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Fr Mark Stafford writes

September has a particular feel to it, something between a deep breath and a turning page. Even before the leaves begin to fall, the air seems to shift. The long days of summer soften, the evenings draw in, and our parish settles into a new rhythm. It is a month that carries both energy and calm, both anticipation and reflection.

Across Ewell, the familiar rituals unfold. School shoes are polished, pencil cases filled, timetables printed, and lunchboxes rediscovered at the back of cupboards. Children step into new classrooms, some with excitement, some with nerves, most with a mixture of both. Teenagers begin new subjects, new friendships, new responsibilities. College and university students pack bags, load cars, and prepare to travel—sometimes just a few miles, sometimes hundreds.

For parents, grandparents, (our granddaughter, Emily will be starting high school!), carers, and teachers, September brings its own mixture of pride, hope, and the quiet worry that comes with watching someone you love step into something new.

And for many adults—whether retired, working, volunteering, or caring — September still carries that “fresh start” feeling. We return from holidays, re-enter routines, and often find ourselves thinking about what the next few months might hold. Even the Church year, though not turning a formal page, seems to gather itself for the busy seasons ahead.

Change is rarely simple. Even joyful change can unsettle us. Yet Scripture consistently reminds us that God is already present in every new beginning. *“I will go before you and will level the mountains”* (Isaiah 45.2). Not “I might”, not “I’ll think about it”, but **I will**.

September invites us to trust that promise again:

- For the child starting school who feels small in a big world;
- For the teenager navigating new pressures;
- For the student leaving home for the first time;
- For the teacher carrying the weight of many young lives;
- For the parent adjusting to a quieter house;
- For the adult facing a new season of life, work, or health.

God goes before us. God steadies us. God delights in our beginnings.

As we think about new terms and new beginnings here in Ewell, September also invites us to look outward—to remember those whose lives are marked not by fresh opportunities, but by ongoing hardship.

This autumn, St Mary’s is once again supporting Link to Hope, the shoebox charity that brings warmth, dignity, and hope to families and elderly people in Eastern Europe (see also Linda’s article on page 6). Unlike many shoebox appeals, Link to Hope focuses on *families* and *the elderly*—those who are often overlooked, yet whose needs are great.

A shoebox may seem small, but it carries enormous kindness. It says:

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Starting early makes all the difference. It means we can gather items gradually, thoughtfully, and without rush. It also allows us to choose gifts that are useful, sustainable, and kind to the planet—aligning beautifully with our parish's eco commitments. This year, could you begin setting aside:

- Warm socks, gloves, hats;
- Soap, flannels, toothbrushes;
- Stationery, notebooks, colouring items;
- Small tools, sewing kits, candles;
- Toys that are sturdy and plastic-free;
- Treats like chocolate or sweets (well-wrapped).

Even one or two items each week will build into something generous by the time we fill the boxes in October.

Link to Hope reminds us that preparing for Christmas begins not with shopping, but with compassion.

It may feel early to mention Christmas, but September is the perfect time to begin shaping an eco-Christmas that reflects our parish's commitment to caring for creation. Not with tinsel and carols, but with thoughtful preparation that makes December gentler, simpler, and kinder to the planet.

Eco-Christmas isn't about doing everything perfectly. It's about doing small things early enough that they become joyful rather than stressful.

Ideas to Begin Now

- **Handmade gifts** September is the ideal month to start chutneys, jams, knitted scarves, or simple crafted decorations. These become gifts filled with time, care, and love.
- **Natural materials** Pinecones, dried flowers, seed heads, and garden greenery can be gathered now and dried for Advent wreaths or table decorations.
- **Re-use and repurpose** Save fabric scraps, brown paper, ribbon, jars, and tins. These can become beautiful wrapping or part of a parish "eco-craft morning" later in the autumn (or go to the craft group and learn how to make your own cards).
- **Energy-light choices** Planning ahead means choosing LED lights, solar options, or decorations that don't rely on constant electricity.
- **Charity and community gifts** Thinking early about "alternative gifts" helps avoid last-minute purchases that create waste.

September's deeper invitation is not just to prepare practically, but spiritually.

The new term reminds us that life is always renewing. The early steps toward Christmas remind us that hope is something we cultivate long before it arrives. And the gentle shift of the season invites us to reflect on what God might be asking of us in the months ahead.

Perhaps this September we might:

- Pray intentionally for our children, students, teachers, and families;
- Offer encouragement to those facing change;
- Notice who might need a listening ear or a steady presence;
- Begin shaping an eco-Christmas that reflects our care for God's world;
- Support Link to Hope with generosity and compassion;
- Ask God to show us where new beginnings might be unfolding in our own lives.

May this September bring you courage for what is new, peace for what is changing, and joy for what is quietly being prepared.

Fr Mark writes, continued on page 4

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 online here:

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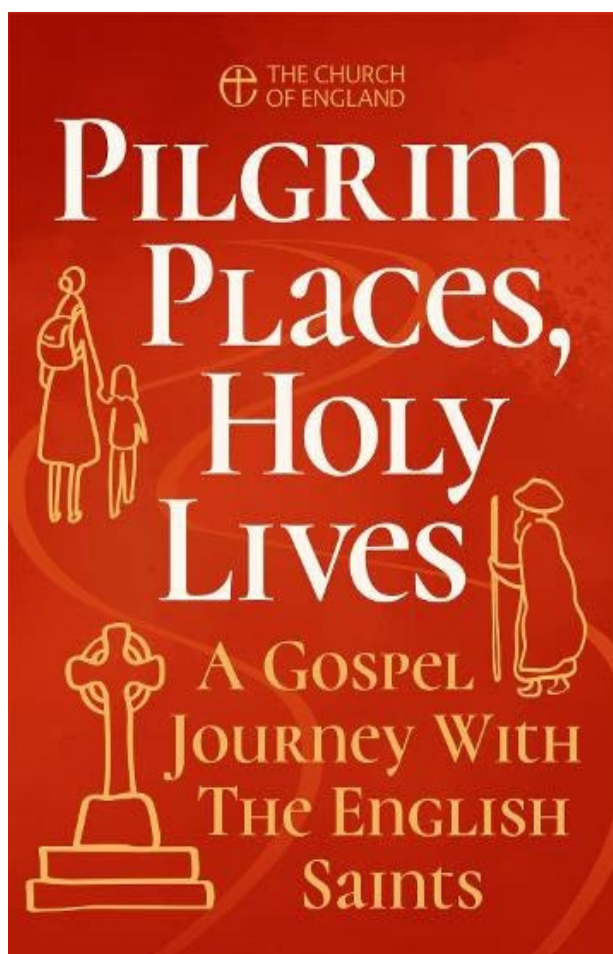
Fr Mark writes, continued from page 3

May God go before you in every beginning, walk beside you in every challenge, and surprise you with grace in unexpected places. And may the seeds you plant now — whether in your home, your heart, or our parish — grow into something beautiful by the time Christmas comes.

WHAT'S ON IN SEPTEMBER

Study Group – Pilgrimage, Places & Holy Lives

Our next study group begins soon. This term, we will explore **pilgrimage, holy places** and **holy lives**, and consider how they shape and deepen our spiritual journeys. We will reflect on why certain places matter, how Christians have travelled in faith through the centuries, and what it means to walk with God in everyday life.



The course will run through early September and will include a **Parish Away Day in Chertsey on Saturday 5 September**.

Start date: Wednesday 2 September Gather from **7.00pm** for a **7.30pm** start. The course will last for 4 weeks; all sessions are stand alone.

1 September at 13:05 We will hold our regular **Bach plus one Organ Recital**. This month it is Bach plus Mendelssohn.

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).

On Wednesday 9 September you can join our LLM Sara Holland for **Knit and Natter** or **St. Mary's Crafters**, both in

Ewell Hall at 7.30 (see posters on page 8 for details).

12 September – **Ride and Stride 2026** -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.

Elvis is back in the building! Following on from the success of three previous shows at St Mary's, Lee Alexander will be returning. Come and join us on Saturday 12 September, doors open at 7:30pm and tickets cost £12:50 (see advert on page 12). Please use this link to book tickets

<https://www.redcarpetentertainments.co.uk/>.

Come and join us at 7:00pm on 19 September for our **Annual Patronal Festival Concert**.

We will be celebrating our **Patronal Festival** on Sunday 20 September, so please come and join us as we celebrate the Blessed Virgin Mary.

25 September - **Macmillan Coffee Morning**- Come and Support our coffee morning and cake sale in Ewell Hall from 9:00am- 12pm It would be great to see you and you will be supporting a great cause!

26 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 'Autumn Glories' The popular Kingswood Shetland Ponies and their small friends are already booked to come and there will be talks from 'Through the roof'. There will be craft activities for children, the bells of St Mary's will ring out, There is a full programme throughout the day and free refreshments including a soup and bread lunch. See page 9 for times and full details. For £9.70 you can join us 5:30pm for a fish and chip supper in Ewell Hall (booking required). But before then it's time to start thinking about what photo(s) you might take for the photo competition. The theme is 'Autumn Glories' and the winners will be chosen by everyone who comes along on the day. But we need your photos to hold the competition! Your photo can illustrate absolutely anything to do with autumn - places, people, nature etc. You can submit up to two photos taken by you. Download the rules at <https://www.stmarysewell.com/a-day-for-all-2026/> or pick up a leaflet from the back of church.

Our **Harvest Festival** Eucharist will be on Sunday 27 September. Our harvest gifts this year will be going to the Epsom and Ewell Foodbank. Please check the list on page 6 for their urgent needs, where there is a link you can use should you wish to make a monetary donation.

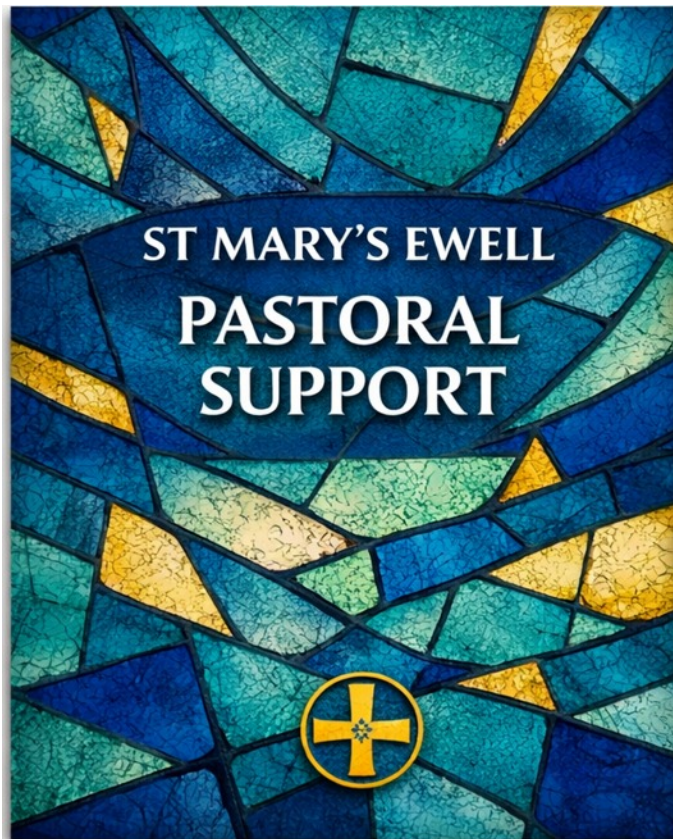
On Wednesday 30 September at 8pm we will be holding our **quiz on Zoom**. Our quizzes are great fun, so please do join us. You will need to register beforehand. The registration link will be given in the Weekly Notes, or you can simply email zoom@stmarysewell.com.

As well as online quizzes, on 31 October we will be holding a **quiz evening in Ewell Hall**. Tickets cost £10 and will be on sale after services in early September, when further details will be available.

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

Every blessing

Fr Mark



Pastoral Support at St Mary's

As a church family, we walk alongside one another through every season of life.

Whether you're celebrating good news, carrying something heavy,

or simply wishing someone would pray with you, we are here to support you.

If you would like someone from our pastoral team to be in touch, please reach out.

We will listen, pray with you, and help you find the support you need.

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PCC REPORT

At the PCC meeting on 22 July Fr Mark reminded members that the Mission Action Plan focus for this year is the fabric of the buildings. He announced that a second planning application has been submitted for the proposed changes to the windows in Ewell Hall. Architect drawings have now been received for the 'kitchen area' in church. These will be studied in depth at the August meeting prior to approval by the PCC. Since he will be heavily involved with the upcoming works, and as chair of the Estates Committee, Godfrey Morrell was co-opted onto the PCC.

Wendy Paxman distributed a paper outlining the roles and duties of deanery synod representatives, offering members the opportunity to ask any questions around this at the next meeting.

Gill Bird and Lynne Yuille have been investigating photocopier leases and circulated two proposals for eco-friendly copiers prior to the meeting. The existing copier is owned by St Mary's and frequently breaks down – recently, just before Ewell Fair when printing programmes. Although lucky with the speedy repair on this occasion, with a lease, the level of service is better, and call outs are a priority. Members accepted their recommendation for the 5 year lease option on an Epson Machine.

Emma Watt-Smith and John Pickup (current webmaster) have been looking into updating the church website. Emma stressed the importance of a new website being structured to work well with mobile devices. It was agreed that the photos need to be updated. An item will be included in the Weekly Notes seeking an enthusiastic amateur photographer to help with this. Members agreed that Emma and John should strip down the text and 'tidy up' the current website, look at other church websites for ideas and seek quotes for building a new website

*Liz Divall
PCC Secretary*

WHAT GOD WON'T ASK

God won't ask what kind of car you drove,

He'll ask how many people you drove who didn't have transportation.

God won't ask how big your house was,

He'll ask how many people you welcomed into your home.

God won't ask about the clothes you had in your closet,

He'll ask how many you helped to clothe.

God won't ask what your highest salary was,

He'll ask if you compromised your character to obtain it.

God won't ask what your job title was,

He'll ask if you performed your job to the best of your ability.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

HOLY MATRIMONY

**A gift of God in creation, and a means
of his grace, a holy mystery'**
(Alternative Service Book Marriage rite)

18 July George Hajimina and Joanne Edmonds

FUNERALS

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

24 July Wendy Ann Mays, aged 56
(burial in St. Mary's churchyard
after funeral service at St. Clements)

18 August Thelma Eurenec Easton, aged 84

Ashes interment

13 July Mildred 'Evelyn' Jarrett, aged 98

The Countdown

Only 6 weeks to go



Don't forget... and spread the news

Pick up a leaflet from the back of church or find out all you need to know by going to the charity's website at

<https://linktohope.co.uk/shoebox-appeal-2026>.

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? It can be great fun and not cost a fortune! Every box that we send off in November will be bringing a glimmer of hope to people who are even worse off.

St Mary's will be a drop off point for all your filled boxes. Drop them off to us anytime the church is open or on:

**Saturday, October 10 10.00am-12.00pm,
Wednesday, October 14 2.30pm – 4.00pm,
Saturday, October 31 10.00am – 12.00pm.**

Or bring them along and join us for one of our church services on Sunday, October 11, 18 or 25.

Any problems? Please contact the Parish Office tel: 020 8393 2643.

PLEASE NOTE: Shoe box gifts will be collected from church on Monday, November 2, so don't be late!

Many thanks.

Linda Staff



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

Urgently needed: tinned meat, custard, Longlife juice, tea (bags), ketchup/brown sauce/mayonnaise, jam/honey/marmalade/peanut butter/chocolate spread, packet soup, pasta sauce, non-dairy milk, sweetcorn, cooking sauce, tinned fruit, instant coffee, noodles, savoury biscuits, crisps, beans, sugar, instant mash, pulses, chocolate biscuit bars, dried pasta n sauce, sponge pudding, biscuits, male / female deodorant, hair conditioner, shower gel, washing powder, children's toothbrushes (0-2 and 6-8 only), washing up liquid, nappies size 4, 4+, 5, 5+, 6 and 6+ and shampoo.

Please no more of these items as we are at capacity:

tinned soup, dog food, cat food and pasta.

*** 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 except Bank Holidays).

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ST. MARY'S ON-LINE QUIZZES



We hold on-line quizzes using Zoom

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

Our next on-line quiz will be on Wednesday 30 Sept.

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.

Coming soon: some food for thought - 31 October quiz in Ewell Hall with bread and cheese - see Fr. Mark's letter and the advert on page 12

Prayers for September

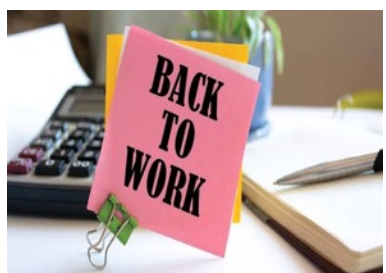
New beginnings!



Loving God, We pray for our children, young people, and their families as they prepare for a new chapter in their lives, whether it be starting school for the first time, moving to a new class or a new school or moving on to an apprenticeship, or college or

university. May they find excitement and enjoyment in new experiences. Give them strength in their growing independence and give them courage and wisdom to make right choices. We also pray for the teachers, assistants, helpers, carers, and volunteers who teach and nurture our children and young people, as they make ready for the new term and all the challenges that the new year ahead may present. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

AMEN



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, at whatever point we find ourselves in our own lives, we may all receive Your blessing, Your joy, Your wisdom, and Your patience as we 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**



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 in Ewell Hall (7 London Road, Ewell, KT17 2AY).

BACH PLUS RHEINBERGER

Tuesday 7 July

Jonathan Holmes - organ

A question I have been asked (as if I could know) is whether Liechtenstein is a member of the EU or not. Thanks to the Internet, the answer is, of course, no. At the time, residents voted to remain a Principality which, like Switzerland, retains a close affiliation with Europe.

Anyway, here are two composers' names, one familiar, the other perhaps less so: Johann Sebastian Bach and Josef Rheinberger. Both shared Jonathan's recital on 7th July.

Bach was represented by one work, of which see below.

Rheinberger was born in Vaduz, the capital of Liechtenstein, in 1839 so the same generation as, for example, Brahms and Verdi. Unlike them, he deserves to be much better known than he is, especially as musical textbooks, I find, tend to be somewhat dismissive of Rheinberger. Apart from some excellent *organ sonatas*, one of which we heard today, he wrote some rewarding, if unassuming, choral works such as *Abendlied* or 'Evening Song' which is in the repertory of the Parish Choir. At the age of twelve, he travelled the 117 miles from Vaduz to Munich where he spent the rest of his life. Initially a student at the Conservatory of Music where, no doubt, he learned Bach's music, in due course, at the new Conservatory, he was a revered professor teaching such musical skills as counterpoint and composition. His students included some young Americans and the future conductor, Wilhelm Furtwangler. Among his musical colleagues in Munich was Franz Strauss, Principal French Horn player at the Munich Court Opera, precursor of the present-day Bayerische Staatsoper, the Bavarian State Opera. Strauss became, in 1864, father of the future composer Richard Strauss. Rheinberger shared, with Strauss Senior, a detestation for Wagner, both the man and his music, a detestation that was mutual though Wagner could not afford to alienate Strauss too much as he depended on his exceptional horn-playing ability for his operas to succeed.

Rheinberger envisaged composing a series of organ sonatas in all the keys but died, in 1901, without achieving this plan. Today we heard *no. 12* of the set in *D flat major*, a work that demonstrates the high regard in which Rheinberger held Bach's music.

Regular readers of EPN may recall the name of young Prince Johann Ernst of Weimar, he who travelled widely in Europe, never failing to bring home new music for Bach to learn. Readers may also recall the name Antonio Vivaldi, Bach's great Italian contemporary. Bach's *Prelude and Fugue in G major, BWV 541*, probably dates from 1712 after one of the young prince's travels. Certainly, the tuneful, sunny music shows the Italian influence as well as Bach's upbringing in the North German serious, improvisational tradition. Bach may well have been proud of this piece for, much later, he polished it up for his son Wilhelm Friedemann to take to Dresden for an important audition.

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ST MARY'S CRAFTERS

8th April – Spring
13th May – A Stitch in Time
10th June – For the men in our lives
8th July – Congratulations
9th September – Autumn
14th October – Recycled Christmas
11th November - Christmas

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AV/SOUND DESK AT ST MARY'S

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.

'A Day for All'

With something for everyone to enjoy

Saturday 26 September

- Come for all or part of the day with the theme 'Autumn Glories'.
 - The church bells ring out to launch the day at 12 noon.
 - From around 12.20pm there will be opportunities to visit the bell tower and discover how the bells are rung. You can sign up in advance to book a slot by emailing adayforall@stmarysewell.com or by signing the list in church, or just come along on the day. (NB There will be limited spaces. Children must be accompanied by an adult.)
 - Meet Kingswood Shetlands & Friends - two Shetland Ponies and their small animal friends (all day in the churchyard).
 - Watch a demonstration of Wind Instruments.
 - Hear all about the charity Through the Roof - a talk plus Q&A (2.30pm - 3.00pm).
 - Be entertained by Young Musicians (12.30pm - 1pm and 3pm - 3.30pm), by DIVAS, a women's choir from Fitznells Music Centre (2pm - 2.30pm), by St Mary's Junior Choir (3.30pm - 3.45pm), and by singing led by JAM (Jesus and Me) children (3.45pm - 4pm).
 - Enjoy Children's Craft Activities (from 2pm), follow the Mouse Trail (all day) in church, and outside (if the weather is kind) play with Jenga, Hook a Duck and Connect 4.
 - Vote for your favourite photo. The winners of the Photograph Competition (categories 'Under 16 years' and '16 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-2026/> or pick up a leaflet from the back of church. The deadline for entries is 23.59 on Sunday 20 September.
 - There's much more, including the familiar favourites of Swop Shop, the Prayer Corner (in church), the Prayer Walk (in the churchyard), a 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 at 5.30pm which costs £9.70 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*

THE CHOICE IS YOURS - ALL FREE

In the Parish Room



ALL THROUGH THE DAY
12 NOON TO 4:00PM

Outside

Kingswoods Shetlands
and Friends – Ponies,
plus small animals eg
Rabbits and Guinea Pigs

Prayer Walk

WEATHER DEPENDENT
Play Area with eg Jenga,
Hook-a-Duck, Connect 4,
Hula-hoop and toys

In Church

Photo Competition

Prayer Tree

Mouse Trail

Swop Shop

Magic - wandering around

Bring your excess produce:
plants, jam, vegetables, and
books, toys, board games, etc,
to swop items
No money will be exchanged

12 noon - 3:00pm

Refreshments

12:30 - 1:30pm

Bread, Soup and Drinks,
Tea and Cake at 4pm



In Church

12noon-12:30	Bell Ringers
12:30 - 1:00	Young Musicians Part 1
12:30 - 1:00	Visits to the Bell Tower
1:00 - 1:30	Bible Bingo
1:30 - 2:00	Wind Instruments Demonstration plus Q&A
2:00 - 2:30	DIVAS Singing entertainment by Fitznells' Choir
2:00 - 2:30	Visits to the Bell Tower
2:00 - 4:00	Craft activities for Children
2:30 - 3:00	'Through the Roof' talk plus Q&A
3:00 - 3:30	Young Musicians Part 2
3:30 - 3:45	St Mary's Junior Choir
3:45 - 4:00	Singing led by JAM
4:00pm	Tea and Cake
5:00pm	Celebration Service!
5:30pm	Fish and Chips in Ewell Hall £9.70 - Booking required Please sign the list in the Church or email adayforall@stmarysewell.com by Tuesday 22 September (Vegetarian option bookable)



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A DAY FOR ALL



26 September
12 - 4.30pm

Photographic Competition



**Email pictures you have taken on the
theme 'Autumn Glories'**

**FREE
ENTRY**

Maximum of
two per person

CATEGORIES:
Under 16 Years
16 Years and Over

Closing date Sunday 20 September.
**All the details of how to enter
can be found on the St Mary's website
(www.stmarysewell.com)**



ST. MARY'S ECO GROUP

EPSOM AND EWELL CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK

At the meeting of our ECO Group on 4 August we were pleased to welcome the chairman of Epsom and Ewell Climate Action Network (eeCAN), who will have a display stand at our Creation Celebration Eucharist on 23 August. eeCAN was founded in 2024 and is a volunteer-led community organisation bringing together residents who want to promote realistic and community-focused approaches to sustainability and climate resilience. Their work is not about telling people how to live; rather, it is about helping local people discover practical ways to save money, reduce waste, share resources, and strengthen community connections.



One of their initiatives currently in development is the creation of Epsom and Ewell's first Library of Things (LoT), which is soon to open at Bourne Hall. The concept is simple but powerful: instead of every household purchasing tools or equipment that may only be used once or twice a year, residents would be able to borrow items such as drills, gardening tools, sewing machines, carpet cleaners, camping equipment, or DIY supplies for free. Sharing resources can help reduce household costs at a time when many families are already under financial pressure. It can reduce unnecessary consumption and waste. Most importantly, it encourages stronger community relationships, which are increasingly recognised as essential in helping neighbourhoods respond to future challenges.

Could you help by donating something from their wish list? Examples include:

- Cleaning and maintenance tools – carpet cleaners, wallpaper steamers, pressure washers
- DIY essentials – extension cables, staple guns and basic tool kits
- Home and leisure items – sewing machines, data projectors, popular board games
- Outdoor gear – gazebos

There is a full list available on their website at www.eecan.org where you can also find a list of the items they already have for loan. You can contact them at eeclimateactionnetwork@gmail.com

You may like to know about their "Climate Conversations", which is a twice monthly series of meetings for residents to discuss environmental concerns, share ideas and learn from one another. Topics range from energy use and food systems to biodiversity and sustainable travel with an emphasis which is practical and accessible rather than technical or political. They are held twice monthly in collaboration with u3a Epsom and Ewell.

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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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Mildred 'Evelyn' Jarrett

26 July 1927 - 6 June 2026

Evelyn was born on the 26th July 1927 in Irlam, Lancashire, to John Herbert and Mary Annie Walker, the third of five children, the family later moving to the Eccles area.

Her formal education was brief. She started work in an office in bomb-ravaged Manchester within a month of her fourteenth birthday in 1941 and was proud to take home her first pay packet containing thirteen shillings and two pence- for a 44 hour week- to help with her keep (about 3 pence per hour).

In her teens and twenties, she was a keen member of her local church and became Superintendent of the Junior Sunday School. This included leading and teaching, at its peak, 72 well-behaved young children. Teenagers helped in groups for what was called 'expression work'. This was mostly paper and crayons (not the imaginative artwork produced nowadays).

Evelyn later studied at home and obtained three O-Levels, which helped in her secretarial career which included three years in Geneva with the World Health Organisation; Secretary to the Director General of the Engineering Employers' Federation; and secretary to the City Engineer, City of London.

Evelyn always enjoyed reading, and seized the opportunity to study, with the Open University in its early years and, after six years of hard work in her free time was awarded a B.A. Honours degree.

After Geneva, Evelyn fulfilled her wish to live in London where she met and ultimately

married George, a widower with one daughter, Jayne, who later moved from Sutton with



her family to live in Lincolnshire. George and Evelyn settled in Ewell in 1983. George was confirmed shortly after they began attending services at St Mary's and later became Chairman of the Estates Committee. Evelyn taught in the Sunday school and in the 1990's served as Churchwarden and, assisted by George, organised the Village Fair for a total of five years. A special interest of Evelyn was utilising her greenhouse to grow large quantities of various plants for sale at the

Village Fair and at the Spring Market. Her tomato plants were very popular and contributed to healthy takings.

George and Evelyn shared a love of walking and enjoyed many holidays in the Lake District. They also pony-trekking in Devon. When Evelyn retired, they indulged their desire to have a dog. The first of four mixed-breed dogs looking for homes was Holly who was with them for fourteen happy years and shared holidays in the Lakes and later in Dorset. When less arduous holidays became desirable, they took to cruising which they found most enjoyable and educative.

These notes were written and typed by Evelyn about two years ago, and were read by George at her funeral.

George finished the Eulogy by saying 'What I haven't told you is that we had well over 40 years together - for which I thank God, and that I loved her very much. I shall miss her very much.'

ORGAN DONATION WEEK 22 - 27 September

More than 8,000 people in the UK are hoping for a life-saving organ transplant.

The primary organs that can be donated for transplant include the **kidneys, liver, heart, lungs, pancreas, and small bowel (intestines)**.

This month's annual Organ Donation Week will once again raise awareness of the need for transplants, and buildings and landmarks across the UK will light up pink in support. The hope is to inspire people to sign-up on the NHS Organ Donor Register, and to encourage families to talk about their donation choices.

The NHS says that "Everyone has a choice as to whether or not they want to become an organ donor after they die. And if you choose to donate, you can choose to donate either some or all of your organs.

"By registering to become an organ donor you have the option to donate organs such as your heart, lungs, liver, kidneys, pancreas and small bowel. All of these forms of donation can greatly enhance or even save the life of someone in need."

The NHS stresses that families are always consulted, making clear wishes vital despite opt-out laws.

Each year in the UK nearly 4,000 organ transplants are performed, using organs from around 2,300 actual organ donors (including both deceased and living donors.)

For more information, or to register your own decision, visit the NHS Organ Donation website at:

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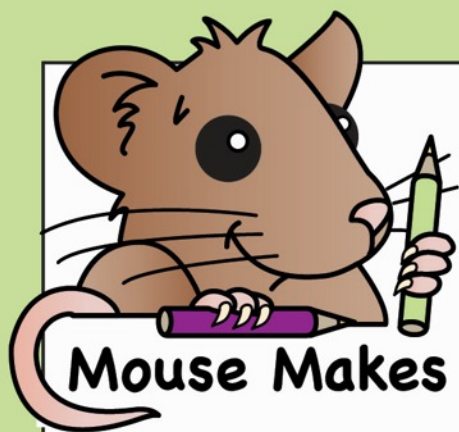
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9:30 AM SUNDAY 4th OCTOBER



Mouse Makes



READ
John 15:1-17

How many
times does Jesus
use the word
FRUIT?

What does
Jesus command?
To _____
one another.
John 15:12,17

THE TRUE VINE

Who is the vine?

John 15:1

What does Jesus
ask us to do?

"Go and bear

_____"

John 15:16

What happens
to the branches
that do not remain
in the vine?

Thrown into the

and

How many
times does Jesus
command us
to **LOVE**
one another?

John 15:6

H T H R O W N A W A Y
I R A B I D E W I S B
D U F R U I T F U L U
N E R A J S I A M J R
C V U N F C U T V P N
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www.acts435.org.uk/our-mission/how-we-work/

Calendar for September

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



T	01	1000	Said Holy Communion (Lady Chapel)
		1305	Lunchtime Organ Recital: Bach + Mendelssohn
W	02	1900 for 1930	Study Group (Pilgrimage, Places & Holy Lives) Parish Room
Th	03	1445-1545	Bereavement Café (Hall)
S	05		Study Group Parish Away Day (Chertsey)
		1000-1200	Churchyard 4 Workparty
S	06		TRINITY 14
		0800	Said Holy Communion (1662) (Lady Chapel)
		0930	JAM (Jesus & Me) (Hall then Church)
		0930	Sung Holy Communion
M	07	Day	Home Communions
T	08	1000	Said Holy Communion (Lady Chapel)
		1900	Deanery Greenery Meeting (St Mary's)
W	09	1900 for 1930	Study Group (Parish Room)
		1930	St Mary's Crafters and Knit & Natter (Hall)
S	12	Day	Surrey Churches Preservation Trust - RIDE & STRIDE
		1930	'ELVIS' Tribute Show (in Church)
S	13		TRINITY 15
		0800	Said Holy Communion (Lady Chapel)
		0930	JAM (Jesus & Me) (Hall then Church)
		0930	Sung Holy Communion
M	14	1930	PCC Meeting (preceded by Mass at 1900)
T	15	1000	Said Holy Communion (Lady Chapel)
W	16	1900 for 1930	Study Group (Parish Room)
Th	17	1445-1545	Bereavement Café (Hall)
S	19	1900	Patronal Festival Organ Concert
S	20		TRINITY 16 - PATRONAL FESTIVAL
		0800	Said Holy Communion (Lady Chapel)
		0930	JAM (Jesus & Me) (Hall then Church)
		0930	Sung Holy Communion
		1730	Service of evening worship
M	21	2000	Julian Group on Zoom
T	22	1000	Said Holy Communion (Lady Chapel)
W	23	1900 for 1930	Study Group (Parish Room)
F	25	0900-1200	Macmillan Coffee morning (Hall)
S	26	1200-1630	A Day for All (Church)
S	27		HARVEST FESTIVAL
		0800	Said Holy Communion (Lady Chapel)
		0930	JAM (Jesus & Me) (Hall then Church)
		0930	Sung Holy Communion
T	29	1000	Said Holy Communion (Lady Chapel)
W	30	2000	St Mary's Quiz on ZOOM

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