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Creation Celebration!

Sunday 10th August

9:30am

in and around

St Mary's Church

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Come and join us for an
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our Gold Eco award, followed

by a bring and share lunch

All are welcome!

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Fr Mark Stafford writes

Journeys of the Heart and Soul: The Power of Adventure and Reflection

I have always been a great fan of books about people's adventures, especially if they recount fantastic journeys.

Many years ago, I found immense joy in reading *Coleman's Drive*. The book recounts John Coleman's incredible drive in 1959 from Buenos Aires to New York in a 1925 Austin 7. Another great read that captured my imagination is Tim Slessor's *First Overland*, which details the Oxford and Cambridge Universities expedition from London to Singapore. This journey, one of the longest overland drives at the time, was undertaken in two Series 1 Land Rovers and is filled with adventure, mishaps, and teamwork.

As you can see, there is a bit of a theme here. I have a great passion for Austin Sevens and Land Rovers, but I believe both books are worth reading not just as "boy's own" adventures for petrol heads, but because they capture a moment in time. They are both books of discovery.

Reflecting on these two books, I realised why they meant so much to me. Apart from involving some of my favourite cars and being tales of high adventure, they were people's recollections of unique experiences that would never be replicated in the same way. These journeys were one-offs, and the authors' journals allowed me to travel around the world without ever leaving Birmingham.

In a similar way, we too have witnessed many world-changing events, including wars, the three-day week, the miners' strike, the poll tax introduction and subsequent riots, the dissolution of the USSR, space travel, COVID-19, economic downturns, and many other significant events.

We have also experienced unique faith events, such as the appointment of new bishops and popes, the introduction of female clergy, and shifting patterns of worship. These events have undoubtedly changed our lives and the way we relate to God.

Some Christians find "journaling" to be a great spiritual exercise. Christian journaling involves taking time to reflect and record thoughts and prayers, reflect on Scripture, and track spiritual progress. Journaling can give structure to prayer time and help identify recurring issues, enabling a focus on what needs attention or what God may be saying.

If you have never tried journaling, it might be something to consider as part of your spiritual practice. It can be a powerful tool for reflection and growth.

As a teenager, I was very grateful to John Coleman and Tim Slessor. Through their journals, I was able to embark on incredible journeys without ever leaving my hometown. Similarly, I am grateful to spiritual leaders like Charles Gore and Gerard Hughes for guiding me on a spiritual journey. Their writings and reflections have been

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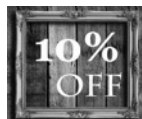
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or you can phone:
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The scheme handles gift aid automatically and at no cost to St Mary's.

invaluable in shaping my faith and understanding of the world.

I wonder what books have influenced you. And, if recording and recounting your unique spiritual journey would help you navigate your future with God?

What's on in August

Church closure & Sponsor a Tile Time Capsule

On Monday 4 August we will be closing the Church for Sunday worship and moving into Ewell Hall. We need to investigate the cracks in the floor in the Nave and then re-tile. The contractors envisage the work in the Church will take between 2-3 weeks to complete.

Before we re-lay the floor, we will put a "Time Capsule" in the undercroft, this will contain artifacts about our Church today and a list of the names of all those who sponsored a tile!

If you would like to sponsor a floor tile, please use the form which is available in

church, giving your name as you would like it to be listed in the time capsule.

Hand the form and your gift of £10 minimum in a sealed envelope to one of the Churchwardens. If you can Gift Aid this amount, please do so, using a Gift Aid envelope. Thank you

Gold Eco Award Celebration Service – Bishop Andrew will be joining us on 10 August at 9:30am as we gather for an outdoor Holy Communion Gold Eco Award Celebration Service and bring and share lunch. Come and join the celebrations! If possible, please bring your own chair

Jazz on the Lawn 4 – 23 August – Tickets are now available in Church & from Eventbrite.

Ticket price is £10 and includes a burger. This year we will be welcoming "Niki M and Friends". They will be playing Jazz and Swing standards. So please come and join us for what we hope will be a grand afternoon out!

Do check the calendar on the back page for the full list of our services and events

Every blessing

Fr Mark



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Can you help?

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.

Observations

The solution of the riddle of life in space and time lies outside space and time.

Ludwig Wittgenstein

Faith is the capacity to trust God while not being able to make sense out of everything

James Kok

SEPTEMBER CONCERTS

2 September 1.05 pm

Tuesday lunchtime organ recital

Jonathan Holmes - Director of Music

Jonathan continues his lunchtime Bach recitals

20 September 7.30 pm

Organ recital

Jonathan Holmes - Director of Music

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

ST. MARY'S ON-LINE QUIZZES



We hold on-line quizzes using Zoom

These are very popular and are fun for all the family, so why not join us?

Our next quiz is in September

As always, you will need to register beforehand.

You can use links provided in the Weekly Notes or you can register by emailing zoom@stmarysewell.com.



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Your food donations are vital - please help if you can.

Urgently needed: microwave rice, pasta sauce, cooking sauces, instant coffee, ketchup & mayonnaise/brown sauce, tinned vegetables, tinned fish, tinned fruit, tinned meat, dried pasta in sauce, long life juice, squash, tinned tomatoes, porridge, rice pudding, custard, tinned fruit, jam/honey/marmalade/chocolate spread/peanut butter, long life sponge puddings, chocolate biscuit bars, crisps, chocolate, children's toothpaste (age 0-2 only), deodorant (male), toilet rolls, nappies size 5, washing up liquid and washing powder

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

*** Please note that we are unable to take refrigerated or frozen items. Make sure all donations are sealed, in date and do not contain alcohol ***

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 where you can also sign up to the Foodbank newsletter,

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS FUNERAL

In sure and certain hope (BCP Burial rite)

16 July Frank James Stockwell, aged 77

A Prayer for August



Long warm days....

The pace of life slow.....

A time for picnics and rest in the shade.

Lord, help me to rest awhile in your presence.

Slow down my restless heart

and fill me with gentle

compassion for all your people.

AMEN.

Across the summer, save your shoe boxes, hunt out treasures...



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 very real threat of war coming to their homes, these gifts are needed more than ever and are also a sign of hope that someone cares. Check out the charity's website at <https://linktohope.co.uk/shoebox-appeal-2025>.

With all the cost-of-living rises here, 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. Thank you for your support.

Linda Staff

ORGAN RECITAL

Saturday 17 May

William Brooke - Senior Organ Scholar

We at St. Mary's are fortunate in having not one but two young organists. Appointed two years ago, William is well known in the community for his regular appearances in church, accompanying choir and congregation at services. It was, therefore, a special pleasure to hear him in solo capacity.

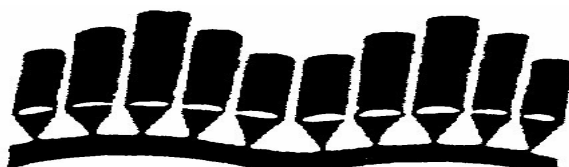
His programme, ranging from the Baroque to modern, was designed to take full advantage of the power and versatility available to him on the Father Willis organ. Beginning with **Bach**, William played two contrasting works, the *Kyrie, heiliger Geist, BWV 671* and the ebullient *Prelude and Fugue in G major, BWV 541* nicknamed 'The Great'. This latter piece displays many of the characteristics of Baroque music: complexity of writing - polyphony - a high degree of ornamentation and sheer exuberance. The *Kyrie* piece is one of Bach's Chorale Preludes usually based on a hymn though here it is part of the 'Lord, have mercy' section of the Mass.

An older contemporary of Bach is **Louis-Nicolas Clérambault** who lived and worked in Paris therefore would never have met Bach. Clérambault is known for his opera but did write some organ music including the *Suite du Deuxième Ton* which we heard today. The Suite comprises seven short movements and we can but admire the way our organ can reproduce with a fair degree of approximation the kind of sound a French instrument, of that time, with an entirely different set of stops, would make.

Next, William moved to modern times. **Paul Fey** is a young contemporary German composer who performs his music on YouTube. The *Prayer for Peace* was composed in response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine in 2022. Another contemporary composer is **Cecilia McDowell** who writes for choirs and organ. Of the latter category is *Church bells from beyond the stars*, a sparkling piece dating from 2023; its title is derived from a poem by the Tudor poet George Herbert: "church bells from beyond the stars heard, the soul's blood, the land of spices, something understood."

A leading light among twentieth-century English composers, is **Herbert Howells** two of whose works featured in William's recital. Firstly, Number 6 from Howells's set *Six Short Pieces for Organ* and it has the modest title *Quasi lento: teneramente* (somewhat slowly, tenderly). Secondly, in 1910, Howells witnessed the first performance of Vaughan Williams's famous *Fantasia on a Theme of Thomas Tallis*. One can hear the tribute Howells pays to his friend and colleague, in Master Tallis's Testament published in 1953 as one of Six Pieces for Organ but often played as a stand-alone piece. Finally, after this restrained music, William literally 'pulled out all the stops' in the *Marche Pontificale* by **Charles-Marie Widor**. Though he died as long ago as 1937, it seems unfair that he should be remembered for just one piece, the ever-popular Toccata. This resounding March, taken from his First Symphony, deserves to be much better known.

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EWELL VILLAGE FAIR Saturday 12 July



It didn't rain, there were no high winds this year, but our unpredictable British weather produced a 31 degree heatwave for Ewell Village Fair on July 12.

However, we had lots of visitors with many new faces from the community entering into the spirit of things. With the Wurlitzer Surrey Serenada organ playing outside and the Morris men dancing, there was a real feel of a traditional village fair. The stalls were busy and there was a well timed schedule of events throughout the day. The fair was opened by Helen Maguire MP and the Mayor and Mayoress arrived and enjoyed the festivities and joined Fr Mark and me as the judges of the 'gurning through the Horse collar' ably won by our very own Peter!

Punch and Judy were a great success with the youngsters. We had performers from PHAB and Protégém and quality singing from the Epsom Male voice choir, Divas and of course our wonderful St Mary's Choir. The organ played, the music scholars ably provided piano music, the raffle was drawn and great prizes won. You really can't beat a traditional village fair and ours was truly wonderful! A big thank you must go to all the organisers and those who worked so hard over so many months to create such a fun day out for all.

A week needed to recover and... now who is up for helping with A Day for All and Ewell Yule?.....

Lucy S

MORE ABOUT 'A DAY FOR ALL' ON SATURDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

You'll know from the June and July editions of EPN that animals will again be a highlight at **A Day for All** when the King-swood Shetland Ponies and their small friends will be back! Also, that there will be a talk about Surrey Wildlife Trust and that everyone who comes along on the day will be able to vote for their favourite photo and so have a chance to help choose the winners of the photo competition.

But to have a photo competition we need your photos! The theme for the photo competition is **'Wonders of Creation'**. (This is the theme for the day.) Your photos could illustrate anything to do with nature (creation as a noun) or technology, architecture, sculpture, gardening, art, craft, music or something else (creation as a verb). Use your imagination..... You could use your mobile or a camera to take your photos.

You can submit up to two photos taken by you. The rules can be downloaded at <https://www.stmarysewell.com/a-day-for-all-2025/> or pick up a leaflet from the back of church. **The deadline for entries is 23.59 on Sunday 21 September.**

Other attractions include playing by some young musicians, singing led by the JAM (Jesus and Me) children and singing by DIVAS, a women's vocal group from Fitznells Music Centre, a Children's Play Area, the Mouse Trail and visits to the bell tower. There's much more, including the familiar favourites of Swap 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. Any questions to Sue Ayling (see page 2 for contact details).

Everything is free except the fish and chip supper which costs £9 and can be ordered by emailing adayforall@stmarysewell.com or signing the list in church by 24 September. A vegetarian option can be booked. Simply come along and enjoy the fun!



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Frank James Stockwell

30 July 1947 – 23 June 2025

Sue Ayling writes "My memory of Frank is of someone who was always welcoming, good company and with a lovely smile and great sense of humour. The care he gave Ruth was inspiring." Various members of St Mary's have written: 'Frank was a great husband, father and grandfather. He adored his four granddaughters. His culinary skills were second to none. He had a great sense of adventure, taking Ruth to exotic places, and also supporting her in all the work she did for St Mary's. He was a superb musician and played in a number of bands, including at St Mary's Ewell Village Fair. At The Fair he was also actively involved with Ruth and their family in the tea and refreshment stall. There was a large seating area and Frank set up everything, as well as being on hand to provide the stallholders and helpers with a cup of tea or coffee after all their hard work getting ready before the official opening. Very much appreciated by everyone!'

Frank will be very much missed by all who had the pleasure and privilege of knowing him.

Sue Ayling



ST. MARY'S ECO GROUP

NATURE FRIENDLY GARDENING

With over 20 million gardens in the UK, our combined efforts to work with nature rather than against it can make a huge contribution to a healthy environment. Check out the tips below from the Woodland Trust <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk>

Small changes can have a big impact. They can be good for wildlife and they're often cheap or even free so good for your budget too.

Avoid chemicals When it comes to weedkillers, fertilisers and pest control, choose organic options. Chemicals damage soil health, pollute water sources and harm wildlife. If you end up with an infestation, look to natural remedies like soapy water, garlic spray and beer traps.

Grow your own food and cut flowers Shipped around the world and packed in plastic, some of the fruit, veg and flowers in the shops have an eye-watering carbon footprint. Reduce your impact by growing your own, even in small spaces. Grow herbs on a windowsill, tomatoes in hanging baskets and strawberries in containers, or slot some food crops into your existing borders.

Reduce waste Got piles of fallen leaves? Make leaf mould to use as mulch. Branches and twigs from pruning? Leave small bundles in a quiet corner or at the back of borders as a home for minibeasts. Empty compost bags? Line wooden planters to help prevent rot. More seedlings than you know what to do with? Gift them to friends, neighbours or colleagues. And don't forget grass clippings and other plant waste can go on the compost heap.

Mow lawns less often Whether you use a petrol mower or an electric one, spreading out your lawn cuts will reduce your energy bills as well as your impact on the environment. Fewer mows has the added bonus of allowing grass to grow a little longer and wildflowers to bloom, providing valuable food and shelter for wildlife.

Water wisely For an eco-friendly garden, rainwater is better than the tap. It's also cheaper and healthier for your plants. Install a water butt or any large containers where they can catch rainwater and you'll be reducing your carbon footprint.

Make your own compost and fertiliser Composting saves the energy used to produce shop-bought, plastic-wrapped compost, and avoids the transport costs and greenhouse gasses associated with plant and food waste going to landfill or incineration. To make compost, mix layers of soft 'green' material, like grass, flowers and kitchen peelings, with drier, harder 'brown' material, like small sticks, dead stems and bits of cardboard. For DIY fertiliser, nettles or comfrey are ideal. Chop the leaves up, submerge in water and leave to rot for a few weeks, then dilute one part plant liquid to nine parts water before applying to the garden. The neat feed smells pretty awful, but it's packed with nutrients and your plants and purse will love it!

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.

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ST MARY'S CHURCH, EWELL

JAZZ ON THE LAWN

"Niki M & Friends"

Saturday 23rd August 2025

12:00 Noon - 3:00pm

Live music

The Vicarage, 14 Church street,

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A LETTER FROM SARA HOLLAND



Dear Friends,

Firstly, I want to thank you all for the warm welcome, love, and support you've shown me over the past eight months as I've worshipped alongside you at St Mary's.

It is both an honour and a blessing to now be officially licensed as your Lay Minister. I look forward to serving you more intentionally and wholeheartedly now that my formal training has finished. Of course, there will always be more to learn and explore—and I'm sure much of that learning will happen with all of you.

I imagine many of you would like to know a little more about me. By day, I'm a self-employed bookkeeper, a role I've held for many years. Some of my clients have been with me for over 25 years and have become more like family. I have a daughter, Jennifer (33), who lives in St Helens with her husband Mike and my two beautiful granddaughters, Amelie (8) and Myla (3). My son, Benedict (26), has recently moved back home while he completes his Master's in Mechanical Engineering. In my spare time, I'm a passionate supporter of my rugby team, Esher RFC. I spent 15 years as their youth registrar, was once even named *Player of the Year* (despite never having played a match!), and I'm proud to be a Vice President of the club. I'm also an avid crafter—but more on that another time!

I've always had faith, but church attendance wasn't always regular. I grew up in the Baptist Church and, in my twenties, worshipped at the Kings Church in Aldershot, where I was baptised by immersion at age 25. Like many, life's demands drew me away, and for a time, my attendance was limited to the "hatch, match, and despatch" occasions.

Eventually, I began attending a church-based mother and toddler group, with Ben, which gently drew me back into church life—and into deeper service. Eleven years ago, I was authorised as a Pastoral Assistant, and even then, I sensed God calling me to something more.

Three years ago, that quiet inner voice became louder. I began to explore what that "more" might be, though I worried I was too old or past my prime. But a chance conversation with Sarah Slater, the Diocesan Training Lead, changed everything. I found myself enrolled in the Local Ministry Programme to train as an LLM. Then, last autumn, God brought me to Ewell.

During my training, a tutor gifted me with a single word: *Ubuntu*. It's a South African term meaning:

"I am what I am because of who we all are."

He said to me, *"You will be who you need to be for those you are serving."* That truth has become the very heart of my ministry.

May I serve you in the love of Christ.
Amen.

Note from the Editor: Sara was licensed as an LLM in Guildford Cathedral by Bishop Andrew on Saturday 5 July.

CHURCH GARDEN PARTY



A resplendent garden greeted the 40 or so attending the Vicarage Garden Party on a very hot 28 June; the lawn neatly mown, bunting flapping in the breeze, awnings to protect us from the sun, tables with bright red and white checked tablecloths and a few garden games, as well as a well-stocked raffle. The Pimm's flowed as the cucumber sandwiches were devoured followed by scones, cream and strawberry jam and copious cups of tea. (Other drinks were available). There was much debate about the pronunciation of the word "scone" as well as the advantages of applying cream or jam first to the scone.

Our thanks to Mark and Lucy for masterminding this event and allowing us the use of the kitchen. See you all at "Jazz on the Lawn" on Saturday 23 August.

JMD

Give Him a call!

The phone was a great invention. How easy, to press a few numbers on our small devices and speak to someone the other side of the world. Once a phone was a luxury item; now we take it for granted that this gadget in our pocket enables us to contact anyone, at any time, in any place.

However, how many times have you rung someone, only to be given a recorded message giving a variety of options? Then you must wait in a queue for ages before your call is answered. A voice informs you that 'your call is important to us' ... but meanwhile you are left waiting, listening to endless music.

Yes, a phone may be useful in all kinds of circumstances, but they can also be very frustrating! So, it's good to know that God can be contacted immediately we need Him.

There is no celestial call centre where our messages are delayed or referred. With prayer we can call on God directly. This service is free, with no charges. He hears our every call, and we can be confident that our Creator will answer us in ways which are only for our good.

'When you pray, I will answer you. When you call to me, I will respond.' (Isaiah 58:9)

St Mary's Crafters Starting 10 September

Ewell Hall 2nd Wednesday of Each Month

Crafting, Chatter & Cake – What's Not to Love?

Creativity is not only great for the brain – it's a wonderful way to relax, have fun, and connect with others. Come and join me as we explore the joys of crafting together each month!

Every session will have a theme, and I'll demonstrate a different **paper crafting technique** that you can use to make your own beautiful creations – whether it's a card, a decoration, or something unique.

All materials and refreshments are provided!

£5 per session to cover materials and refreshments.

Prefer a different craft?

Bring along your own project – whether it's painting, sewing, knitting, crochet, or anything else – and simply enjoy the company and a cuppa. **£2 per session** to cover refreshments.

No experience necessary – just bring your enthusiasm!

Everyone is welcome.

For more information, please contact Sara Holland:

llm@stmarysewell.com.

JULY PCC REPORT

Fr Mark had circulated a paper prior to the meeting, outlining the progress made on MAP part 1 – what went well and what didn't and where to move on to for part 2.

The biblical literacy course during Lent had been a great success and is presently being followed up with a weekly course about being a Christian, with a view to studying the Nicene Creed later in the year.

Our new LLM Sara Holland has offered to set up a 'craft church' group, where she would lead a discussion with the members (for example on the Beatitudes) whilst they worked on a linked craft.

Fr Mark reminded members that the Bishop will lead an outdoor service on 10 August to celebrate St Mary's achieving the gold Eco Award – it was suggested that this would be a good occasion to bring along friends or family who would not normally come to church.

Thanks were recorded to Godfrey, Steve, Tim, Chris and Fr Mark for their hard work clearing the churchyard grass and grounds in readiness for the Village Fair.

Work will begin on 4 August to lift and then repair the chancel floor, and it is hoped this will only take two to three weeks. During this period the church will remain closed and church services will be held in the hall. A notice will be placed outside the church to explain the temporary closure.

The PCC unanimously agreed to adopt and abide by the Diocese of Guildford's Covenant for Racial Justice.

The next meeting of the PCC will be on Monday 11 August.

*Liz Divall
PCC Secretary*

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Lent Lunch charity update



Thank you to all who donated to the Dolma Foundation during our Lent lectures and lunches. You raised £500! This little girl, Ishani's [in photo] first year of education was covered by donations from guests at a UK wedding. Thanks to us her second year is now covered. In the other picture you see her Dad outside their home, also educated to A level standard by the Dolma Foundation at their school for the disabled which I have visited.

'It's a wonderful thing St Mary's has done. Thank you' is the message from the trustees. <https://dolmafoundation.org/>

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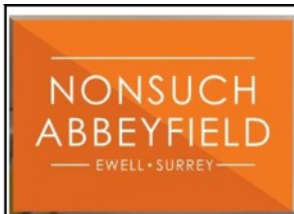


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Calendar for August



Said Morning Prayer will usually be celebrated at 0900 Monday to Saturday and shown online. (Saturdays will be specifically prayers for peace.)

S 03 TRINITY 7

- 0800 Said Holy Eucharist 1662 (Lady Chapel)
0930 Sung Holy Eucharist

**THE CHURCH IS CLOSED FROM 4 TO 22 AUGUST
THE HALL WILL BE USED INSTEAD
EXCEPT WHERE OTHERWISE STATED**

- M 04 Day Home Communion by Clergy
1930 ECO Group Meeting (Parish Room)
T 05 1000 Said Holy Eucharist (location T.B.A.)
Th 07 1100-1230 Coffee for all at Priory Court
1445-1545 Bereavement Café (Hall)

S 10 TRINITY 8

There is no 0800 service - to be combined with
0930 Sung Holy Eucharist **THIS SERVICE
WILL BE HELD OUTSIDE**

- M 11 1930 PCC Meeting (Parish Room)
T 12 1000 Said Holy Eucharist (location T.B.A.)
S 17 TRINITY 9
0800 Said Holy Eucharist
0930 Sung Holy Eucharist
T 19 1000 Said Holy Eucharist (location T.B.A.)
Th 21 1445-1545 Bereavement Café
S 23 Noon -1500 Jazz on the Lawn (Vicarage)

**CHURCH NOW OPEN FOR ALL SERVICES UNLESS
OTHERWISE STATED**

S 24 BARTHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE

- 0800 Said Holy Eucharist
0930 Sung Holy Eucharist

T 26 1000 Said Holy Eucharist (Lady Chapel)

S 31 TRINITY 11

- 0800 Said Holy Eucharist
0930 Sung Holy Eucharist

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