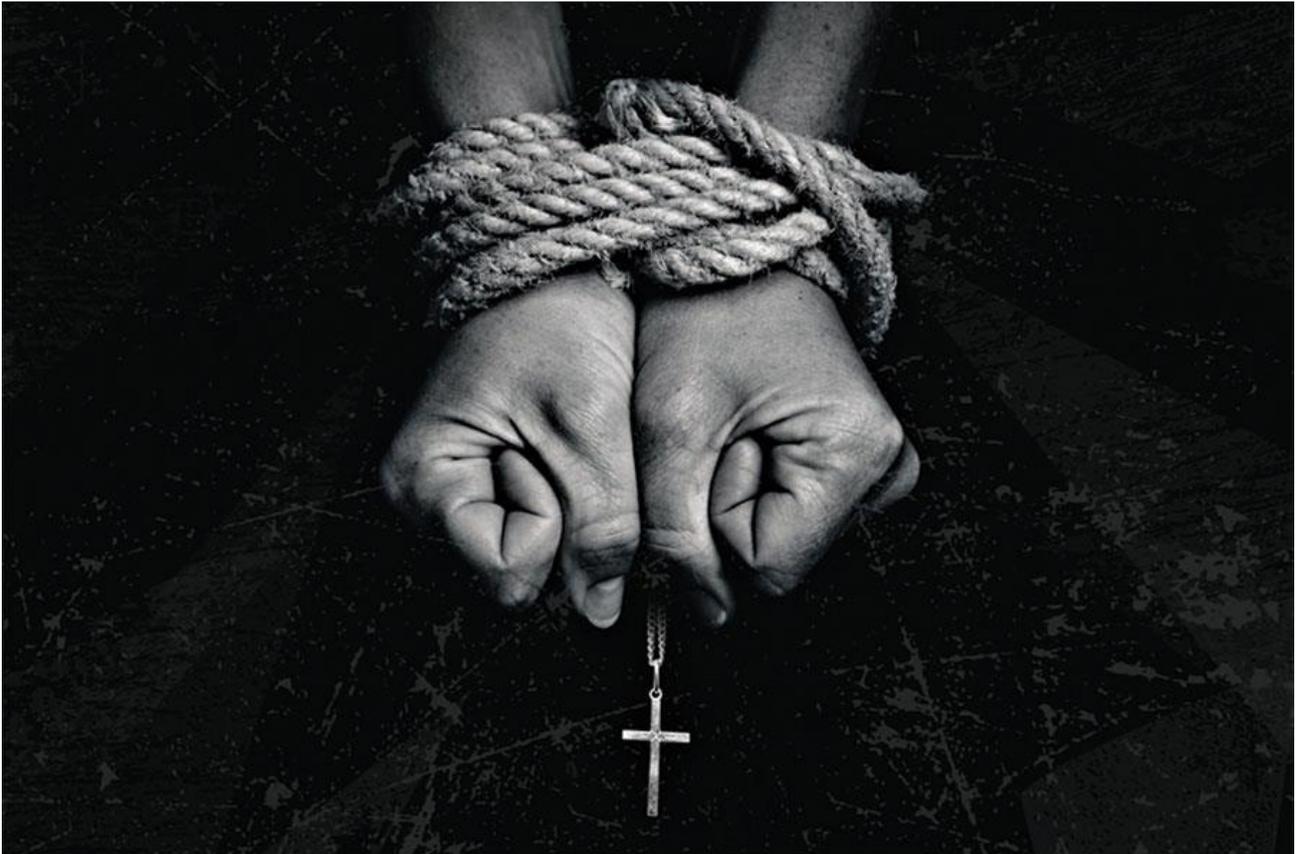




**Parish Eucharist
with the Baptism
of Ethan Ganzarolli
Sunday 7th August 2022
The Eighth Sunday after Trinity**



**Summer Sermon Series: Congregational Choice
Today: The Persecuted Church**

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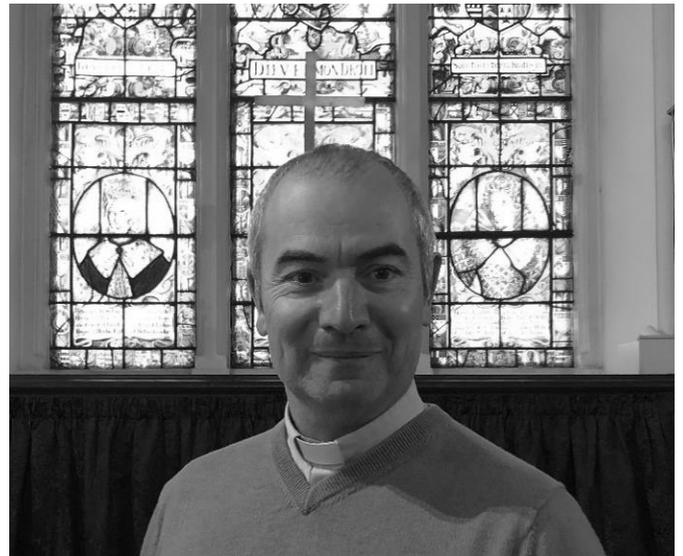


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Welcome to St Mary's. We hope you will find a warm welcome as we gather to worship the living God. In these summer weeks, while the choir is on its annual break. We offer a warm welcome to the family and friends of Ethan this morning, as Thiago and Renske bring him to baptism.

Canon Simon Butler, Vicar



Giving to St Mary's

We have an online giving facility at St Mary's via Give a Little. This means that you can give in a number of ways.

Online via this link or the QR code below: <https://bit.ly/SMBRegular2021>



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You can also set up a Standing Order. Our bank details are: Battersea Parish Church PCC, Sort Code 502101, Account Number: 82127468

If you normally receive Communion in any other Christian denomination you are welcome to receive Holy Communion here today. Everyone is invited to come to the altar rail for a blessing.

***Gluten-free wafers are available.
Please speak to the clergy or a Welcomer***

Baby changing facilities and toilets can be found downstairs in the Crypt.

*Presiding Priest: Reverend Joe Moore
Preacher and Baptising Minister: Canon Simon Butler*

We Gather as God's People

Quiet music is played before the service, as we prepare in prayer.

Welcome

The clergy take their seats and welcome us to worship. We greet one another.

Hymn

Common Praise 260

Morning has broken

Bunessan

The Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Joe welcomes us and sets the scene for our worship.

Prayer of Preparation

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Presentation of the Candidate

Simon presents Ethan to the congregation, asking:

Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling. People of God, will you welcome Ethan and uphold him in his new life in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

He then says to Ethan's parents and godparents:

Parents and godparents, the Church receives Ethan with joy. Today we are trusting God for his growth in faith. Will you pray for him, draw him by your example into the community of faith and walk with him in the way of Christ?
With the help of God, we will.

In baptism Ethan begin his journey in faith. You speak for him today. Will you care for him, and help him to take his place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?
With the help of God, we will.

Hymn of Praise
Nicolaus

All glory be to God on high,
His peace on earth proclaim;
To all his people tell abroad
The grace and glory of the Lord,
And bless his holy name.

In songs of thankfulness and praise
Our hearts their homage bring
To worship him who reigns above,
Almighty Father, Lord of love,
Our God and heavenly King.

O Christ, the Father's only Son,
O Lamb enthroned on high,
O Jesus, who for sinners died
And reigns at God the Father's side,
In mercy hear our cry.

Most high and holy is the Lord,
Most high his heavenly throne;
Where God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, ever One,
In glory reigns alone.

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Collect

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Word of God in Scripture

First Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-19

Read by Stephen Miles

¹² Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. ¹⁵ But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, a criminal, or even as a mischief-maker. ¹⁶ Yet if any of you suffers as a Christian, do not consider it a disgrace, but glorify God because you bear this name. ¹⁷ For the time has come for judgement to begin with the household of God; if it begins with us, what will be the end for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸ And 'If it is hard for the righteous to be saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinners?' ¹⁹ Therefore, let those suffering in accordance with God's will entrust themselves to a faithful Creator, while continuing to do good.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn

Common Praise 559

Pray for the church afflicted and oppressed

Song 1

Gospel Reading: John 15:18-27

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁸ 'If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me before it hated you. ¹⁹ If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own. Because you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world—therefore the world hates you. ²⁰ Remember the word that I said to you, "Servants are not greater than their master." If they persecuted me, they will persecute you; if they kept my word, they will keep yours also. ²¹ But they will do all these things to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me. ²² If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have sin; but now they have no excuse for their sin. ²³ Whoever hates me hates my Father also. ²⁴ If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would not have sin. But now they have seen and hated both me and my Father. ²⁵ It was to fulfil the word that is written in their law, "They hated me without a cause."

²⁶ ‘When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷ You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Canon Simon Butler

A short organ improvisation follows as we reflect on how God has spoken to us.

Jesus said, “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely a on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

The Baptism of Ethan

The Decision

Simon addresses Ethan through their parents and godparents

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Do you turn to Christ?	<i>I turn to Christ.</i>
Do you repent of your sins?	<i>I repent of my sins.</i>
Do you renounce evil?	<i>I renounce evil.</i>

Signing with the Cross

He makes the sign of the cross with the Oil of Baptism on the Ethan’s forehead, saying

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross. Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen.**

Baptismal Hymn

Common Praise 340

We praise you, Lord, for Jesus Christ

St Fulbert

Prayer over the Water

Simon stands before the water of baptism and says

Praise God who made heaven and earth,

who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

We thank you, almighty God, for the gift of water
to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life.

Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.

Through water you led the children of Israel
from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land.

In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John
and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ,
to lead us from the death of sin to newness of life.

Lord of life, **renew your creation.**

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism.

In it we are buried with Christ in his death.

By it we share in his resurrection.

Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son,
we baptize into his fellowship those who come to him in faith.

Lord of life, **renew your creation.**

Now sanctify this water that, by the power of your Holy Spirit,
they may be cleansed from sin and born again.

Renewed in your image, may they walk by the light of faith
and continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord;

to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be all honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Lord of life, **renew your creation.**

Profession of Faith

He addresses all those who are baptised among the congregation

Let us affirm, together with Ethan who is being baptized this morning, our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead?

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Baptism and Giving of a Lighted Candle

Simon baptises Ethan in turn and prays for him:

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church,
pour upon you the riches of his grace,
that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people
you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit,
and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory. **Amen.**

He then gives Ethan a lighted candle, lit from the Paschal Candle, and says:

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and has given us a place with the saints in light.
You have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.
Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

We welcome Ethan:

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.
**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Peace

God has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us and as a pledge of what is to come has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

A greeting or a handshake of Peace is exchanged.

Offertory Hymn

During this hymn the collection is taken and the gifts of bread and wine are brought forward for the celebration of the Eucharist.

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! – who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save;
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied –
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine –
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no human plan,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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Eucharistic Prayer

*The words of the Eucharistic Prayer are said mainly by the priest, although they are prayed by the whole congregation. You may find it helpful to your prayer to look and listen as the presiding priest leads us in this part of the service.
We pray with our eyes as well as our ears.*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Father, we give you thanks and praise through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word, through whom you have created all things; who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh; as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin, he lived on earth and went about among us; he opened wide his arms for us on the cross; he put an end to death by dying for us; and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life; so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

And now we give you thanks because by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a holy people in Jesus Christ our Lord, you raise us to new life in him and renew in us the image of your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and *saying*:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. In the same way, after supper

he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*We pray silently for a moment,
uniting our prayers with those who are worshipping from home.*

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;**

thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

The presiding priest breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

Invitation to Communion

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

Agnus Dei

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace**

Please come forward to receive Holy Communion.

Communion Hymn

Common Praise 287

Broken for me, broken for you

Broken for me

Post Communion Prayer

**Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love
shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body
be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever. Amen.**

We are Sent forth in Mission

Banns of Marriage are read and any news and notices shared.

Blessing

The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself,
the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service,
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Common Praise 443

God is our strength and refuge

Dambusters' March

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Voluntary

Prelude and Fugue in C, BWV 545 by Johann Sebastian Bach

Refreshments are served after church at the back.

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The Recently Departed and their Families: Derek Williams, Derrick Taylor, Chuck, Lawrence Wiley.

This Week at St Mary's

The Parish Office & Church are open 9.30am to 12.30pm each weekday.

Monday 8th August Morning Prayer at 9am
Tonight's PCC Standing Committee is Cancelled
Tuesday 9th August Holy Communion at 9am
Wednesday 10th August *Lectio Divina* at 9am (Zoom, Office has details)
Thursday 11th August Holy Communion at 12.30pm

Next Sunday: The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

8.30am Holy Communion (Traditional Language)
11.00am Summer Style Parish Eucharist with Holy Baptism
During this service Hally Page, Theodore and Sienna Simpson will be baptised
Morning Sermon: Should we Forgive *and* Forget?
2.00pm The Marriage of Mohsen Ben Yahya & Jennifer Aluffo
4.00pm Summer Recital: Maria Kustas (Piano)
Beethoven & Brahms
6.00pm Evening Prayer led by Leslie Spatt

This Week's Notices

Reading the Bible: How to Start or Get Better at it: Simon's is planning to continue his Bible Reading sessions on Monday evenings for a couple more sessions, on Monday 22nd August and Monday 12th September. Both 7.30pm to 8.45pm in Church. Open to beginners and the more experienced. Come and join a growing group!

With Aaron's departure, we want to take forward some of the work he began. If you can help with the short first Sunday Family@Church service, please contact Joe Moore or Debbie Apostolides (dgha@sky.com). If you might be interested in helping 'green' St Mary's by joining the Eco-Church Group, please contact Simon or Stuart McAlpine (stuartmcalpine@incegd.com). The Church Council will be exploring the staffing issues which arise from the end of the Associate Vicar post – at least in this form – at a special September meeting. Please do share any thoughts with Simon or the Church Wardens.

Summer Recital Series: Every Sunday at 3pm (except next Sunday when it will be at 4pm). Free with refreshments afterwards.

Hymn Books: We seem to be a bit reduced in the number of hymn books at the back of church. If you've borrowed one or accidentally taken one home, please could you drop it back when you're next in church? Thank you!

London Open House and an Autumn Fayre

This year's London Open House takes place over a longer period and St Mary's will be open to visitors on the 2 weekends, 10-11th & 17th-18th September. Please sign up at the back of church if you can help.

In addition to this from Friday 16th September afternoon through to Sunday 18th September evening we will be holding an **Autumn Fayre**. This is primarily the Christmas Fayre postponed from 2020 when we had to cancel for Covid restrictions. Please note this is NOT the traditional St Mary's fair. We will be having commercial stalls, information about church activities and groups, a walk to Battersea Park, some music and more. Further details will follow over the coming weeks. Any queries please contact Libby at libby.bradshaw@ursa.me.uk

Looking forward to the Autumn: Simon is on sabbatical from 19th September to 3rd January 2023. This would be a great time for people to step forward and fill some of the gaps. We need, among other things:

- Some new Welcomers to assist the team in offering hospitality;
- A few more people to help lead the intercessions at 11am on Sundays;
- Some volunteers the Wardens, Harry & Joe can call upon to help with other practical matters;

This would be great time for people new to St Mary's to offer to help in what will be a particularly pressured time for our core team.

This Week's Notices

Weekday Worship in the Autumn: We will be trialling a different pattern of weekday worship from September to January, which will offer new chances to worship, pray and study, while adapting our current programme for the period of Simon's sabbatical. The programme will be as follows:

- Monday:* Morning Prayer on Facebook Live/Zoom at 9am (½ hour)
- Tuesday:* *Lectio Divina* (Prayerful Bible Reading) on Zoom at 9am (½ hour)
- Wednesday:* Holy Communion, Bible Study and Coffee at 10.30am (1¼ hour)
This is a new clergy-led service which will offer a chance to meet for worship, bible-focussed learning and discussion and for fellowship during the week.
- Thursday:* Prayer during the Day at 1.00pm. (20 minutes)
A simple service of the word prior to the regular Thursday afternoon study group meeting at 1.30pm

This pattern will begin on Monday 5th September. The Sunday pattern will be unchanged.