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Cover picture: Lord of the Sabbath

Dear Friends

October begins, for us at All Saints, with our Harvest Festival. This year I find myself reminded of the time Jesus harvested wheat on the Sabbath. You can read about it in the Gospel of Mark 2:23-28. The fields are full of golden grain ready to be harvested and Jesus, as he walks along the road, picks an ear to eat. In this seemingly innocent act Jesus has broken one of the Jewish Laws. For while he would be quite at liberty to take an ear of grain from the edge of someone else's field, if he was hungry at any other time, Jesus has done this on the Sabbath and that is the day of rest. Of course Jesus is making a point about sticking rigidly to laws when instead compassion should be used. He is trying to get the people to see that the laws, the crops, even the days of the week all belong to God and are given for the benefit of people. Since the Industrial Revolution however some have taken this principle and corrupted it. We have plundered the land and the sea, forests are laid to waste, soil robbed of its nutrients, the desert encroaches on what used to be fertile land, the seas swarm with plastic, and wildlife pays the cost for our greed and carelessness.

During September around the world millions of people demonstrated by joining in the Climate Strike on the 20th September and throughout the month with Extinction Rebellion's actions. People are rightly concerned about the future of this planet.

Harvest is a time to give thanks for the fruit of the land and sea, for those who tend and harvest it. It is a time to rejoice that God provides, but we should also take stock. In a world where many are hungry we throw away ridiculously large amounts of food. In a world where we are running short of rare earth elements which we will need for medical procedures and even the technology which will curb our reliance on fossil fuels. In a world where the gulf between the richest and poorest grows daily. We must remember that along with giving thanks and rejoicing in the bounty of this year's Harvest there comes responsibility both for what we do with today's Harvest, and also how we ensure there will be harvests for all future generations.

Blessings Kirstin

The College of Bishops of the Scottish Episcopal Church has endorsed and signed the following declaration from the Latin American Churches in response to the ongoing crisis in the Amazon Rainforest:

God speaks to us of all creation. Heaven and Earth proclaim the presence of the love of God that gives us life in the forest, in the waters, in the atmosphere, in the

miracle of seeds and in the diversity of all that exists. Every being who breathes participates in this love. Every being who breathes also knows that this love-made world is threatened and exploited by an economic model that transforms everything into merchandise, which does not accept limits for its expansion and accumulation of wealth.

We, churches, ecumenical councils, and faith-based organizations are aware of these painful, imminent and worsening threats:

- Learn to listen to the cry of the forest and all its beings and cultures: often
 we were callous and deaf to this cry that is born in the heart of the
 Amazon;
- Learn to abandon our preconceived ideas about the region: often we do not listen to the beings and cultures that make the Amazon beat;
- Learn to interpret the deterioration of economic, cultural, religious and political models of intensive and predatory extractives: often we do not raise our prophetic voice in the defence of peoples, species and territories against megaprojects in the region, financed with local and global capital, promoters of the climate crisis;
- Let us learn to embody our faith in life and in Amazonian cultures: we often tolerate supremacists and destructive missionary proposals, destroyers of the diverse presence of God in the Amazon;
- Learn from the current process of the Pan-Amazonian Synod of the Roman Catholic Church and the exhortation of Pope Francis' encyclical on care for the environment, Laudato Si to dialogue in this moment of spirituality and prophecy, assuming also our commitment and faith.

In defence of the great Amazon, its people and all its created beings. In defence of our common home. In defence of every being that breathes. We want the Amazon alive, sovereign and protected. We commit ourselves to the dialogues of faith and to maintain our presence in the region taking as a priority all the beings and cultures of the Amazon.

We are committed to:

- Continue to pressure states to ensure that traditional threatened communities (indigenous peoples, Afro-descendants, peasants, among others) have access to and control over the land and its common property.
- 2. Contribute to ensuring that historically excluded and marginalized communities in the forest and in the cities, participate, influence and make

decisions in the processes that affect them in a direct way in their territories.

- 3. Defend human rights defenders and nature defenders who are constantly being threatened through effective reporting and protection mechanisms.
- 4. Support local communities in the promotion of sustainable economic alternatives and to confront the current economic system facing the challenges of the climate crisis in the region.
- 5. Develop an ecological spirituality that will help us to listen to what the spirit says to the churches, feeling part of the common home and the whole inhabited world.
- 6. Support local organizations and faith-based initiatives in the development of these objectives, keeping us always informed, challenging and active in what is an imperative of our faith: WE ARE THE AMAZON!
- 7. Summon our churches and sister organizations in the Global North and South to prayer and action, aware that the dangers of extinction of the planet are before all, but the solidarity and the globalization of hope are what unites us in the defence of our common home: The world that God loves so much.

Broken - A Joint Study

Along with St James the Less, Bishopbriggs and St Andrew's Milngavie there will be a series of 6 evenings when we be studying the television program 'Broken' which was broadcast last year. Each evening will begin at **7.15pm** with watching an episode before we have a discussion on the topics raised. The program tackles difficult topics in ways which are sometimes uncomfortable; however it also offers a way into talking about these topics.

The study will begin on 23rd October at St Andrew's, Milngavie and continue as follows:

October 30th All Saints
November 6th St James
November 13th St Andrews
November 20th All Saints
November 27th St James

If anyone would like to attend but needs a lift please speak to Kirstin.

Art and Poetry

The current session of Art and Poetry continues on **Tuesday 1st October** meeting in the church at 7pm. We will then be meeting on 15th and our final meeting for this session being on 29th October.

Holiday

Kirstin will be on holiday from **Monday 14th October till Saturday 26th October**. If a priest is required please contact Revd Paul Watson 0141 585 5845 (Rector of St James the Less, Bishopbriggs) or John Brooker.

Friends of the Holy Land

Friends of the Holy Land will be marking our 10th Anniversary with an ecumenical service at The Metropolitan Cathedral Church of Saint Andrew, 96 Clyde St, Glasgow G1 4JY followed by a reception at Eyre Hall next door on the **15th November**. The service starts at 2.30 pm.

Archbishop Pizzaballa, Apostolic Administrator of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem, and The Most Reverend Suheil Dawani, Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem, will be supported by The Most Reverend Philip Tartaglia the Metropolitan Archbishop of Glasgow at this event. Join us to pray together for our mission and understand how the daily conditions of life in the Holy Land have in fact deteriorated over the past 10 years. Despite this, UK Christians can take together small, simple steps to continue to make a difference, sharing actions, words and donations.

Reserve your place now:

- Visit our website and complete the registration form www.friendsoftheholyland.org.uk/10th-anniversary
- Email the office with your name and address office@friendsoftheholyland.org.uk
- Telephone the office during office hours 9am–1pm Mon–Fri. tel: 01926 512980

2019 Scottish Episcopal Institute Lecture

Rev Prof Paul Foster, Professor in New Testament Language, Literature & Theology in the School of Divinity at the University of Edinburgh will deliver the 2019 SEI Lecture entitled 'Their Pattern and Their King: The Gospel of Matthew as a Model for Christian Formation'.

The lecture will take place in New King's building, Room NK10 in the Department of Divinity and Religious Studies at King's College, Aberdeen AB24 3UB on **Thursday 17 October 2019 at 5.30pm**

September Vestry Report

- Christmas Services in view of declining numbers last year, especially at the
 midnight service, there was discussion about an earlier eucharist service on
 Christmas Eve, possibly at 7pm or 8pm, to replace the usual midnight service.
 This is to be discussed further at the next meeting.
- Defibrillator David Hamblen has taken over the running of this from John Duncan. Re-siting this item is an ongoing matter with EDC and it will be registered on websites controlled by the British Heart Foundation rather than the Scottish Ambulance Service.
- Property: Carbon monoxide, heat and smoke alarms are absent in the halls.
 This is not an acceptable situation. These are to be fitted and hard-wired to comply with modern day safety requirements. The outside security sensor lights at the rear of the church are unreliable and will be replaced. A carbon monoxide alarm will be fitted in the church boiler room/choir vestry lavatory. A replacement electric hob for the hall kitchen will be priced with a view to removing the existing gas hob.
- Cleaner's and Organist's salaries are to be increased.
- The Secretary will continue to check the PVG clearance of congregation members in the absence of adequate records

John Brooker

Harvest Festival

The Harvest Festival Service will be held on Sunday October 6th followed by a Bring and Share Lunch

A Report from your Lay Representative

First, to the Episcopal election. The latest news I have is that the College of Bishops is still deliberating. At the last North-West Regional Council (NWRC) meeting on 5th September it was reported that, following on from the consultations at the Electoral Synod on 27th July, there have been further discussions between the College of Bishops and both the most recent Preparatory Committee and the Cathedral Chapter. Due to the timescales required for giving notice, current thinking is that we hope to know the name of our new Bishop by Christmas, but that he/she will not be consecrated until Spring 2020, at the earliest.

As also reported at NWRC, apparently there are plans to make these consultations a more formal part of the Canonical process of appointing new Bishops in the future. As always, please pray for all involved in this process.

In other news, I was sorry not to be able to attend the priesting of my friend, from University of Glasgow's Anglican Chaplaincy, Rev. Lee Johnston at St. Mary's Cathedral on Saturday, 14th September. Rev. Harriet Oxley was ordained deacon at the same event, with Bishop Idris doing the necessary. Rather sweetly, Lee and Harriet have recently announced their engagement! There are photographs of the ordination service on the Diocesan facebook page.

It is pleasing to know that the Diocese's finances are still in good order, partly due to the savings involved with not having a Bishop! Given that the upgrade costs for the new Diocesan Centre will be in the order of £0.5 million (that's on top of the purchase price), that's probably a good thing. Plans for the new Diocesan Centre are progressing well and it is hoped that it will be ready for entry in June, 2020, hopefully coinciding with the arrival of our new Bishop.

Finally, it was reported at NWRC that a contract has now been awarded for the work of removing the memorial garden from what was Holy Cross, Knightswood, to St Bride's, Hyndland. Work on this should begin in October, with a consecration service to follow once the work has been completed ... hopefully at some point before Christmas.

I have a more detailed report on the last NWRC meeting, which I have shared with the vestry, so please let me know if you have any other questions.

David Simmons

Farewell from the Duncan Family

Dear All,

The more observant of you may have noticed that we have not been around as often as usual this year. Earlier in the year Nikki started a new job in Stranraer at The Galloway Community Hospital. As she works mostly weekends it meant that the whole family would go down and spend weekends at our caravan just outside Stranraer.

Over time we realised that this would be unsustainable - especially over winter time so the decision was made to move permanently to Dumfries and Galloway.

Over the summer we put our house on the market and moved out on the 16th August. We are in the process of a buying a lovely house in Gatehouse of Fleet and have moved into rented accommodation there until that is concluded. Ryan and Kerys started school at Gatehouse Primary School on the 21st August.

The whole family want to say that we will miss All Saints very much. John and Nikki have been part of the church for over 21 years. It has been a major part of our lives, we were married here and of course the Church welcomed Kerys and Ryan when we were so fortunate to adopt them. Their Baptism day is one of many amazing memories we will take with us.

Again, we just want to thank you all for so many good times over the years. We will miss you all and look forward to seeing any of you that pass Gatehouse of Fleet (when we manage to get settled in our new house!)

We pray that All Saints will continue to go from strength to strength.

With love and Christian blessings

John, Nikki, Ryan and Kerys x

Many of you will know the sad news of the death of Eric Horton in August. There will be an appreciation of his life in the November magazine.

E GROUP SUMMER PARTY

On the last Friday of August the E-Group held their summer party hosted by Celia. Did I say summer? The rain seemed to wait for us to arrive - it was torrential. Jean and I seem to have this affect on weather (see Dunblane) where we also got soaked.

This didn't dampen a lovely, happy evening, lots of chat in a very welcoming atmosphere. Everyone contributed to a delicious supper enjoyed by all. Thanks again to Celia for hosting. We meet again on 25th September. See pew notices for details.



Elaine Perrett

A visit with Barbara Elliot



Some of you will know that we (the Simmons family) spent three weeks this summer house/dog/cat/chickensitting for some old friends of ours that live in Cherry Hinton, in the suburbs of Cambridge. The added bonus, in addition to having some welcome time away, is that we could see our daughter, Ellen, regularly without her having to take time off work.

Another added bonus was that we stopped off in York on the way down and visited our old friend Barbara Elliot. As many of you know, Barbara has a flat right in the middle of York, with a nice view of

many of you know, Barbara has a flat right in the middle of York, with a nice view of York Minster and a very convenient city centre parking space. We arrived in time

for coffee and cake and spent out time reminiscing about old days at All Saints and Glasgow (Barbara was one of our many child minders), talking about Barbara's most recent stay with her daughter, Alison, in Uganda, and probing Barbara about her research career in genetics (BEFORE the structure of DNA was discovered in the early 1950s).

David Simmons

Wednesday Lunches

While perhaps most of us wouldn't go quite so far as Flanders and Swann in their view that "Bleak September's mist and mud is enough to chill the blood", we do all see it as the end of summer; with perhaps a certain feeling of back-to-the-grind. However, there are compensations: autumn can be the loveliest season, and for some, of course, September marks the start of a new 'year', and not just schools. The main event surely, is that the Wednesday lunch club has started up again!

This week brought together the indefatigable team of volunteers (with some new and most welcome participants) with an excellent turnout of hungry customers. We were served carrot and coriander soup, a range of filled rolls, and a wide assortment of home-made cakes. I have never had a 'Wednesday lunch' that was short of excellent, and standards have not slipped.

Sometimes the occasion is just for the food and conversation, but our organisers never rest on their laurels and frequently arrange a special theme or a speaker. On this Wednesday, our speaker was Andrew Long and he gave a slideshow and talk

about the trip to Israel made during the summer by a small group of All Saints members. Andrew's talks never disappoint, as he is always a fount of interesting information, delivered in his understated style, with a little quiet humour. (We all liked the photo of you bobbing in the Dead Sea Andrew!) The group



obviously had an excellent trip and saw a good selection of the Holy Land's astonishing wealth and depth of historical and religious sites; Masada and many parts of Jerusalem evidently being highlights. It was interesting to see some 'then

and now' pictures, showing some changes from Andrew's visit twenty years before, and reassuring to hear that the group never felt any sense of danger or noticed hostility. It was refreshing to hear him touch on some of the more contentious aspects of modern times in that part of the world with sensitivity and without joining any 'blame-games'.

We eagerly await the second instalment of the talk later in the year, when I believe we will hear about some of the Christian churches visited during their tour. I'm sure I'm not alone in feeling inspired — one day - to make my own 'pilgrimage' to the Holy Land.

Many thanks to Andrew, and all the team who make the Wednesday lunches happen. I think from its foundation by the original team, it has been and remains one of the best ventures All Saints has undertaken for many years, and I know the meals are greatly enjoyed by their customers and missed during their seasonal breaks.

Mairi Ross

Wednesday Lunch Group – forthcoming Special Events

Those of you who were at the opening Wednesday Lunch of the new season on 18th September (see above) will know that the talk on the Holy Land was not completed that day. The second part of the talk will be given at the Lunch of **Wednesday 2nd October** and will concentrate on Churches in the Holy Land and the Old City of Jerusalem.

The second special event of the year will be a talk entitled "Autism and Us" which will be given by David and Edward Simmons on **Wednesday 23rd October**. Further talks are planned for later in the session, including the one on VSO by Brenda Hadcroft postponed last year because of bad weather.

Please note too the dates of the regular pre-Christmas events in our calendar. The Christmas sale will be held on **20th November** and the Christmas Party is scheduled for **11th December**.

Andrew Long and Brenda Hadcroft

Glenalmond 2019

Glen 19. Honestly I'm not sure where to begin. I guess I will start by telling you that I was nervous. Really nervous. I've been in three different schools already, and I can reliably tell you that being 'new,'is never fun. So it was with mounting trepidation that I approached this weeklong residential trip, in a place I'd never been and with a load of people I had never met.



I spent the journey there attempting to squash down my anxiety by listening to 90's hits and trying to ignore the butterflies fluttering around my stomach with nervousness and - although I was loathe to admit it at the time - a tiny bit of excitement.

I didn't expect to make friends as fast as I did, but the days filled with crafts (I am not athletically inclined) soon earned me a group of firm friends that were only too happy to show me the ropes. My fondest memory would have to have been the ceilidh on our second night. We danced so much we had stitches and many of us had bruises from slightly over-enthusiastic partners in Strip the Willow; each time the music came to an end we would all make a mad dash to the door so we could collapse on the grass outside to cool off. I can honestly say I have never danced (or sweated) as much as I did on that night.



As I said before, I am not athletically inclined and thus I returned from Glen with a multitude of souvenirs I had created there: a tie dye bag, a decorated mirror and my own scented candles to name a few. I sang old Disney songs, I learned the ukulele and made s'mores round a campfire and every night I would collapse into bed and be out like a light. The disco was full of glitter, glow sticks and dancing, and was in stark contrast to the rather cozy movie night that followed the day after when we curled up with blankets and popcorn to watch The Greatest Showman.

I think I have rambled on enough now, but I would like to leave you with one last message. Glen is a place where you can be yourself. As a person whose friends are nearly all atheists, it was almost a bizarre experience to talk and share things with people my own age about my religion. It wasn't until then that I realised what a big part of myself I had kept hidden from most of the world and how Glen had helped

me grow over that short week. The people here (leaders and kids alike) are a family I hope to keep for many years and I cannot wait for Glen 2020 to come around.

Imogen

IMOGEN and SAMANTHA go camping

Every year, in the school summer holidays the Episcopal Youth Committee holds a summer camp at Glenalmond College. This year I was lucky enough to go along with Imogen Roach.

It was a very busy week. There was lots to do, ranging from a murder mystery evening to a guided tour of Glenalmond College. The theme of the week was stories and songs. Everyone was really welcoming and I made lots of friends very quickly.

We arrived on a Sunday and were immediately introduced to the leaders and were split into house groups based on our ages. That evening we had to make up a two minute play. My groups subject was Heroes and Villains. I was a villainous dragon (*Typecasting, Dad*), and the Hero David saved a damsel in distress from me. Just as he saved the girl he woke up in class with his teacher shouting at him!

So much happened I cannot remember everything we did. What sticks in my mind was the Murder Mystery, and Thursday in Black. Thursday in Black was a protest against Race and Gender based violence.

We were all in house groups named after story characters. We talked about God and Christianity and did various activities. Every evening a different house group led our worship.

I found it wonderful that I was among others my own age and slightly older who had the same interests and beliefs as I did. I made lots of friends, some of whom I would never have expected to meet let alone be friends with. We have already had a sleepover (at St. Peter's church in Kirkcaldy) and it was great to see my new friends again. Thank you Kirsten for suggesting and making it possible for me to go.

Samantha Bryson

STAMPS FOR THE SUDAN CHURCH

I have decided not to take orders for the stamps anymore. A new group has taken over for the orders - and as I have been doing it for 13 years it seems a good time to stop. MANY thanks to you all who have supported me over the years. We shall all miss the lovely stamps!

Jane Lowis

PS Would anyone like to take over?

Children's Corner

(and those young in heart)

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.

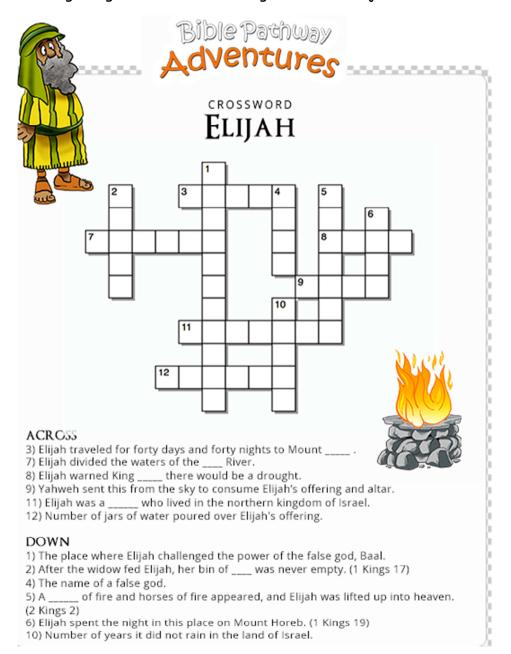


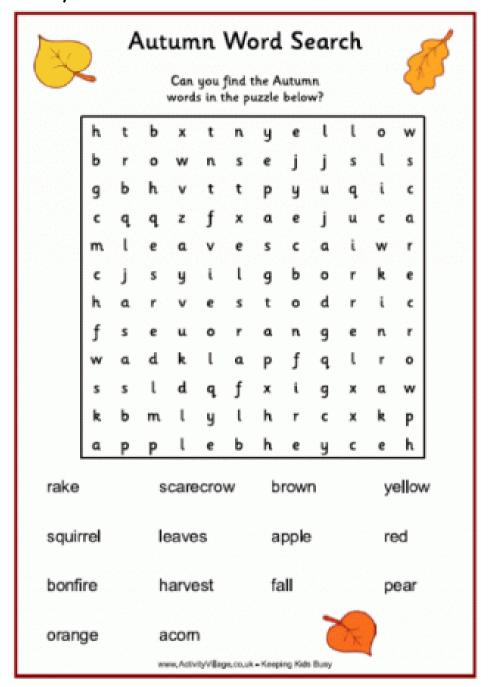
As Francis lived his life of poverty and preached to people about the life of Jesus Christ, people began to follow him. By 1209, he had around 11 followers. He had one basic rule which was "To follow the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ and to walk in his footsteps". He set up what became known as 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

We have been continuing with our tour through the Old Testament this term beginning with 1st and 2nd Kings and we have just finished Ezra.





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Happy Birthday

to Beth

16th October



Upcoming Dates for the diary

6 th October	All Age Worship	3 rd November	Sunday School	
13 th October	Holiday	10 th November	Sunday School	
20 th October	Holiday	17 th November	Sunday School – Music Session	
27 th October	Sunday School – Music Session	24 th November	Sunday School/AAW TBC	

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October Service Rotas

Date	Sidesmen 10:30 a.m.	Eucharistic Assistants	Readings	Reader	Intercessor	Coffee Name in bold to bring milk
6 October Harvest	Joyce James Graham Bryson	LHS : Hanan RHS : Richard	Philippians 4:4-9 Matthew 6:25-26	tbc	tbc	Elaine Perret John Brooker Gioia Whitmore
13 October Pentecost 18	Michael Keen John Harrington	LHS : Graham RHS : Jenny	2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c 2 Timothy 2:8-15 Luke 17:11-19	Janet Stack	Celia Fisher	Sheena MacDonald Penny Inglis Gillian Kingslake
20 October Pentecost 19	Philip Thompson Simon Lowis	LHS : Louise RHS : Celia	Jeremiah 31:27-34 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 Luke 18:1-8	Gillian Kingslake	Andrew Long	Brenda Hadcroft Jane Lowis Ann Wheatley
27 October Pentecost 20	Pauline Waugh Mary Stott	LHS : Graham RHS : Andrew	Psalm 84:1-7 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18:9-14	Bryan Stack	David Simmons	Margery Pollock May Campbell Margaret Dunn

Please send all articles for the November magazine to Janet Stack (janet.stack@btinternet.com) by Sunday 20 October.

October Services

1 Chronicles 16.29

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due;
bring an offering, and come worship the Lord in holy splendour.

Date	Services						
Wednesday 2 nd	11.30am Said Eucharist						
6 th October	9am Said Eucharist	1970 Liturgy					
Harvest (Green)	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Harvest Liturgy					
Wednesday 9 th	No Eucharist						
13 th October	9am Said Eucharist	1970 Liturgy					
Pentecost 18 (Green)	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Ordinary Time Liturgy					
Wednesday 16 th	No Euc	harist					
20 th October	No 9am Eucharist						
Pentecost 19 (Green)	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Ordinary Time Liturgy					
Wednesday 23 rd	No Eucharist						
The Clocks	The Clocks return to GMT at 2am on 27 th October						
27 th October Pentecost 20	9am Said Eucharist	1970 Liturgy					
(Green)	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Ordinary Time Liturgy					
Wednesday 30 th	11.30am Said Eucharist						

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