



Dear Friends

The best laid plans of mice and men are bound to go awry. That's one way to describe our Italian family holiday which involved Debbie being admitted to hospital in Brescia and having an emergency procedure to drain fluid from her brain before transfer back to the UK for further treatment and an operation to debulk a tumour. At the time of writing we do not yet know what the future treatment options will be but we are hoping that she will soon be out of hospital and back with us in the Vicarage in Kingsbury for the next stages of the journey.

Debbie is studying for a PhD in mediaeval history and one of her favourite writers is Julian of Norwich.

When we try to think where God is in complex situations in our lives Julian has much to say to help.

Two quotes which Debbie furnished me with just after her operation in the QE go like this

"If there is anywhere on earth a lover of God who is always kept safe, I know nothing of it, for it was not shown to me. But this was shown, that in falling and rising again we are always kept in that same precious love"

and

"God did not say you will not be troubled, you will not be belaboured, you will not be disquieted, but God did say you will not be overcome"

or to quote Isaiah

"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and through the rivers, they shall not overcome you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you." Isaiah 43.2

We have all been hugely grateful for the prayers, cards and messages of good will and offers of help that we have received over the last while. It has been a very anxious time and we do not yet know how things will move forward, but your support has been hugely important.

Thank you.

Priscilla

Aspects of life at St Faith and St Laurence

Morning prayer – is normally said Monday to Thursday and Saturday at 8.15 am in the Lady Chapel. We use Common Worship Daily Prayer, all are welcome to come and join in.

Reflections A chance to meet together over a cuppa and reflect on the Gospel reading for the previous Sunday. A group meets on Mondays from 1.45-3pm. Venues are listed in the Programme of the month.

Task Groups – The church has a number of task groups enabling areas of church life. These are listed in the magazine with the contact details of the chairs. If you would like to be a part of a groups please contact the relevant chair or Priscilla. All are welcome to join.

Stay and Play meets on Thursday between 9.30 and 11am in the Hall to give a chance for people with young children to meet and the children to play. All are welcome. Cost £1.50 per family.

Sunday Club meets on the first and third Sundays of each month except during the holidays. We hold an extra Sunday Club on days when there is a baptism. All are welcome to join in hearing and experiencing a Bible Story and learning together about what it means for our daily lives.

Messy Church takes place on the first Saturday of each month, most months. A chance for children and parents/ carers to have an informal time of worship, and discovering about a Bible story through song, craft, listening, cooking and so much more. Dates are published in advance and all are welcome to come along.

Planned Giving helps people make giving regular. You decide how much you can afford to give. You can join the envelope scheme weekly or monthly or pay by Standing Order or annually by cheque. Income tax payers are asked to Gift Aid their giving, so the Church can reclaim the tax on their donations at no extra cost to the donors. For details, contact Jackie Taylor or Brenda Stott

Call in for Coffee time together over a cuppa on a Wednesday morning from 10.30 -12.00. if needed we can arrange for someone to collect you and then take you home. Please ring Pauline Sitford (427 7005). If you are passing, do call in, or bring a friend, all are welcome.

We support **Recycling**. We have a special collection on the first Sunday of every month when we collect ALUMINIUM cans and foil which can be sold and the money raised is donated to our Mission Partners in Chile (through USPG) We also have envelopes for recycling mobile phones again supporting USPG. Pauline Sitford (427 7005).

MICHAELMAS

*Michaelmas gales assail the waning year,
And Michael's scale is true, his blade is bright.
He strips dead leaves; and leaves the living clear
To flourish in the touch and reach of light.
Archangel bring your balance, help me turn
Upon this turning world with you and dance
In the Great Dance. Draw near, help me discern,
And trace the hidden grace in change and chance.
Angel of fire, Love's fierce radiance,
Drive through the deep until the steep waves part,
Undo the dragon's sinuous influence
And pierce the clotted darkness in my heart.
Unchain the child you find there, break the spell
And overthrow the tyrannies of Hell.*

(From 'Sounding the Seasons' - Malcolm Guite)



In the Christian Calendar, September 29th is the Feast of Michael and All Angels - hence 'Michaelmas'. This is the only feast dedicated to angels that the Church of England did not discard at the reformation. One reason to keep this feast is its reminder that we humans are not the top of beings created by God. Come to think of it, given how flawed we are, surely God must have created something better? Something more awe-inspiring and powerful like angels and archangels? It is interesting that a tradition of angels is strong in Judaism, Islam and Christianity. Yes, all 3 mono-theistic religions come from the same root, but belief in angels whether literal or as symbolic myth is widespread beyond those faiths.



FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

August 13th Benjamin Shayne Wilson

FACTS AND FIGURES

Week Beginning	Communicants	Loose Plate £	Planned Giving £	Gift Aid £
July 23	68	49.22	164.00	6.50
July 30	57	58.67	180.55	20.00
Aug 6	67	56.57	365.53	8.50
Aug 13	41	43.20	177.55	5.00
Standing Orders			987.50	42.84
Parish Giving			1206.25	241.25

If more people would sign up for Parish Giving Scheme, the operation of collecting Gift Aid would be much simpler and quicker.

Geoff Bennett



John Wesley was once asked how he managed to attract the crowds when he was preaching. He replied, "I set myself on fire with the Gospel and the people come to see me burn."

Home Communion We have a team of lay people trained and able to bring Home Communion usually on a monthly basis. This is for those who are unable to come to church long term. If the situation is more temporary for example after an operation you can also receive communion, usually from Priscilla. In either case please contact Priscilla.

Traidcraft

Traidcraft sells a range of fairly traded food, cards, clothes and accessories. We use Traidcraft tea and coffee and everything we buy helps fight poverty and supports our church. You can order seasonal gifts through the church at Christmas time when catalogues will be available. Any questions, please ask Ruth Jeavons or Bronwen Jones.

'easyfundraising'

Next time you shop online, think of St Faith and St Laurence and raise free donations with 3,000+ retailers:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stfaithandstlaurence>

Women's Fellowship meets on the first Monday of the month from March to December. Meetings are held in the Committee Room 7.30 for 8pm. We have talks on a variety of subjects. See Programme of the Month for details.

Prayer Ministry Team

Prayer ministry is offered during the 10am Communion on Sundays. People can receive prayer for themselves or for any situation that is important to them. It takes place in the Lady Chapel during the distribution of communion.

Service with no name

This takes place on the first Thursday in the month in church at 7.30pm.

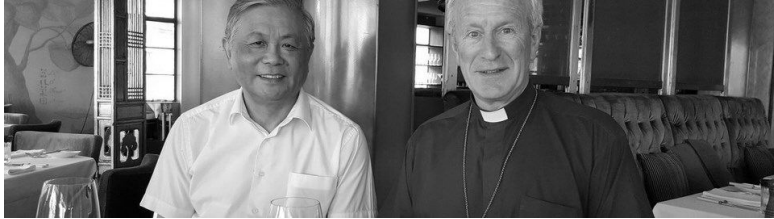
Foodbank

We collect food for the Quinton and Oldbury Foodbank. There is a box in church and food can be placed there at any time. The list of things that are needed is in church and in the hall. Food is distributed from St Boniface Church on Wednesdays and Paul and Barney's place on Fridays. Vouchers are required to receive food.

Choir and Music.

Choir Practice takes place weekly, normally on Thursdays 6-7pm. Anyone interested in singing in the choir should contact Simon Palmer, Organist & Choirmaster. (Contact details on page cover) We also like to encourage instrumentalists to perform in church, either in services or in concerts.

Bishop's Comment: Flourishing Under Pressure



I have been travelling briefly in China and India, the world's two most populous countries. The traditions in society and government of over 2 billion people are rooted in religions and ideologies that are distant from our Western consciousness. Christian affiliation in these great nations is below 10%. Yet where disciples of Jesus are found they are committed worshippers and citizens flourishing sometimes under considerable pressure.

I visited a re-sited 1,200 seater church building in Shanghai running a lively childrens' holiday club and after a 5 hours High Speed Train ride, witnessed over 30 adult baptisms during Sunday worship in Beijing. Both congregations number over 5,000 Christians.

Ian Johnson in 'The Souls of China' provides a vivid insight into the diversity of religious behaviour against a backdrop of a serious and responsible one party state.

Christians in India come across as less prominent than in China, though have kept their historic denominational identities and like other minorities, including Muslims, report feeling marginalised by a Hindu state. We are blessed by having Indians and those of Indian background leading some of our churches in Church of England Birmingham.

In the UK, we will do well in the coming months to consider the role of Christian disciples and the Church in relation to government, cherishing our constitutional rights and duties and speaking and acting for the vulnerable at home and overseas.

Defending the powerless, promoting prosperity for all, sharing wealth with the poorest, championing religious freedom and living the virtues of Christ will be amongst our principles.

Our prayer is for leaders of courage and vision to put those principles into practical policies.

+David Birmingham

Thank You

I would just like to say thank you for all the cards, condolences and kind words that I have received following the death of my mother, Ruth, in June. They have been most appreciated. The time since Ruth's accident had not been easy, but we valued the support, prayers and visits that sustained us both during that difficult time.

Caroline Mosley

CHURCHWOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP



After the summer break the Fellowship meets on Monday 4th September with their AGM which will be followed with a quiz. The year continues with a talk from John Smith called 'The Wonderful World of Cinema' on 2nd October, then on 6th November Mary Bodfish visits us with her thoughts on 'Christmas Past to Christmas Present'. We finish the year with a Christmas lunch in the first week of December. Our programme for 2018 will start on the first Monday in March - details will follow in the new year.

We meet on the 1st Monday of the month at 7.45pm in the Committee Room - if any lady is interested in joining us at one of our meetings, please get in touch with me.

Helen Hayward. 422 5724.

SOCIAL TASK GROUP NEWS

Continuing our 80th Anniversary celebrations, we are organising an 'Afternoon Tea with Community Singing' on **Saturday, 23rd September at 3pm.**



The singing will be lead by Simon and our choir.



Tickets at £10 are available now from Len Myers (682 2830), Helen Hayward (422 5724) and Alan Jones (426 3647). Numbers are limited to 60, so book now to avoid disappointment.

It would be lovely to have home-made cakes, so if anyone is able and willing to make one please let Helen know.



On the **8th October** we shall have our usual **Harvest Lunch** following the Harvest Festival service which will be at 10am. Tickets at £8 will also be available from the names above (please bring your own drinks).

We look forward to seeing as many as possible of you at these events.

Helen Hayward (for the Socials Task Group.)

Prayer of the month

These are words I wrote reflecting on Elijah as he fled the wrath of Queen Jezebel having defeated the prophets of Baal. He is sunk into depression, despite his success, despite seeing God at work in tremendous power. He needs the gentle touch of the still small voice, or the gentle murmuring sound or the sound of sheer silence, depending on your translation. He needs to know the presence of God, not in awesome power, but in presence and grace, and this is what he is given.

After 1 Kings 19

Hid in the cleft of the rock
we call out for your presence.
We have known
the tumultuous passing of the storm.
We have felt
the disruption of ground-breaking terror.
We have feared
the destruction of burning.
We call out for your presence Lord.
We need your still small voice
to quell the storm,
to level the ground,
to quench the fire.
In that quiet murmuring sound
We may reclaim our lives.

© Priscilla White 2008



How a day of prayer saved Britain at Dunkirk

Recently, I've been to see Christopher Nolan's film '*Dunkirk*'. It is filled with dread, unbearable tension - helped in no small part by fantastic sound design and an anxiety inducing, almost suffocating score by Hans Zimmer. I was relieved when it was over, and I stumbled out of the darkness, shell shocked and exhausted. It is a visual and aural assault.

Most of us are uneasy about war stories, particularly those that revel in the quantity of death and destruction we unleashed on our enemies. But this isn't a film about war – it's about survival, misery, bravery, courage and community.

In the Second World War, there are now only three big military events that retain a hold in the public memory. These are Dunkirk, the Battle of Britain and D-Day. I find it significant that each of these, echo themes of the Bible: Dunkirk is about rescue; the Battle of Britain about deliverance and D-Day about liberation.

Dunkirk, however, is a uniquely enthralling story. Who can resist the tale of how, surrounded by overwhelming enemies and faced with imminent annihilation, an entire army escaped to safety by sea? It almost seems like a reworking of the miracle of the biblical Exodus, with the English Channel replacing the Red Sea. Yet Dunkirk is not simply a gripping story; it is also a thought-provoking one, because even today the word 'miracle' hangs over it. Nevertheless, even for the most sceptical, the reality of what happened at Dunkirk is intriguing.

On 10th May 1940, Hitler unleashed a military onslaught on France and Belgium. That the total destruction of an entire army was imminent, was a view shared by many in the military and political leadership of Britain. Prime Minister Winston Churchill found himself preparing to announce to the public an unprecedented military catastrophe involving the capture or death of a third of a million soldiers. But it didn't happen. On 23rd May, King George VI requested that the following Sunday should be observed as a National Day of Prayer. Late on the Saturday evening, the military decision was taken to evacuate as many as possible of the Allied forces. On the Sunday, the nation devoted itself to prayer in an unprecedented way. The same day, an urgent request went out for boats of all sizes and shapes to cross the English Channel to rescue the besieged army, a call ultimately answered by around 800 vessels.

Yet even before the praying began (in my experience, prayer often works like that) curious events were happening. In a decision that infuriated his generals and still baffles historians, Hitler ordered his army to halt. Had they continued to fight, the destruction of the Allied forces would have been inevitable and the war would have taken a different, darker and more terrible path. Yet for three days the German tanks and soldiers stood idle while the evacuation unfolded.

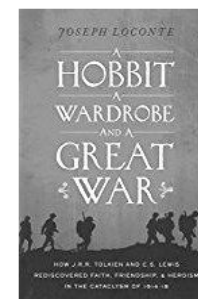
Make the world a little friendlier

Welcome an adult international student to your home for a day, weekend, or three nights at Christmas and a help a lonely student feel at home. Many international students in the UK feel isolated and would love to spend a short time with you, learning about British culture, experiencing UK home-life, and telling you about their own country. Hosting is a voluntary position suitable for all ages and available throughout the year with HOST, a charity set up in 1987 by the British Council.

To find out more or to be put in touch with your local organiser, please visit www.hostuk.org, email info@hostuk.org, or call 0207 739 6292.

BOOK OF THE MONTH

A HOBBIT, A WARDROBE AND A GREAT WAR—Joseph Loconte



After WWI, a young generation of writers such as Ernest Hemmingway and Erich Remarque in their work showed disillusionment with the world.

J.R.R Tolkien and C.S Lewis survived the trenches, and used the experience to inspire the spirituality of their writing. There would have been no *Lord of the Rings* and Narnia without the Great War.

In much depth, Loconte examines the concepts of honour and sacrifice for a just cause, which animate *The Lord of The Rings*. The Narnia stories describes the titanic struggle between good and evil whilst moving from illusion to disillusionment and back. Perhaps, the experiences of C.S Lewis in WWI helped to convert him to Christianity.

A Hobbit, a Wardrobe and a Great War meticulously identifies examples in these books to prove his case. It is fascinating for all readers as the author carefully covers the cultural and historical background as well.

The 'Magnificat': Southwark Cathedral's favourite feline lands book deal

London's Southwark Cathedral's favourite feline, nicknamed 'Doorkins Magnificat', has obtained her first book deal.

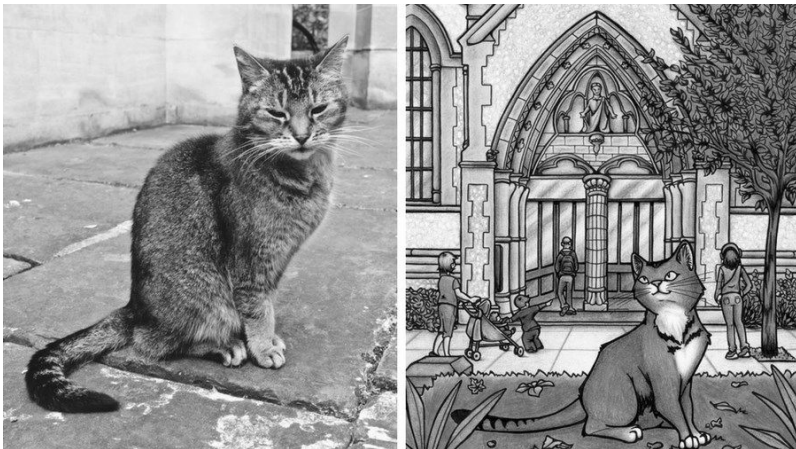
The cat gained the name 'Doorkins' after often waiting by the doors of Southwark Cathedral, since she was first encountered there by Verger Paul Timms in 2008. Paul, who is now responsible for the cat, said that the name is not a reference to renowned atheist Richard Dawkins, though it is often thought to be. The more theological name 'Magnificat' was chosen by the clergy.

Doorkins has become a beloved fixture of the London borough, and even has her own Twitter account and Facebook page, featuring various local sightings of and selfies with the cat. Doorkins has even met with the Queen.

The book, written by Lisa Gutwein, married to a cathedral verger, and illustrated by Rowan Ambrose, provides a tour of the cathedral while chronicling Doorkins' real-life adventures. Published by Jessica Kingsley Publishers, the book has won a commendation from London's mayor Sadiq Khan.

The popular cat has been a regular face around the cathedral for almost a decade after turning up on its doorstep. One December morning in 2008, the feral cat was found sitting on the doorstep of the cathedral, waiting for one of the vergers to let her in to escape the cold.

It's not the first time a locally-beloved pet has been the subject of a book. *Buster's Diaries* was written by British politician Roy Hattersley, in which the author wrote in the voice of his famous dog. Larry, the popular Downing Street cat, has also made news in recent years, and the book *Larry's Diaries* was written in the voice of the cat.



Not only so, bad weather on the Tuesday grounded the Luftwaffe, allowing Allied soldiers to march unhindered to the beaches. In contrast, on Wednesday the sea was extraordinarily calm, making the perilous evacuation less hazardous. By the time the German Army was finally ordered to renew its attack, over 338,000 troops had been snatched from the beaches, including 140,000 French, Belgian, Dutch and Polish soldiers. Many of them were to return four years later to liberate Europe.

Now you could argue it was all a coincidence, but I think not. It certainly wasn't considered so at the time. Sunday 9th June was declared a National Day of Thanksgiving. In many churches, it was with great feeling, that congregations said or sang the words of Psalm 124, for they were seen to apply to that situation through which the nation had just passed:

'If the Lord himself had not been on our side, now may Israel say: if the Lord himself had not been on our side, when men rose up against us; They would have swallowed us up quick: when they were so wrathfully displeased at us. Yea, the waters had drowned us: and the stream had gone over our soul. The deep waters of the proud would have gone over our soul. But praised be the Lord: Who has not given us over for a prey unto their teeth.

No other passage of Scripture could have more aptly described the nation's experience on that day. The words seem to have been especially written for the occasion. Encouraged by Churchill himself, the phrase 'the miracle of Dunkirk' began to circulate. We live in a world where people are not simply cautious about miracles, but they prefer to rule them out entirely. In much of public culture it is an unchangeable and unbreakable rule of life that the miraculous cannot and does not occur. The view is that while we may pray, there is no one on the other end of the line. On a practical level, looking at the challenges facing the British nation at this time, the idea of praying to God for deliverance seems to be something well worth encouraging.

I think Dunkirk stands as an extraordinary encouragement to pray in faith. However great our problems, God is greater than them all. That 'Dunkirk encouragement' to pray in times of need applies at every level of life and to every challenge, from what may be a petty domestic crisis to a national disaster. Although our nation may not face imminent military catastrophe on the scale that it did in 1940, you don't have to look hard to see major and overwhelming problems. Dunkirk may have been a military epic that should be remembered, but far more importantly, it is an encouragement to pray.

Peter Stokes

SAINT GILES



September 1st - the first day of spring in South Africa - the 1st day of Autumn in the UK. It is also a day to commemorate Giles of Provence (not to be confused with St Giles of Assisi).

The hermit St Giles lived in a cave near Arles in France in the 7th - 8th centuries. Dates are uncertain as are facts about his life. He became a popular medieval saint - patron saint of lepers, cripples, outcasts, nursing mothers and blacksmiths. In medieval paintings he is often shown with his pet hind. In this painting of c. 1500 by Master of St Gilles, the King kneels before Giles to ask his forgiveness. This was after one of his huntsman had shot an arrow intending to kill an animal but which wounded Giles instead. Or so the legend goes.

In the UK, there are about 162 churches dedicated to St Giles. They are often near significant cross roads. One example is St Giles-in-the-Fields at the heart of the west end of London where the ancient west-east road (Oxford Street) crosses the ancient north-south road (Drury Lane). It seems odd in one of the busiest areas of London to have a church dedicated to a hermit. Although its earlier buildings (before the current one built in 1733) really were 'in the fields' and not surrounded by buildings. It's first recorded church was attached to a 12th century leper hospital so was well outside the boundaries of the city.

Peter Ackroyd, an historian of London, has described the area around St Giles-in-the-Fields as "*a crossroads between time and eternity*". It is a place where trials of city life

"are confronted with the eternal promise of redemption through the Christian faith."

Many people seek solitude, to escape from pressure, find peace or to develop a relationship with God. Few live permanently as hermits as Giles did. Few could cope with it. Most of us need to find peace through regular time out from busy lives. I believe that all of us need to find peace with God, whether or not we acknowledge that need. Setting aside time to be still and quiet, even if not physically alone, can be a way to start to find that peace.

Nancy Wallace

A Prayer for Michaelmas

from *Uncommon Prayers* by Cecil Hunt

Good St Michael, if we must
Leave our bodies here to dust
Grant our souls a heaven where we
Still your Michaelmas may see
Do not make me quire and sing
With radiant angels in a ring,
Nor idly tread a pearl-paved street
With my new unearthly feet;
Do not shut me in a heaven
Golden bright from morn to even,
Where no shadows and no showers
Dim the tedious, shining hours,
Grant that there be Autumn still,
Smoke-blue dusk, brown, crisp and chill,
And let the furrowed plough and bare
Curve strongly to the windswept air;
Make the leafy beechwoods burn
Russet, yellow, bronze by turn,
And set the hedgerow and the briar
Thick with berries red as fire.
Let me search and gather up
Acorns green with knobbed cup,
And prickly chestnuts, plumping down
To show a glossy kernel brown.
Splendid cities like me ill
And for song I have no skill;
Then let me in an autumn wood
Sweep and pick up sticks for God.

Viola Garvin

COVER STORY

The picture is of detail from Caravaggio's painting of the *Calling of Matthew*. It says it all - the unexpectedness of the call, the sense of unworthiness, of the reaching of a pivotal moment, the dawning realization as the light shines on Matthew, a hand beckons and a voice invites, "Follow me".

Who me?
You want **me** to follow you?
You must have got it wrong.
I can see you're a good person,
- not like some hypocrites.
You need someone better than me.

Who me?
Don't you know who I am?
I'm a traitor.
I work for the enemy occupiers.
I handle their dirty money.
You need someone better than me.

Who me?
You know I steal from our people.
I call it commission but I cheat.
I make people poorer by extortion.
I'm a despised tax-collector.
You need someone better than me.

Who me?
I'm a sinner - the lowest of the low.
You can't want me to be your disciple.
What me? Really?
You are calling me?

Jesus was not as choosy about company as we are, and he still seems to call the most unlikely people. What if Jesus turned up at your work place or home today? Or our church? What would he see? What do you imagine he might say?

How would we respond?

Nancy Wallace



Beatitudes for Relationships

Blessed are those who can laugh at themselves;
for they will have no end of fun.
Blessed are those who can tell a mountain from a mole hill;
for they will be saved a lot of bother.
Blessed are those who know how to relax
without looking for excuses;
for they are on their way to becoming wise.
Blessed are those who are sane enough not to
take themselves too seriously;
for they will be valued most by those about them.
Blessed are those who think before they act and
pray before thinking;
for they will avoid many blunders.
Happy are you if you can take small things seriously
and face serious things calmly;
for you will go far in life.
Happy are you if you can appreciate a smile and
forget a frown;
for you will walk on the sunny side of the street.
Happy are you if you can be kind in understanding
the attitudes of others;
for this is the price of charity.
Happy are you if you know how to hold your tongue and smile,
even when people interrupt, contradict or tread on your toes;
for peace has begun to seep into your heart.

Above all

Blessed are you who recognise the Lord in all whom you meet;
for the light of truth shines in your life
and you have found true wisdom.

Anon

PROGRAMME FOR SEPTEMBER

Sat 2	10.30 am	Messy Church	Hall
SUN 3	TWELVE SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY		
	8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>Jeremiah 15.15-21; Romans 12.9-end; Matthew 16.21-end</i>	
	10.00 am	Family Communion <i>Readings as at 8am</i>	
	6.30 pm	Evensong <i>Psalm 105.1-15</i> <i>2 Kings 6.24, 7.3-end; Acts 18.1-16</i>	
Mon 4	1.45 pm	Reflections	143 Balden Road
Wed 6	10.30 am	Call in for Coffee	Committee Room
	11.00 am	Holy Communion <i>Colossians 1.1-8; Luke 4.38-end</i>	Lady Chapel
Thu 7	9.30 am	Stay and Play	Hall
	6.00 pm	Choir Practice	Church
	7.30 pm	Service with no name	Church
	7.30 pm	Edgborne Cluster Meeting	St. Faiths
Sat 9	2.00 pm	Wedding of Brendan Sheridan and Lauren Northey	
SUN 10	THIRTEEN SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY		
	8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>Ezekiel 33.7-11; Romans 13.8-end; Matthew 18.15-20</i>	
	10.00 am	Morning Praise	
	6.30 pm	Sung Eucharist <i>Readings as at 8am</i>	
Mon 11	1.45 pm	Reflections	143 Balden Road
Tue 12	10.30 am	Queen Mother Gardens Service	
	7.15 pm	PCC Meeting Priscilla's Sabbatical begins	Committee Room
Wed 13	10.30 am	Call in for Coffee	Committee Room
	11.00 am	Holy Communion <i>Colossians 3.1-11; Luke 6.20-26</i>	Lady Chapel
Thu 14	9.30 am	Stay and Play	Hall
	6.00 pm	Choir Practice	Church

SUN 17 FOURTEEN SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

	8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>Genesis 50.15-21; Romans 14.1-12; Matthew 18.21-35</i>	
	10.00 am	Family Communion <i>Readings as at 8am</i>	
	6.30 pm	Evensong <i>Psalm 119.41-48</i> <i>Ezekiel 20.1-8, 33-44; Acts 20.17-end</i>	
Mon 18	1.45 pm	Reflections	143 Balden Road
Tue 19	TBA	FGP Task Group Meeting	
Wed 20	10.30 am	Call in for Coffee	Committee Room
	11.00 am	Holy Communion <i>1 Timothy 3.14-end; Luke 7.31-35</i>	Lady Chapel
Thu 21	9.30 am	Stay and Play	Hall
	6.00 pm	Choir Practice	Church

SUN 24 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

	8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>Jonah 3.10-end of Cp 4; Philippians 1.21-end; Matthew 20.1-16</i>	
	10.00 am	Family Communion <i>Readings as at 8am</i>	
	6.30 pm	Evensong <i>Psalm 119.113-136</i> <i>Ezekiel 33.23, 30-34.10; Acts 26.1,9-25</i>	
Mon 25	1.45 pm	Reflections	143 Balden Road
Tue 26	2.30 pm	William Lench Court Service	
Wed 27	10.30 am	Call in for Coffee	Committee Room
	11.00 am	Holy Communion <i>Ezra 9.5-9; Luke 9.1-6</i>	Lady Chapel
Thu 28	9.30 am	Stay and Play	Hall
	6.00 pm	Choir Practice	Church



Apparently, during the 1939-45 war, there was a complaint made that Winston Churchill had not given the country enough spiritual guidance. When the great man heard of this, he was indignant and said, "I have appointed no less than six new bishops; what more do they want?"