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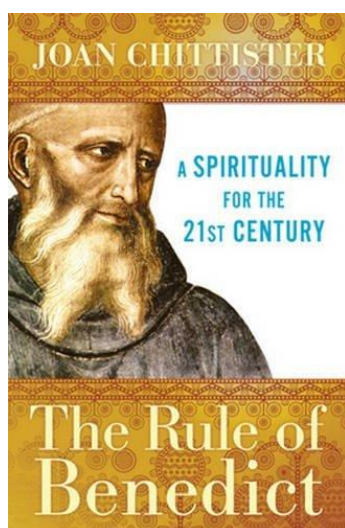
All Saints' Welcomes Everyone



Growing in faith

After Vespers (evening prayer) each evening in church, I try to read a section of the Rule of St Benedict and some commentary on that section by Joan Chittister OSB. Her commentary on a recent section took my breath away,

'...The spiritual life is not a set of exercises appended to complete reordering of our values and our priorities and our lives. Spirituality is not just a matter of joining the closest religious community or parish committee or faith-sharing group. Spirituality is that depth of soul that changes our lives and focuses our efforts and leads us to see the world differently than we ever did before...'



This is the essence of what Benedict hoped and dreamed of when he wrote his rule. Living the Way of Jesus is just that - it is about living it. Church, therefore, isn't about a place we come to on a certain day at a certain time, but a community we become as we seek

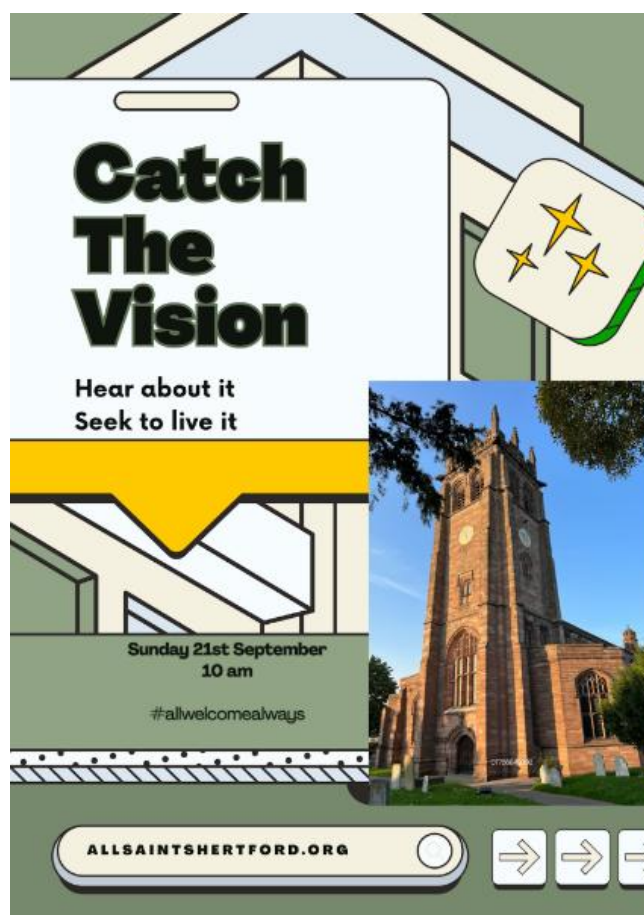
to live out what Jesus teaches.

As I enter my second year of ministry at All Saints, this is my hope for us. We will become a community of people who seek to live out what Jesus teaches in our daily lives. We will then gather to meet Jesus in our worship and be sent out to live it. Our church community will become what Benedict calls, 'a school of the Lord's service.' One that seeks to listen

and learn from Jesus, and then, as His apprentices, lives that out.

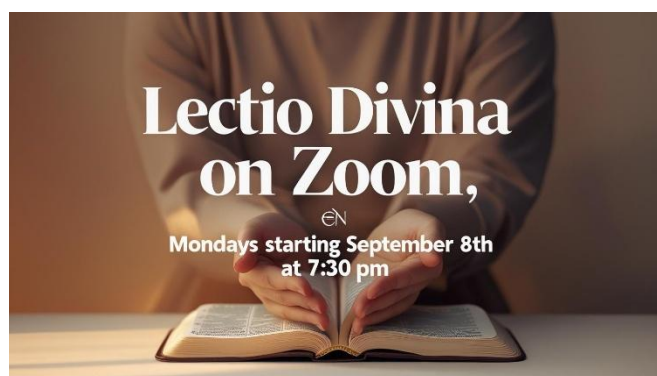
To enable us to do that we are launching a new vision for All Saints! On Sunday 21st September you are invited to join us for a special service to celebrate the Feast of St Matthew and to hear about it. This vision will take a few years to outwork together. The hoped outcomes of this vision will be that we become a community of confident and renewed faith in God; a place to which the wider parish looks for support and community; and people who are sent out to serve the neighbourhoods around us as Jesus calls us to.

I hope you will make a special effort to be in



church on **21st September at 10am** and then stay after the worship for tea, coffee and cake, where there will be the opportunity to ask questions and hear more detail about what this means for us.

Plans to outwork that vision are already underway with the opportunity to learn together.



Zoom Lectio Divina group. Beginning on 8th September at 7.30pm we launch a weekly zoom Lectio Divina group. Lectio Divina (literally spiritual reading) is a way of prayerfully reading a passage of scripture and listening to what God may be revealing to us through it. We will meet for about an hour. Paper sign-up sheets are in church - fill one in and hand it to Rev'd. Simon.



The Prayer Course. This is an 8 week journey through the Lord's Prayer. It is an opportunity to learn about prayer and different styles of prayer. The course will run on Thursday mornings in All Saints from 9.15am-10.45am on Thursday mornings beginning on 2nd October. To get the most out of this course we would really like you to commit to all 8 sessions if at all possible. ***We would like to run this is an evening too. If you would value that or would be willing to host, please contact Rev'd Simon directly.*** Booking details will be available shortly.

Small Saints. This new group for preschool aged children and their parents/carers begins on 9th September from 10-11.30am. We are really looking forward to starting this group! Do encourage others you know who have preschool aged children in their lives to join us weekly in term time. It's not too late to offer to support this group in four key ways:

- Prayer for it and those who lead and those who come
- Pre-preparing craft before the sessions - we will provide materials needed
- Helping set up the space/helping put stuff away
- Making and serving refreshments for adults and children at the sessions



If you'd like to join us for Small Saints, you can find more info and sign up at <https://www.allsaintshertford.org/smallsaints.php>

We are in for an exciting Autumn. It would be wonderful to see you!

Simon

Church Heating

We are finally able to start the work to replace our church heating boilers, which have been unreliable and inefficient (and expensive!) for the last few years.

The work is in three phases. The first two consist of the decommissioning of the current boilers and the removal/making safe of the asbestos in the boiler room and the adjoining storeroom. We expect the permission of the Archdeacon for this work, which is scheduled to start on 10th September and be concluded by the end of the month.

The third phase, the installation of new condensing boilers is dependent on the Diocesan Registrar issuing formal permission

(the faculty) but, with the support of the Diocesan Advisory Committee, we hope to receive this in time for the installation before winter.

You can read more about our plans and choices by visiting

<https://www.allsaintshertford.org/boilerdoc.pdf>



The season of Creation-tide runs from September 1 to October 4. The theme for 2025 is "Peace with Creation". The symbol for 2025 is a dove carrying an olive branch, representing peace and hope.

More information, guides etc at
<https://seasonofcreation.org/>

Environment Day

13th September 10.00am – 4.00 pm

PEACE WITH CREATION
SEASON OF CREATION 2025



All Saints Environment Day will be held on Saturday September 13. This is also the date for the **Bike 'n Hike**, so walkers and bikers will be welcome to pop in.

The format this year will be slightly different in that we will have only two main speakers and a panel discussion. This will give visitors more time to browse the stalls and chat to the stall holders. The response we've had from regular stall holders has been extremely positive, so we are all looking forward to a good day.

Environment Day falls within the church season of Creation-tide, so look out for signs of the wonders of creation!

Programme

- 10:00 Doors open
- 10:00 Churchyard Walk with Donato Cinicolo
- 10:30 Peter White RBRA The River Beane: a habitat more scarce than rainforest
- 11:10 Churchyard Walk with Donato Cinicolo
- 11:30. Nigel Braggins - Do you want ice with that? A journey through the vertical world of rock and ice, touching on climate change, conserving energy and cherishing limited resources.
- 12:00 Lunches will be available
- 12:00 Churchyard Walk with Donato Cinicolo
- 1:30 Tim Hoskin - Slim Down Your Waste
- 2:30 Churchyard Walk with Donato Cinicolo
- 3:00 Panel Discussion
- 4:00 End of the day

Panel discussion members:

Chair- Rev'd Simon Cutmore
Tim Hoskin
Peter White
Rachel Johnston
David Utting
Alison Maitland

Stalls in Church:

Amber Bees – Solle & Basia Zacharuk
Energy Hub – TBC
Hertford Men's Shed – Paul Hollingsworth
Hertford Swift Group – Clive Fleming
Herts Natural History Society – David Utting
Love Bengoe – Cllr Alex Daar
Peace through Creation – Rachel Johnston
Spiders – Christopher Benton
Take the jump – Madela Baddock
Walking and Cycling - Julia Gough

Stalls in Churchyard

Electric vehicle display – Marion Oliver, Dave Stokes and Ben Crystall
Herts & Middlesex Wildlife Trust – Amy Gillingham, Sarah Organ
River Beane Restoration Association – Bob Thornton
SE Herts RSPB Members – Stan Kitchiner
Sustainable Hertford Heath Repair Shop
Woodland Trust – Charlotte Cooper

Churchyard walks with Donato Cinicolo

Donato Cinicolo is offering to take us through the churchyard to get a taste of the properties of the trees and how the wood has enriched our lives through the centuries.

The walks will be at 10 am, 11:10, and 12:00, with a final walk at 2:30. Each session will take about 20 minutes. The maximum number in each group is 10. To reserve your place, please signup at the back of church. The Church is usually open 8.00 am – 5.00 pm Monday-Thursday, Saturday morning and Sunday from 9.30am to 7.00 pm.

More information in church or on the web at <https://www.allsaintshertford.org/ech.php>



13 September 2025



Bike 'n Hike is the main annual fundraising event for Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust. By taking part bikers and hikers, who ask people to sponsor them, raise essential funds to repair churches and chapels which are important places for local communities. Each church involved keeps half of the funds raised by its supporters, while the remainder plus gift aid goes to the Trust to be awarded as grants to help maintain these historic buildings. Martin Bird and Kate Glover will be participating to raise as much as they can for the Trust and for All Saints'. There are 36 churches listed in the Hertford area, and

more if they take in Hoddesdon and Knebworth.

Participants can call in to have their forms signed any time between 9:00 and 5:00. During this period, our church will be open, and tea and coffee and light lunches will be served. There will also be a Coffee Morning, Cake Sale and Produce Stall which will run from 10:00 to 1:00. Fiona's Produce Stall will be in aid of the flood victims in Pakistan.

For those wishing to enjoy an aerial view of Hertford, the church tower will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. If you plan to climb the tower, please take into account that the steps are uneven and there is no handrail.

Parents must accept total liability if they wish to take their children up. Each child must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Closed shoes must be worn.

Many thanks to those who have volunteered to help during what will be a long but enjoyable day with plenty of time for chatting, catching up with friends and meeting people who are passing through as they explore the churches of Hertford, as well as the Hertford community coming to go up the tower or to enjoy the Coffee Morning.

Holy Cross Sunday Tea Party 14th September



As well as marking this at our 10.00 am arish Communion, Simon and Alex have invited us to a Vicarage Tea Party at 14.00 pm to be followed by a Garden Evensong at 18.00.

All welcome

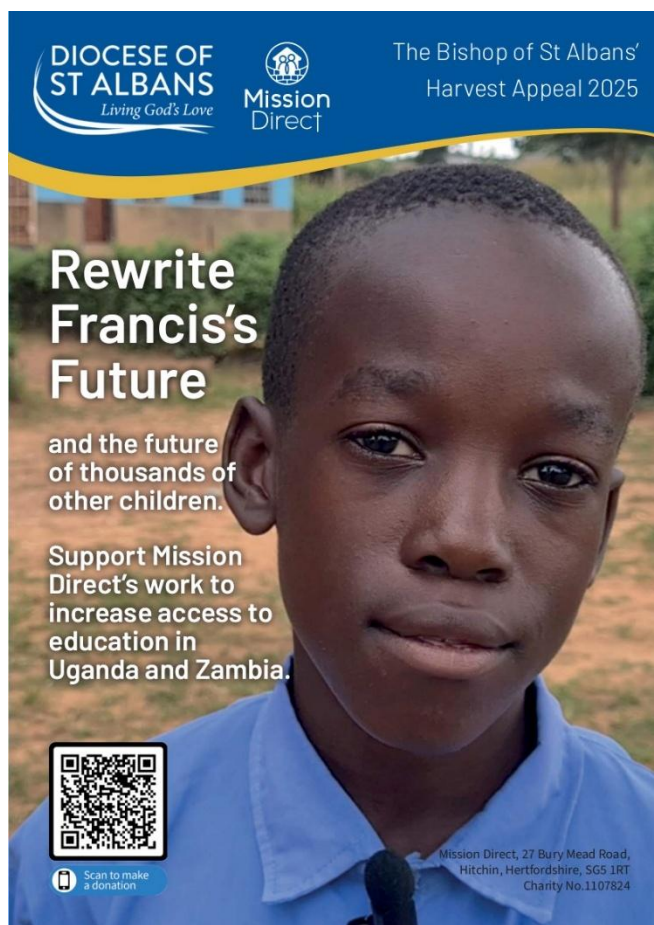
Bishop's Harvest Appeal 2025

Rewrite Their Future

This year's appeal is called *Rewrite Their Future*, and we are once again partnering with Mission Direct. Their work in Uganda and Zambia is focused on building schools and improving access to education in some of the world's most under-resourced communities. After one year, these schools supported by Mission Direct will serve over 2,945 children, of which 1,170 will be benefitting from new classrooms —and over the next 20 years, 23,400 children will gain access to education that would otherwise be out of reach.

At a time when 250 million children globally are not in school, this is one small but vital way we can help change that reality.

Thanks to the generosity of supporters over the last 20 years, Mission Direct have been able to build 49 schools. Nearly all of these are still open and have grown substantially.



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The Bishop of St Albans' Harvest Appeal 2025

Rewrite Francis's Future

and the future of thousands of other children.

Support Mission Direct's work to increase access to education in Uganda and Zambia.



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Hitchin, Hertfordshire, SG5 1RT
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Harvest Appeal Prayer

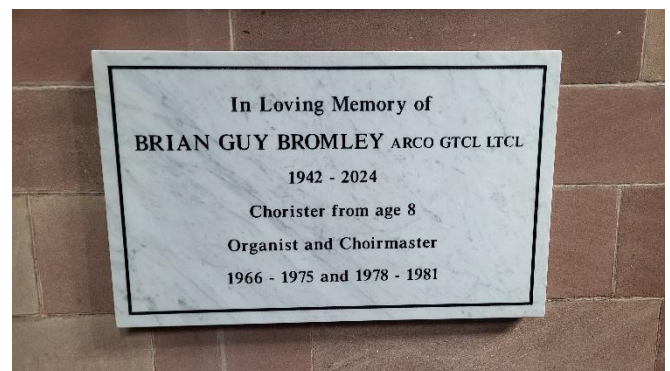
God of grace and mercy, whose Son, Jesus Christ, demonstrated his love through acts of compassion and offers freedom from the things that hold us back: we pray your blessing on the schools and families of Zambia and Uganda.

May we, your Church, overflow with compassion and generosity as we support efforts to help children to free themselves from poverty through education.

And may your good news of hope and salvation touch ever more people into a relationship with you, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

More information, videos etc at
<https://www.stalbansdiocese.org/parishsupport/growing-community/bishops-harvest-appeal/>

Brian Bromley 1942-2024



This tablet, generously funded by his sister, Clio, has recently been added to the pillar by the organ in memory of Brian's massive contribution to the life of All Saints. Thank you, Brian – and Clio!



FUTUREhope Hertford and Ware

As a local Christian charity, FUTUREhope Hertford and Ware is involved in a lot of rewarding and interesting work with young people in the towns.

Once a term we send out a newsletter which provides updates on what we are up to; how

God is working through our wonderful team of permanent staff and volunteers; and details of fund-raising and other events we are involved in.

If you are not already on our distribution list for this work, we'd love to include you.

Don't worry, we won't bombard you with lots of emails or appeals, we just want the people in Hertford and Ware and the surrounding villages to be able to hear a bit more about what we doing to support our young people in our area.

Please send us a quick note to info@fhhw.org.uk, or call us on 01992 534915 with your name and email address, to let us know that you're interested and we'll add you to our distribution list.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Blessings

Dave, Owen, Jane and the FHHW team.

News from Sweden

Dear friends in All Saints'

Thank you so much for letting us visit you in June. We had a fantastic pilgrimage! We felt exceptionally welcome in All Saints', and it was pure joy to celebrate mass and baptism together! Truly a memory for life for all of us.



After the generous and delicious lunch (our thanks to all involved!), our pilgrimage

continued to Walsingham, and we had a good time there as well. The confirmands had the opportunity to be servers and acolytes etc. and carried the image of Our Lady in the evening procession.



On June 29 they were confirmed in Kärna. In the church of Sweden, it's not the bishop who confirms, but the parish priest.

This year is the 17th centenary of the Nicene Creed, and also the centenary of the big ecumenical conference in Stockholm in 1925 when Swedish archbishop Natan Söderblom invited all Christian denominations to a conference on God's Peace. Taking place just a few years after the Great War, that conference was a big success and became an important starting point of much of the ecumenical movement during the 20th century, not least between the church of Sweden and the church of England. Of which we are particularly glad... After the summer holidays some of our young adults spent a weekend in Stockholm on a big ecumenical meeting celebrating this together.

This autumn is election time in the church of Sweden. Every fourth year we elect our PCCs, our diocesan synod and our General synod. This is a very political affair, although we are no longer a State Church. It takes time and money, and personally I hope that soon the system will be simplified, but for now it's

almost like the General Election for parliament.

A more local event in Kärna is the centenary celebration of our church choir! We will have a jubilee concert and festivities on the 12th of October (Swedish Thanksgiving/Harvest festival).



Please keep us in your prayers, and if you would like, please pray for

- the next year of confirmands – that they will have a good opportunity to deepen their faith and relation to the parish;
- the church elections – for good people on all these important posts;
- the choir jubilee – that it may continue to bring the joy of the gospel in our parish and in our society

God bless you all!
Fr Olof

Choir News

Congratulations to Theo Teare who gained 3 'A*'s and an 'A' at A level and is now confirmed as a Choral Scholar at Trinity College Cambridge, reading Music.

Theo joined us in 2023 and has worked hard in developing his skills. We have supported him through both group tuition and by providing opportunities to take on carefully graded solo work.

If you know someone who would benefit from this and/or would like to 'have a go' do please put them in touch with Martin P.

Soundbites

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Soundbites

A Term-Time Series of Concerts on Wednesday Lunch-Times
(Light Lunches served from 12noon for Concerts at 1.00pm)

NEW SEASON STARTS WEDNESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2025

Fiona Bonds (Viola)
Will Schofield (Cello)
Viv McLean (Piano)



Music: *Marchenbilder* - Schumann
Sonata in E Minor Op. 38 - Brahms
Trio Op. 11 - Beethoven

OCTOBER 2025 CONCERTS INCLUDE:

Wednesday 1 October 2025
'Wild Rose Trio'
Musical Director: Catherine Wild (Oboe)
Jane Rose (Flute)
Barbara Manning (Piano)



The Wild Rose Trio involves
Three local musicians -
Catherine Wild playing Oboe
and Recorder, Jane Rose
playing Flute and Recorder
and Barbara Manning on
Piano. A selection of pieces
will showcase their talents.

(Oboe, Oboe d'amore, Flute, Alto flute,
Keyboard)
Music Including: Salieri and Dring

Wednesday 28 May 2025
Julian Godlee
(Bass - Baritone)



Julian was head chorister at
Kings College Cambridge under
Sir David Wilcocks.
At Cambridge he sang with The
Cambridge University Chamber
Choir under Richard Marlowe,
and in London in the Taverner
Consort, and Academy of
St Martins under Sir Neville
Mariner.
He studied singing with
Sir Peter Pears and Jeremy
White. He performs frequently
in oratorio and solo recitals.

Music: *To Be Confirmed*

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Saturday 27th September 6:30pm
All Saints' Church, Hertford



Kinderszenen Op.15
Blumenstück Op.19
Three Romances Op.94
Adagio and Allegro Op.70
Fantasiestücke Op.73
Three Romances Op.22
Three Fantasiestücke Op.111



ADRIAN OLDLAND - PIANO
MOLLY OLDLAND - CELLO
CHRISTOPHER BENHAM - PIANO

FREE ENTRY
Suggested donation £10

Parish Diary September 2025

Monday 1st (Giles)

8.00 am Morning Prayer
10.30 am Service at Bentley House
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 2nd (Martyrs of Papua New Guinea)

8.00 am Morning Prayer
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 3rd (Gregory the Great)

8.00 am Morning Prayer
12.00 noon Holy Communion
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 4th (Birinius)

8.00 am Morning Prayer
11.00 am Holy Communion
5.00 pm Evening Prayer
7.30 pm All Saints Art

Friday 5th

5.30 pm Choir Practices

Saturday 6th (Allen Gardiner)

9.30 am Morning Prayer
12.30pm Wedding of Evie Pringle and Joe Evans

Sunday 7th 12th Sunday after Trinity/Creation 1

10.00 am All Ages Together Communion
12.45 pm Holy Baptism
6.30 pm Taizé style worship

Monday 8th Birth of BVM/ Accession of King Charles III

8.00 am Morning Prayer
9.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Service at Bentley House
5.00 pm Evening Prayer
7.30 pm Lectio Divina on Zoom

Tuesday 9th (Charles Lowder)

8.00 am Morning Prayer
10.00 am Small Saints
2.00 pm Funeral of Jean Lord
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 10th

8.00 am Morning Prayer
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 11th

8.00 am Morning Prayer
11.00 am Holy Communion
5.00 pm Evening Prayer
7.30 pm All Saints Art

Friday 12th

5.30 pm Choir Practices

Saturday 13th (John Chrysostom)

Herts & Beds 'Bike n Hike'

9.30 am Morning Prayer
10.00am-4.00pm Environment Day

Sunday 14th Holy Cross

10.00 am Parish Communion
4.00 pm Tea in Vicarage Garden
6.00 pm Garden Evensong

Monday 15th (Cyprian)

8.00 am Morning Prayer
10.30 am Service at Bentley House
12.00 noon Holy Communion
5.00 pm Evening Prayer
7.30 pm Lectio Divina on Zoom

Tuesday 16th (Ninian)

8.00 am Morning Prayer
8.30 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Small Saints
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 17th (Hildegard)

8.00 am Morning Prayer
5.00 pm Evening Prayer
7.00 pm Holy Communion
7.30 pm PCC

Thursday 18th

8.00 am Morning Prayer
11.00 am Holy Communion
12.30 pm Funeral of Chris Hurley
5.00 pm Evening Prayer
7.30 pm All Saints Art

Friday 19th (Theodore)

5.30 pm Choir Practices

Saturday 20th (John Patteson)

9.00 am Work Party
9.30 am Holy Communion

Sunday 21st Matthew

10.00 am Parish Communion
6.30 pm Choral Compline

Monday 22nd

8.00 am Morning Prayer
10.30 am Service at Bentley House
5.00 pm Evening Prayer
7.30 pm Lectio Divina on Zoom

Tuesday 23rd

8.00 am Morning Prayer
10.00 am Small Saints
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 24th

8.00 am Morning Prayer
12.00 noon for 1.00 pm Soundbites:
Fiona Bonds - Viola
Will Schofield - Cello
Viv McLean - Piano
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 25th (Lancelot Andrewes)

8.00 am Morning Prayer
11.00 am Holy Communion
4.00-9.00 pm Street Food Heroes in Car Park
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Friday 26th (Wilson Carlisle)

5.30 pm Choir Practices

Saturday 27th (Vincent de Paul)

9.30 am Morning Prayer
6.30 pm Concert in aid of Cancer Research UK

Sunday 28th 15th Sunday after Trinity/Creation 4

10.00 am Parish Communion
12 noon Holy Baptism
6.30 pm Choral Evensong for St Michael

Monday 29th (Michael and All Angels)

8.00 am Morning Prayer
9.00am-5.00pm Organ Maintenance
10.30 am Service at Bentley House
12.00 noon Holy Communion
5.00 pm Evening Prayer
7.30 pm Lectio Divina on Zoom

Tuesday 30th (Jerome)

8.00 am Morning Prayer
10.00 am Small Saints
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

OCTOBER

Wednesday 1st (Remegius)

8.00 am Morning Prayer
12.00 noon for 1.00 pm Soundbites:
Wild Rose Trio
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 2nd

8.00 am Morning Prayer
9.15 for 9.30 Prayer Course
11.00 am Holy Communion
1.00 pm Morgans Harvest Festival
5.00 pm Evening Prayer
7.30 pm All Saints Art

Friday 3rd (George Bell)

5.30 pm Choir Practices

Saturday 4th (Francis of Assisi)

9.30 am Holy Communion

Sunday 5th Harvest

10.00 am All Ages Together Communion
12.30 am Harvest Lunch
6.30 pm Thanksgiving for Harvest

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