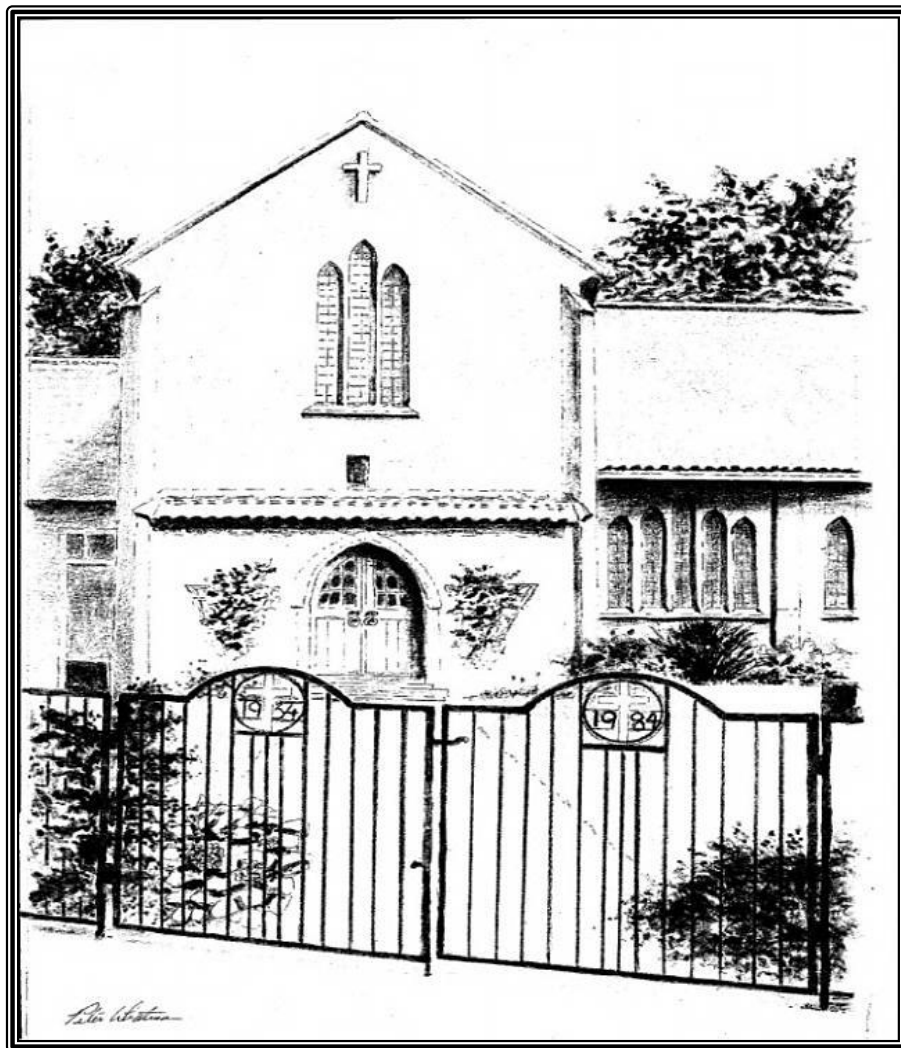


OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2021

**ST MARY OF NAZARETH
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***A WELCOMING FAMILY WITH CHRISTIAN
FAITH AT THE HEART OF ALL WE DO***

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NORMAL SERVICES

Sunday:	8:00 a.m.	Holy Communion (1 st and 3 rd Sundays only)
	9:15 a.m.	Sung Communion & Crèche
All age Service:	9:15 a.m.	Normally on the 2 nd Sunday of the month
Messy Church:	3:45 p.m.	Normally on the 2 nd Friday of the month
Holy Baptism:	By appointment	
Other Services:	Refer to the Calendar in this magazine	
Weddings/Banns, etc.:	By appointment	

LETTER FROM HAZEL

Dear friends,

In our September Messy Church, we did some activities connected with the passage about Jesus healing Blind Bartimaeus (Mark 10:46-52). On the surface the story appears to be about physical blindness and healing, but a deeper look reveals it to be a story of God's compassion and mercy, which helps us to see people and things differently and experience new beginnings:

- Jesus had compassion and mercy for Bartimaeus who was considered 'less than' by others. However, if Bartimaeus hadn't been shouting out for mercy, this encounter may not have happened.
- Jesus enabled Bartimaeus to see the world with new eyes – to see and feel the world differently.

I wonder if our own experiences have been like those of Bartimaeus. Have you been able to experience God's compassion and mercy, or have you wanted to hide away the difficulties of life or mistakes that you have made? In April last year, when we were in the middle of the first lockdown, you may have found it easy to look at the world differently. Maybe you could experience aspects of nature that you couldn't normally (e.g., birdsong); you may have had opportunities to slow down (I did more walking); and you may have tried out something new (I got to grips with video recording and editing).

I wonder if you've been able to keep up with seeing people and the world differently since most of the restrictions on our interactions have been lifted. Maybe the second lockdown took away the openness of mind that you previously allowed in your interactions with others and in your experiences. I think that something of the

healing of Bartimaeus is available to us all, if we recognise that we need God's mercy and are open to what God might be wanting to show us. Our healing service in July came after services of lament and of recognising God with us. This reviewing of the past – of all the difficulties that we've faced and the times when God has shown us something different – helps in paving the way for healing to happen.

I pray that you will be able to recognise the pain and hurt in your experiences of the past 18 months and use them in seeing or feeling differently about something, so that this can be a new beginning for you.

Hazel



SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

Date	Service	Venue
3rd	18th Sunday after Trinity	
	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Hazel O'Sullivan</i>	St. Marys
	9.15 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Hazel O'Sullivan</i>	St. Mary's/ Livestream
	10.45 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Richard Ford</i>	St. Francis
	3.00 p.m. Pet Service <i>Hazel O'Sullivan</i>	Gift Day St. Francis
6th Wednesday	10.30 a.m. – 11.30 .m. St. Francis open for private prayer	
8th Friday	3.45 p.m. Messy Church	St. Marys
10th	19th Sunday after Trinity - Harvest	
	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Richard Ford</i>	St. Francis
	10.00 a.m. Non-Eucharistic service <i>Ken Bryan</i>	St. Mary's/ Livestream
13th Wednesday	10.30 a.m. – 11.30 .m. St. Francis open for private prayer	

Date	Service	Venue
17th	20th Sunday after Trinity	
	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Hazel O'Sullivan</i>	St. Marys
	10.00 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Hazel O'Sullivan</i>	St. Francis/ Livestream
20th Wednesday	10.30 – 11.30 a.m. St. Francis open for private prayer	
24th	21st Sunday after Trinity – Bible Sunday	
	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Hazel O'Sullivan</i>	St. Francis
	10.00 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Hazel O'Sullivan</i>	St. Mary's/ Livestream
	6.00 p.m. CTWW Service	St. Francis/ Zoom
27th Wednesday	10.30 – 11.30 a.m. St. Francis open for private prayer	
31st	All Saints Day	
	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Hazel O'Sullivan</i>	St. Marys
	10.00 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Hazel O'Sullivan/Brian Griffiths</i>	St. Francis/ Livestream
	3.00 p.m. Memorial service <i>Hazel O'Sullivan/Debbie Adams</i>	St. Mary's/ Livestream

SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

Date	Service	Venue
3 rd	10.30 - 11.30 a.m. St. Francis open for private prayer	
7 th	3rd Sunday before Advent	
	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Richard Ford</i>	St. Mary's
	10.00 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Richard Ford</i>	St. Francis/ Livestream
10 th Wednesday	10.30 – 11.30 a.m. St. Francis open for private prayer	
12 th Friday	3.45 p.m. Messy Church	St. Mary's
14 th	Remembrance Sunday	
	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Hazel O'Sullivan</i>	St. Francis
	9.15 a.m. Non-Eucharistic service <i>Ken Bryan</i>	St. Mary's/ Livestream
	10.45 a.m. Non-Eucharistic service <i>Hazel O'Sullivan/Brian Griffiths</i>	St. Francis
17 th Wednesday	10.30 – 11.30 a.m. St. Francis open for private prayer	

Date	Service	Venue
21st	Christ the King 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Hazel O'Sullivan</i> 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Hazel O'Sullivan/Ken Bryan</i>	St. Mary's St. Francis/ Livestream
24th Wednesday	10.30 – 11.30 a.m. St. Francis open for private prayer	
27th Saturday	St. Mary's Christmas Market 10.30 – 2.30 p.m	
28th	Advent Sunday 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Richard Ford</i> 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Richard Ford/Brian Griffiths</i>	St.Francis St. Mary's/ Livestream

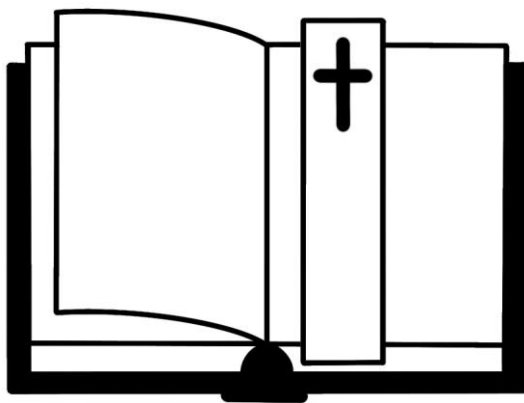
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On-line and paper-based resources for worship at home will continue to be circulated each week in addition to services taking place in person. At the current time, services are planned in the church building and on-line, but this is subject to change at short notice, dependent on local restrictions arising from the Coronavirus pandemic. Please check the weekly pew sheet for up-to-date information on times and location.

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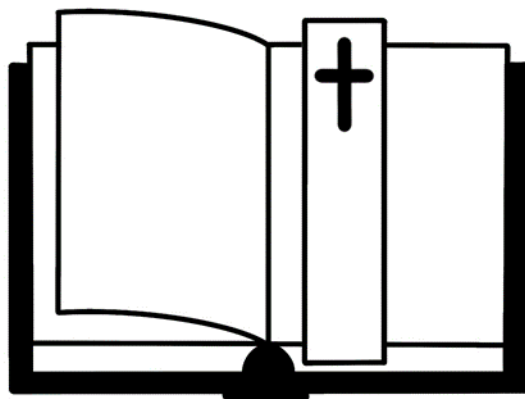
READINGS FOR OCTOBER

Date	Reading	Reader
3 rd	Genesis 28: 11-18 1 Peter 2: 1-10 John 10: 22-29	Giftly Nortey Hazel O'Sullivan
10 th	Special readings for Morning Praise David Taylor	
17 th	Isaiah 53:4-end Hebrews 5: 1-10 Mark 10: 35-45	David Wada Ken Bryan
24 th	Isaiah 55: 1-11 2 Timothy 3: 14-4: 5 John 5: 36b-end	Merri Womack Hazel O'Sullivan
31 st	Isaiah 25: 6-9 Revelations 21: 1-6a John 11: 32-44	Joan Burford Brian Griffiths



READINGS FOR NOVEMBER

Date	Reading	Reader
7 th	Jonah 3: 1-5, 10 Hebrews 9: 24-end Mark 1: 14-20	Rosemary Swatland Richard Ford
14 th	Daniel 12; 1-3 Hebrews 10: 11-14, 19-25 Mark 13: 1-8	Stephen Howe Hazel O'Sullivan
21 st	Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14 Revelations 1: 4b-8 John 18: 33-37	Lesley East Ken Bryan
28 th	Jeremiah 33: 14-16 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-end Luke 21: 25-36	Bob West Brian Griffiths



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Harvest service

This year our Harvest Service will be held on **Sunday 10th October at 10am** in St Mary's Church. We will be collecting donations of non-perishable foods and toiletries to be split between the Shrublands and Bromley FoodBanks.

Please come along, or watch on-line, to give thanks for all we have and bring some donations for those who have less. It is also possible to donate items by leaving them in the boxes outside St Francis' Church or the Vicarage at any time.

Pet service

This will happen in person this year and is an opportunity to give thanks for all the support our pets have unknowingly given us during the past 18 months. It will be at St Francis' Church on **Sunday 3rd October at 3pm**. Do bring your pet for a prayer of blessing and tell your friends and family that they are welcome to join us.

In Loving Memory

Our annual service to remember those who have died will be on **Sunday 31st October at 3pm** in St Mary's Church. The service will be live streamed on our YouTube channel. This is an opportunity to come and remember with thankfulness, the lives of those you have loved and lost.

If you would like the names of loved ones read out at this service, please complete a sheet that will be in the churches a few weeks beforehand or give your names by email or phone to Hazel. Also, do let others who might find this service helpful know about it and offer to come along with them to provide support. This will be especially important this year when so many have lost loved ones but have been unable to say 'goodbye' to them properly, as numbers at their funeral were restricted.

Remembrance Sunday

Remembrance Sunday is on **14th November** this year. We will have in-person services in St Mary's at 9.15am and in St Francis' at 10.45am, in addition to a service of Holy Communion at St Francis' at 8am and an on-line service through the livestream from St Mary's at 9.15am.

Christmas Market

We are hoping to have an in-person Christmas Market on Saturday, 27th November from 10:30am – 2:30pm. There shall be a reduced number of stalls as we need to consider social distancing and keeping the hall well ventilated (coats and scarves required if it is a cold day)! Most of the popular stalls will be back as well as face painting for the children.

Should the government guidelines change closer to the time, it shall be moved to an online event as it was last year. Updates will be in the weekly pew sheet.

PARISH MATTERS

Living in Love and Faith

Living in Love and Faith is an inclusive look at the Church's approach to marriage and same sex relationships. It is rooted in scripture, in reason, in tradition and theology and seeks to include the views and experiences of everyone in the Church of England. We will be holding a five-week course on different dates in October and November to help you consider how questions about identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage fit within the bigger picture of the good news of Jesus Christ. You then have an opportunity to give your own feedback on what it means to live in love and faith together as a Church.

Please do engage with this material if you want to be included in our response to this important topic.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

This year's Macmillan Coffee Morning raised an incredible sum of £1,329.20.

We were blessed with glorious weather so most of the seating was in the garden and it was good to see so many people from the local community as well as St Mary's and St Francis' Church members supporting this event.

Thank you to everyone that made cakes and brought along goodies for our stalls, the cakes looked (and tasted I am told!) amazing and the crafts and flowers were pretty and colourful.

It is impossible to name everyone who supported the morning but I must mention my 'right hand woman' who seemed to be able to supply, or know someone who could help with, so many of my requests. She just happened to have a helium cannister for the balloons at home, yards of bunting in her cupboard... and even set up our Justgiving page, thank you Annette.

Let's hope next year's Macmillan fundraising event will be as happy and financially rewarding. Anyone willing to take on the challenge?

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Advance Notice

Saturday 4th December 4.00 p.m. at St. Francis Big Christmas Sing

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*We may ignore, but we cannot evade,
the presence of God. The world is
crowded with Him. - C S Lewis*

*Though the Lord is out of sight,
we are not out of His. - M Henry*

Church Warden's Birthday Lunch

It's a little-known fact, that looking at a map of St. Mary's parish, placing a compass point at the junction of Goodhart Way and West Way, with a radius of half a mile, this is the geographical heart of our parish boundaries, and adjacent to this road junction is Ken's home, the ideal venue, for this lunch!!!

To say that I was surprised, at the mass turnout of so many friends, was an understatement, and from the entire benefice!!!, I felt highly honoured by everyone's presence.

I congratulate you all, for keeping this birthday lunch a tight secret from me, but now I worry, that as an elected member of our parish, what else is afoot, from which "I know nothing?" Let me know!

It must have taken a great deal of effort to plan and cater for this bash, a real highlight of my churchwarden term. Thanks to all who brought cards and presents for this memorable occasion, the weather was kind to us, the first outside gathering of the benefice this year due to this pandemic. Once more my thanks to Ken and Christine our hosts, bless all those who washed up and to Audrey T. who made the birthday cake. See you all at my 100th birthday party, no excuses for not turning up!!!

Still on a high from the lunch. Your Uncle Steve.

Stories of God with us – Rowena Griffiths

Lockdown was tough – I won't pretend it wasn't.

There were times when it would have been so easy to give up and enter into a downward spiral. Reflecting on this I realise that something always happened during these times of doubt that pulled me back from the brink.

Could this be where God was alongside me?

I decided to 'shield' because of my weakened immune system and other health problems and so I can identify with those who have been shielding for months, some of whom are still not able to do much.

To start with all doctor and hospital appointments were cancelled. We relied on internet shopping, supplemented by my husband going to the store (often when the shelves were empty), presenting a number of worries about food, which is not good when you are diabetic. At times it was difficult to get any slots and we almost didn't have a Christmas dinner. I haven't seen any of my family since February 2020 due to travel restrictions, which is hard.

All these things have made it a very anxious time.

I was finally called up for an eye appointment, only to be told that my eyesight has deteriorated due to the lack of regular appointments. I am now due to have further treatment in the next few weeks to hopefully correct this.

So, what has kept me going?

To start with, Hazel asked me to help by sending out a weekly email with the Pew Sheets and other emails about events and meetings. We have met as a Ministry Team via Zoom to discuss and organise services, as well as to record them. I also receive the Morning Prayer reflections by email every day. We set up the Zoom Coffee and chat, which I continue to host, and this has been a lifeline for many. The Pastoral Care Team was extended, and we were all allocated a group of people to keep in touch with by phone or email. This is one of the main things that has kept me focused. Quite often, when I was feeling low, I would call someone on my list of contacts and my problems paled into insignificance when I listened to theirs. At other times some of them have called to ask how I am, which is really thoughtful. Perhaps this is how God is reaching out to me.

I am fortunate to have a garden and have spent many hours there during this pandemic. This is my sanctuary and where I feel God speaks to me. I have two plaques there which re-iterate this and say it all.

I don't know who wrote this first one:

*'The dawn of the morn for glory,
The hush of the night for peace,
In the garden at eve says the story,
God walks and his smile brings release.'*

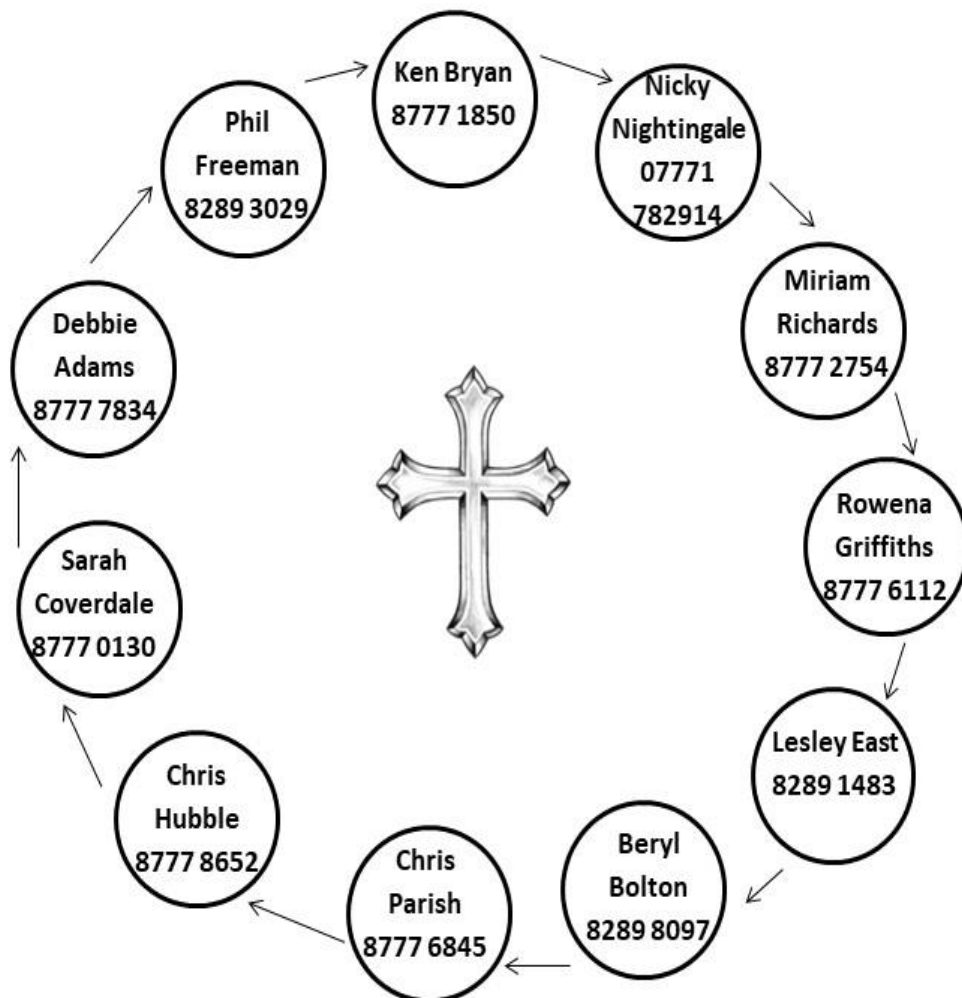
The second one is from 'The Lord God Planted a Garden' by Dorothy Frances Gurney:

*'The kiss of the sun for pardon,
The song of the birds for mirth, –
One is nearer God's heart in a garden
Than anywhere else on earth.'*

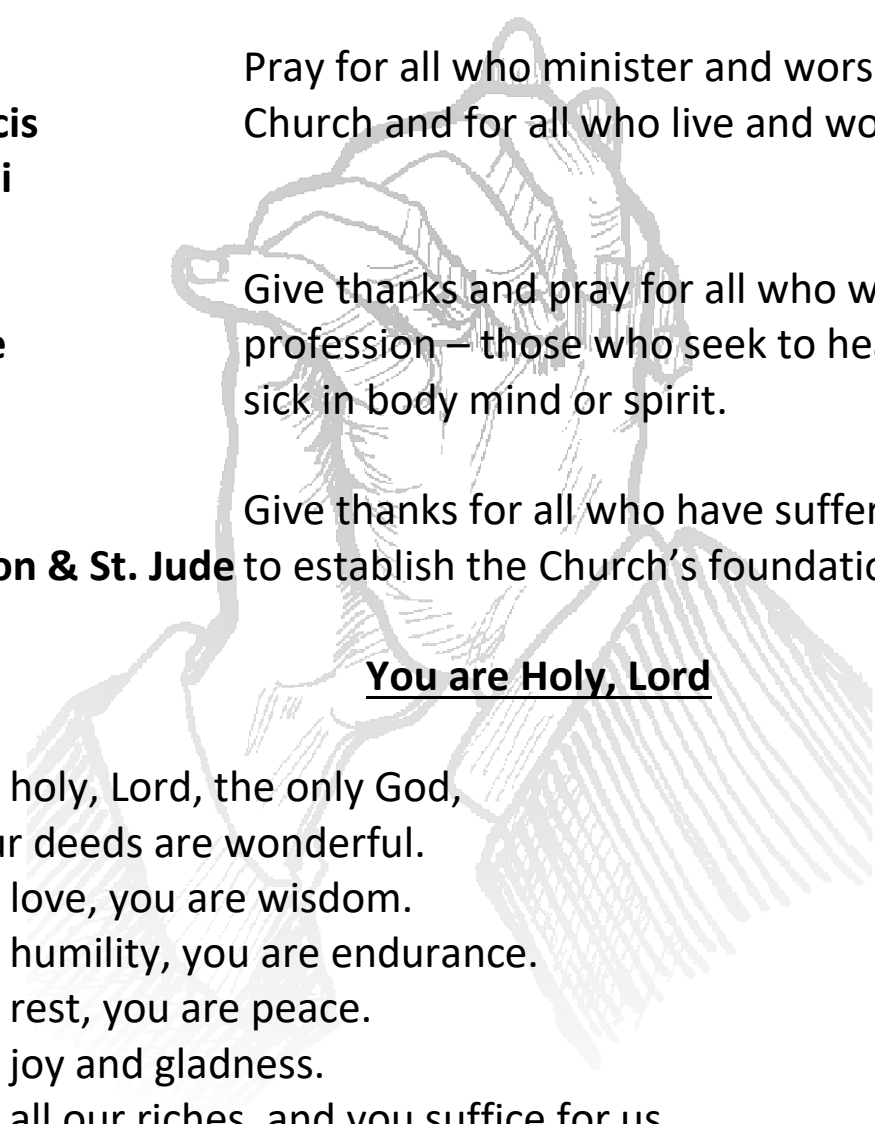
St Francis and St Mary's Prayer Chain

Many people find they are given strength and peace of mind when they know that they, or their loved ones, are being prayed for. And the more people who are praying for someone, the better!

If you would like prayer for yourself, please call anyone on the chain below and they will pass a message on around the circle. If you like a name added to the intercessions list in our services, (which will be on-line as well as in-person) please state this when you make contact.



October

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- 4th**
St Francis of Assisi Pray for all who minister and worship at St. Francis Church and for all who live and work in the parish.
- 18th**
St. Luke Give thanks and pray for all who work in the medical profession – those who seek to heal and care for the sick in body mind or spirit.
- 28th**
St. Simon & St. Jude Give thanks for all who have suffered and laboured to establish the Church's foundation of faith.

You are Holy, Lord

You are holy, Lord, the only God,
and your deeds are wonderful.
You are love, you are wisdom.
You are humility, you are endurance.
You are rest, you are peace.
You are joy and gladness.
You are all our riches, and you suffice for us.
You are beauty, you are gentleness.
You are our protector,
You are our guardian and defender.
You are courage,
You are our haven and hope.
You are our faith, our great consolation.
You are our eternal life, great and wonderful Lord,
God Almighty, merciful Saviour.

St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226) (abridged)

November

1st Give thanks for all who have been “lights in their several
All Saints generations.”

2nd Remembering those of family and friends who have gone before
All Souls us. We pray they may rest in peace.

11th We remember the millions who have died and those who are still
Remembrance dying in conflicts around the world. We pray for peace and
justice around the nations.

24th We give thanks that Christ’s domination is everlasting and will not
Christ the King pass away.

30th Pray for the people and churches of Scotland and for missionary
St. Andrew workers - at home and overseas

Holy Speech

Lord, guard my lips; free me from the clutter of unnecessary words,
the clamour of vengeful words,
and the cleverness of cynical words.
Teach me when to be silent,
and when silence would mean cowardice or unkindness.
Let all my words be well used,
coming from a quiet point within me where you are.
The Word, at the heart of my life.

(Adapted from Psalm 141: 3)

Holy Matrimony

On

Saturday 21st August 2021 at 1.00 p.m.

Eloise Olivia Vanessa OWEN

to

Steven Anthony FLETCHER



Baptism

On

Saturday 25th September 2021

Oliver Harry SMITH

Parents – Claire & Daniel Smith and sister, Emily, who celebrated her 4th baptismal birthday the day before.

West Wickham Scouts

keep calm and carry on

West Wickham's scout groups went 'virtual' during lockdown, meaning our activities had to continue online.

Initially a challenge, conducting meetings over Zoom quickly became a lifeline. Despite some leaders being less technically-savvy than others, we were able to share ideas and advice for keeping the kids entertained using the '1st Virtual Scout Group' Facebook page. Here, scouts from across the country could share insights into how they helped their groups beat the lockdown boredom.

The events might have been virtual, but the fun was real. We put on scavenger hunts, sending the kids dashing off around their homes in search of items beginning with a certain letter. We also held 'virtual' camping events where the scouts slept outdoors in their back gardens. As we weren't tied to a physical space, we utilised virtual guests, including birds of prey experts, a magician and even put on Welsh language lessons with a scout leader based in Wales!

Thankfully we have now returned to face-to-face meetings. Below are some scout action shots of the Beavers and Cubs doing what they do best:



A cub, at Frylands Wood, using a rope bridge he has just built!



The 7th West Wickham Beavers “Dams Colony” building a Dam!



Two Beavers take on the Croydon District climbing wall at Pinewoods

Scouting is a lot of Fun. Beavers are aged 6 to 8 years, Cubs are 8 to 10.5 years, Scouts 10.5 to 14 years & Explorers are 14 to 18 years. Scout membership is completely open at all ages to girls and boys.

If you're interested in a place for your child in the Beavers or are interested in becoming a volunteer leader, you can contact the different scout groups operating in West Wickham using the details below. The more leaders we have, the more young people can enjoy the benefits of scouting.

Get in touch today and join the adventure tomorrow.

Group: 7th West Wickham
Enquiries to: David Willis
Phone Number: 07896 576265
Email: dwillis356@aol.com

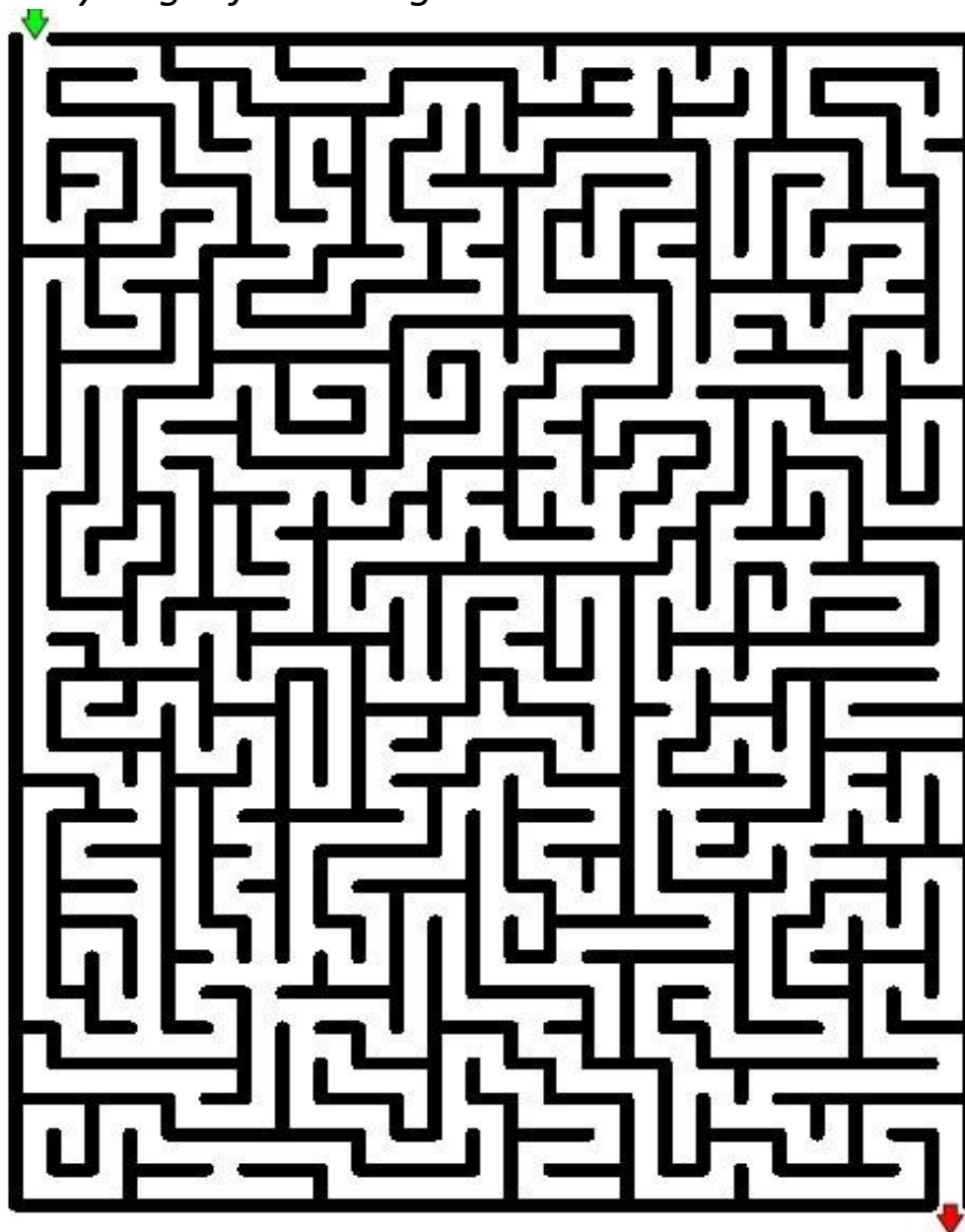
Calling ex-members of the 6th & 7th West Wickham Scout Groups

We are actively looking for ex-members of the 6th and 7th Scout Groups. We would warmly invite you to join "The Friends" of the 6th & 7th West Wickham. The idea is to bring together and reunite anyone who was a Cub, Scout or Venture Scout with other friends from their Scouting days.

If you, or someone you know, was a member, please contact Dave Willis AGSL 7th WW at dwillis356@aol.com for further details – Thank you.

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Can you get from the green arrow to the red arrow?



Answers to this month's crossword

ACROSS:

1 dare; 3 cherubim; 9 son Tohu; 10 yield; 11 ranch; 12 enlist; 14 Baalah of Judah; 17 Edward; 19 Sheol; 22 media; 23 open air; 24 apostasy; 25 Eton

DOWN:

1 describe; 2 run in; 4 household gods; 5 royal; 6 blessed; 7 MIDI; 8 Joshua; 13 children; 15 added to; 16 Jasper; 18 await; 20 exalt; 21 YMCA

REHEMA TRUST: a charity supported by St Mary's

Rehema Trust was set up five years ago in memory of Jan Mason's sister, Barbara Leighton, to support the work of Barbara Academy, in Kenya.

The situation in Kenya has become more challenging recently, with rates of Covid-19 and deaths rising sharply, prompting further restrictions, including the closure of churches and an extension of the night-time curfew, but schools remain open. However, less than 3% of the population is fully vaccinated and there is limited access to health services. There are also increasing signs that climate change is disturbing the previously predictable weather patterns, which are critical to the subsistence farming, on which many in the local population rely. I am pleased to report that no Covid-19 cases have occurred at Barbara Academy so far, but sadly, one parent of a school pupil has died in recent weeks.

Barbara Academy opened at the end of July to start a new school year and has expanded with a further year group, who are occupying our latest new classroom. Thanks to Edward Wata (leader of the local project partner) and his team, Barbara Academy was granted Full Registration status in April by the Ministry of Education, but they will need to carry out suggested improvements over the next five years when there will be a review of this registration with implications for future funding requirements. Staff changes at Barbara Academy, including the appointment of a very experienced Head Teacher, have strengthened the Teaching Staff Team.

There is now stability in the current funding, allowing the trust to plan in the short term with greater confidence. However, the continued expansion to achieve full nursery & primary school status, plus the ongoing demands to maintain and improve the school facilities, is already placing pressure on the limited financial resources. If anyone

would like to add their own direct support, either by way of a one-off or regular donation, please be in touch with Malcolm Leighton at 01372 815082 (Home) or 07766 051576 (Mobile) m.leighton@rehematrust.com.

Finally, Edward Wata reports that the teachers have been pleased with how well the pupils have performed in recent months, given their disrupted education due to an extended school closure last year. This no doubt reflects the value of the extra resources, funded by donors including St Mary's, which helped to ensure that the teachers could support the pupils in their homes during this difficult time.

Thank you for continuing to make a real difference to many young lives in Kenya. Malcolm Leighton



Smile Lines

PARAPROSDOKIANS...

(Winston Churchill loved them) are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected; frequently humorous. Could you invent one? Please send it in and it shall be published in the next edition.

- 1. Where there's a will, I want to be in it.*
- 2. The last thing I want to do is hurt you, but it's still on my list.*
- 3. Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.*
- 4. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.*
- 5. We never really grow up; we only learn how to act in public.*
- 6. War does not determine who is right - only who is left.*
- 7. They begin the evening news with 'Good Evening,' then proceed to tell you why it isn't.*
- 8. To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.*
- 9. Buses stop in bus stations. Trains stop in train stations. On my desk is a work station.*
- 10. I thought I wanted a career. Turns out I just wanted the pay cheques.*

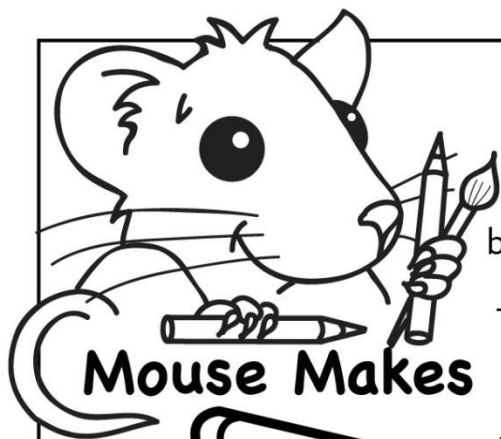
Fitting God in

A little girl said to her mother: "The minister's sermon this morning confused me." Her mother was surprised, so the little girl continued: "He said that God is bigger than we are. Is that true?"

"Yes, that's true," the mother replied.

"He also said that God lives within us. Is that true, too?" Again, the mother agreed.

"Well," said the girl. "If God is bigger than us and He lives in us, wouldn't He show through?"



Mouse Makes

"Come with me across the lake,"

Jesus said to his disciples, so they got into a boat and set out. While they were sailing Jesus slept.

A big storm *blew* across the lake and the boat began to fill with water. They were in **great** danger.

The disciples went to Jesus and woke him.

They said, "Master, mater, we are going to drown!"

Jesus got up and gave a command to the wind and the waves, "Be **still**, be **calm**."

The wind stopped and the lake became calm.



Read the story

in Mark 4: 35-41



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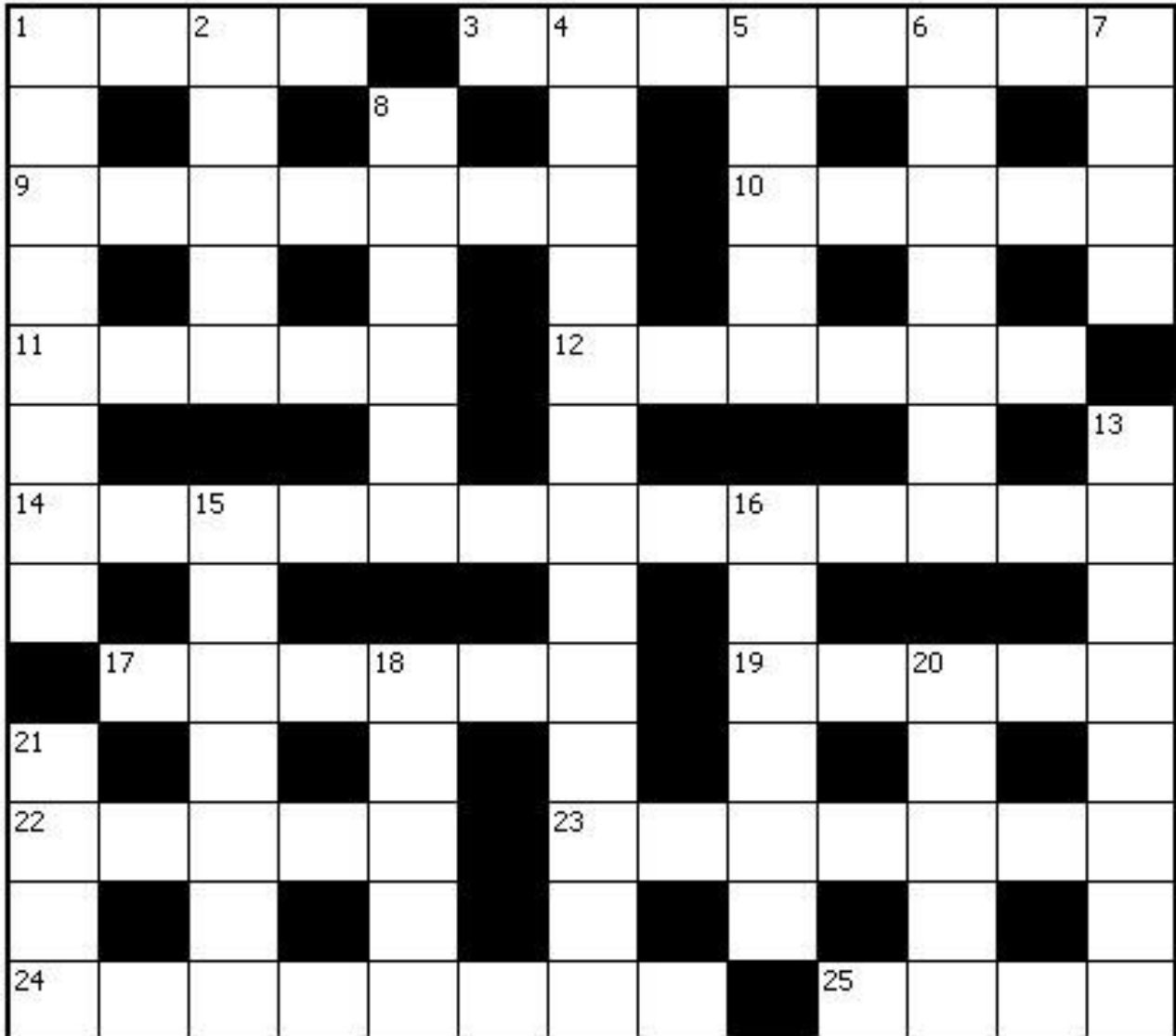
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Across

- 1 'Those who were standing near Paul said, "You — to insult God's high priest?"' (Acts 23:4) (4)
- 3 They were assigned to guard the tree of life (Genesis 3:24) (8)
- 9 'Elkanah son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the — of — , the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite' (1 Samuel 1:1) (3,4)

- 10 Surrender (Joshua 24:23) (5)
- 11 Where American livestock can be reared (5)
- 12 Listen (anag.) (6)
- 14 Alternative name for Kiriath Jearim (2 Samuel 6:2) (6,2,5)
- 17 He founded Westminster Abbey, — the Confessor (6)
- 19 Hebrew word for the place of the dead (5)
- 22 Allies of Persia in the fifth century BC (Esther 1:3) (5)
- 23 Where John Wesley was forced to preach a lot (4,3)
- 24 Rebellion against God; abandonment of religious belief (8)
- 25 Note (anag.) (4)

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- 1 Give an account of (Mark 4:30) (8)
- 2 'I — — the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free' (Psalm 119:32) (3,2)
- 4 'He took the ephod, the other — — and the carved image' (Judges 18:20) (9,4)
- 5 'You are a chosen people, a — priesthood' (1 Peter 2:9) (5)
- 6 The meek, the merciful and the mourners are all this (Matthew 5:4–5, 7) (7)
- 7 Musical Instrument Digital Interface (1,1,1,1)
- 8 He was the son of Nun (Deuteronomy 34:9) (6)
- 13 'Let the little — come to me' (Matthew 19:14) (8)
- 15 'About three thousand were — — their number that day' (Acts 2:41) (5,2)
- 16 In John's vision, the wall of the new Jerusalem was made of this (Revelation 21:18) (6)
- 18 'Our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly — a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ' (Philippians 3:20) (5)
- 20 'Glorify the Lord with me: let us — his name together' (Psalm 34:3) (5)
- 21 Young Men's Christian Association (1,1,1,1)

WE ARE ALL GUILTY

Well, I am. At times! Of complacency of leaving it to others to sort out!

BUT we do have a duty when it comes to the safeguarding of children **OR** vulnerable adults in the church.

There is a manual in our church vestibule entitled, '*A Safe Church*', which is for reference by anyone and acts as a guide to safeguarding matters.

If you do have a genuine concern about such a matter, then you may wish to speak to Kay Mussard, our Safeguarding Officer or one of the following; our Vicar, Rev. Hazel O'Sullivan or to one of the churchwardens.

HAVE YOU OR WILL YOU BE MAKING A WILL?

If so, please consider leaving a legacy to St. Marys.

Legacies we have had in the past have been a great blessing and encouragement and enabled us to carry out important work. It is helpful if the bequest is given without conditions so the PCC can use the money as they feel appropriate.

Please give this prayerful consideration.

To make a Will is one of the kindest things you can do so your wishes are known.

ROTAS FOR WELCOMING IN CHURCH

October

8.00 a.m. services

3 rd	St. Mary's	Debbie Adams
10 th	St. Francis	Stephen Howe
17 th	St. Mary's	Debbie Adams
24 th	St. Francis	Stephen Howe
31 st	St. Mary's	Debbie Adams

9:15a.m./10.00 a.m. services

3 rd	St. Mary's 9.15 a.m.	Pauline Christy and Linda West
10 th	St. Mary's 10.00 a.m.	Debs and Bill Howell
24 th	St. Mary's 10.00 a.m.	Merri and John Womack

Church cleaning

Friday 8 th	Mrs. M. Bond/Mrs. C. Cordery
Friday 22 nd	Mrs. B. Bolton/Mrs. M. Womack

Coffee

3 rd	Merri Womack/John Womack
10 th	Beryl Bolton/Gifty Northey
24 th	Claire Bull/Jackie Greatorex

Church Flower Pedestals

3 rd	Merri and John for family birthdays arranged by Merri
10 th	Harvest Festival
24 th	Merri & John for their Wedding Anniversary arranged by Merri

ROTAS FOR WELCOMING IN CHURCH

November

8.00 a.m. services

7 th	St. Mary's	Stephen Howe
14 th	St. Francis	Debbie Adams
21 st	St. Mary's	Stephen Howe
28 th	St. Francis	Debbie Adams

10.00 a.m. services

14 th	St. Mary's 9.15 a.m.	Jackie Greateorex/Wendy Taylor
28 th	St. Mary's 10.00 a.m.	Malcolm Hubbard/Mike Messinger

Church cleaning

Friday 12 th	Mrs. C. Bryan/Mrs. C. Cordery
Friday 26 th	Mrs. K. Mussard/Mr. G. Mussard

Coffee

14 th	Annette Cordery/Jean Mathers
28 th	Margaret Bond/Mike Messinger

Church Flower Pedestals

14 th	Remembrance: Elizabeth Barclay in memory of Mary and Vernon Habberfield and arranged by Merri
28 th	Beryl for family birthdays and arranged by Beryl

Magazine Articles

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