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Open Spirit Contemporary Worship.....	9:30am
Sung Eucharist.....(1982 Rite).....	10:30am
Prayer Book Choral Evensong.....	6:30pm

Weekdays

Eucharist Tuesday.....(1970 Rite).....	10:30am
Eucharist Wednesday.....(1982 Rite).....	7:30pm

Tuesday at 9:15am to 10:00am. Prayer Group in Choir Vestry

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From the Rector

CHURCH BUILDINGS

You may remember that a few years ago I wrote about journeying across Northern France and seeing that typical feature of the French landscape, the spires and towers of the churches in the villages and small towns. I commented on these physical objects being a reminder of the Christian faith and Christian heritage of this part of Europe.

The architectural landscape of France may be about to change! Apparently most Roman Catholic church buildings in France are the property of the French Government, despite the official Republican policy of the separation of Church and State. And the French Government has decided that it can no longer afford the upkeep of church buildings which are frequently under-used or closed, due to a combination of lack of clergy and very small congregations. So the church buildings the Government decides to dispose of will probably be demolished. The French landscape will be the poorer for this loss.

But does this matter? It should certainly be a sobering reminder to Christians of the decline of our Faith in one of the world's historically-important Christian countries. But it should also make us think about the use of church buildings in this country. What if our buildings were the responsibility of the government? Would 'economising governments' tolerate expenditure on maintaining buildings which are often little used? Remember that St. Michael's is only used for about 7-8 hours per week. Many other churches, especially Presbyterian and Non-Conformist churches are used far less per week.

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From the Rector (continued)

The Christian Church in the British Isles needs to take a serious look at how it uses its buildings, and how flexible their use can be, because we are increasingly going to have to justify to a secular and sceptical society, and to unsympathetic politicians, the amount of money required to maintain these buildings.

Beautiful some of them may be; architecturally-important some of them may be; iconic landmarks some of them may be. BUT.....

God Bless you all.

David Cook, Rector

News

Olympic and Paralympic Games are now over, the children are back to school and normal services resume. What a Summer we have had! Welcome back to all our readers, especially those exiled to France and other climes without the benefits of flooding and landslides this year but missing out on the balmy, if occasionally stormy weather of August.

We have a wonderful article from John Johnston detailing the enormous amount of work which went into the Church Record for St. Michael's. Congratulations to the recorders on the successful conclusion of their work. *Richard Smith, Editor*

Bible Study/Fellowship Groups

The Bible Study Groups meetings will resume in September. The Monday morning ladies' Bible Study Group meets on alternate Mondays at Judy Harbour's at 10:00am. The men's Group meets on alternate Tuesday evenings at 8:00pm, at John Lewis' house.

Anyone who wishes to join us will be made most welcome. If you are interested in more details please contact John or Susan Lewis. *John and Susan Lewis*

To extend the opportunity for those who are interested in joining a Bible study group, Kevin and Joy Boak are proposing to start another group in September. It will be held fortnightly at their home, on a Thursday afternoon, with timings to be agreed. It is hoped the first meeting will be held during week commencing 16th September. If you would like to know more, please speak to Kevin or Joy (01436 676852). *Kevin Boak*

Church Recording

On Sunday 5th August a Record of the Furnishings of St Michael's was presented to the Congregation by the local branch of the National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Societies (NADFAS). This is a National Charity which, in addition to regular lectures has Volunteer Groups involved in many areas including Heritage.

- LADFAS is currently cataloguing the medals etc. of the Glasgow Museum of the Royal Highland Fusiliers
- Children - LADFAS has supported the Tulloch Trust in the Vale of Leven
- and Church Recording.

Other Groups have undertaken restoration of fabrics under professional advice and tuition.

Church Recording started some 40 years ago when the Victoria and Albert Museum (V&A) found there was no central record of the contents of churches in England. Sir John Pope Hennessey, then chairman both of the V&A and NADFAS thought their members would be both competent and would enjoy making accurate records. To date over 1,500 of the possible 25,000 churches have been completed – of all denominations. Scotland came later with some 25 records completed so far.

The Records are of the Furnishings, that is the contents, inside the church and not the main fabric or graveyards.

NADFAS House has strict guidelines as to how the Record is compiled. Accuracy is essential as it has to be of Museum Standard and because the Records are being put on a computerised database everything has to be in the same layout.

The Record is divided into Nine Sections – Memorials, Metalwork, Stonework, Woodwork, Textiles, Paintings, Library, Windows and Miscellaneous, which includes amongst other things organs, and everything else including the contents of the flower arranger's cupboards! Sometimes these have been found to include very valuable vases - sadly this was not the case at St Michael's!

Then each item is detailed in the following areas:

Description, Material, Date, Measurements, Artist, Architect etc., Manufacturer, History of item or family, Donor and date of presentation to the church, Inscription and References.

Research in discovering this information can be both interesting and onerous.

Church Recording (continued)

The physical scale of over 1,500 volumes of Records means everything now has to be put onto a Gold Disc, supposed to last at least 300 years!

Prior to St Michael's, LADFAS recorded Rhu and Shandon Parish Church and is about to embark on Cardross Parish Church.

The record is now available to consult in the Church.

John Johnston

Vestry Meetings

The first Vestry meeting of the season will be on Monday September 3rd starting promptly at 7:45pm. We hope to continue to meet at Judy Harbour's house in Cairndhu Avenue.

Vestry members and others are reminded that any topic to be raised at a meeting should be submitted to John Lewis or the Rector at least one week before the meeting. A narrative should be submitted also so that members can familiarize themselves with the topic. This will enable us to conduct the meetings more effectively and efficiently.

Please note that only very urgent topics should be submitted under 'Any other competent business'.

Thank you for your co-operation.

The Rector

Glasgow City Mission

Our Harvest goods will once again be donated to the Glasgow City Mission. Harvest Thanksgiving will be celebrated on the first weekend in October.

The Rector

HARVEST APPEAL 2012

We are looking for help to be able to support thousands of people that are homeless and disadvantaged in Glasgow. We would invite your church to consider having a Harvest Sunday focusing on the work of Glasgow City Mission.

Every year we serve 27,000 meals and give out over 9,000 food parcels to people that are bound by poverty. To meet this basic human need for sustenance we rely completely on the support of churches and schools during the Harvest period. We use the Harvest period to stock up for the entire year ahead.

Glasgow City Mission (continued)

Having a Harvest Sunday with a focus on GCM is a great opportunity for your church to:

- Highlight the great need in our city of people living in poverty and practically respond.
- Bring our work before God in prayer.

The church could organise a collection of foodstuffs and/or a financial offering (money would be used to purchase perishable goods that we need every day such as fresh meat).

As well as offering an evening meal and a programme of day activities, GCM gives food parcels to help those most in need in our city. We try to give vulnerable adults the opportunity to get something close to a balanced diet by ensuring each food parcel includes:

Tinned goods:

meat/tuna
beans/spaghetti
fruit/vegetables
puddings

We are also looking for:

diluting juice
sugar
red split lentils

I have enclosed a poster which details our needs and can be used to promote this appeal to the church.

In order to comply with current health and safety legislation and only gather what we can use, we would ask that the church does not collect: jars of sauce, dried pasta, rice, fresh food (e.g. fruit or veg), bread or homemade foods (e.g. jam or cakes).

Please note: our current address details for drop-offs:

20 Crimea St, Glasgow, G28PW (Please press the buzzer marked level 3 office)

We have also enclosed a copy of our recruitment advert for our new Chief Executive.

Thank you for your support as we share God's love and compassion with those in need in Glasgow. We are so grateful for your continued partnership.

Andrew Low, Chief Executive

Harvest Weekend at St. Michael's 2012

Following the success of last years 'Harvest Festival Open Weekend' when as a Church we raised £2,300 for the DEC East Africa Appeal, it has been agreed by the Rector, Musical Director and the Vestry to hold a similar event this year. The 'Open Weekend' starts on Friday evening the 5th October at 7.30pm with a concert by Glasgow Academy students led by Martyn Marshall and finishes on Sunday 7th October with enhanced Choral Evensong.

Planning is well in hand between Martyn Marshall and the Social Committee. It should be a five star event:

- Church beautifully adorned with flowers by our Floral Team.
- Over two days of mainly classical/church music - from organ to vocal to strings.
- Local talented Crafters - from woodturning to jewellery to knitting.
- Baking and local farm fresh food.
- Refreshments.

As a further twist to the weekend the event will be staged as Helensburgh 100 years ago. All music will be prior to that date. The florists will be using suitable props and styles and we are encouraging all those good souls participating to 'dress up' for the occasion, or at least have a hint of 1900 in their attire. How about the congregation wearing period head gear at the main service on Sunday morning? It was a great success last time that was done!

With the support of the congregation and friends from other churches etc., it would be wonderful if we could raise - dare I say it - £3k. Unfortunately the food crisis is as bad as ever in East Africa, so please come along and enjoy this weekend if you can.

Shaun Hoey

ADDENDUM

I am looking for photos, postcards, anecdotes, books and general information about St. Michaels and Helensburgh in 1900 which will help add to the theme for the Harvest Festival Weekend. If anyone has anything lurking in their attic please contact Trish on Helensburgh 674535. Thank you!

Trish Robertson

GLASGOW & GALLOWAY

Diocesan News

WHERE CREDIT'S DUE

A PAWNBROKER'S shop plies its trade at one end of the street. Now, just a few steps away, there's a church poised to offer a godlier way to manage money . . .

Right in the heart of the town, Ayr's Holy Trinity Church is preparing to open a sub-branch of 1st Alliance (Ayrshire) Credit Union, one of the largest credit unions in Scotland.

Rector Revd Dr Ian Meredith revealed the thinking behind this new ministry to DNS.

"In these tougher times we need to have a bank that we can trust and that is ethical in its operation," he said. "There are people in our community who need help with their finances and there are those who would like to deposit money somewhere that is safe and secure with a welcoming face.

"With the assistance of 1st Alliance we are going to offer savings accounts and loans just like any high-street bank. Our customers will have the ability to make deposits and withdrawals at a time and place that suits them."

Ian is very aware that changes to the benefit system are in the pipeline that not only will make budgeting absolutely essential for people on low and fixed incomes, but also will make that budgeting harder to maintain.

As he tells the three South Ayrshire Team Ministry congregations in their July magazine: "We need to have regular savers joining the credit union (at attractive rates!) to enable us to offer help to those who are less fortunate, or less financially savvy, than ourselves."

Financial journalist Martin Lewis reckons credit unions are 'sadly underpublicized' – despite having nearly a million British members. There's information about credit unions on his moneysavingexpert.com website, where he explains:

"They're there to provide a financial community, where its members mutually benefit as there's no profit for third party shareholders.

"This can mean helping those who can't get access to ordinary bank products; a lifeline in less well-off communities for folks grappling with their finances. Plus, they can be a welcome alternative to payday loans or doorstep lending.

CALENDAR FOR

Saturday 1st September

Church in use for visit of Stained Glass Group

9:00am Rambling Club

Sunday 2nd September – THIRTEENTH AFTER TRINITY

8:00am Said Eucharist (1970 Rite)

9:30-10:00am 'Open Spirit' contemporary Worship (Crèche facility available)

10:30-11:15am Sunday Clubs for children

10:30-11:30am Sung Eucharist (Crèche facility available)

6:30pm Prayer Book Choral Evensong

7:00pm 'Chill Times' for S1 to S6

Monday 3rd September

2:30pm Mothers' Union Service in Trinity Chapel

7:45pm Vestry Meeting at Judy Harbour's House

Tuesday 4th September

9:15-10:00am Prayer Group

10:30am Eucharist

11:45-12:45am Rector available in the Choir Vestry

Wednesday 5th September

7:30pm Eucharist

Thursday 6th September

10:45am Monthly Coffee Morning in Lower Hall

Saturday 8th September

2:00pm Pat Smith's Ordination to the Diaconate at St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow

Sunday 9th September – FOURTEENTH AFTER TRINITY

8:00am Said Eucharist (1970 Rite)

9:30-10:00am 'Open Spirit'

contemporary Worship (Crèche facility available)

10:30-11:15am Sunday Clubs for children

10:30-11:30am Sung Eucharist (Crèche facility available)

6:30pm Prayer Book Choral Evensong

7:00pm 'Chill Times' for S1 to S6

Monday 10th September

7:30pm North-West Regional Council meeting at St. Mungo's, Alexandria

Tuesday 11th September

9:15-10:00am Prayer Group

10:30am Eucharist

11:45-12:45am Rector available in the Choir Vestry

Wednesday 12th September

7:30pm Eucharist

Saturday 15th September

9:00am Rambling Club

Sunday 16th September – FIFTEENTH AFTER TRINITY

8:00am Said Eucharist (1970 Rite)

9:30-10:00am 'Open Spirit'

contemporary Worship (Crèche facility available)

10:30-11:15am Sunday Clubs for children

10:30-11:30am Sung Eucharist - Speaker from Missions to Seafarers (Crèche facility available)

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Tuesday 18th September

9:15-10:00am Prayer Group

10:30am Eucharist

11:45-12:45am Rector available in the Choir Vestry

Wednesday 19th September

7:30pm Eucharist

Thursday 20th September

10:45am Mothers' Union Bring and Buy Sale

Sunday 23rd September – SIXTEENTH AFTER TRINITY

8:00am Said Eucharist (1970 Rite)

9:30-10:00am 'Open Spirit' contemporary Worship (Crèche facility available)

10:30-11:15am Sunday Clubs for children

10:30-11:30am Sung Eucharist (Crèche facility available)

6:30pm Prayer Book Choral Evensong

7:00pm 'Chill Times' for S1 to S6

Tuesday 25th September

9:15-10:00am Prayer Group

10:30am Eucharist

11:45-12:45am Rector available in the Choir Vestry

Wednesday 26th September

7:30pm Eucharist

Saturday 29th September

9:00am Rambling Club

10:30am-12:30pm Messy Church at St. Margaret's, Churchill

Sunday 30th September – SEVENTEENTH AFTER TRINITY

8:00am Said Eucharist (1970 Rite)

9:30-10:00am 'Open Spirit'

contemporary Worship (Crèche facility available)

10:30-11:15am Sunday Clubs for children

10:30-11:30am Sung Eucharist (Crèche facility available)

6:30pm Prayer Book Choral Evensong

7:00pm 'Chill Times' for S1 to S6

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"Yet, they're not just for those struggling financially. They also appeal to those who want to bank ethically and benefit their community. Some larger credit unions, such as the police union or the big Glasgow credit union, offer products that can beat mainstream finance."

STRESSBUSTER RETREAT

TWO retreats in September at the College of the Holy Spirit on Cumbrae will deal with stress.

Leader Anthea Clarke says: "We talk about stress quite openly now, but what is stress? How does it affect us physically, mentally, emotionally and socially?" Join this course to understand what causes stress and how you can learn techniques to help you cope with it. The choice of

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dates is Thursday 11 to Sunday 16 September or Monday 17 to Thursday 20 September.

There are still places on the next Open Retreat at the College of The Holy Spirit, Cumbrae. It runs from Monday 16 to Friday 20 July, allowing participants to adjust their pace of life with Daily Office, Midday Eucharist, a daily devotional address, and lots of time for reflection, recreation and home cooking.

Visit island-retreats.org or call the warden on 01475 530353.

NEW ROLE FOR BISHOP IDRIS

THE former Bishop of Glasgow & Galloway and Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church will be exchanging the pectoral cross for another chain of office when he takes up the role of the Collector of The Trades House of Glasgow.

Rt Revd Dr Idris Jones will make history when he is formally elected and installed into office on 10 October, for no ordained person has so far occupied this position during its 400 years of existence. Bishop Idris will go on to become Deacon Convener of the Trades and third Citizen of Glasgow, behind the Lord Provost and Lord Dean of Guild in 2014.

The Trades House of Glasgow arose from a federal union of the fourteen craft incorporations. The Letter of Guildry creating the Trades House, which was signed on 6 February 1605, imposed on the House general benevolent work for the welfare of the community particularly the young and the elderly.

Today the House and the Crafts distribute in excess of £600,000 for educational and other charitable purposes. It also focuses on the encouragement of youth and the promotion of traditional craft skills through its initiatives of the School Citizenship Award, the School Craft Competition, the Craftex Exhibition and Competition and the Modern Apprentice of the Year Award.

ARTISTS RAISE £1,200 FOR CHRISTIAN AID

A CHURCH'S art and craft show raised £1,200 in one day in Hamilton for Christian Aid. St Mary the Virgin's sixth annual Art and Craft Exhibition was held on Saturday 12 May. The church and hall were filled with a great variety of paintings – oil, acrylic, watercolour and pastels – as well as craft stalls with jewellery, cards and fine needlework. And there was a constant buzz from the tea room where everyone was treated to delicious home baking.

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The idea of the exhibition is to provide an opportunity for local artists to display and sell their work, with 25% of all sales going to the charity. This year's proceeds were added to the other moneys raised by St Mary's for the charity.

Organiser Barbara Stobie said: "This exhibition has now become a popular annual event which attracts a great deal of attention from both local artists and the general public and we are delighted to be able to support the work of Christian Aid in this way."

More Diocesan News at www.glasgow.anglican.org



RUSSIA: LESSONS AND LEGACY – THE ALEXANDER MEN CONFERENCE

14-16 SEPTEMBER 2012

At the end of the Soviet era Russia needed to find a new idea of itself and to rediscover its roots. Three outstanding figures emerged to lead this rediscovery – Alexander Solzhenitsyn, Andrei Sakharov and Alexander Men, pastor, writer, missionary and ultimately martyr.

The conference in September will explore the place of Fr. Alexander Men's legacy in the context of the new Russia and the themes for which his renown has spread world-wide:

- The dialogue between science and religion
- Interfaith relationships and ecumenism
- Christianity and culture
- Christian values in social and political life

Contributors to the conference, held in Moffat, will include leading churchmen, journalists, writers, historians and commentators from Russia, Europe and the USA. A weekend of presentations and dialogue will open the way to the discussions of our own values in the world today.

Further information from www.alexandermenconference.com or Alan Thomson, Conference Organiser: alan.thomson25@gmail.com or telephone 01461 202215.

CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY

Christians Against Poverty (CAP), a UK based debt counselling charity is holding a training day on Saturday 1st September at Woodhill Evangelical Church in Glasgow to equip Scottish churches to run a three-session money management course in their local communities.

The CAP Money course is a simple yet highly effective DVD based money management course, offered freely to delegates in order to help them with basic budgeting skills. CAP offers the training day to Volunteers from local churches for £45 per person. The one-off fee includes the full day's training, the course DVD, sample publicity materials and ten delegate workbooks. We, as the CAP Money Team, will provide all trained volunteers with on-going support and advice.

Please see the CAP website at this address for more information: www.capmoney.org or open this link for a full information pack: http://bit.ly/capmoney_infopack.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE

The World Council of Churches (WCC) calls on churches and congregations around the world to observe an International Day of Prayer for Peace on 21 September. The day coincides with the International Day of Peace initiated by the United Nations.

The participants are especially invited to pray and act together for a just peace in communities, nations and the world. Prayers from different parts of the world will be shared through online means, including Facebook and Twitter. People who are not active on these social media platforms may share their prayers by email.

Prayers for a just peace lift up social, economic, ecological or political-military aspects of peace. People who attended or followed last year's International Ecumenical Peace Convocation in Kingston, Jamaica, are invited to name initiatives carried forward from the convocation.

Praying for Ceasefire is the theme adopted this year by On Earth Peace, a United States-based agency rooted in the Church of the Brethren. "For some people, praying for ceasefire will mean praying for a break in armed conflict. For others, a ceasefire will mean ending conflict in their community, workplace, church or family," said Matt Guynn of On Earth Peace.

To commemorate the day, On Earth Peace also invites diverse congregations and groups to plan events including prayers, cultural sharing, music and the arts, to challenge violence in communities and to encourage action for peace.

The prayers for peace last year circled the globe from Cuba to Fiji, Indonesia, Rwanda, Germany and Canada. A parish in Wales, to cite one example, prayed for reconciliation and against military drones. Observances of the peace prayer day began in 2004 as part of the ecumenical Decade to Overcome Violence (2001-2010) after an agreement between the heads of the WCC and the UN.

More information on the International Day of Prayer for Peace: www.overcomingviolence.org/IDPP

Peace prayer wall on Facebook

On Twitter, the campaign uses the hashtag #peaceday

More on the International Ecumenical Peace Convocation: www.overcomingviolence.org

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MESSY KNITTERS REQUIRED

Messy Church is back! We have already had our August session at the URC and we will be at St. Margaret's, Churchill on September 29th. Families with no other church connection come to Messy Church, hearing a Bible

story, reinforcing their learning with crafts and songs, and enjoying friendship and food together in a Christian setting. If you'd like to join the team - one small job once a month - please ask Anne or David.

We're already looking forward to Advent and Christmas. (Don't groan!) We hope to have a 'sheep trail', involving families in looking for hidden knitted sheep in 15 local independent shops, and coming to one of the Christmas family services to receive a lamb as a reward. We have committed St. Michael's to providing 5 sheep and 20 lambs. Very simple patterns are available, so if you can knit or would be prepared to learn, please ask Anne. Help to provide our sheep quota. *Anne Cook*

Mothers' Union

Mothers' Union will resume on Monday 3rd September with a service in the Trinity Chapel at 2.30pm followed by tea and coffee and catching up with our summer news.

On Thursday Sept. 20th at 10.45am we will have a Bring and Buy sale based on Tangible Texts. E.g. Cakes made with milk and honey, ingredients mentioned in the bible. The members who attended the General Meeting at Llandudno will report on their trip.

Monday October 1st Richard Horrell will give an illustrated talk on his recent visit to Iceland.

All Mothers' Union members are invited to attend a Quiet Day at St Serfs, Shettleston, led by Bishop Gregor on 15th Sept 10.30am -3pm. Tea and Coffee will be provided but a packed lunch should be brought. *Margaret Horrell*

Eco-congregation

Following the recent Stewardship campaign several members of the congregation have offered gardening services which is good news for the upkeep of the tubs and garden areas in front and at the back of the hall.

There is to be a seminar of Local Networks Eco-Congregation at Bridge of Allan Parish Church Halls on September 8th 11am- 4pm.

There is a Fairtrade Campaign Day at Paisley Town Hall on 1st Sept. 11.30am - 4pm. *Margaret Horrell*

ST MICHAEL'S RAMBLING CLUB

WALKS SEPTEMBER 2012

Walks are on Saturdays and start outside St Michael's Church at 9 am unless otherwise indicated by the leaders of the individual walks.

DATE	GRADE	WALK	CO-ORDINATOR CONTACT
1 st September	MEDIUM 9.5mls 1745ft	Stob na Cruaich (Train to Rannoch 9:06am from Helensburgh Upper)	John Hanks 01436 675010
15 th September	HARD 8.0mls 2600ft EASY	Beinn Bheula/ To lochan missing out hills	Pete Ashton 01436 676959
29 th September	HARD 7.5mls 3258ft EASY	Ben Lomond/ West Highland Way from Youth Hostel	Julia Gourd 01436 678054

Where appropriate there will usually be an easier alternative walk in the same area.

The committee are Pete Ashton, Julia Gourd, John Hanks and Marion Blake.

READERS' LIST - SEPTEMBER 2012

DATE	8:00am	10:30am	6:30pm
2 nd Sep	Patricia Eglington	Patricia Robertson	Marjory Barrington
9 th Sep	John MacCallum	Chris Packard	Maurice Steuart-Corry
16 th Sep	Katherine Black	Tom Allison	Maureen McCormack
23 rd Sep	Jeremy Mansefield	Julie Semens	Jill Braid
30 th Sep	John Johnston	Helen Gibson	Kate Moos

LECTIONARY – SEPTEMBER 2012

Sunday	Eucharist	Evensong
2 nd Sep Trinity 13	Deuteronomy 4:1-2+6-9 James 1:17-27 Mark 7:1-8+14-15+21-23	Exodus 12:21-27 Matthew 4:23-5:20 Psalm 119:9-16
9 th Sep Trinity 14	Isaiah 35:4-7a James 2:1-10+14-17 Mark 7:24-37	Exodus 14:5-31 Matthew 6:1-18 Psalm 119:49-56
16 th Sep Trinity 15	Isaiah 50:4-9a James 3:1-12 Mark 8:27-38	Exodus 18:13-26 Matthew 7:1-14 Psalm 119:81-88
23 rd Sep Trinity 16	Wisdom of Solomon 1:16-2:1+12-22 James 3:13-4:3+7-8a Mark 9:30-37	Exodus 19:10-25 Matthew 8:23-34 Psalm 119:145-152
30 th Sep Trinity 17	Numbers 11:4-6+10-16+24-29 James 5:13-20 Mark 9:38-50	Exodus 24:1-18 Matthew 9:1-8 Psalms 120+121

Diocesan Growth Strategy Prayer

Spirit of our Loving God,
in your mercy and compassion
inspire, encourage and empower us
to live and work together as a Diocese,
to allow your mission for us to take flesh
through Jesus Christ
our Living and Eternal Lord.
Amen.



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Chill Times	Niall Cook	672500
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Bellringers	Kitty Fleming	676963
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