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Remembrance Sunday



9 November 2025

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

Remember, Remember the 5th of November

November is often a month of reflection, looking back at past events and incidents that have shaped our lives, world, and national culture. For children, November is synonymous with fireworks and parties, as we remember the activities of Guy Fawkes on the 5th of November 1605.

Guy Fawkes, a Catholic convert, fought for Catholic Spain in the Eighty Years' War against Protestant Dutch reformers. Together with Thomas Wintour and Robert Cat-esby, Fawkes planned to assassinate King James I and restore a Catholic monarch to the English throne. The plotters leased an undercroft beneath the House of Lords and started to stockpile gunpowder. Following an anonymous tip-off, Fawkes was discovered with the explosives, questioned, tortured, and eventually executed for planning to blow up Parliament.

This event began the long tradition of bonfires and fireworks that has captivated generations of children. Today, the joys of backyard fireworks parties have largely been replaced by safer public events.

In November, we also remember other significant times of crisis and loss. On the 11th, we commemorate the end of hostile fire in the First World War at 11:00 on the 11th of November 1918. The armistice was agreed at 05:00 and came into effect at 11:00. Unfortunately, not all on the front lines heard or obeyed the news, resulting in nearly 11,000 additional casualties on that day alone. The original armistice was for 36 days and had to be renewed four times before the Treaty of Versailles was signed, bringing a hoped-for lasting peace.

Poppies, which flourished in the soil churned up by the fighting, became a symbol of remembrance, inspired by Canadian doctor John McCrae's poem "In Flanders Fields". Poppies have been sold in Britain since 1921 to raise money for the Earl Haig Fund, supporting ex-servicemen and the families of those who died in the conflict. The British Legion founded the Richmond poppy factory in 1922, which continues to produce poppies today.

The poppy has become a symbol of remembrance for those who died in the First World War and in subsequent conflicts. This wider memorial is observed on Remembrance Sunday, on a Sunday close to the 11th of November. On this day, we remember all who died in conflict, pray for them, and lay poppy wreaths at war memorials across the country.

On the 1st of November, the Church celebrates All Saints' Day, and on the 2nd, All Souls' Day. We remember those we have loved and lost at All Souls' tide and pray for those who died because of their faith on All Saints' Day. We remember them by name, light candles, and hold them in our prayers.

While Bonfire Night has become a commercial event with epic displays, the more significant acts of memorial

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The Church is generally open daily for private prayer between 9am and 5pm

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have remained in the hands of the Royal British Legion and the Church. Instead of fleeting fireworks, those who come to Church to reflect and remember are offered an eternal light that shines in the darkness, bringing comfort to those who mourn and hope to those who seek peace. As Jesus said, "I am the light of the world", a light that shines in the darkness, which the darkness of war and grief can never overcome.

November is a month of remembering, a time to recall those we have lost, reflect on times of conflict, and remember the peace that Jesus can bring to all situations in life and beyond.

What's on in November?

All Saints and All Souls- On Saturday 1 November, St Mary's Church will be holding two memorial services for All Souls' Tide. There will be a said requiem at 12 noon and a Service of the Word at 16:00. The 16:00 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 as soon as possible.

We will be celebrating All Saints' at the 9:30 Mass on Sunday 2 November.

Bach Recital Tuesday 4 November at 13:05 We continue our Bach Lunchtime Recitals.

Remembrance Day Sunday 9 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 at the War Memorial in our churchyard. 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.

Lunch Club We will be running a free lunch club on Thursdays at noon - 14:00 starting on 6 November and running through until February. It would be great if you could join us for soup, a roll, a chat and a chance to socialise!

12 November – **St. Mary's Crafters** - join Sara Holland, for crafting, chatter and cake. Sara will be demonstrating paper crafting techniques 19:30 - 21:00 at Ewell Hall.

Organ Film Night with Simon Gregory Saturday 15 November at 19:30 – suggested donation of £10, free to students and children.

This month's **Online Quiz** will be on Wednesday 19 November at 20:00. You will need to register in advance using a link that will be given in the Weekly Notes or you can email zoom@stmarysewell.com. We started our online quizzes at the beginning of COVID and they remain as popular as ever. Why not join us for this fun and friendly event?

Nicene to see you to see you Nice! Through Advent we will be running a series of lectures exploring the Nicene Creed. The lectures will take place through Advent on Tuesdays at 19:00 for refreshments and 19:30 start and also on Thursdays at 14:30 following the lunch club. Why not come and have lunch and then stay for the lecture (but not on Christmas day!)

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

Every blessing

Fr Mark

GIVING TO ST. MARY'S

If you would like to support us by regular giving, the easiest way is through the Parish Giving Scheme, a simple and secure method for parishes to receive donations by direct debit. You can register for and administer your giving on-line here:

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

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CONGRATULATIONS

We offer many congratulations to the Revd. Russell Dewhurst (our previous Vicar) on his appointment by the Bishop of Chichester as Archdeacon of Hastings. There will be a service of installation at Chichester Cathedral on Saturday 29 November at Evensong. Russell has asked to be remembered in everyone's prayers for this new step and would be delighted if some of us might attend in person. The details of the announcement and the service are here. If you are able to attend please book a seat using the link -

https://www.chichester.anglican.org/glitter_news/2025/10/09/invitation-collation-and-installation-archdeacon-hastings/

NOVEMBER CONCERTS

4 November 1.05 pm

Tuesday lunchtime organ recital

Jonathan Holmes - Director of Music

Jonathan continues his lunchtime Bach recitals

15 November 7.30 pm

Organ Film Night

Simon Gregory

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 on Wednesday 19 November

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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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 their newsletter.

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A Prayer for November



At this time of year, the trees are shedding their leaves, and many fields have returned once again to bare earth. Nature itself appears to be dead or dying. It is certainly a time for quiet reflection; a time for remembering and a time for prayer.

O Lord, we pray each year, at this time of Remembrance, for peace and yet there are still so many wars; people dying, their voices seemingly going unheard. Help us, not only to pray for peace but to become the agents of peace ourselves. Help us to see that, while we may not have the power to intervene on the world stage, we can bring peace, hope and love to those with whom we come into contact each day.

We pray for the leaders of all the nations around the world, that their eyes and their hearts may be opened that they may truly seek the path of peace and to break down the barriers that divide peoples. We pray that, whatever faith they or we may profess, if any, we may also learn to respect those who sincerely hold a different view and work to build a community where there is harmony and understanding, that all may live together in peace. So, Lord, strengthen our hearts, hands and minds to work together for peace; to see you in one another and to seek your kingdom above all things that your will may be done.

AMEN

EWELL VILLAGE ADVENT CALENDAR WILL BE BACK FOR 2025!

The Ewell Village Advent Calendar will be back from 1 December! Different letters – ‘the clues’ – will be displayed in the window or inside 22 local shops and on the outside notice boards of St Mary’s Church and Christ Church, Ewell. Each shop and church will have a number from 1 to 24 designed by 1st Ewell Village (St Mary’s) Brownies. More information will be in December’s edition of EPN. Any questions before then to Sue Ayling on 020 8337 6347 or assistantpriest@stmarysewell.com.

Exam

In the examination paper, the professor wanted us to sign a form stating that we had not received any outside assistance. Unsure of whether he should sign the form, a student admitted that he had prayed for the assistance of God.

The professor carefully studied the answer page and then replied, "You can sign it with a clear conscience. God did not assist you."

ORGAN CONCERT

Tuesday 20 September

Jonathan Holmes – Organ

What is a Toccata? We often see this word at organ recitals. The reader may think of Bach's famous Toccata and Fugue in D minor, or perhaps the one by Widor played at weddings.

The term 'toccata' is of Italian origin and means 'touch' though I suppose that is not of much help in a musical context. In Bach's day, a toccata meant a 'showpiece' particularly on the keyboard; one that displayed the performer's — who was often the composer — dexterity. The word came to have much the same meaning when written for another instrument such as the piano.

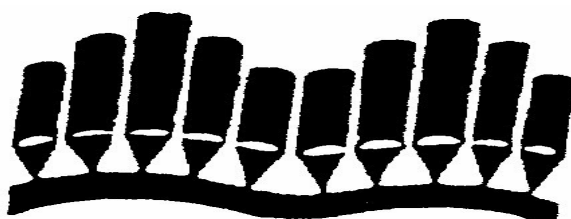
Well, toccatas are still being written today. For example, a toccata based on the Beatles' song "All You Need is Love" by Paul Ayres, was performed by Jonathan at a recent concert. Tonight, he played a piece simply called Toccata by the late **Patrick Gowers**. The piece is noted for its “ferocious energy and rhythmic vitality”; there is ample scope for virtuosity in its jazzy harmonic language and “quasi perpetuum mobile”, i.e. fast music played without any pause or break.

Although he did not compose a toccata as such, an outstanding organist of an earlier generation, who would have been familiar with Bach's toccatas, is **Louis Vierne** who died in 1937. Following on from Widor, of whom Vierne was a pupil and who also composed organ symphonies, *Vierne's Organ Symphony No. 6 in B minor* is the last of the set. This challenging work disproves the notion that a piece of music exists independently of the composer's physical or emotional state when he or she composed it. In fact, the Sixth Symphony is a “musical testament to Vierne's life”; it illustrates the personal tragedies and health worries he experienced as well as the triumphs.

Not all music is tragic or full of angst. During the course of his long life, **Camille Saint-Saens** wrote music in practically all genres. Since his death in 1921, by far the most popular of all his works has been *The Carnival of the Animals*, written originally for two pianos and chamber orchestra. It is a Suite made up of fourteen short movements, all representing an animal or, sometimes, a person acting like an animal.

All the animals selected by Saint-Saens for his Carnival sound pretty effective when played on the Willis organ. One genre of music, however, that always sounds good on the organ, is that of Film Music. Readers may recall ‘The Organist Entertains’ series, when Simon Gregory presented excerpts from films old and new. Tonight, Jonathan played from two films whose soundtracks were by the German **Hans Zimmer** (born 1957). These were *The Da Vinci Code* (released 2006) from which we heard the Finale *Les Chevaliers de Sangreal*; and the science-fiction movie *Interstellar* (2014). From the latter film, we heard the young concert organist Anna Lapwood's transcription of S.T.A.Y. which is a crucial theme of the film.

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TOGETHER AT CHRISTMAS WE NEED YOU!

We need volunteers for the 'Together at Christmas' lunch. If you are available to give up a few hours of your Christmas Day to make this a great time for those who would otherwise be on their own, we would love to hear from you.

We need people to help at the lunch with washing up, acting as table hosts etc. We also need drivers who are willing to collect people before the meal and/or take them home afterwards. Please check the list below. If you can offer your services in any way please contact us by phone on 07999 805 475 or via our dedicated email christmas.dinner@dsl.pipex.com.

Christmas Eve: probably at about 17.30

To decorate the hall and lay the tables at Stoneleigh Baptist Church, The Glade, Stoneleigh, KT17 2HL.

Christmas Day:

Chef and kitchen helpers: to be part of a small team preparing the meal during the morning

Table Hosts: 12.15 onwards being with a small group of guests – offering them a pre-dinner drink, sitting and looking after them during the lunch - escorting your guests between church areas and serving them tea - and at the end helping them to collect coats and find their drivers. Final hall clearance.

Table Hosts will have a meal with their guests but other volunteers will be offered a meal after their 'shift' is finished.

Servers: 12.15-15.00 being part of a small team serving meals and clearing tables

12.00 – 12.25 Drivers to bring guests in time for 12.30 start

13.00 – 14.15 Wash up (1st Shift)

14.15 – 16.15 Wash up (2nd Shift)

16.00 – Drivers arrive to take guests home at 16.15

16.15 – 17.00 Clearing up final hall clearing

15.15 – 16.15 Entertainers, anyone able to help us put together a short 'entertainment' slot as part of our post lunch entertainment programme

Raffle Prizes: we would also be grateful for donations of any unwanted items which would make good raffle prizes

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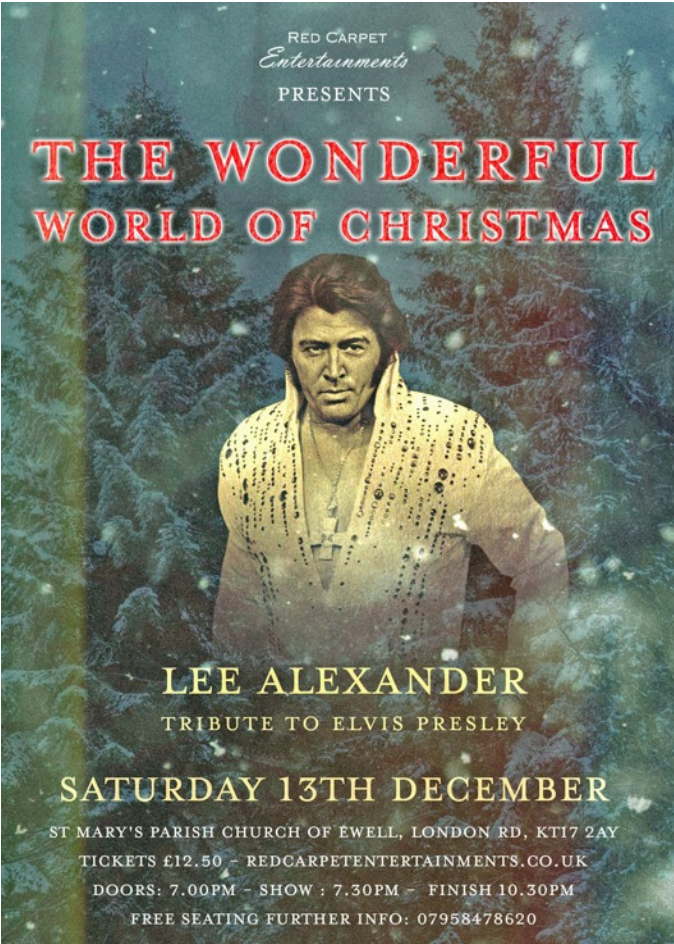
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If you would like us to include a greeting from you, please email it to epn@stmarysewell.com no later than Saturday 15 November. You will need to post early for Christmas!

An early Merry Christmas &
thank you in anticipation!

EPN production team

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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.

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A DAY FOR ALL 2025 - THE WONDERS OF CREATION

Despite the forecast, the morning of Saturday 27 September dawned bright and dry. We were blessed with sunshine and a blue sky for most of the day. Lots of people of all ages, with families or on their own, came along to enjoy themselves. The wonderful sound of the church bells of St Mary's launched the day and – for the second time – the opportunity was given for people to see how the bells are rung.

Some families, especially those with young children, headed straight for the animals! The return of Kingswood Shetland & Friends - the two Shetland ponies and their small friends, guinea pigs, rabbits, a tortoise and a bearded dragon – proved extremely popular. The charity uses animal therapy to help many young people facing challenges in life. You can find more at <https://tracksthroughpastures.org/>. The team who came said "It was lovely to be back at St Mary's. Our ponies and small animals enjoyed the attention and received lots of brushing and cuddles, but the star of the show was Bruce, our lovely giant tortoise. He much enjoyed stretching his legs around the grounds, had lots of people asking questions, and the children loved him. Such a lovely occasion for the community to gather and enjoy animals and their therapeutic effect."

The illustrated talk by the Surrey Wildlife Trust provided much food for thought as to how we need to better care for creation. As always, the performances by the young musicians and the Divas Choir, the Children's Craft Activities, the SWOP shop, the Prayer Corner, the Mouse Trail and the Prayer Trail were much enjoyed. Those serving (free) refreshments during the day and the bread and soup lunch were kept very busy! The Photo Competition provided interest throughout the day (the winning entries can be viewed on the next page). There was a record number of photo entries and voting slips.

Lots of positive feedback was received. One regular, Louisa said "A Day for All is exactly as it says, it is a day for everyone to come together for a relaxing and informal day in the beautiful setting of St Mary's church. The animals in the churchyard were a real draw for children. People visited our beautiful bell

tower, entered the photography competition, enjoyed limitless tea and cakes, milled around the church and relaxed to listen to a talk on wildlife. This was all followed by a fish and chip supper, a perfect end to a very enjoyable day."

Godfrey, who spent most of the day polishing the church silver, wrote "From my vantage point in the sanctuary, the church looked busy the whole afternoon. As in previous years, I found it encouraging to see many new and unfamiliar faces. There also seemed to be good number of families with young children visiting us. It was interesting to see how parents would stop and point things out to their children. It was noticeable that when going round the church, both parents and children clearly felt they were in a 'special place'. Especially when they ventured past the screen to look at the organ and then moved forward towards the sanctuary. The display of all our gold and silverware seemed impressive to everyone and often prompted questions.

What I always find rewarding is the look of wonder on peoples' faces, especially the children's, as they move around the building, and the reverence and respect they show.

There was a warm and friendly atmosphere but also of fun and enjoyment. This was particularly evident in the Parish Room where refreshments were served. For me the great thing about 'A Day for All' is that it opens the doors of our church to the people of Ewell and the local community of our Borough. It makes our church accessible and through that, more approachable."

A member of the planning team emailed "It was a brilliant day and very successful. Everyone seemed to have a great time. We have lots of things to repeat/amend/increase next year."

Many thanks to the planning team, to the many volunteers who made the day possible and to everyone who came along – you all made it such a great day!

Sue Ayling



A DAY FOR ALL 2025 PHOTO COMPETITION WINNERS

16 and above: Winner - David Dance



Under 16: Winner - Ellis Watt-Smith



16 and above: Second - John Atherton



Under 16: Second - Abigail Larkin



16 and above: Third - Godfrey Morrell



CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP SATURDAY 29 NOVEMBER

Ewell Hall, London Road, Ewell. KT17 2AY

10am- 1pm or 2 – 5pm £30



Have you always wanted to know how to make a foliage Christmas Door Wreath? Then why not come along for a fun workshop and leave with your own creation for your front door. Basic materials and some greenery will be provided. You can bring some foliage, ribbon, baubles and other accessories to personalise your wreath. (Further details on application.)

Please contact Lucy Morrell at flowers@stmarysewell.com for further details, or see me at church after the 9.30am service. You can choose between a morning or afternoon session, but places are limited so do book early. Payment is required in advance to secure your place by the 23 November.

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OCTOBER PCC REPORT

Fr Mark reported that the diocese has announced that they will be supporting 20 churches to become net zero carbon in the next two years. St Mary's will apply to the scheme and hopefully push to get rid of the gas boilers and the radiators, replacing them with infra-red radiators which are carbon neutral and reasonably low cost to run.

He pointed out that whilst this work was being done, it would be a good time to install the tea/coffee area at the back of the church. Levelling the space would remove trip hazards, allow more space for coffins to be carried past the font, and make it easier to provide tea and coffee after services. The toys will be cleared from the area and replaced with some quiet colouring activities at small tables. The AV system will be moved to the gallery or beside one of the pillars - visits will be made to other churches to look at their consoles and set ups.

It was agreed that the doors (or at least one of them) be closed during services when it is cold outside. It was suggested that consideration be given to replacing some of the wooden panels for glass in the main west door so that it can be seen from the road that the church is actually open even though the door is closed.

It was also pointed out that the inventory of crockery etc in the Hall needs to be checked and kept up to date. This task will be added to the duties of those on the Sunday coffee rota.

It was noted that the Hall website is not up to date. Articles will go in the Weekly Notes and EPN seeking a volunteer to work with John Pickup on keeping both the Hall and the Church websites relevant.

The next PCC meeting will be on Tuesday 18 November.

Liz Divall
PCC Secretary



ST. MARY'S ECO GROUP

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- Buy Christmas cards with glitter.
- Buy Christmas cards with 'extra bits' such as foil, sequins or fancy adornments.
- Buy wrapping paper with glitter on.

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- Buy Christmas cards from sustainably sourced paper, preferably with recycled content.
- Buy charity Christmas cards
- Make your own Christmas cards
- Send your Christmas greetings electronically or ring the person.

Recycle any cards with 'extra bits' **only after you have taken off** the glitter, foil or fancy adornments. The extra bits need to be put in your ordinary waste to go to landfill.

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>

Sue Ayling

LEAF SOME GREEN STUFF IN THE GARDEN

The clocks have gone back, and we are putting our gardens to sleep for the winter. But this autumn, when you tidy up, do not tidy away too much. Many insects and wild creatures will be relying on some ground cover or hideaway to call 'home' for the winter. Several piles of twigs or pruning, left around your garden in discreet places, will provide a great winter 'snugs' for small garden inhabitants. 'Spent' seed heads provide cover and food for birds over the winter. Above all, before you light any bonfires on 5 November, take care there are no hibernating hedgehogs inside!

If you have an ECO tip or would like to join our litter picking team or 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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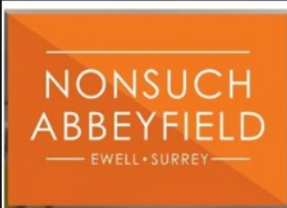


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www.acts435.org.uk/our-mission/how-we-work/

Calendar for November



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

- S 01 1200 All Souls' Requiem Mass
1430-1600 Shoe Box collection in Church
1600 All Souls' Service of the Word
- S 02 **ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY**
0800 Said Holy Eucharist 1662 (Lady Chapel)
0930 JAM (Hall then Church)
0930 Sung Holy Eucharist
- M 03 Day Home Communion by Clergy
1400 Shoe Boxes being collected from Church
1930 Music Support Group Meeting (Parish Room)
- T 04 1000 Said Holy Eucharist (Lady Chapel)
1305-1335 Lunchtime Bach Organ Recital
- Th 06 1200-1400 Warm Hub/Lunch Club (Hall)
1445-1545 Bereavement Café (Hall)
1930 Eco Group Meeting (Parish Room)
- S 09 **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**
0800 Said Holy Eucharist
1045 Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial followed by service in Church. See page 3 for details
1115 Service of Remembrance (Church)
- T 11 1000 Said Holy Eucharist (Lady Chapel)
1900 Ewell Yule Meeting (Parish Room)
- W 12 1930 St Mary's Crafters (Hall)
- Th 13 1200-1400 Warm Hub/Lunch Club (Hall)
- S 15 1930 Film Night with Simon Gregory (Church)
- S 16 **SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY - 2nd SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT**
0800 Said Holy Eucharist
0930 JAM (Hall then Church)
0930 Sung Holy Eucharist
1730 Choral Evensong
- M 17 2000 Julian Group Zoom Meeting
- T 18 1000 Said Holy Eucharist (Lady Chapel)
1930 PCC Meeting (Parish Room)
- W 19 2000 Quiz on Zoom
- Th 20 1200-1400 Warm Hub/Lunch Club (Hall)
1445-1545 Bereavement Café (Hall)
- S 23 **CHRIST THE KING - LAST SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT**
0800 Said Holy Eucharist
0930 JAM (Hall then Church)
0930 Sung Holy Eucharist
1115 Choral Mattins/Holy Baptism
- T 25 1000 Said Holy Eucharist (Lady Chapel)
- W 26 1900 Ewell Yule Meeting (Parish Room)
- Th 27 1200-1400 Warm Hub/Lunch Club (Hall)
- S 29 1000-1300 & 1400-1700 Christmas Door Wreath Workshops (Hall)
- S 30 **ADVENT SUNDAY (Year A)**
0800 Said Holy Eucharist
0930 JAM (Hall then Church)
0930 Sung Holy Eucharist
1730 Advent Carol Service

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