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and the local community of Hobs Moat




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1st Tuesday of the month - 11.00 am : “Reflections” Service

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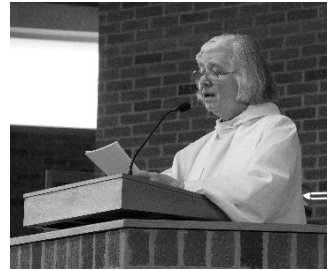
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Focal Point...

As we move into October, we celebrate our Harvest Festival. This is always a happy occasion although this year has a slight downside to it.



Juanita has been at St Mary's as Organist and Director of Music for many years and she has decided that the time has come to stand down. So, on October 6th we also celebrate the enormous gift of music she has given to St Mary's over the years, to say thank you, but not goodbye. Juanita will still be worshipping with us as a member of the congregation and I am sure that on occasions she will still be found playing the organ for us. There are always Sundays when organists are unavailable for varied reasons and I am sure that whoever we appoint to succeed Juanita will be grateful to know that she will still be around.

On a more personal note I wish to thank Juanita for her advice and support regarding music at St Mary's and her friendship. I wish her a very happy retirement with time to do all the things there hasn't been time for and the opportunity to play for pleasure instead of performance in Church. I know she will more than fill her time.

With every Blessing,

Linda.

Thought for the Month

Grant me the courage to move beyond my little certainties, knowing that wherever I go you are there ahead of me.



Edie Askew (former missionary for The Leprosy Mission)

From The Musicians' Gallery...

St. Mary's is coming to the end of an era with my retirement from playing the organ. It has not been an easy decision for me to make but ultimately the pain for nearly two years of a pulled muscle which needed attention, won. It is said that musicians do not retire - they just drop over their instrument.



I've always hoped that I wouldn't be playing for a Service at that time but perhaps now the chances of that happening are a little less. (But what a way to go! apart from possibly causing major mayhem...)

The 17 years that I've been Director of Music and organist at St. Mary's have been really enjoyable and also the longest time that I've been in an organ post anywhere. And I think that speaks for itself but in case it doesn't, I should add that the friendliness at our Church is second to none. During that 17 years we have covered a lot of ground with organ recitals, concerts (do you remember the Music Man with his mixture of replica 16th cent. instruments?) new hymnbooks, choir-robos, etc. And which organist could not be happy with the opportunity to have the last say in choosing a new organ for a church? - and also having the opportunity of playing new organs in several showrooms before making up our minds. For me, it has been an eventful 17 years and I feel the music side of St. Mary's has not only expanded but has moved on quite a good few notches. There is of course more we could do musically speaking and I shall do my best to make sure that the music side of St. Mary's will be left in good hands.

By the time you read this we shall know who it is that will be taking over from me at the organ and I'm sure we all wish our new organist well and also look forward to his/her further expansion of our music side at Church.

I hope as many people as possible will be at my 'official' last service on Harvest Sunday (6th October). I'm hoping there will be other, perhaps un-official, services that I play for in due course! Thank you all for your fun, laughter and loyalty over the years. This is not 'Goodbye,' just a moving to one side, in this case, to the pews rather than the organ bench. [Though no doubt I'll wonder what I should do with my hands and feet during the hymns....]

Every blessing, Juanita

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Harvest Festival

Harvest Thanksgiving is a more modern addition to the church calendar. Its origins are usually traced to the adaptation in 1843 of Lammas Day by the Revd R. S. Hawker, a parish priest in Cornwall. He chose the first Sunday in October as a Christian response to coincide with the traditional but largely secular 'harvest home' celebration, but there is some evidence to suggest that a thanksgiving for the harvest was already a relatively widespread practice. In Britain, we have given thanks for successful harvests since pagan times.



We celebrate this day by singing, praying and decorating our churches with baskets of fruit and food in a festival known as 'Harvest Festival'. Harvest Festival reminds Christians of all the good things God gives them. This makes them want to share with others who are not so fortunate. In schools and in Churches, people bring food from home to a Harvest Festival Service. After the service, the food that has been put on display is usually made into parcels and given to people in need.

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The Moat Players

Rehearsals are now well under way for this year's pantomime, "Scrooge", based on the classic story by Charles Dickens. I say based, because although this show has all of the classic lines that you would recognise from "A Christmas Carol", this particular tale actually takes place in "Scrooge's Sweet Factory".

Show dates are Thurs 12th, Fri 13th and Sat 14th December (with a matinee on the Saturday). Tickets cost £8.00 for adults and £6.50 for concessions, and can be booked by calling the Ticket Hotline on 07760 306605.

We are always looking for new members, so if you are interested in joining one of Solihull's longest running amateur drama groups, pop along to a rehearsal on a Thursday or Sunday evening in the church hall. If you use either Facebook or Twitter, you can keep right up to date with the group's activities by Liking us on Facebook or Following us on Twitter, or finding our website - www.moatplayers.co.uk.

“Cook’s Corner”

BAKED FRUITY AUTUMN PUDDING

Ingredients

450g mixed autumn fruit - we used ripe plums, peeled apples, pears and blackberries
2 tbsp butter, plus extra for greasing
200g caster sugar
1 ½ tsp cinnamon
300g self-raising flour
140g shredded suet
zest 1 lemon



Method

1) Heat oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. Cut 2 x 5cm-wide strips of parchment and lay them up the sides of a 1.2-litre pudding basin, making a cross on the bottom of the dish. Make sure there is some overhang to help you release the pudding when cooked. Grease again. Lay a square of foil and equal-size square of greased parchment on top of each other, folding a pleat down the middle.

2) To make the filling, chop plums, apples and pears into 1cm cubes and place in a bowl with the blackberries. Add butter, broken into bits, 125g of sugar and cinnamon. Stir and put to the side.

3) Sift flour into mixing bowl. Mix in suet, remaining sugar and zest. Add a few drops of water, working it through with a cutlery knife, then keep adding water until you have soft dough. Using your hand, bring the dough together into a smooth ball. Tip out onto a lightly floured surface. Tear the dough into $\frac{3}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ parts. Roll the larger portion into a rough circle, approx 20cm. Drop into the basin and press up the sides until you have a slight overhang. Tip the filling into the pastry case. Roll out the remaining $\frac{1}{4}$ to make a lid, then press the pastry edges together to firmly seal. Tuck the protruding flaps of parchment down onto pastry.

4) Put foil/parchment on top (foil side up), pressing and squeezing the foil round the edges to make a fitted lid. Tie string securely around the lid, making a handle with extra doubled-up string. Put in a deep roasting tin, then pour boiling water to 1-2cm below foil line. Cook for 2 hrs, topping up water level if it gets too low. Unwrap, release edges using parchment tabs and invert onto a plate.

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“Saint of the Month” - October

St. Luke the Evangelist

Luke was an Evangelist, the writer of the third Gospel. He never met Christ in person, but in his Gospel he says that he came to know about Jesus by talking to eyewitnesses to the events of Jesus’ life, death, and Resurrection. Hearing those stories helped Luke to become a believer, and he wrote his Gospel so that others would come to know and love Jesus.



Luke was a doctor and he traveled with Saint Paul on his second missionary journey. In fact, Paul calls Luke his “beloved physician” (Colossians 4:14). Because he cared for the bodily needs of others, Luke is the patron saint of doctors. He is also the patron saint of artists because it is believed that he painted a famous portrait of Mary, our Blessed Mother.

In his Gospel, Luke helps us to know how concerned Jesus was for the sick, the poor, and anyone in need of help, mercy, and forgiveness. Luke tells us that Jesus came to save all people. Through Luke’s Gospel, we learn how compassionate and caring Jesus was. Some of the most famous stories Jesus told are found in Luke’s Gospel: The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:29-37) and the Lost Son (Luke 15:11-42).

The symbol for Luke’s Gospel is an ox, an animal that was often sacrificed as an offering to God in ancient times. In his writings about Jesus, Luke reminds us of the great sacrifice Jesus made to save all people through his death on the cross and his Resurrection.

Luke is also the author of the Acts of the Apostles. In Acts, we learn about the coming of the Holy Spirit; the work of the Apostles, especially Saint Paul; and how the Church grew in the world. He was the one person who was said to have remained with Saint Paul during his imprisonment and until his death.

We celebrate Saint Luke’s service to the Church each year on October 18. We remember that his Gospel continues to help us know and love Jesus. Luke’s Gospel also reminds us to look for ways to imitate Jesus by reaching out to help our brothers and sisters in need.

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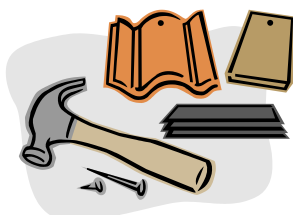
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Ladies, this is your opportunity to come and see the latest High Street brands on the catwalk, and then afterwards gives you the chance to buy them at 50% or more discount.

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Saint Mary's Church, Hobs Moat, Solihull

PRAYER DIARY

OCTOBER 2019

*Lord God, through our prayers help us to purify our desires & our worship;
help us in all things to seek your purpose for us. Amen.*

- Oct 1** 'Reflections' 11.30am.
Pray for Wellsford Ave., Harvard Road, & Melton Ave.
For all who care for the sick, the lonely and the homeless.
- Oct 2** Knit & Natter 1-3pm.
Pray for Beamans Close, Lyndon Rd., Campden Green
For Schools in the parish, Governors, Staff and pupils.
- Oct 3** Holy Communion 9.30am.
Pray for Daylesford Rd., Eastbury Dr., Blaythorn Ave.
For those who dust and clean St Mary's Church.
- Oct 4** Pray for Dallimore Close, Norbury Grove, Cloudsley Grove
For all who are in employment & those unemployed.
- Oct 5** For all organisations who use our Hall each week.
Pray for Ulleries Rd., Burford Close, Colesbourne Rd.
- Oct 6** Harvest Festival. Holy Communion 8am. All Age Worship 10am.
Pray for Elkstone Close, Brackleys Way & Moordown Ave.
For those who are housebound especially Church members.
- Oct 7** Pray for Windrush Close, Hobs Meadow, Hobs Moat Road & Evenlode Rd.
For the witness of St Mary's Church to all who pass by.
- Oct 8** Kingsford Court Holy Communion 3pm.
Pray for the staff and work of Lyndon Clinic.
For Linda our Priest in Charge.

- Oct 9 Knit & Natter 1-3pm.**
Pray for Castle Lane, Greyfort Cres., & Arundel Cres.
For our servers and those who assist at Communion.
- Oct 10 Holy Communion 9,30am.**
Fashion Show & Pop-up Shop.
Pray for Dene Court Rd., Knightsbridge Rd., The Dell
For all who have disabilities which restrict their lives.
- Oct 11 Pray for Onslow Cres., Summerfield Rd., Kimberley Rd.**
For Juanita, our Director of Music and for St Mary's Singers.
- Oct 12 Pray for Highwood Av., Oakham Way, Gosford Walk**
For those who work at Land Rover Factory and all who travel through the Parish to work each day.
- Oct 13 Trinity 17. Holy Communion 8am. Parish Communion 10am.**
Pray for Berwood Grove, Rodney Rd., Dursley Close
For those who prepare "The Moat" Parish Magazine
Editor, Printers, Assembly Team, Distributors and Readers
- Oct 14 Pray for Dovehouse Lane, Dovecote Close, Redfern Close**
For the elderly & their pets who help them.
- Oct 15 Pray for Castle Close, Faulkner Rd., Trinity Close**
For Shop keepers and their assistants
For the Pastoral Team who visit the sick.
- Oct 16 Knit & Natter 1-3pm.**
Pray for Cranhill Close & Rodney Close
For those who wash and clean the altar linen at St Mary's.
- Oct 17 Holy Communion 9.30am.**
Deanery Synod Meeting 7.30pm.
Pray for Old Lode Lane, Jillcot Rd., Jeremy Grove
For those who beautify St Mary's Church with flowers.

- Oct 18** Pray for Ebrington Ave., Glenside Av., Windsor Drive.
Pray for all Doctors & Specialists & all who care for the sick and lonely.
- Oct 19** Pray for Merevale Rd., Odensil Green, Tanhouse Farm Rd.
Doctors & Staff at Hobs Moat Medical Centre and Meadowside Surgery.
- Oct 20** Trinity 18. Holy Communion 8am. Parish Communion 10am.
Wholeness & healing Service 6.30pm.
For all sick people especially those in hospital.
Pray for Mayswood Rd., Linsey Rd., Cophams Close
For Sidesmen & women who welcome all who come to St Mary's services.
- Oct 21** Pray for Arlescote Rd., Frankton Close, Leafield Rd.
For God's blessing on all mothers, fathers and single parents
- Oct 22** Pray for Charingworth Rd, Leam Cresc., Lammas Close.
For those who serve coffee after our 10am services.
- Oct 23** Knit & Natter 1-3pm.
Pray for Evenlode Close, Lode Lane, Hillhampton Close.
- Oct 24** Holy Communion 9.30am.
Pray for Kelham Place, Kempsey Close, Farmstead Rd.
For those who advertise in 'The Moat' Parish magazine.
- Oct 25** Pray for St Mary's officials – Greg & Marina our Churchwardens,
Marina our PCC secretary, Vernon our Treasurer.
Pray for Highcroft Close, Norgrove Rd. Woodhall Croft.
- Oct 26** Pray for congregation members living outside the Parish,
all who use the Fitness Centre & Ice Rink.

- Oct 27 Last after Trinity. Holy Communion 8am. Parish Communion 10am. Pray for members of PCC committees: Children, Mission and Outreach, Buildings, Social and Fundraising.**
- Oct 28 Pray for HBCT; Lyndon Methodist, St Thomas More (RC), Sheldon Community Church, St Giles, Sheldon, St Nicholas, Elmdon and St Mary's, Hobs Moat, Hermon Mar Thoma, Redeemed Christian Church of God.**
- Oct 29 Pray for all children, especially those who are ill treated.**
- Oct 30 Knit & Natter 1-3pm.
Pray for the Emergency Services' Police, Fire and Ambulance.**
- Oct 31 Holy Communion 9.30am.
Pray for vocations to the Priesthood and other ministries within the Church.**



If you have items, subjects or topics for inclusion in St. Mary's Monthly PRAYER DIARY, please send them to Revd. Linda Granner, either by Telephone 0121 743 4955 or Email: vicar@stmaryschurchhobsmoat.org



Lyndon Residents Association

**“The trees are in their autumn beauty, the woodland paths are dry,
Under the October twilight the water mirrors a still sky”.**
(William Butler Yeats)

**“October is crisp days and cool nights, a time to curl up around the
dancing flames and sink into a good book” (John Sinor)**



Some Autumn leaves in Jubilee Park

The nights are drawing in, there's a noticeable chill in the air and the leaves on the trees are slowly changing colour from green, to yellow, to orange, to red and falling to the ground. It can all only mean one thing - autumn has arrived!

The cooler weather means you can wrap up warm - time to bring out all those scarves, gloves, woolly jumpers, cardigans and coats from the back of the wardrobe. It also gives us an excuse to cook hearty stews and sip on mugs of hot chocolate - with marshmallows and cream, of course.

Autumn also welcomes a whole array of colourful vegetables to try out, such as pumpkins and squashes, ideal for carving into Halloween lanterns at the end of the month.

Whilst the end of summer can be a bit disheartening, with days on the beach but a distant memory, there's one simple fact that can cheer us up - yes, Christmas is just around the corner! From the official start of Autumn (September 23rd, the Autumn Equinox) there are officially only 92 days until Santa comes down the chimney - that's 13 weeks to get all your shopping done. Time to get those sprouts peeled!

What's happening in Lyndon? Well, autumn is going to see a flurry of activity as the "Wildlife Ways" project begins to make our corner of Solihull greener and more wildlife friendly through the planting of new trees, bulbs and wildflowers.

Wildlife Ways is creating new cycling and walking routes across Solihull for people to enjoy, which will hopefully get us out of our cars and improve our air quality as a result.

A new cycle and walkway from Wagon Lane to Keswick Road (Route J) is planned in Lyndon. You can find more information on Wildlife Ways at <https://wildlifeways.co.uk/about/>.

There are also going to be some exciting changes in Olton's Jubilee Park to re-wild the course of the Hatchford Brook. At the moment the brook is contained in a concrete channel, which has led to poor water quality which impacts on the local wildlife. To improve the environment and create a new more natural habitat where wildlife can flourish, the concrete slabs will be removed and the water course widened to form a naturalised stream.



The bridge in Jubilee Park

Older Lyndon residents have reminisced about fishing for sticklebacks in the brook before it was encased in concrete, so let's hope that today's kids will be able to go fishing in the brook in years to come!

If you haven't seen it, there's a heart-warming article in the autumn edition of Your Solihull, the council's magazine for residents available in libraries and online at :

<https://www.solihull.gov.uk/news/ArtMID/820/ArticleID/2679/Your-Solihull-Autumn-2019>.

Earlier this year residents from Trinity Close in Lyndon were being targeted by distraction burglars. The area has a high number of older and vulnerable residents, with many living on their own, and so they decided to establish a residents' group to help support each other, make friends and reduce the risk of social isolation.

“Numbers were small to begin with,” says founder member John. “At the first meeting only six people turned up, but for our recent afternoon garden party we had 30 or 40 local residents. We’ve organised other events like a cards and curry night as well as three fish and chips and bingo nights”.

“We’ve got Active Citizens funding from the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner, so we’re going to start talking to residents about getting security lights and window locks.”

Brenda, another resident in Trinity Close, continues: “There’s always someone keeping an eye out and noticing anyone unfamiliar coming into the Close. They’ll go and ask what they’re doing here, just to make sure. I think things have improved since we started the group. People are starting to mix and talk more. It’s a lovely area and we want to keep it like that.”

It’s really great to hear about the success of local groups doing their bit to improve our community.

Just a reminder that our next Lyndon Residents Association meeting is at the Guides Hut on Brackleys Way on Thursday 7th November, starting at 7pm. As always, everyone is welcome, so do come along and find out what is happening in Lyndon and have your say on the issues that affect you. As ever, our local councillors, council officers and neighbourhood police team will be in attendance.

If you can’t make it to our meetings, you can keep in touch by following us on social media :

on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/LyndonResidents/>
or Twitter <https://twitter.com/LRAB92> .

Thank you, Keith Hamilton

The End of an Era

Bernard Watkins has been a big part of St. Mary's for many, many years. Over the years he has been a member of the church choir, Sunday School leader, leader of the Mother's Union, church warden, deputy church warden, and most recently, sacristan. This last role saw Bernard ensure that the church and the chapel were always ready for whichever service was due to be held, as well as a multitude of other jobs. If he tried to write down a job description, he would be able to fill up several sides of A4 paper. Bernard retired from this role earlier this year, and after the All Age Service on Sunday 1st September, he was presented with a gift as a thank you from everyone at St. Mary's for all his years of service. He will be greatly missed, and we look forward to Bernard worshipping with us for many years to come.



Bernard with his thank you gift

St. Mary's Market and Car Boot Sale



The final St. Mary's Market and Car Boot Sale of 2019 will be on Saturday 14th September from 10.00 am - 1.00 pm on the church car park. Whether you want to have a clear out at home or are just looking to bag yourself a bargain, St. Mary's is the place to be. For those who wish to have a stall, there is no need to book, just turn up on the day, and it will cost you just £6 per car. There will also be a few stalls

inside church, as well as refreshments for sale.

We look forward to seeing you there.

St. Mary's Knit and Natter

We are a small, friendly group that meet every Wednesday between 1.00 -3.00 pm at St Mary's Church. All are welcome to join us for knitting, crocheting and nattering. No previous experience is required - beginners looking to learn a new skill and established knitters willing to share knowledge and experience are welcome alike.

Tea, coffee and biscuits are an important part of our meetings; all that we ask is for a small voluntary contribution to cover the cost.

We have knitted some teddies but we are continuing to make many more. These will be donated to Birmingham Children's Hospital charity to bring a smile to the faces of children in their care.



We are also working on other projects: -



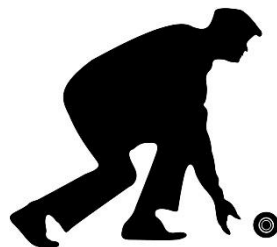
- “Angel Wings” - where we are knitting and crocheting blankets for their ‘Forever Dressed in Love Packs.’ They need 14 or 18 inch square blankets made from DK yarn in baby neutral colours.

• In addition, several members have knitted items for premature babies, which have been gratefully received by the Heartlands Baby Unit and Solihull Eden suite.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our charities. awards.

Olton Tavern Bowling Club

By the time you read this article the playing season will be over for another season. However, due to the print deadline, the outcome of the final league games are not known. I'll update our team's performances in the next edition.



In November we have two events, which gives the membership the chance to meet up again following the end of the season. Firstly, we have our Annual General Meeting, which will be held in the Olton Tavern Public House. Our Secretary and Treasurer will be busy ensuring that the paperwork is ready for distribution to our membership. At the AGM, the Committee and members will be able to review the year both on and off the green and plan for next season.

Secondly, other Committee members have been busy arranging our annual presentation evening, which will be held at Solihull Royal British Legion for the 2nd successive year following a very enjoyable evening last year. This is an opportunity for our Club to acknowledge the achievement of some of our players, who have been successful in Club competitions and in various leagues. Also, the members usually look forward to a night out and socialising.

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Hobs Moat Striders & Strollers

The dates for this month's meetings are Friday 4th and 18th October (10.15 am for a 10.30 am departure). These free walks in the Hobs Moat area are led by trained volunteers. No need to book, just turn up on the day. Refreshments are provided afterwards. The walk last up to an hour. The walk is suitable for everyone but if you are unsure, please come along and find out more details. The volunteers will be able to answer any questions or concerns you may have.

Reading Café

Come along to our Reading Café for a comfortable, informal and enjoyable morning. The café runs 10.30 am-12.00 pm. Date for the next meeting is Friday 25th October.

Knit & Natter

The next meeting will be Tuesday 29th October. 10.30 am- 12.00 pm. Everyone is welcome.

Craft & Chat

Drop in for a friendly chat, try some crafts and be creative. These sessions taking place every Tuesday from 12.30 pm - 2.30 pm

Family History Explorers

Using Ancestry and Find My Past volunteers are on hand to help you trace family members. New starters and established groups meet monthly. Takes place every Saturday from 10.00 am - 12.00 pm. Please enquire at the library for dates.

Little Hobbits

Stories, rhymes and colouring for under 5's.

Every Thursday 10.00 am - 10.45 am (Term Time Only). No need to book.

Animal Antics

Animal stories and colouring for 2.5 years plus. The next meeting is Monday 7th October from 10.15 am - 11.00 am.

Daddy Rhyme Time

The next meeting will be Saturday 12th October 2019 from 10.30 am - 11.00 am. Rhymes for babies and toddlers. Refreshments will be served afterwards. This is an opportunity for Dads to meet.

Councillors Advice Surgery

Drop in service for advice and information. Takes place the last Saturday of the month, 10.00 am - 12.00 pm.

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St Mary's Diary for October

Tuesday	1 st	11.30 am	"Relections" Service in the Chapel
Wednesday	2 nd	1.00 pm	Knit & Natter Group in the Chapel
Thursday	3 rd	9.30 am	Holy Communion In the Chapel
Sunday	6 th		HARVEST FESTIVAL
		8.00 am	Holy Communion
		10.00 am	Parish Communion
Tuesday	8 th	3.00 pm	Kingsford Court Holy Communion
Wednesday	9 th	1.00 pm	Knit & Natter Group in the Chapel
Thursday	10 th	9.30 am	Holy Communion in the Chapel
		7.00 pm	Fashion Show and Pop Up Shop
Sunday	13 th		TRINITY 17
		8.00 am	Holy Communion
		10.00 am	Parish Communion
Wednesday	16 th	1.00 pm	Knit & Natter Group in the Chapel
Thursday	17 th	9.30 am	Holy Communion in the Chapel
Sunday	20 th		TRINITY 18
		8.00 am	Holy Communion
		10.00 am	Parish Communion
		6.30pm	Wholeness & Healing Service
Wednesday	23 rd	1.00 pm	Knit & Natter Group in the Chapel
Thursday	24 th	9.30 am	Holy Communion in the Chapel
Sunday	27 th		LAST AFTER TRINITY
		8.00 am	Holy Communion
		10.00 am	Parish Communion
Wednesday	30 th	1.00 pm	Knit & Natter Group in the Chapel
Thursday	31 st	9.30 am	Holy Communion in the Chapel

Bible Readings for the Month



October:

6th. Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Philippians 4: 4-9; John 6: 25-35.
13th 2 Kings 5: 1-3, 7-15c; 2 Timothy 2: 8-15; Luke 17: 11-19.
20th Genesis 32: 22-31; 2 Timothy 3: 14-4:5; Luke 18: 1-8.
27th Ecclesiasticus 35: 12-17; 2 Timothy 4: 6-19; Luke 18: 9-14.

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The Moat, Next Issue...

Do you have an idea for an article for the next issue of The Moat?

Any ideas will be gratefully received and considered. They can either be put in the box at the back of Church, or emailed to stmarysmag@googlemail.com.

The final date for submissions of articles for the November issue of The Moat is Monday 14th October 2019.



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