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Pastoral Letter

Rev. Andrea Hagenbuch, Rector

As I write this there is definitely a change in the air! The temperature has dropped several degrees outside in the last few days bringing a distinctly autumnal feel.

Storms are already gathering and breaking across the Atlantic as we hear about reports of the destruction and havoc wreaked by hurricane Dorian.

Here in Westminster we hear of great storms of a different nature!



Each day brings us more dramatic developments: a bemused and confused parliament representing an even more confused and bemused electorate. I am hoping that by the time this goes to print the situation will be much calmer and clearer.

In the bible we frequently hear the words *"Do not be afraid"*.

"Do not be afraid" Moses says to Joshua *"Lord will be with you. He will not fail*

you or forsake you" Deuteronomy 31:8

"Do not be afraid" The angel Gabriel tells The Virgin Mary.

"Do not be afraid" Jesus tells Simon Peter as he is called to follow him.

"Do not fear, only believe" Jesus says to Jairus as his daughter lies ill. (Mark 5:36)

"Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?" Jesus says to his disciples as they were tossed by the storm at sea. (Mark 4:40)

And then in Matthew's gospel Jesus tells us not to worry *"Do not worry about your life.....can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?"* (Matt 6:25)

But of course, we do worry. There always seems so much to concern us: politics; climate change; our own personal situations and many other things which crop up unannounced and unwanted.

I remember when I was training for ordination we were told by a wise old owl that in order to develop a close relationship with God we needed to divest ourselves. What he meant I think is that we need to put aside all our angst and concerns – all our negative baggage – all our self-absorption and



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replace it with God's loving, forgiving and redeeming Holy Spirit.

Quite a challenge.....

Meanwhile over the summer months at St Andrew's we have embraced the challenge of fundraising.



In August we repeated the previously successful auction of promises.

Stephen once again took up the gravel and did a sterling performance as auctioneer. He was ably supported by John and Angela. The whole performance was a delightful success and we now have many events and treats to look forward to. Plus, the treasurer has a smile on his face!

The first of our fund-raising events took place in late August.

Despite a dire warning of rain, a hardy group of us set out for the Cake Walk.

This involved walking about six miles round Milngavie and Mugdock arriving back at the hall to sit down to a lavish tea. The day was a great success – the rain held off – the walk was superb and the tea amazing! Well done and thank you to Jane and Tim!

For our annual summer outing The North West Regional Council visited Dunblane. Unfortunately, the rain did not hold off this time and we endured a very wet visit. However, we saw the delightful town, visited our friends in the SEC and had a tour of the cathedral. An enjoyable afternoon and once again thank you to Tim for organising this.

Last week we undertook a family trip to the Isle of Harris. Dodging the inevitable showers, we enjoyed the wonderful beaches, saw many Golden Eagles and ate delicious seafood.

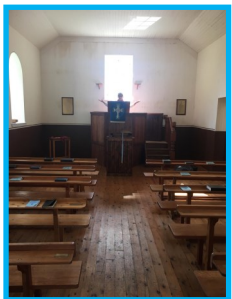


The main event of the week for me was an expedition to St Kilda. What a trip it was! After three hours crossing a very choppy sea in a small boat (Georgie and I were just about the only people still smiling!) we arrive on the main island of the archipelago.

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The pictures I took do not begin to do justice to this amazing place. The scenery is certainly dramatic, the bird population extraordinary and the history fascinating. Most of the cottages are now in ruin but some have been restored for use. The church and the school room are still intact. The MOD



have a permanent presence there. AND the sun shone – it was a very special day!

Now we turn attention to the autumn. The choir has now return for the winter season.

Plans are in hand to do another course with Bishopbriggs. The organist already has us rehearsing for a special advent service. Plus all our usual activities....a busy time is ahead of us!

Andrea

Notices



At St Andrew's Patronal Festival this year we will be celebrating our 140th year since consecration.

At a Vestry Meeting on Monday 24th September it was agreed to hold our Patronal Festival on **Friday 29th November**, the Eve of St Andrew's Day. The service will include some of the hymns recently chosen by church members and we shall have a guest preacher.

The readings will be as shown in the magazine under St Andrew's Day 30th November.

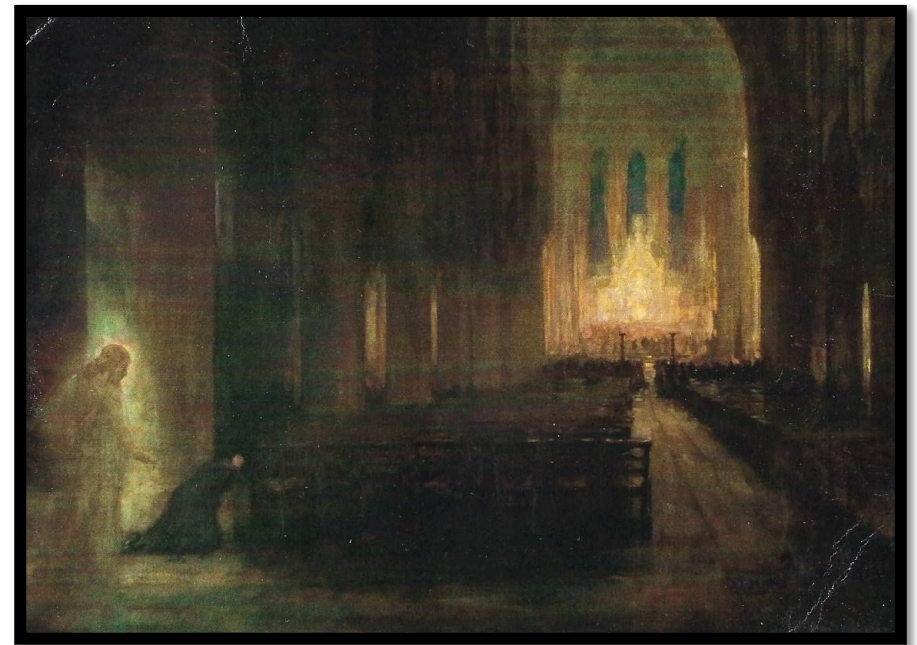
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The Harvest Festival Service this year will take place on

Sunday 13th October

The Presence



The late captain AE Borthwick painted his famous picture of "The Presence" in 1910, and presented it to the Cathedral authorities in 1944. It now hangs in the North Choir Aisle and attracts large numbers of visitors from both sides of the Atlantic.

The artist painted this work in the Cathedral, where he and his wife were married, and like Holman Hunt's even better known picture of "The Light of the World," he intended it to convey a message.

A service is in progress at the High Altar and the Choir is bathed in light, no

doubt symbolising our Lord's real presence at the Eucharist. The Nave, however, is empty - or empty but for two persons - and is illuminated only by the light of the Sun, which streams through some of the windows.

Quite near the main entrance to the building, and kneeling at the back row of the Nave, is the figure of a woman dressed in black and obviously in distress. She is either unaccustomed to worshipping in the Cathedral or feels unworthy to take part in the Holy Communion service. She kneels in the shadows and pours out her distress. Behind her the artist has drawn the

The Presence

mystical figure of our Lord with his hand raised to bless or to absolve, and round him an aurora of light. Here, where he might least be expected, the woman finds his presence near.

The message which the artist intends to convey is unmistakably clear. It is summed up in the words of one of William Cowper's hymns:

Jesus where 'er thy people meet,

There they behold thy mercy seat;

Where 'er they seek thee thou art found,

And every place is hallowed ground.

There is no need to see in his painting any polemical purpose. The fact that "The Presence" is discovered in solitude and in the shadows does not in any way detract from "The Presence" at the Eucharist when the lights are lit and the people gathered together for an act of worship.

Borthwick's painting had many adventures before it found its permanent home in St Mary's Cathedral. Shortly after it was finished, the picture was exhibited throughout the British Isles before being sent to Germany for reproductions to be made. When the First World War broke out it was still in Munich and instead of being returned to its owner, "The Presence" was sold to an

American firm for £5000. No more was heard of the picture for some time and then it came to light in a quite unexpected manner. A New York newspaper answered a query, "Is religion dead?" by producing an article with a section of Borthwick's painting as an illustration, and saying, "No, because of Christ's abiding presence in his Church."

This illustration of "The Presence" involved the newspaper in an action for breach of copyright and the sum of £30,000 was named.

At the conclusion of hostilities, a special Act of Congress was passed, enabling the picture to be returned to Scotland and preventing it from being sold as confiscated enemy property.

During the Second World War, "The Presence" was preserved in the vaults of the Royal Scottish Academy and, in December 1944, the artist and his wife presented it to the Cathedral.

Reproductions are difficult to obtain but permission has been given to the Cathedral authorities to publish coloured postcards of the painting and they can be obtained from the Cathedral bookstall (and nowhere else).

Robert

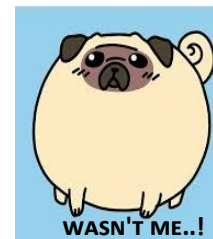
West Highland Way



On Wednesday 18th October 2019, an expedition set forth from St Andrew's Church to conquer the final leg of the West Highland Way, from Kinlochleven to Fort William—a distance of 16 miles... but they started by travelling in a luxury coach...

It wasn't all plain sailing at the start however because they had to overcome a major disaster before they had even left Milngavie.

Andrea had baked a cake and wrapped it carefully in her rucksack which she left by the front door while she visited the little girl's room. Andrea's dogs however, drawn by the delicious smells

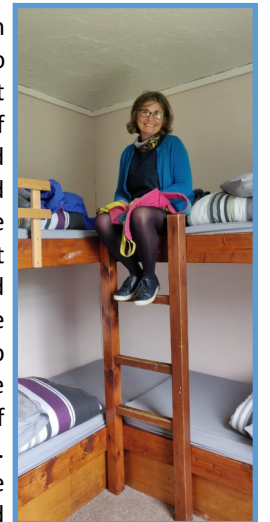


of sponge and apple, grasped the opportunity to ransack her rucksack and gobble down the whole cake before she reappeared.

Admonishments were duly dispensed but we reckon it may take quite a while to wean the dogs back onto Winalot now they have the taste for rich cake.

Cakeless, the expedition then set off by coach to Ballachulish.

After an overnight stay to see the bright lights of Kinlochleven and then going to bed early because there weren't any, our intrepid travellers rose the next day to set off on the longest leg of their endeavour. After of course they had helped Andrea get down from her bed...



West Highland Way



There is nowhere more beautiful than Lairigmor, The Great Pass, Glen Nevis Scotland and there were plenty of and of course Ben Nevis—although photo opportunities on the long path to Scotland's highest peak was shrouded Fort William, including Loch Leven, in cloud at the time as you can see in the photo above.



Anyway, they all made it safely to the new finishing point at the aptly named 'Sore Feet' statue—even without the aid of cake.

Endeavour duly completed, the expedition then set off on a final mission—to find the nearest pub for 5 large gin and tonics.....

Next up—Balmaha to Rowardennan—the 'missing link' !

Talent Auction update



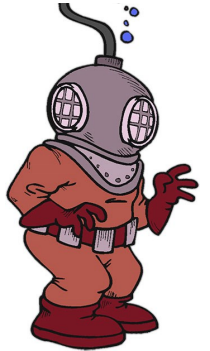
You will all be delighted to know that the projected overall result from the auction and sign ups is about £1,500 which is really fantastic

The Auction bids themselves amounted to £366—these were the 10 items that were offered to the floor on Sunday 18th August. Our experienced trader and auctioneer Stephen played a blinder, as he warmed the audience up and coped with stiff, determined bidding

The items included a Christmas Cake 'with or without alcohol' it said....I am not sure if you get a bottle of whisky to drink with your cake or it is already in the mix..



There was a trip to the submarine museum in Helensburgh on offer—drawback was the mandatory PPE....what they call Personal Protective Equipment you have to wear for the event..



Mark and Gail had offered to help clear out peoples homes and garages but their attire led to a bit of suspicion about their motivation....



The total money received so far for both Auction and sign up items is £300. The Auction will run for a long period so the money is coming in gradually.

Everybody's sign up offer has at least one taker.

The memory tea was a huge success apparently but I have forgotten what it was Angela said about it.

Talent Auction update

What was very evident about the list of items being offered is the huge variety of talents that we have amongst our congregation.

The handmade chocolates are being handed over on Sunday, (with a security escort) the breadmaking workshops are yet to come which are expected to make a lot of dough....



Marie and Jane have done a strong trade in jam and marmalade, with Liz MacDonald's marmalade to come in the New Year. Chris' Joy's tablet definitely lives up to its reputation and Marie has received plenty of orders for scones and pancakes. In fact she is flat out of pancakes..

The walkers and trippers are well catered for with History trip to the Campsies, a trip to Broch and a tour of Paisley on offer



- and the musically inclined are also well catered for with a strong turn out for 'From Wolfgang With

Love' - a musical treat provided by Geoff and Penny—with afternoon tea as well.



The knitters will also be in action as well and Gail and Mark's tip runs have already started.

At the time of going to print I am told there are some offers still open and available for take up although you should check with those concerned in case they are fully subscribed...

Robin Milne has takers for his gardening but may still have a couple of hours left out of his 9 hours offered.



Steve Parrat was not present for the auction but has offered heavy duty gardening....

Helen offered gardening, cleaning, sorting out and clearing and has been 'booked' but may also still be open to some further requests.

A very big thanks to all who have contributed!

MacMillan Coffee Morning



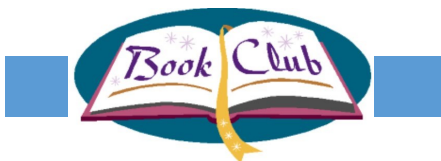
cake and a few crumbs....

I remember vividly the last time Clare was taking home made sponge cake to the MacMillan Coffee morning that she nearly missed the event altogether as she could not get out of the house with Logan hanging onto her ankles...

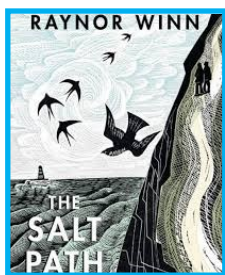
See what I mean...?

On Wednesday 25th September, Gordon & Pamela hosted a Coffee Morning in aid of MacMillan Cancer Care which proved to be highly successful as they managed to raise over £240. The quality and range of cakes that were on offer and on display on the Dining Room table was very impressive—however Logan was none too impressed when his mother returned home after the event with only a couple of small pieces of



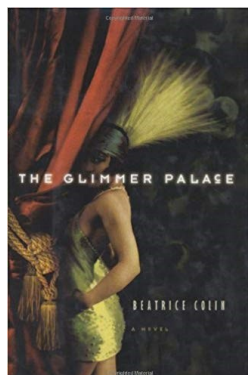


The Book Club have been very quiet since we last caught up with them, and the reason for that is that they have been busy reading some excellent books.



Among them, 'The Salt Path' by Raynor Winn, an uplifting memoir of a couple who embarked on a long coastal walk after becoming homeless, and which everyone enjoyed—and discussed over cake at Andrea's (the dogs were banished from the room)

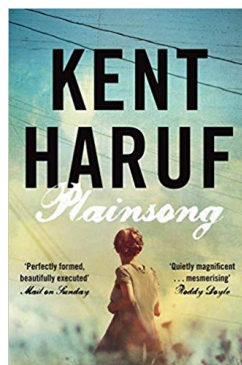
Another book which the Book Club greatly enjoyed and discussed at Liz Farrow's was 'The Glimmer Palace' by Beatrice Collins (Veronica's daughter) (very talented family!) The Book was also published under the alliterative title 'The Luminous Life of Lily Aphrodite' and is a celebration of cabaret in Berlin and the birth of cinema, set against the rise and fall of Germany between World War



I and World War II

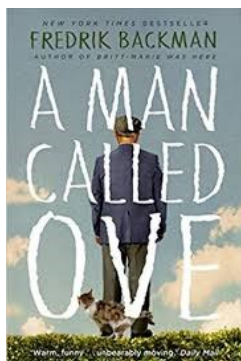
The next two meetings are:

On 9th October at Helen's when we will be discussing the novel 'Plainsong' by Kent Haruf—a story about simple lives told with extraordinary empathy and set in the fictional Holt County Colorado.



On 27 November, Caroline hosts the meeting when the book to be discussed will be |Frederick Backman's 'A Man Called Ove'

The book is about a grumpy old man called Ove, who wakes up every day to end his life because he is all alone after passing away of his wife, but each day something or the other happens which makes him to postpone his resolve.....

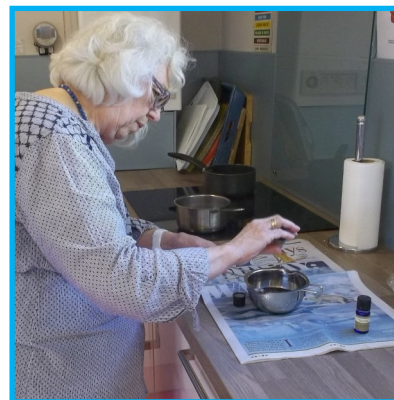


Dorcas



To make bags, placemats or spectacle cases from redundant upholstery samples seemed like an eco-friendly upcycling idea - what's not to like? Nothing until I machine washed my placemats and the finished product frayed and ripped....not my best result! Fortunately I could warn others not to do likewise.

After so many years of Dorcas I thought



we might have exhausted finding something new for our Saturday meet up but in September Gail rose to the challenge with a candle making workshop.

A choir gathering in the church the same Saturday meant a few of our regulars couldn't make it but despite the depleted number a colourful array



Dorcas

of candles came off the production line. This is definitely one we'll need to repeat.



£400 was donated from Dorcas funds to the Scottish Refugee Council in Glasgow and our remaining balance of £128 given to St Andrew's church towards our use of the hall.

Caroline



Charitable Giving—Embrace



We received a letter of thanks from Embrace for our recent donation of £180 as part of our Charitable Giving. Embrace the Middle East is a Christian charity helping people of all faiths and none to free themselves from a life of poverty and injustice.

'Thank you to everyone at St Andrew's for thoughtfully responding with such a generous gift to Embrace. It will benefit our Christian partners and ensure that they continue to reach the most vulnerable people across the Middle East.'

Thanks to you, women and men are standing up for their right to freedom, people with disabilities are getting an education and developing their careers, and women and young girls are learning that they have rights and talents and can make a difference in their communities.'

Nigel Varndell, Director of Fundraising & Marketing

Vestry



Summary notes from the Minutes of the Vestry Meeting held on Monday, 12 August 2019:

Matters Arising: Labyrinth – Notice boards are now in place. An opening ceremony led by Andrea is planned for Saturday 12th October at 10.30 followed by coffee at Gavin's Mill. Invitations will be given to people in the community and leaflets produced to advertise the event.

Quiet Space - Posters and cards have been created to advertise the church being open on Dorcas Days, the third Saturday of each month, as a quiet space for people to enjoy.

Dorcas – After payment has been made for use of the church hall, the Dorcas group plan to give remaining money collected to DAAS (Destitute Asylum Advice Service) under the auspices of the Scottish Refugee Council.



Talent Auction – Angela has been working very hard to organise this event, which takes place after the service on 18th August with sign-up sheets available during coffee before the auction at 11.30.

Rector's Items: Liz and George's Farewell – A suggestion was made to combine the Harvest Lunch with an occasion to say farewell & show our

appreciation to George and Liz who will be moving at the end of September. There will be a collection & presentation for them at this event. It will be planned for 29th September if this date suits them.

The Presence – Robert has very kindly gifted this lovely print to St Andrew's. We will experiment as to where to hang it in the church to display it to best effect.

Treasurer's Items: Charitable Giving - It was decided to donate £180 to each of the following charities: Embrace (Christian Hospital in Gaza), Zane, MAF, Deaf Children's Society and SENSE. Gordon encouraged us all to keep in mind charities that we would like to support and we also welcome suggestions from the congregation. Tim has offered to receive information from charities on behalf of the vestry.

Hall Rental – Robert is reviewing the costs of rental, which vary according to the size and income of the group. Hall rentals make a very helpful contribution to our income.

Ethical Policy: Investment - Gail & Gordon provided more information about Abundance as an alternative to Shell, which would mean a higher risk investment. In our position as Trustees of a Charity, Gordon will check on where we stand relating to the Charity



Regulations as regards such investment. Gail will find out if there is specific guidance from the Diocese on Ethical Investment.

Energy Supplier - We had further discussion on moving our energy supplier from British Gas and Southern Electricity to Good Energy. So-energy was also suggested as another possibility. We realise that addressing the challenge of being more ethical in the way we operate as a church is a complex & on going process.

Property: Sanctuary - An estimate from John McDaid for sanctuary work has been accepted though some details are still to be discussed. Possibilities for lighting and heating are not yet finalised.

Music: Hymn sign-up sheet - little response so far. Andrea will give it a plug next Sunday!



Plan for RSCM service
'This is the Wisdom' for the first Sunday in Advent. There will be group rehearsals to prepare for this with the first one taking place on 1st September to decide which pieces to include.

Calendar Dates:

Talent Auction 18th August,

Cake Walk - 31st August

AGM - 20th October

Advent RSCM service 1st December

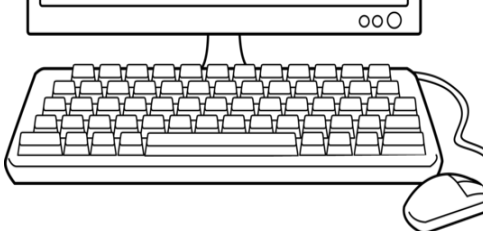
AOCB Tasks Update - The filing cabinet has now been emptied and cupboard reorganisation will get underway.

Liturgy booklets - It was decided to start with a generic one for Trinity. Plan also to create a booklet for Eucharist with Reserved Sacrament using the booklet that we had on our visit to St Cuthbert's Hawick as a model.

Date of next meeting: Monday 23rd September at 7.30

Magazine Material

The next issue of the magazine will be issued on Sunday 29th September 2019, so may I have any articles or photos/material etc. by **Sunday 24th November 2019** please - thank you!



St Andrew's October Rota

Date	Depute Warden	Eucharistic Assistant	Readings	Reader	Intercessor	Coffee
Sunday 6 th October	Stephen H	Wilma	Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Luke 17:5-10	John	Fraser	Liz M
Sunday 13 th October	Mark	Steve McV	2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c 2 Timothy 2:8-15 Luke 17:11-19	Clare	Andrea	Veronica
Sunday 20 th October	Clare	Steve/Fraser	Genesis 32:22-31 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 Luke 18:1-18	Pamela	Helen	Gail
Sunday 27 th October	Robin/Helen	Fraser	Isaiah 45:22-end Romans 15:1-6 Luke 4:16-24	Helen	Andrea	Helen/ Robin
Sunday 3 rd October						
Sunday 10 th October						
Sunday 17 th October						
Sunday 24 th October						
Sunday 31 st October						

If you are unable to attend please arrange for a swap, thank you.

Music	6 th October	13 th October	20 th October	27 th October
Hymns	709, 386ii, 709, 462, 812	470, 358, 402, 675, 470	765(310), 681, 767, 651, 757	103, 517, 483, 658, 396.2
Setting	Grayston Ives	Grayston Ives	Grayston Ives	Grayston Ives

St Andrew's November Service Rota

Date	Depute Warden	Eucharistic Assistant	Readings	Reader	Intercessor	Coffee		
Sunday 3 rd November All Saints Day	Mark	Steve McV	Daniel 7:1-3,15-18 Ephesians 1:11-end Luke 6:20-31	Stephen H	Stephen P	Marie		
Sunday 10 th November 3 rd Sunday before Advent Remembrance Day	Veronica	Wilma	Job 19:23-27a 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5,13-end Luke 20:27-38	Stephen P	Andrea	Liz M		Saturday 30 th November St Andrews Day Isaiah 52:7-10 Romans 10:12-18 Matthew 4:18-22
Sunday 17 th November 2 nd Sunday before Advent	Steve McV	Fraser	Malachi 4:1—2a 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Luke 21:5-19	Olive	Liz M	Clare		
Sunday 24 th November Christ The King	Mark	Fraser	Jeremiah 23:1-6 Colossians 1:11-20 Luke 23:33-43	Margot	Andrea	Veronica		

If you are unable to attend please arrange for a swap, thank you.

Music	3 rd November	10 th November	17 th November	24 th November
Hymns	298. (ii), 424, 559 695, 475	192, 528, 724, 659 161	783, 52, 635, 456, 580	457, 397, 356, 775, 644
Setting	Appleford	Appleford	Appleford	Appleford

SERVICES CALENDAR OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2019

DAY	DATE		SERVICES
SUNDAY	6 OCTOBER	16TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	10AM SUNG EUCHARIST
THURSDAY	10 OCTOBER		10AM SAID EUCHARIST
SUNDAY	13 OCTOBER	17TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY + HARVEST	10AM SUNG EUCHARIST
THURSDAY	17 OCTOBER		10AM SAID EUCHARIST
SUNDAY	20 OCTOBER	18TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	10AM SUNG EUCHARIST
THURSDAY	24 OCTOBER		10AM SAID EUCHARIST
SUNDAY	27 OCTOBER	LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY—BIBLE SUNDAY	10AM SUNG EUCHARIST
THURSDAY	31 OCTOBER		10AM SAID EUCHARIST
SUNDAY	3 NOVEMBER	ALL SAINTS DAY	10AM SUNG EUCHARIST
THURSDAY	7 NOVEMBER		10AM SAID EUCHARIST
SUNDAY	10 NOVEMBER	3RD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT—REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	10AM SUNG EUCHARIST
THURSDAY	14 NOVEMBER		10AM SAID EUCHARIST
SUNDAY	17 NOVEMBER	2ND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT	10AM SUNG EUCHARIST
THURSDAY	21 NOVEMBER		10AM SAID EUCHARIST
SUNDAY	24 NOVEMBER	CHRIST THE KING	10AM SUNG EUCHARIST
THURSDAY	28 NOVEMBER		10AM SAID EUCHARIST
FRIDAY	29 NOVEMBER	PATRONAL FESTIVAL	7PM PATRONAL SERVICE