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The cover picture is of a Carving on the Font of The Cathedral of the Isles on Cumbrae. St Luke is often depicted as an ox or bull, sometimes with wings

BISHOP GREGOR'S RESPONSE TO THE REFUGEE CRISIS

There is widespread distress among our communities and in our churches at the continuing plight of the large number of refugees and migrants who are attempting to make their way into and across Europe in search of safety, new homes and a better life. All over our country people are seeking practical ways to help but no doubt also feeling helpless in the face of such a huge movement of people. And, of course in a country already undergoing austerity and cutbacks, there is anxiety about how we can cope with large numbers of new people coming in to our midst.

One thing the Bishops of the Scottish Episcopal Church have done is to write to the Prime Minister expressing our concern and calling on him and the government to respond warmly and generously to the plight of people fleeing from desperate situations in their homelands.

Of course, David Cameron is right to say that the present refugee and migrant crisis can only be resolved by tackling the chaos and disorder driving people from their homelands. Right too in pointing to what the UK is already doing to help people living in refugee camps in the countries bordering Syria. And right to be responding to increasing demands from the British public that we help by allowing more people to come and be helped in finding some kind of new life here, even if the figure of 20,000 over five years seems, to say the least, inadequate.

The image of a dead child washed up on a Turkish holiday beach had the effect of delivering many of us from seeing only a "refugee" or a "migrant" problem. Now we see human beings, with hopes and longings, just like us. We see children just like our own, and our hearts are broken by the all too obvious dangers that beset their young lives. Of course, policy makers and leaders are bound to try to address root causes, and the politics of all this are enormously complex at a European level, but symptoms remain urgently important, especially when the causes are not capable of cure any time soon, least of all by our own country, and when the symptoms are actually that so many people are in desperate need of help.

It is in trying to alleviate symptoms, in binding up the broken hearted, in giving at least some people hope of a new beginning in life, that our deepest and most abiding values are allowed to come to the fore – human solidarity, compassion, care for the individual. It is in persisting in rescue efforts, it is in Hungarian citizens bringing food and clothing to people walking through their country to the Austrian border that we allow the plight of our fellow human beings to

impinge upon us and try to do something about it, without worrying that the cause of their plight is not yet dealt with. What we require urgently is a proportionate and deliverable response which places compassion ahead of short-term political considerations.

In many of our churches in Scotland this past Sunday the story of Jesus being faced with a non-jewish, gentile woman who wanted him to help her desperately ill daughter was read. At first Jesus refuses but the woman does not give up and Jesus, all resistance overcome by her faith, sees her for what she is – a real person in real need – and helps her by healing her daughter. Perhaps we are learning, as this story suggests, to see people as people, as people not very different from us, people not to be labelled as a problem, but to be helped.

In communities across the land we can all play our part – no matter how small it might seem – in showing compassion to those seeking a place of safety. As Nicola Sturgeon has said "Scotland and the UK have a moral obligation to take a fair and proportionate share" It is more than a moral obligation, it is a basic human instinct to help one another. The people of Glasgow have rallied round to help each other at times of crisis here in our city; this is a global crisis that we can help on a local level and we will.

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Gregor Duncan, Bishop of Glasgow & Galloway

ALL SAINTS VESTRY NOTES

- An All Saints Vestry meeting was held on Monday September 14 at 7.30 pm.
- There had been some recent progress in filling the outstanding administrative positions, but this process was not complete; in particular the Hall Convenorship had not been filled. The Vestry decided to wait until after the Activities Fair the following Sunday, but if there was no success in finding volunteers at this meeting, then it would be necessary to put an emergency arrangement in place for the period after the AGM. This would most likely involve splitting the job between a significant number of members drawn from the Vestry in the first instance.
- The Vestry decided that, now All Saints was paying the Rector's stipend on its own, no point would be served by maintaining a separate Ministry Account to make the stipend payments. It was decided to close the Ministry Account at the beginning of October and thereafter use the standard Treasurer's Account for the purpose. John Riggs (St Andrew's) who had been looking after the Ministry Account in recent months was thanked by the Vestry for doing this.

- Two developments were proposed for the Church grounds and agreed. The first involved purchasing a new Notice Board to replace the existing one, which was often obscured due to condensation on the front window. This would be done using money from the 2015-16 budget. Secondly it was decided to extend the refuse bin area so that all the grey bins could be accommodated there.
- The Vestry decided to start the service on Remembrance Sunday at the Joint Act of Worship at the War Memorial, and move to the Church after this had finished.
- Next meeting Monday October 12.

Andrew Long

MISSION TO SEAFARERS

It was lovely to have the Rev. Tim Tunley with us on 13th September to tell us about his work as the Mission to Seafarers Chaplain to Scottish Ports. One of the things he mentioned was the woolly hats that he gives to sailors he also told us that because once a hat is on it tends to stay on day and night its life span is usually around 4 months. If you would like to help knit some hats then a simple pattern is available at the back of the church. If you no longer knit yourself but have some spare dark wool then please bring it along to church as others could knit it into a hat and together you will help keep a sailor warm.

WEDNESDAY SAID EUCHARIST.

Since the beginning of August Kirstin has introduced a Service of Morning Prayer at 9am, an 11:30 Said Eucharist and a 7:30 p.m. Said Eucharist. Because of my working commitments, and you will note that I do not say **career** commitments, I am unable to attend the daytime services.

The 7:30 p.m. Said Eucharist has become a set feature of my Wednesdays and it is an opportunity for me to celebrate mid-week communion. I am thankful for this.

There is, without doubt, something special about an evening Said Eucharist and you do indeed leave All Saints with a feeling of spiritual uplift and a definite sense of peace. I guarantee that you will not return home in a combative or even a contentious frame of mind - it is in fact the ideal way to end a busy mid-week day. The Blue Book Eucharist we know so well, the Taize Eucharist was something totally new and innovative to me and the Eucharist for Healing on the first Wednesday of each month was a perfect way to remember those people, so special to us to all of us, in our most quiet prayers. We all have someone to petition for on such occasions.

Numbers are low and this saddens me. Are we in competition with the 8pm "Great British Bake Off"? I believe the glow after a mid-week Eucharist far exceeds anything that Mary Berry and Paul Hollywood have to offer. More people present would be so heartening, you will be most warmly welcomed and I believe you will feel uplifted as I do.

Is this really me writing this?

It is a 7:30 p.m. Said Eucharist and not Compline yet the first lines of Compline: "*The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end*" are so relevant. The first part of that petition at least is granted, as you will feel that a quiet night lies ahead of you, but as for the perfect end? Well, that's not something in my hands but in the hands of someone infinitely more powerful and majestic. Please turn up and swell our meagre numbers. A warm welcome is assured.

John Brooker

CONFIRMATION

While the requirement to be confirmed before receiving communion has long been removed, confirmation, or the affirmation of Baptism as it is now known, still has an important place in the life of the church and of those who wish to make an adult and public confession of their faith. Bishop Gregor will be joining us on Sunday 24th January for confirmations.

If you would like to be confirmed please speak to the Rector. Thank you.

CONFERENCE ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Recently we had a service reminding ourselves not only about the end of the transatlantic slave trade, but also to remember those who are still caught up in modern day slavery. The Scottish Churches Anti-Human Trafficking Group are holding a day conference on Saturday 17th October from 9:30 a.m.–4 p.m. at St. George's Tron Church in Buchanan Street. There is no charge for attending, however there is a need to register with Miriam Weibye, e-mail: miriamweibye@acts-scotland.org

Aidan McQuade, who is Director of Slavery International, and delegates from Africa, Asia, the Caribbean and Europe will be addressing the conference. It will be a great opportunity to hear from international speakers on this important issue and how we can all do our bit, no matter how small, to combat human trafficking.

NOVEMBER MAGAZINE

Please send all articles for the November magazine to Janet Stack: janet.stack@btinternet.com by Sunday 18th October. The magazine will be available on Sunday 25th October 2015.

SERMONS

If you can't get to church on Sunday or want to reflect further upon something you heard in the sermon, you will know find the majority of sermons preached at All Saints available on the web site.

BISHOP'S LECTURE

Throughout his time as Bishop, Gregor has held a yearly lecture on a wide range of topics. This year the topic he has picked is "Figures in Anglican thought". The lecture will begin with refreshments and will include space for questions and discussion. The lecture will take place on Tuesday 3 November 2015 beginning at 7:30 p.m. in Holy Trinity & St Barnabas, Paisley.

ST NINIAN

Ninian was born in about the year 360 and was the son of a Cumbrian chieftain who had himself converted to Christianity. It seems he visited Rome in his youth, where he received training in the faith. He was consecrated bishop in the year 394 and returned to Britain, where he set up a community of monks at Candida Casa (Whithorn) from where they went out on missionary journeys as far as Perth and Stirling. Ninian died in about the year 432. The Venerable Bede wrote: In the year of our Lord 565, when Justin the Younger succeeded Justinian and ruled as Emperor of Rome, there came from Ireland to Britain a priest and abbot named Columba, a true monk in life no less than habit, to preach the Word of God in the provinces of the Northern Picts, which are separated from those of the Southern Picts by a range of steep and rugged mountains. The Southern Picts, who live on this side of the mountains, are said to have abandoned the errors of idolatry long before this date and accepted the true faith through the preaching of the Word by Bishop Ninian, a most revered and holy man of British race.

There may still be a place or two left on the day pilgrimage to Whithorn on 10th October, please speak to Kirstin if you are interested in going along.

GLEN 15

I had been to the Scottish Episcopal youth camp at Glenalmond the previous year. This year was going to be different as there were usually two separate weeks, which this year, were being merged together. This meant, not only was I meeting up with my friends from last year, but I also met new people from the other week.

Every day we started with Morning Prayer and then would go on to our activities. These could range from baking, hill walking, bush-fire making,

swimming, debates, archery, arts and crafts, tea parties, sports and more. Every day, twice a day, you had house group. This was where you discussed the topic of the year with people your own age. For example this year it was the 'Holy Spirit'; so we discussed the fruits of the spirit, the gifts of the spirit, the way the spirit can communicate and more. This was a great opportunity to learn more about how God the Father and the Holy Spirit are connected and work together. In the afternoon there were two more activity sessions with a worship afterwards that each house group took in turn to organise and lead. Then once you had had dinner and free time each night, there would be a whole camp activity. These included a talent competition, a film night, a ceilidh, a disco and a murder mystery. At the end of the day we would finish with Night Prayer thanking God for the blessings of that day and the gifts he had given us. Glenalmond Episcopal youth camp is a wonderful experience to strengthen your knowledge of Christianity and make new friends who also share your beliefs.

Lois Craig

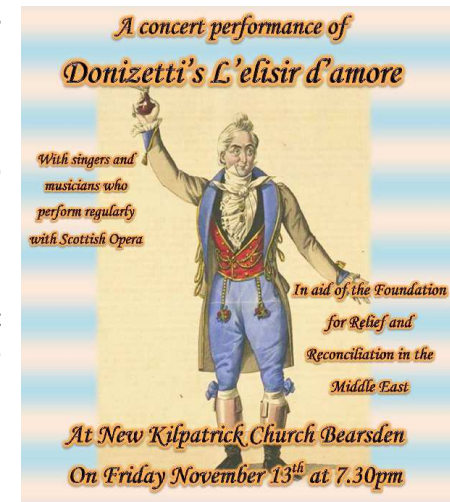
OPERA CONCERT IN AID OF THE FOUNDATION FOR RELIEF AND RECONCILIATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Following the great success of the concerts of Don Giovanni and Falstaff, the combined talents of musicians and organisers have re-grouped to bring you a concert version of Donizetti's wonderful opera: **L'Elisir d'amore** (The Elixir of love).

So supportive have you been for the past two concerts that we have moved venue to New Kilpatrick Church, Bearsden in order to allow more people to come and enjoy what will be a super evening of music making and story telling. A twenty piece orchestra of players from Scottish Opera, conducted by Head of Music at Scottish Opera Derek Clark, will accompany the wonderful singing of this fun and beautiful

comic opera. The cast includes Deborah Rudden as Adina, Adam Magee as Nemorino, Chris Nairne as Belcore and Jonathan Sedgwick playing Dulcamara.

Tickets are available at £10 from Janet Stack, Mairi Ross, David Hamblen, and Mary Darke or from Purple Edge and New Kilpatrick Church in



Bearsden, or on the door half an hour before the concert which starts at 7:30 p.m. Alternatively email opera@mybtinternet.com or phone 0789 708 184

Jonathan Sedgwick

The Foundation for Relief and Reconciliation in the Middle East.

No one can be aware of what is happening in Iraq and Syria without feeling horror, dismay and frustration. I know that I cannot bear to go on hearing accounts of innocent people being persecuted, tortured, enslaved and murdered for their faith or because they are in the wrong place at the wrong time, without doing what I can to help them.

I heard about **FRRME** after I became aware of the inspirational life and work of Canon Andrew White.

In 1998, aged 33 years, Canon Andrew was appointed a canon at Coventry Cathedral. He was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis six weeks after taking up his post. He then became their Director of International Ministry, heading up the International Centre for Reconciliation, promoting reconciliation in conflicts (mainly religious) across the globe. He concentrated on the Middle East, where he felt the church needed to be involved. He moved to Baghdad in 2005 as Anglican Chaplain to Iraq.

During the many years he was there he tended to his desperately poor and persecuted flock, while also running a free clinic caring for people in need, regardless of their faith. He gained a considerable reputation as a conciliator, and became trusted by moderate leaders from the different Islamic traditions, and all the other faiths in the area. Despite his huge health problems and the formidable daily dangers he faced he continued with this work, and pursued many other initiatives that sought to bring relief and promote reconciliation throughout the Middle East.

Eventually, the dangers became so great that the Archbishop of Canterbury ordered him to return to Britain in November 2014.

He is now based in the UK, though he still spends as much time as he can in various parts of the Middle East, pursuing his life's work through FRMME, the charity he founded and runs.

The charity's current focus is helping those who have fled ISIS in Northern Iraq, as well as the thousands of refugees who have fled to Jordan to escape the violence. In addition to spiritual support they provide food, medicine and shelter. They have also set up a school in Jordan so that refugee children from Iraq can continue their education. FRMME is also renewing its focus on the peace process in Israel/Palestine and has very recently launched the Jerusalem

International School of Reconciliation, or JISR (meaning "Bridge" in Arabic). JISR is the first project of its kind and will provide a platform for key religious leaders of the Christian, Jewish and Muslim faiths to come together and introduce the power of reconciliation to an international audience.

Canon White and his colleagues seem to me to be a light shining in a very dark place. I would love to help make that light able to shine a little brighter still for a little longer. There is much more about the work of the Foundation on their website at www.frrme.org.

We are hoping for your support and look forward to seeing you at New Kilpatrick!

Mairi Ross

ASSOCIATION OF BEARSDEN CHURCHES

The ABC will be holding a joint service on Sunday 1st November at 6.30 p.m. in New Kilpatrick Church. The 1st of November has been marked as the International Day for the Suffering Church and with it falling this year on a Sunday it was decided that we should hold a service of solidarity. Please come along if you can.

STARTER PACKS GLASGOW

Many thanks for the recent donation of £50.00, and the large number of household items, from those who attended David's talk. I truly appreciate the continued support from everyone at All Saints Church.

Jennifer Campbell, Manager

CHRISTMAS STAMPS – FOR THE SUDAN CHURCH

Please support this worthy cause by buying 2nd class stamps from me for Christmas. I would be grateful if i can have your order at the beginning of November. Thank You.

Jane lowis



DON'T FORGET HARVEST FESTIVAL BRING AND SHARE LUNCH!

The lunch will follow the service on October 4th.

Margaret Dunn

STEWARDSHIP IS A FUNNY OLD BUSINESS

Funny how a £10 note looks so small when you take it shopping,
but so big when you take it to church.

Funny how long we can always find time for those things we want to do,

but struggle to find time for doing God's work.
 Funny how long a couple of hours spent at church are,
 but how short they are when watching a movie.
 Funny how we can't think of anything to say when we pray,
 but don't have difficulty gossiping.
 Funny how hard it is to read a chapter in the Bible,
 but how easy it is to read a book or the newspaper.
 Funny how we need 2 or 3 weeks advance notice to fit a church event into our
 schedule,
 but can adjust our schedule for other events at the last moment.
 Funny how easily we judge what others do or don't do,
 but think we are never at fault.
 Funny how we expect the church to always be there for us,
 but we don't think we should always be there for the church.
 Funny isn't it?

LUNCH GROUP – THE YEAR AHEAD

Now that the Lunch Group is back in full swing we thought we would like to update you on our programme for the coming season.

During the Autumn we are planning a Cake Day and a little grey cells test together with an inventive lunch for Bonfire Night.

We are repeating the popular “Away Day” to have lunch at the ROSL in Princes Street, Edinburgh on 2nd December. Our Christmas Party is on 16th December when we will once again be serenaded by Sarah and John.

The New Year will see us celebrating Robert Burns. This will be at our lunch on 27th January.

In addition we are hoping to entertain the Bishop during February, and close to Mothering Sunday Kirstin will be speaking on “Flowers in the Bible”. Hopefully we will have flower arrangements including some of the flowers Kirstin mentions.

Following the success of the Lunch Group’s picnic at Portencross Castle and the “Fish and Chip Lunch” at Nardini’s, Largs we will again be arranging these visits.

There may well be other events arranged during the season and so if you feel the need for friendship, fellowship, food and fun please join us on Wednesdays at 12 o’clock. This follows the 11:30 a.m. Eucharist.

Dates and further details/reminders of all our events will be announced at our meetings and brief details will appear in the Pew Sheet.

Sheena, Jenny and Philip

CHILDREN’S CORNER

Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi - 4th October

Francis was born in Assisi, Italy in 1182. He grew up leading a privileged life as the son of a wealthy cloth merchant. About the age of nineteen Francis went to battle against the nearby town of Perugia. Francis was captured and taken prisoner. He was held prisoner in a dungeon for a year before his father paid the ransom and he was set free. Over the next few years Francis began to see visions from God that changed his life, that told him to help the sick and to “repair my church, which is falling in ruins”. Francis gave all his money to the church. His father became very angry with him. Francis then left his father's home and took a vow of poverty. As Francis lived his life of poverty and preached to people about the life of Jesus Christ, people began to follow him. By 1209, he had around 11 followers. He had one basic rule which was “To follow the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ and to walk in his footsteps”. He set up what became known as The Franciscan Order. Francis was known for his love of nature and animals. There are many stories about Saint Francis and his preaching to animals. It is said that one day he was talking to some birds when they began to sing together. Then they flew into the sky and formed the sign of a cross. It was also said that Francis could tame wild animals. Francis became ill and spent the last few years of his life mostly blind. He died in 1226 while singing Psalm 141. He was declared a saint only two years after his death.



All Saints Sunday School

Continuing with our Parable theme for this session and following on from the Parable of the Talents, we have looked at the Parable of the Good Samaritan and the Parable of the Mustard Seed.

In the story of the Good Samaritan we learnt how Jesus taught us that is important to help others even those we do not know or may not like.

In the story of the Mustard Seed we learnt how great things can come from small beginnings and that we all have a part to play in God's church no matter how small.



To our young members with October birthdays

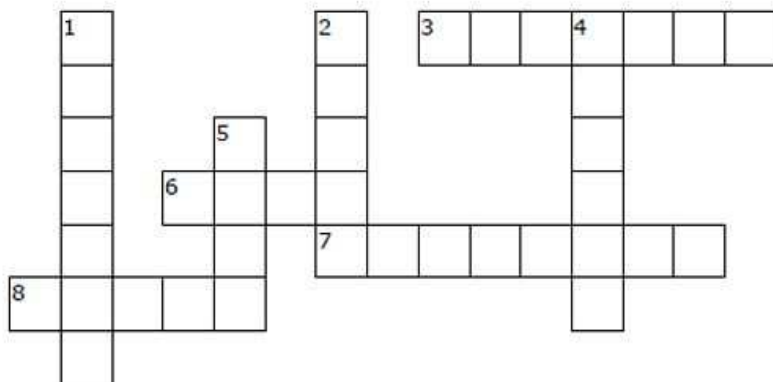
Can you complete the Mustard Seed Crossword? Try covering up the words first and see if you can do it without help - if you struggle you can always take a peep!

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

Again he said, "What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade."

Mark 4:30-32 (NIV)

Puzzle is based on Mark 4:30-32



ACROSS

3. Bigger than any of the others
6. A small grain of a plant placed in the ground for growing another plant
7. Not as big as any of the others
8. A living thing that grows in the ground, usually with leaves or flowers

DOWN

1. A story told by Jesus to help explain his teachings
2. An animal that has wings and is covered with feathers
4. An area where plants are grown
5. The place where birds lay eggs or give birth to their young

SEED	PARABLE	BIRDS	LARGEST
SMALLEST	NEST	GARDEN	PLANT

ALL SAINTS SUMMER SUNDAY CLUB

As you may know we don't hold formal Sunday school sessions during the summer and consequently families often don't bring younger children to church



during this period. Last year, to encourage our normal contingent of children along with any visiting grandchildren etc to attend, we decided to hold Summer Sunday Club. To keep the children amused we got them all involved in creating a mural to replace one that had been in the Sunday school hall for numerous years and hence Noah's Ark was created. As this was

such a success we decided to repeat the club again this year and create a new replacement mural – the theme we chose was Joseph and his coat of many colours. We had a number of children attending throughout the summer with an age range of 2 to 15 and all made their own contributions. What was really lovely to see were children who had visited last year pointing out bits on the Noah's Ark mural that they had done – so much so that we couldn't bear to put the mural away and instead moved it elsewhere in the hall! One of the congregations visiting grandchildren was just the required size and kindly acted as the template for our Joseph! Each art session was accompanied by the score to Andrew Lloyd Webber's Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat. Many thanks go to Laura Trainer, Jane Joy, and the superb ladies of the crèche for their support during this time. I think you will all agree the final result looks fantastic and really brightens up our hall. If you haven't been in to see it yet then put it on your to do list.

All Saints October Service Rota

Date	Sidesmen 11 a.m.	Eucharistic Assistants	Readings	Reader	Intercessor	Coffee Name in bold to bring milk
4 October Harvest	John Brooker Andrew Long	LHS: Louise RHS: Celia	Ruth 2:1-23 Philippians 4:4-9 Matthew 6:25-35	Catriona Craig	Celia Fisher	Sheena MacDonald Barbara Thompson Gillian Kingslake
11 October Pentecost 20	Anne Shirlaw Iain Stewart	LHS: Graham RHS: Catriona	Amos 5:6-7,10-15 Hebrews 4:12-16 Mark 10:17-31	Mike Graham	Rob Smith	Sheila Gray Jane Lewis Ann Wheatley
18 October St Luke	Richard Kingslake Kate Ross	LHS: John RHS: Rob or Christine	Isaiah 35:3-6 2 Timothy 4:5-17 Luke 10:1-9	Gill Hamblen	Sheena MacDonald	Margery Pollock May Campbell Margaret Dunn
25 October Pentecost 22	Joyce James Graham Bryson	LHS: Mike RHS: Susan	TBC	TBA	TBA	Joyce James Kate Ross Janet Stack
1 November All Saints	John Harrington A N Other	LHS: Hanan RHS: Andrew		John Harrington	David Simmons	Pauline Waugh Fiona Hempel Alex Stirling

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October Services

*Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name bring an offering, and come before him.
Worship the Lord in holy splendour.
1 Chronicles 16.29*

Date	Services		
3rd October St Francis of Assisi	10am Thanksgiving for All Animal with Pet Blessings		
Please note this service is at 10am, not 10.30am			
4th October Harvest (Green)	9am Said Eucharist		1970 Liturgy
	10.30 am Sung Eucharist		Harvest Liturgy
Wednesday 7 th	9am Morning Prayer	11.30am Said Eucharist	7:30 p.m. Healing Eucharist
The names of the sick listed on the prayer board at the back of the church are remembered during the Healing Service. Please add anyone you would like to be prayed for to that list, thank you.			
11th October Pentecost 20 (Green)	9am Said Eucharist		1970 Liturgy
	10.30am Sung Eucharist		Ordinary Time Liturgy
Wednesday 14 th	9am Morning Prayer	11.30am Said Eucharist	7:30 p.m. Taize Eucharist
18th October St Luke (Red)	9am Said Eucharist		1970 Liturgy
	10.30am Sung Eucharist		Reserved Liturgy
Wednesday 21 st	No Services		
Saturday 24th	8pm Prayers for Israel and Palestine		
25th October Pentecost 22 (Green)	9am Said Eucharist		1970 Liturgy
	10.30am Sung Eucharist		All-Age Worship
Wednesday 28 th	No Services		
1st November All Saints (White)	9am Said Eucharist		1970 Liturgy
	10.30am Sung Eucharist		Liturgy for Saints
2nd November All Souls	7:30 p.m. Eucharistic Service for All Souls with Remembrance		
If you wish someone remembered at this service please add their name to the list at the back of the church, thank you.			

You will find the Morning Prayer Service for each particular Wednesday on the web site from the Monday of the week concerned, including the weeks when Morning Prayer will not be said in the Church.

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