14 September – Ewell community cinema showing **The Greatest Showman** – Come and have a great night out as we watch this film. We will have a licensed bar and tickets are now available. Doors open at 6.30.

18 September – **Church online quiz** – Our online quiz is open to all, if you would like to register please use the link that will be in our weekly notes the week before the quiz! You can also register by emailing zoom@stmaryswell.com

21 September 7.30pm – Join us for an evening of Elvis Gospel songs "**Where no one stands alone**". Licensed bar. See poster on page 4 for details and tickets.

24 September at 1.05pm – We will hold our regular **Bach Organ Recital** including performances by musicians from local schools.

27 September – **Macmillan Coffee Morning** – Come and support our coffee morning in Ewell Hall from 9.00am- 12pm. It would be great to see you and you will be supporting a great cause!

28 September – **Day for all** – 12 noon to 4.30 pm, If you enjoyed the Ewell Village Fair, you'll enjoy 'A Day for All'. The theme of this year's fun community event is 'Harvest Joys!' The popular Kingswood Shetland Ponies and their small friends are already booked to come and there will be talks on 'Harvesting Honey' and 'The Lost Lands of Ewell'. There will be craft activities for children, the bells of St Mary's will ring out, Ewell St Mary's Morris Men will be dancing, some young musicians will play, and the Divas Choir will sing. See page 9 for more details.

29 September – **Harvest Festival** at the 9.30 Eucharist, Please bring non-perishable food and other goods to be donated to the Epsom & Ewell Foodbank.

Do check the Calendar on the back page for the full list of services and events happening in September.

Every blessing

Fr Mark

COMMUNITY SUNDAY CINEMA

For the first Sunday cinema during August, we showed 'Zootopia', a 2016 American animated buddy cop action-comedy film. We had a small but beautifully formed audience who all behaved extremely well and who clearly enjoyed the snacks and drinks available. The film was entertaining for both adults and children and we all had great fun.

The second Sunday cinema was on one of the hottest days of the year, and so the Church offered respite from the heat. We had a bigger crowd this week to watch Lilo and Stitch, the 2002 animated science fiction comedy drama about the little girl, Lilo and her adopted pet Stitch, who is actually an extraterrestrial entity. The film was well received and once again the snacks went down well with the ice lollies a particular hit. The smaller children had free run of the Church when sitting down and concentrating got too much for them and the play area at the rear of the Church came into its own to keep the smaller siblings entertained. All in all a very pleasant afternoon!

Lucy Stafford



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28 July Callum Fraser Smith

ST. MARY'S ON-LINE QUIZZES



We hold monthly on-line quizzes using Zoom
These are very popular and great fun
for all the family

**Our next quiz is on Wednesday 18 September
at 8.00 pm**

We would love you to join us

**You will need to register beforehand by clicking
on the link in the Weekly Notes our you can
simply email zoom@stmarysewell.com**

ORGAN RECITALS

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Patronal Festival Organ Recital

Jonathan Holmes plays Vierne Symphony V, William Bolcom's jazzy American "Gospel Preludes" and some British Organ "Lollipops" with a Last Night of the Proms flavour

24 September 1.05 pm

Tuesday lunchtime organ recitals plus musicians from local schools

Jonathan Holmes continues his Bach lunchtime series

The Saturday concerts have a suggested donation of £10 (free to students and children). Tuesday concerts are free with donations for the organ fund being welcome



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CHOIR ADVERT!!

Both St Mary's choirs could do with more singers, especially sopranos and basses!

Could you help or do you know someone who might be interested?

Please contact the Director of Music, Jonathan Holmes, via the church website.

A Prayer for September



New beginnings!

September is usually a time for new beginnings – back to work, school, university or starting an apprenticeship or new job after the holiday season.

Loving God,

We pray for all nursery children, for those starting at a new school, those returning to a new year group or moving on to higher education or starting work. Keep them all safe from harm, both physically and emotionally. Help them to find friends who will support and encourage them. Give them wisdom when faced with challenging situations and help them to remember that You are with them, no matter what.



We pray for teachers and other members of school, higher education and work communities. Give all that work in them strength, patience and knowledge to work with our children and young people each day. Help them to be role models of Your love and grace.

We also pray for all those who have been in the workplace for a long time and returning to work after the summer break; for those starting a new job; for those who may be finding it difficult to find work and who are worried about supporting themselves and their families financially; and for those who have recently retired or are in the process of working towards retirement.

We ask that all may receive Your blessing, Your joy, Your wisdom, and Your patience as they make ready for the coming weeks of autumn and all the challenges that the new year ahead may present. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

AMEN

EIGHT HANDS ON TWO PIANOS

Matthew Burgess, Simon Gregory, Sarah Holmes
and Jonathan Holmes Saturday 6 July

'Eight Hands on Two Pianos' concerts have become a standard feature of St. Mary's musical life. Readers may not know that St. Mary's possesses not one but three excellent pianos, although only two were called into service tonight. The challenge for all performers is to keep in time, not only with the music but with each other; I am sure this kept everyone on their toes.

The concert opened with a bang. **Tchaikovsky's** rich orchestral sound in *Sleeping Beauty* was well reproduced by all four pianists in the *Waltz* from Act 1 of the ballet. A change of mood now took over, with some arrangements for piano of *Spirituals* by **Florence Price** who is probably America's leading African-American composer. Two spirituals: *I Couldn't Hear Nobody Pray* and *Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit*. Next, the sparkling *Finale* from the *Sonata in D major for piano duet*, K. 382 by **Mozart**. The music 'sparkles' owing to the good-humoured repartee between the pianists, just like in some of the comic operas of the day. Now the *Serenade in E major* by **Antonin Dvorak**. Nineteenth century serenades differ from those of an earlier generation, like those of Mozart and Beethoven. By the time Dvorak wrote his serenade, the form had transmogrified into works that could involve full orchestra, but of far less weighty nature than symphonies; of these, the first serenade by Brahms is typical. Or they could be for wind instruments, or for strings alone, like this one by Dvorak himself. Far more serious than serenades are the works of **Sergey Rachmaninov**. A life-changing experience for him was the disastrous premiere of his First Symphony. Its reception was so bad he sought psychiatric advice before attempting any further compositions. Fifty years later, after he had emigrated to America, he completed the *Symphonic Dances*; he envisaged performance by either full orchestra or two pianos. It was of course the latter that we heard tonight, the fiendishly difficult music played by Simon and Jonathan. Lastly, to bring us to the interval, all eight hands joined in three movements from the *Peer Gynt Suite* by **Edvard Grieg**: *Morning*, *Anitra's Dance* and *In the Hall of the Mountain King*.

In Brahms's day, the biggest German city east of Berlin was Breslau. Yet you will search in vain for Breslau on any modern map of Germany. That is because the city has reverted to its original Polish name, Wroclaw. Anyway, the University authorities decided to grant **Johannes Brahms** an honorary doctorate. As a gesture of thanks, he composed *The Academic Festival Overture* which ingeniously combines four cheerful student songs into a fifteen-minute piece. Then the *Notturmo* from the *Second String Quartet* by **Alexander Borodin**; four hands on one piano. All four pianists joined forces in the *Waltz* from the opera *Faust* by **Charles Gounod**. A *Tarentelle* is another kind of dance and is the title of a piece by **Madeleine Dring** for two pianos. Last of all, the *Fantasy on Themes from Bizet's Carmen* arranged by **Mack Wilberg**. We enjoyed this high-spirited music; in particular, the way he makes use of bitonality and polytonality: the simultaneous presentation of two or more themes in different keys. Wilberg is by no means a pioneer in this respect. Mozart is probably the first great composer to make use of polytonality – purely in fun, as today.

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ST. MARY'S ECO GROUP



SEPTEMBER ECO TIP

This month's ECO tips are taken from '52 ECO Top Tips Years 1 and 2' which can be downloaded from the website of the Leeds Diocese at

<https://learning.leeds.anglican.org/resource/eco-tips-for-your-weekly-parish-newsletter/>.

Lighting your home

- Light bulbs! If the average household replaced all of their bulbs with LEDs, it would cost about £100 and save about £35 a year on bills.
- Use natural light when you can to save energy. Sit by the window. Decorate your home in light colours to maximise natural light.
- Turn your lights off when you're not using them. If you switch a light off for just a few seconds, you will save more energy than it takes for the light to start up again, regardless of the type of light.
- If you have lights in your garden use solar powered lights that charge during the day and don't require electricity.

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 our chairman, Fr. Mark on 020 8393 1297 or vicar@stmarysewell.com.

IN MEMORIAM



Susan Mabel Davis passed away on 22 May 2024 at the age of 83. Sue was a regular worshipper at the Choral Eucharist and Choral Evensong Services at St. Mary's. She was a member of our flower arranging team and baked cakes for church events. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Ewell community cinema



**Saturday
14th
September**

**Saturday 23rd
November**



St Mary's Church, London Road, Ewell, KT17 2AY.
Ticket £10 with a glass of Fizz.
Tickets from Church/ eventbrite- licensed bar
Doors open 18:30

EPSOM & EWELL FOODBANK

Our local foodbank relies on your goodwill and support. Your food donations are vital - please help if you can.

Urgently needed: tinned potatoes, tinned fruit, sweetcorn, tinned vegetables, cooking sauces, dried noodles, microwave rice, instant mash, long life juice, honey, long life sponge puddings, ketchup/brown sauce/mayonnaise, pulses, shampoo & conditioner, shower gel, male deodorant, washing up liquid and washing powder.

Please no more of these items as we are fully stocked: pet food.

You can donate food 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 make a monetary donation via the Foodbank website www.epsomewell.foodbank.org.uk.

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

CHOIR TRIP TO SOUTH WALES



The Parish Choir was on the road again on July 26 and 27 to sing services in Margam Abbey and Llandaff Cathedral. Those travelling on the Friday experienced the usual terrible traffic along the M4!!

Saturday saw us arrive at the Abbey for an 11.30am start. The church has an amazing history (please look it up on the internet) with the current church only being half the length of the original. The occasion was the Diamond Jubilee Service at 1.00pm to celebrate Canon Richard Hanford's amazing career since being priested 60 years ago on St James' Day. Unsurprisingly, the service was intricate and lasted two and a half hours, but it was a truly lovely occasion beautifully choreographed. The setting for High Mass was the Langlais 'Missa Salve Regina' that we sang parts of at St Mary's a few weeks ago to 'get

us in the groove'. Weelkes' 'Gloria in excelsis' was the introit with the other anthems being 'O quam gloriosum' by Victoria, 'Glorious in heaven' by Whitlock, and John Ireland's 'Te Deum Laudamus', plus seven hymns.

The post-service reception in the amazing Orangery next to the Abbey was a very fitting occasion and ex-Archbishop Rowan Williams spoke eloquently about Richard's ministry. We then all went our separate ways as we had booked accommodation individually.

The following morning meant being at Llandaff Cathedral by 10.00am for a warm-up then into the cathedral to practice for the Choral Eucharist service at 11.00am. The setting was Hasler's 'Missa Secunda'; this being well known to the choir and St Mary's. The Communion Motet was Byrd's 'O sacrum convivium'. We dispersed after the service to find lunch and reassembled at 2.30pm for the pre-service practice for Evensong. It was a joy that Canon Richard joined us to act as Cantor; a role he had not performed there since leaving the cathedral post of Succentor in the very early 1970s.

Choral Evensong was at 4.00pm and we sang the Radcliffe responses, Noble's Evening Service in A minor and the anthem was Edward Elgar's 'The Spirit of the Lord'.

Post both services saw many appreciative comments from congregation and clergy alike! It is always good when people appreciate one's efforts. After Evensong the Dean enthusiastically invited us ("preferably for longer"!).

A tired but pleased choir then wended their way back to Ewell knowing we had sung well and had received some very appreciative comments.

DRC

BACSECT NEWSLETTER No 11 JUNE 2024

Hi everyone, it's been quite a time since our last newsletter, but life has been very hectic over the last few months.

We visited the school in January and in March and are pleased to report that it is flourishing. It was a shock for us in March to find that Richard, the Headmaster, had suffered a minor stroke but we are glad to report that he is recovering well.

We had not been told between visits as there is always a reluctance to give bad news! Apart from having to have some physiotherapy and make sure he takes his pills regularly all seems to be positive, and he is firmly in charge.

The remedial work to the outer walls has been successfully completed and, we are delighted to report, done within budget, something that is quite unusual for works in The Gambia. The three new classrooms now just need some internal work to be completed for them to be operational.

Sadly, we have so far not been able to get 20+ laptops to replace the old ones at the school. We thought that a school in the UK could supply as they were updating but another charity beat us to it. There are still a few of the old ones working but not enough for the number of children. We will keep looking!!

The annual returns were duly completed when the Charities Commission website reopened and we were able to submit a return showing a sound financial state, thanks to all our supporters.

There is a need over the next year or two for quite a lot of building maintenance to be carried out. The original part of the School was built in 2008/9 and only remedial work has been carried out since that time. Our inspections in January and March clearly showed the need for quite a lot of repairs and for a full school repainting. This sort of work can only be carried

out in the school holidays and also when we have got a builder who can do the work at a reasonable price. Sadly, the builder who did emergency work on the outer walls is no longer available to us. We also need to make sure we have the funds to cover the work.

Our immediate need is to pay the teacher's salaries for the August holidays and to do the big yearly spend on purchasing the new workbooks and equipment for the new school year. All the learning books that the children use are written in during the lessons so every year a complete new set for the whole school has to be obtained. Quite a big spend on 200+ children as well as uniforms for the new intake.

All the school writing material is provided by the school to the children. Most "disappear" home at the end of a school year and have to be renewed.

Whilst we were there in March all the children were preparing for the National Assessment Tests set by The West African Examination Council. The results of the tests indicate how well the children are doing and, just as importantly, how well they are being taught. Our schools' results are always above average. The children leaving in July to go to senior school will use the results to show the standards they have reached in Junior School so the results for those pupils are very important.

The school and all the students send thanks to all who help to make their education possible.

God Bless,

Revd John

Chair of Trustees

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THE COUNTDOWN



- Only 6 weeks to go!

Don't forget and spread the news

This year St Mary's will once again 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 continuing to live 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-2024>.

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 12 10.00am-12.00pm,
Wednesday, October 23 2.30pm – 4.00pm
Saturday, October 26 10.00am – 12.00pm
Wednesday, October 30 2.30pm – 4.00pm

Or bring them along and join us for one of our church services on Sunday, October 13, 20 or 27.

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 November 4, so don't be late! Many thanks

Linda Staff

Messy Church Goes Wild again this Autumn



So don't forget to join us, rain, or shine, for our exciting outdoor venture for all ages this coming autumn

Saturday, September 7 2.30 to 4.00pm
Saturday, October 5 2.30 to 4.00pm
Saturday, November 2 2.30 to 4.00pm
Saturday, December 7 2.30 to 4.00pm

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, enjoy craft activities, a Bible story and a song or two to celebrate God's creation and enjoy a welcome drink and refreshments together.

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

PCC MEETING REPORT

At the PCC meeting on 6 August Fr Mark reported that he has begun distributing prayer cards again to all homes in the parish. Following receiving a prayer card, one new person has started to attend the 8am Sunday service, one person has enquired about the Bereavement Café and another has asked for prayers to be said.

Following the resignation of 3 of the trustees of the tower, Fr Mark, Valerie Wood, Vicky Gocher and the chief executive of Epsom and Ewell council are now the remaining trustees. A structural survey needs to be carried out as soon as possible. Fr Mark has contacted the Landmark Trust to see if they are interested in taking it on but has had no reply to date.

The question was asked: *How often do the council cut the grass?* – 2 cuts per year. They have to be asked to cut it so Fr Mark has it cut for the Fair and for Remembrance Day. He expressed his thanks to all those volunteers who keep it tidy for the rest of the year.

Fr Mark pointed out that the interior decoration of Ewell Hall is beginning to look a bit tired and suggested setting up a work party to freshen up the paintwork (not the ceiling) and to tidy up the weeds etc outside.

The PCC voted in favour of the ministry team sorting through the large numbers of hymn and prayer books which are no longer used but are stored at the back of the church. Surplus books will be offered to members of the congregation before being offered to other churches.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 10 September.

Liv Divall PCC Secretary



'A Day for All'

With something for everyone to enjoy
Saturday 28 September

- Come for all or part of the day with the theme 'Harvest Joys!'
- The church bells ring out to launch the day at 12 noon. Around 12.30pm and again at 2.15pm bell pads worn by Ewell St Mary's Morris Men accompany their dance steps and stick wielding.
- Meet Kingswood Shetlands & Friends - two Shetland Ponies and their small animal friends (all day in the churchyard).
- Learn about Harvesting Honey - a talk plus Q&A (1.30pm - 2.15pm).
- Discover the Lost Land of Ewell - a talk plus Q&A (2.45pm - 3.30pm).
- Be entertained by some Young Musicians (1pm - 1.30pm), by singing led by the JAM (Jesus and Me) children (3.30pm - 3.45pm) and by DIVAS, a women's vocal group from Fitznells Music Centre (3.45pm - 4pm).
- Enjoy Children's Craft Activities (from 2pm), playing with Big Connect 4 and Hook a Duck, and following the Mouse Trail (all day).
- Vote for your favourite photo. The winners of the Photograph Competition (categories '12 years and under') and '13 years and above') are chosen by everyone coming along on the day. The rules can be downloaded at <https://www.stmarysewell.com/a-day-for-all-28-september-2024-photo-competition-entry-details/> or pick up a leaflet from the back of church. The deadline for entries is 23.59 on 22 September.
- There's much more, including the familiar favourites of Swop Shop, the Prayer Corner (in church), the Prayer Walk (in the churchyard), a (free) bread and soup lunch, teatime cake and a drink and refreshments through the day. We celebrate the day with a short service in church at 5pm.

Everything is free except the Fish and Chip Supper which costs £8 and can be ordered by emailing adayforall@stmarysewell.com or signing the list in church by 22 Sept. A vegetarian option can be booked.

Simply come along and enjoy the fun



**ALL THROUGH THE DAY
12 NOON TO 4.00PM**

Outside

Kingswood Shetlands and Friends – Ponies, Rabbits, Guinea Pigs and other small animals

Prayer Walk
Morris Men

In Church

Photographic Competition

Prayer Tree

Mouse Trail

Swop Shop

Bring your excess produce, plants, jam, vegetables, books, toys, board games, etc, to swap items

No money will be exchanged

2:00-4:00PM

Craft activities for children led by the Guides and others

THE CHOICE IS YOURS ALL FREE

In the Parish Room

12 noon-3.00pm

Cafe-style Refreshments

12.30-1.30pm

Bread, Soup and Drinks



In Church

12 noon-12:30 Bell Ringers

12.30-1.00pm Morris Men (outside)

1.00-1.30pm Young Musicians

1.30-2.15pm Talk about 'Harvesting Honey' plus Q&A

2.15-2.45pm Morris Men (outside)

2.45-3.30pm Talk on 'The Lost Land of Ewell' plus Q&A

3.30-3.45pm Singing led by JAM Children

3.45-4.00pm DIVAS Singing
Entertainment by Fitznells' Choir

4.00pm Tea and Cake

5.00pm Celebration Service!

5.30pm Fish and Chips in Ewell Hall
£8.00 - Booking required

Please sign the list in the Church or email adayforall@stmarysewell.com by the Tuesday 24 September (Vegetarian option bookable)

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A DAY FOR ALL



**28 September
12-4.30pm**

**Photographic
Competition**



Email pictures you have taken on the theme 'Harvest Joys'

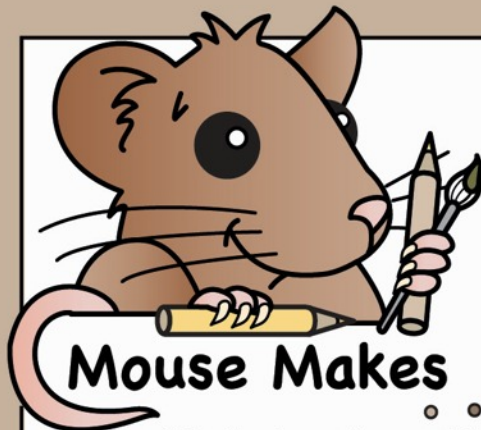
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ENTRY

Maximum of two per person

CATEGORIES:
12 years and under
13 years and above

Closing date Sunday 22 September. All the details of how to enter can be found on the St Mary's website (www.stmarysewell.com)



HARVEST THANKSGIVING

"May the peoples
 _____ you, O God!
 May all the peoples praise you!
 The land yields its harvest;
 God, our God blesses us."

Psalm 67:5-6 NIV

"God ... has shown kindness by
 giving you rain from heaven
 and crops in their seasons.
 He provides you with
 plenty of _____. He fills
 your hearts with joy."

Acts 14:16-17 NIV

"Honour the Lord with your wealth
 and the first part of your harvest."

Proverbs 3:9 ERV

"Let us fear and respect
 the Lord our God.

He gives us autumn and
 spring _____

at the right time.

He makes sure that we
 have the harvest at
 just the right time."

Jeremiah 5:24 ERV

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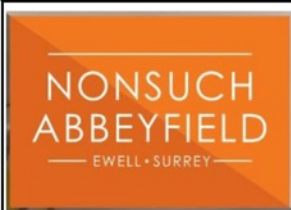


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Calendar for September

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

- S 01 TRINITY 14**
0800 Said Holy Eucharist 1662 (Lady Chapel)
0930 Sung Holy Eucharist
- M 02** 1930 for 2000 Study Group - The Lord's Prayer
- T 03** 1000 Said Holy Eucharist (Lady Chapel)
- Th 05** 1000 St Mary's Toddler Group (Hall)
1445 Bereavement Café (Hall)
- S 07** 1430 Messy Church goes Wild
1930 Patronal Festival Organ Recital
- S 08 TRINITY 15 - PATRONAL FESTIVAL**
0800 Said Holy Eucharist (Lady Chapel)
0930 Jesus and Me (JAM) (Hall then Church)
0930 Sung Holy Eucharist
1115 Choral Mattins
- M 09** 1930 for 2000 Study Group - The Lord's Prayer
- T 10** 1000 Said Holy Communion (Lady Chapel)
1930 PCC Meeting (Parish Room)
- Th 12** 1000 St Mary's Toddler Group (Hall)
- S 14** 1000-1700 Ride and Stride (open Church)
1830 for 1900 Ewell Community Cinema, 'The Greatest Showman'
- S 15 TRINITY 16**
0800 Said Holy Eucharist (Lady Chapel)
0930 Jesus and Me (JAM) (Hall then Church)
0930 Sung Holy Eucharist
1730 Choral Evensong
- M 16** 1930 for 2000 Study Group - The Lord's Prayer
2000 Julian Group (Zoom)
- T 17** 1000 Said Holy Eucharist (Lady Chapel)
1930 Ewell Yule Meeting (Parish Room)
- W 18** 2000 Quiz on Zoom
- Th 19** 1000 St Mary's Toddler Group (Hall)
1445 Bereavement Café (Hall)
- S 21** 1930 Concert - The gospel side of Elvis
- S 22 TRINITY 17**
0800 Said Holy Eucharist (Lady Chapel)
0930 Jesus and Me (JAM) (Hall then Church)
0930 Sung Holy Eucharist
1115 Holy Baptism
- M 23** 1930 for 2000 Study Group - The Lord's Prayer
- T 24** 1000 Said Holy Eucharist (Lady Chapel)
1305 Lunchtime Bach Organ Recital
- Th 26** 1000 St Mary's Toddler Group (Hall)
- F 27** 0900-1200 McMillan Coffee morning (Hall)
- S 28** 1200-1600 A Day for All
- S 29 TRINITY 18 - HARVEST**
0800 Said Holy Eucharist (Lady Chapel)
0930 Jesus and Me (JAM) (Hall then Church)
0930 Sung Holy Eucharist (Harvest Festival)
- M 30** 1930 for 2000 Study Group - The Lord's Prayer

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