

Calendar for October 2023

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Service</u>
<u>Sunday 1st October</u>	8am	Holy Communion
	10am	Choral Eucharist
	11.45am	PipnJay
	4pm	Animal Service
	6.30pm	Taize Service
<u>Sunday 8th October</u>	8am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Civic Service
	6.30pm	Zoom Service
<u>Sunday 15th October</u>	8am	Holy Communion
	10am	Choral Eucharist
	6.30pm	Taize Service
<u>Sunday 22nd October</u>	8am	Holy Communion
	10am	Family Communion
	6.30pm	Zoom Service
<u>Sunday 29th October</u>	8am	Holy Communion
	10am	BCP Choral Eucharist
	6.30pm	Fauré Requiem for All Souls
<u>Every Wednesday in October</u>	11.30am	Warm Wednesday

**St Philip & St James  
Parish Church Alderley Edge  
OCTOBER 2023 NEWS SHEET**



Dear Friends,

My grandson (who is three) likes to dance and one of the songs he likes to dance to at the moment is called 'You're welcome'.

I have heard this song quite a few times in recent weeks. It has a catchy refrain which is a real ear worm. The only bit of the lyrics that I can easily catch are the words 'you're welcome' and when I hear these words, I always hear them in two ways.

There's 'you're welcome' when you welcome somebody to your house, your town or your country. And then there is the 'you're welcome;' when somebody thanks you for something – especially in America. Either way, it's a happy, positive song, and seems especially so when I watch my grandson pogo around to it.

Then I found out that this song is from a Disney film called Moana which is about a girl in Polynesia who is called upon to restore the heart to the deity who formed their island home and so she sets off on adventures which involve other deities, one of whom, Maui, sings the 'You're Welcome' song to Moana.

So now I have been introduced to a Disney version of a whole new way of thinking about the divine and the way human beings interact with the divine.

The God I know is also a God of welcome. He gives freely of his love and when I remember to thank him he says, 'you're welcome.' And when I approach him in prayer, he makes me welcome.

And, having made me welcome, he bids me to serve others and welcome others.

Our Civic Service this year is built around the theme 'Alderley Edge – a Welcoming Community'. As part of the ethos of this service we will be welcoming people who are searching for God on different paths to the ones I travel on. I hope there will be children there so we can show them what a welcoming community looks like. And you would of course be very welcome too. It's at 10.30am on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October.

**Christian Aid Quiz Night  
and Fish & Chip Supper**

Saturday 7th October  
Scout Hut, Alderley Edge  
Tickets £15

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**October Diary Dates**

**Sunday 1st October—Animal Service**

Please join us for our special Animal Service at 4pm where we bless and give thanks for our animals and the relationship we have with them.

Pipnjay is our service for little ones and is also on Sunday 1st October starting at 11.45 am.

**Sunday 8th October—Civic Service**

Come along to a St Philip & St James for a big 'Welcome' at our Civic Service at 10.30am.

**Wednesday 18th October—St Luke's Service**

Our special service of Holy Communion with laying on of hands for healing and peace on the Feast of St Luke's on Wednesday 18th October. The service will start at 11.30am and will be followed by lunch.

**Sunday 29th October—All Souls Service**

The choir will sing the gorgeous Fauré Requiem as part of our special service for All Souls where we remember all our loved ones whom we see no more. The service starts at 6.30pm. All Welcome.

**ST PHILIP & ST JAMES MINISTRATIONS SEPTEMBER**

**Funerals: 11th Elsie White**

**Weddings: 8th Martin & Megan Leadley**