



Sunday 12th Sept 2021

The Weekly Link

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Sunday 12th September

10am --- Together on Sunday

Today service is the last of our Forty Days of Summer, but the Quest is only just beginning

12.15 --- Family Baptism

We welcome baby Rory and his family for our first baptism in a full year, and the first of several this Autumn

Monday 13th September

10am --- Post a Prayer Club

Helping us grow as a praying church. Eve our prayer ambassador hosts an informal gathering each Monday morning to help us pray for our community and church. There's even a cuppa to help things along!

Tuesday 14th September

DURING THE MORNING

Liam will be in church servicing the boilers

Wednesday 15th September

OPEN DOOR WEDNESDAY

from 9.30am --- for coffee, crafts, chat and at 12.10 --- communion around the table and at 12.10 --- communion around the table

2pm --- Planning for Memorial Services

A free training event run by the national church, this webinar will be shown live on the big screen in church. In this season when people who are grieving and bereaved have been especially affected, remembering well has become more important than ever. Do join Sarah in church for this hour-long session which will explore creative ways to serve our communities this Autumn.



Thursday 16th September

0915 --- Mainly Music

an hour of songs and games for pre-schoolers. We are excited because we are expecting a number of new families this week.

Friday 17th September

1030 --- Funeral Visit in church

Sarah will be meeting with a local family preparing a funeral for Friday 1st October

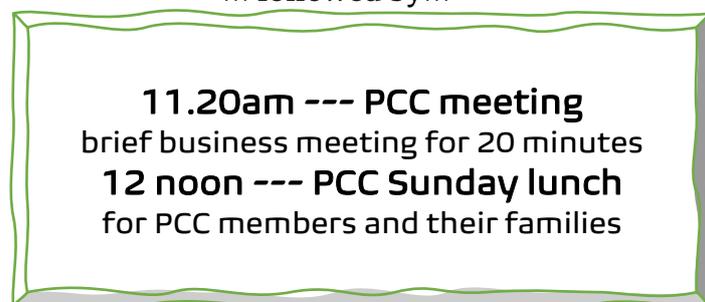
Sunday 19th September

10am --- Together on Sunday

Launching our new series for the Autumn

None of Us Is As Wise As All of Us

... followed by...



1.30pm --- Guest Congregation

Our friends from the Apostolic church gather

Monday 20th September

10am --- Post a Prayer Club

Eve our prayer ambassador is hosting an informal gathering in church each Monday morning to help us pray for the things that folk have posted in the prayer box. All welcome!

2pm --- Funeral Visit in church

Sarah will be meeting with a local family preparing a memorial service in St Wulstans on Saturday 2nd October.

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from Genesis 6

Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence. God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways. So God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth. So make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in it and coat it with pitch inside and out. This is how you are to build it: The ark is to be three hundred cubits long, fifty cubits wide and thirty cubits high. Make a roof for it, leaving below the roof an opening one cubit high all around. Put a door in the side of the ark and make lower, middle and upper decks. I am going to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life under the heavens, every creature that has the breath of life in it.

Everything on earth will perish. But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you. You are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you."

Noah did everything just as God commanded him.



from Luke 1

In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favoured! The Lord is with you."

Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favour with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. For no word from God will ever fail."

"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.

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OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

We remember the story of the young man whose life fell apart. We pray for those who have lost their way.

(presenting a butterfly)

This is their story

And this is our song

**Lord give them the courage
to seek the help they need today**

We remember the story of David the boy who had a terrible monster to overcome. We pray for those who are fighting their own demons today.

(presenting a butterfly)

This is their story

And this is our song

**Lord give them the moment
of victory they need today**

We remember the story of Judas, the man whose mistakes cost him everything. We pray for those who have lost hope today.

(presenting a butterfly)

This is their story

And this is our song

**Lord give them the comfort
of your acceptance even today**

We remember Jonah, the one who ran away from what God was inviting him to do. We pray for those that God wants to work through on this estate.

(presenting a butterfly)

This is their story

And this is our song

**Lord take them step by step
into the adventure**



We remember the story of Simon Peter, the ordinary bloke with a heart of gold. We pray for more men and woman like Peter to join us at St Wulstans.

(presenting a butterfly)

This is their story

And this is our song

**Lord may our welcome
change lives around us**

We remember the story of the woman in the crowd who reached out for healing. We pray for those who long for health and wholeness.

(presenting a butterfly)

This is their story

And this is our song

**Lord may they find dignity
and healing even today**

We remember the stories Noah and of Mary, heroes who didn't feel like heroes. We pray for ourselves, on our own journeys and quests.

(presenting a butterfly)

This is their story

And this is our song

**Lord teach our hearts to sing
in the knowledge that nothing is
impossible for you**

Divine sower,
scattering seed,
never hoarding,
wasting life
- or so the world thinks:

**give us the depth
to receive the gift
so freely given
and the recklessness
to revel in your abundant love
through Jesus Christ,
the grain of life.
Amen.**

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Mainly Music

Give thanks for a quiet start to the new term last week and the chance to catch up with families we already know. Please pray for the new families that are starting this week, and for Rory the little boy being baptised on Sunday, as his mum looks into joining Mainly Music too.

PCC Sunday Lunch

Sunday 19th September, PCC families are invited to lunch after the morning service. This should be about twenty minutes and then there's a chance to relax together and try the Vicar's legendary roast chicken! PLEASE RSVP TO CHRIS ON 017958 291816

The Local Cluster

All are invited to an open PCC meeting at 7pm on Tuesday 28th September. As you know, Canon Stephen Edwards is coming to help us talk through the options that exist for our working partnership with St Nicholas Warndon Villages and with St Barnabas Rainbow Hill, as we look at becoming two vicars across the three parishes once Julieann moves on from St Barnabas in the new year.



THIS WEEK'S CHORES

the main worship space
including the sanctuary

Sunday Service Times

Thankyou so much those who have shared their thoughts about a later starting time for St Wulstans Sunday morning services. Two ideas that are emerging are about food and drink (of course!). We would probably try offering coffee and teas before the 1115 service each week. The later time would also mean that maybe once a half term or once a month, we could share a church family meal together. Food for thought!!

Diocesan Clergy Training Day

Sarah is away on Thursday at the Bishop's teaching day for this Autumn. Please pray for all the clergy gathering together for the first time since 2019 and for those leading the sessions.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

is running this year as part of the Open Door Wednesday on 22nd September Please support this important part of our annual traditions. Details from Jill.

Bank Account Details

Several have asked recently about gifts and standing orders. Our church account is with CAF Bank in the name of

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