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Action on Elder Abuse confidential helpline: 080 8808 8141
Action Fraud - national fraud reporting centre: 0300 123 2040
From Father Ian

I hope you have had a good rest. Perhaps, if not a rest, at least a change.

There is little doubt that, as we move into the Autumn, all of us face challenges: not just the ones that go with our normal work but challenges to do with transport, to do with political decisions that are out of our control, to do with the availability of healthcare and so forth.

As money becomes tighter and the scale of cuts in public services continues apace, it will be necessary to recover a stronger sense of community and of caring for one another.

Jesus was very clear in his teaching about our neighbours. He was very clear in demonstrating self-sacrifice, for the good of all those around him. He gave without counting the cost, even to dying on the cross.

Many reviled him for what he said and for what he taught, and that reminds us that we are not necessarily to seek popularity but rather to speak the truth and to follow its commands.

It will soon be harvest. Let us hope that, as the harvest is gathered in, the Lord will recognise, in us, the fruits of his care and of his labour. May we turn out to be worthy of his creative love. And may that love sustain us in our care for one another.

Every blessing to you all.

Boxgrove C.E.P School is hosting an Autumn Fayre on Saturday 7th October ~ 11am to 1pm in the Vicarage Gardens

Please do come and join in the fun!
THE BUGLE

Articles on any aspect of Boxgrove news - village or Priory-based - are always most welcome. The Boxgrove Bugle is distributed free of charge to each household within the parish and published on-line; copies are also sent further afield, as well as being available in the Priory for visitors and non-residents of the parish. It has a current print run exceeding 700 copies per month.

For the time being, items to be considered for publication should be sent to the Treasurer (see P2) for onward transmission to the Editor. Submission is requested by the 15th day of each month, please, for publication on or around the last Sunday of each month. Alternatively, items clearly marked “Boxgrove Bugle” may be left in the Vicarage postbox. Any other items relating to the Bugle should also be referred to the Treasurer.

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In Memoriam

BISHOP GEOFFREY ROWELL ~ 1943 – 2017

Bishop Geoffrey Rowell, who died on 11 June and was buried in the Priory precincts, was an assistant bishop in the Diocese. He was formerly Bishop of Gibraltar in Europe, before that Bishop of Basingstoke, and had been Chaplain and Fellow of Keble College, Oxford, and University Lecturer in Theology.

Bishop Geoffrey served for ten years on the Church of England’s Liturgical Commission and subsequently on the Doctrine Commission. He had wide experience of ecumenical work and had a long-standing interest in the Orthodox and Oriental Orthodox Churches. Interestingly, he also served as chairman of the Churches’ Funerals Group, the main liaison body between the Churches and the UK government on death-related topics.

Bishop Geoffrey had a particular affection for Boxgrove and, at one point, almost became the Incumbent. He was a friend to a number of people in the parish and came to the Priory to administer Confirmation in 2016. It was his own request to be buried at the Priory, a request to which we were glad to accede.

Bishop Martin has said: "Geoffrey's long association with the Diocese of Chichester has been characterised by the generosity with which he shared his gifts of holiness, learning, and personal friendship. We shall miss his presence, his imaginative understanding of the past and of traditions that enrich our own, his humour, his hospitality, and his encouragement of younger scholars, lay and ordained, and the enthusiasm with which he helped them identify the value of their hopes and plans.

Geoffrey died as he had lived: in the rhythm of liturgical prayer, and fortified by the sacramental life that is the mark of a Catholic Christian. Giving thanks for Geoffrey, we now pray that God will grant him “a holy rest, safe lodging, and peace at the last”. And in the resurrection may he enjoy the vision glorious that his longing eyes had so clearly glimpsed on earth.

TEACHING IN SEPTEMBER

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS IN THE PRIORY ~ 7.30pm - 8.45pm

13th September: Hymns - Why we use them
20th September: The Psalms
27th September: Why unity is important
Come on pilgrimage with
Our Lady of Walsingham
to Chichester Cathedral
Saturday 14th October 2017

1130 Arrival of the Image of Our Lady of Walsingham at the West Door of the Cathedral
1200 Sung Eucharist: Principal Celebrant The Rt Revd Philip North; Preacher: The Revd Kevin Smith SSC
1430 Sprinkling with Water from the Well at Walsingham and Healing Ministries
1530 Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

For further details please contact
Fr John Eldridge: Tel 01903 247340; Email frjohn@live.co.uk

The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham website: www.walsinghamanglican.org.uk

Books for the Dog Show
Saturday 23 September
(see page 14)

Books, Discs, CDs and DVDs for the bookstall at the Dog Show are now being collected. Please take your donations to the St Blaise Centre AS SOON AS POSSIBLE so that they can be sorted and boxed. Please - no tapes, audio or video.

If you cannot get them there, please phone Tim Pullan on 01243 532065.

WSCC Mobile Library
8 & 22 September
2.10-2.40 pm
Boxgrove Village Hall
Tel: 01243 382470

Anyone for Tee?
Golfer: How do you like my game?
Caddy: It's very good. Personally, I prefer golf.
Everyone wants peace, and they will fight the most terrible wars to get it.  

*Miles Kington*
PRIORY SUNDAY SCHOOL

September 10, 11.00am • September 24, 11.00am
October 8, 11.00am • October 22, 11.00am
November 5, *9.45am • November 19, 11.00am
December 3, *9.45am • December 17, 11.00am

*10.00am service in the Priory

The Sunday School meets in the St Blaise Centre, generally at 11.00 am. Children are asked to arrive promptly so that the objective of the session can be explained to everyone at once.

Children should be aged between 4 and 11 and they must already have started school (ie if they are aged 4 but have not yet started school sadly they are not eligible).

There is no charge, and parents do not need to accompany the children. They don’t need to bring anything with them - just come along.

Other services which may be of interest in December:

10th: Christingle, 4pm
24th: Christmas Eve Crib Service, 4.00pm
25th: Christmas Day Family Eucharist, 10.00am

BOXGROVE GARDENERS’ CLUB
Summer Programme of Visits to Gardens

13 September: Chidmere Gardens, Chidham, Chichester - 2pm
2 October: The Old Vicarage, The Street, Washington - 2pm

We visit a variety of gardens, then November-February we start our talks in the Village Hall on the third Thursday of the month at 7-9pm - always very informative about the finer points of gardening as well as being very entertaining.

It's only £10-00 to join per year and we would love to have new members.

Contact Doreen Johnstone on 01243 771655 or email doreenandian@btinternet.com for more information.
I don’t often find time to lie down in the garden, and indeed find it increasingly difficult to get up again, but on a sunny day in July I did. Matthew Oates, a butterfly expert, calls it "loitering with intent!" I lay down beside the buddleja (Buddleja davidii Santana) and verbena bonariensis and looked up through the plants and what a joy! These plants require the least attention of everything in the long border and supply the most interest. They are the takeaways of the insect world. They attract my honey bees, bumbles, butterflies and countless other insects.

This time of year has its different demands on my time in the garden. Three months ago I was in headless chicken mode trying to plant out all of the seedlings I had grown in the greenhouse. I am really bad at growing the right number of plants and can’t bring myself to reject them once they have germinated. So by now I find myself having to water containers, tomatoes, melons and all those little charges which I haven’t been able to throw on the compost heap. We have a self-watering system which is attached to a small computer on an outside tap. This is able to water automatically at intervals during the day, but does require 'someone' to set it up in the first place. And 'someone' hasn't!

Plants are best watered before the sun gets on them or later in the afternoon; so early evening usually finds me somewhere in the garden pointing the hose at unhappy looking pots. It is a good time for me to do this as the little grey cells slow down at about 4.30 when I need a mindless activity to engage in. However, since the schools broke up for the holidays, so did the weather and we are now wondering where those long dry days have gone. This means that watering is not such an issue but the weeds are rampaging.

Everyone has their least-loved weed. Some wage war on dandelions; others have a personal vendetta against bindweed. Gerry finds oxalis - common wood sorrel (oxalis debilis) unbearable and can spend hours in the veg beds with a fork and baddy bucket. My bête noire is willowherb. We have a couple of varieties in the garden but both have the habit of scatter bombing the flower borders with their parachute seeds which then quietly germinate and grow amidst other plants. One morning you wake...
up to find an army of the blighters all on the point of repeating the cycle. The single thing in their favour is that they are easy to pull up, even when the soil is like concrete.

The other major task in the garden at this time of year is dealing with the gluts - quite a nice problem to have. At present we are over-run with runner beans, French beans, courgettes and tomatoes. I am sure we are not alone in this, so I thought I would give you my suggestions as to what to do with them. I don’t think many vegetables in their raw state freeze particularly well; broad beans and peas are the exception but since you can buy petit pois frozen and tasting almost as good as those grown at home, for a lot less effort, I don’t usually worry about peas (I am alone in this as Gerry is determined to find the solution to successful pea production - as I wrote about in June's Bugle).

So with the climbing beans I pick them very young - they are still in short pants - and cook more than I need at supper so I can use the remainder in bean salads the following day. I may freeze a small quantity of French beans and use them later in the year for salads. I was given a bean slicer by a well meaning friend but, apart from novelty value of beans sliced vertically instead of horizontally, I don’t need to string my runners as they haven’t got stringy when I pick them.

Courgettes! Well who hasn’t left picking for a day or two and then found the courgette patch has been visited by a vegetable the size of a barrage balloon? They wear camouflage gear - the fruits being sneakily dressed as the stems - so unless you lift every leaf of the plant it is very easy to miss the courgettes. One solution is to grow the less vigorous yellow courgette which has fruits which don’t grow quite so quickly and make themselves very obvious. My way to preserve courgettes is to cook up a roasted ratatouille and to freeze what is not eaten. The ones that are just a little too big for that I put on the footbridge rail opposite my house and they mysteriously disappear. I have visions of children fencing with courgette épées. If you end up with enormous courgettes which are even too big for sparring with they make a marvellous raw material for marrow carving. (The summer holidays are quite long and grandparents often run out of new captivating ideas to keep the grandchildren off the Internet and out of their hair.)

Tomatoes are easy to deal with when in glut proportions. They freeze well when converted into tomato sauce or tomato soup. It is wonderful to have the taste of summer in the dark days of January - and I haven’t found a commercial tomato soup which is quite as delicious as the homemade variety, especially when made with the tasty Gardener’s Delight and the yellow cherry tomato, Sungold. I have a very tasty recipe in an old Marguerite Patten book which I provide here. Not for vegetarians or vegans I fear.

Janet Reeves
Janet’s Tomato soup

25g/1 oz butter
1 medium onion, chopped
1 clove garlic, chopped
2 rashers bacon, chopped
750g/ 1 1/2 lb tomatoes, chopped
300ml/ 1/2 pint stock
1 tablespoon tomato purée
1 tablespoon chopped basil
Salt & pepper to taste
1 teaspoon sugar

Garnish

1 teaspoon chopped basil
1 teaspoon chopped parsley
1 teaspoon chopped chives

Heat the butter in a large saucepan, add the onion, garlic and bacon, and fry for several minutes - do not allow to discolor.

Add the tomatoes and stock with the remaining ingredients.

Cover the pan and simmer gently for 20 minutes.

Blend in a liquidiser or with a hand-held blender. If you like soup very smooth then put this through a sieve.

Reheat gently and serve with garnish of herbs and a chunk of fresh, crusty bread and enjoy summer in a bowl.

CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY

... because nobody should be held hostage by debt and poverty.

Remaining courses in 2017:

Chichester - 5, 12 & 19 September, 7pm
Revelation Central, 1 & 2 St Pancras, Chichester PO19 7SJ

For details, contact Peter Sutton
Tel: 07813 024585
Email: petersutton@capmoneycourse.org
Website: https://capuk.org/i-want-help/cap-money-course/introduction
Cruising Around

Back in 2009, Sarah and I went on a cruise from Miami to Dover, calling at a few places en route. Having thoroughly enjoyed it, we subsequently went on a couple more.

When I began to approach retirement, I enquired about Cruise Chaplaincies and whether I might be considered. I was given a contact email address and was duly answered and asked to contact a particular priest, who dealt with this - it transpired that he and I had been fellow ordinands in Gloucester diocese and had worked together in Rotterdam for the Mission to Seafarers during our training.

So far I have done two Christmas Cruises and another of five weeks in autumn 2015. The duties vary, but normally there is a Eucharist every Sunday and also every day at sea. On the long cruise there were about forty at weekday services and two hundred on Sundays. There were also many opportunities for one-to-one ministry. In these situations there are people who are bereaved or who are carrying burdens - on a cruise they have the opportunity to talk things through and, if they wish, receive the Church's ministry.

Most of the ships have a Filipino crew, and one’s ministry is to them, too. They have regular Masses - normally very late at night - and these are well attended and always very joyful. They sing their own songs and Mass settings. I always feel very humbled by their devotion and spirituality.

It is emphasised that the Cruise Chaplain is not on holiday, and this is rightly so. However, it is a time of ministering in a relaxed way, being on call 24/7 - just like a parish, but without the politics and meetings.

It is good that many cruise lines still recognise the need for Chaplains: Saga has one on every cruise, while others have one just on Christmas and Easter and longer cruises.

Long may it continue.

Fr Norman

ALLOTMENT SPACE AVAILABLE

An allotment space at Park Lane will be available from the start of September. It costs £85 per year. Any interested parties should contact Kristin Gjetnes at the Goodwood Estate Office - 01243 755 043.
## THE PARISH OF
SAINT MARY AND SAINT BLAISE, BOXGROVE
MONTHLY CALENDAR AND MASS INTERCESSIONS

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SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 23RD 2017
AT BOXGROVE VILLAGE HALL FIELD
PO18 0EE

MANY STALLS - REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE ALL DAY

Entries from 10:30 Judging from 12 noon

Entry fees £2.00 per dog per class

4 obedience classes
7 pedigree classes
14 novelty classes (2 rings)

Trade pitches available - to be booked and paid for in advance

Contact: 01243 785990
Proceeds to:
Boxgrove Priory (Reg Charity 1131214)
Boxgrove Village Hall (Reg Charity 1167340)
Increase in 'HMRC' frauds -
Be aware ~ Be safe

Sussex Police’s Corporate Communications and Public Engagement Department has asked that those who are able to do so should draw the attention of members of the public to the recent increase in incidents of attempted fraud.

Elderly people in Sussex are receiving a high volume of phone calls purporting to be from HM Revenue & Customs. It is vital that people are aware of the signs and act on them.

Among the contact methods used to defraud people in Sussex are voicemails and text messages.

Be aware that:

- HMRC will never use a text message to inform you about a tax rebate or penalty
- HMRC will never ask for any payment in the form of vouchers or any other such payment method
- HMRC will never use texts to tell you about a tax rebate or penalty, nor ask for payment in this way

If you or someone you know is vulnerable and has been a victim of fraud, call Sussex Police on 101 or visit www.sussex.police.uk. If you need to report a fraud or attempted fraud, you can do so by calling 0300 123 2040 or by contacting Action Fraud at www.actionfraud.police.uk/report_fraud. You can also read the latest Action Fraud alerts by following @actionfrauduk on Twitter.

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Do you have TROUBLE GETTING TO SLEEP?

Try Dr Don’s simple remedy:
Lie right on the edge of the bed; you’ll find you soon drop off
This year, Boxgrove’s annual RIDE+STRIDE event is being held on Saturday 9th September, starting from outside Chichester Cathedral at 10:00 sharp.

If you fancy joining us on a friendly 1½ hour sponsored walk, visiting as many of Chichester’s most historic church buildings as we can manage in the time, (with tea & cake stop of course!)

Or

A more challenging 10 mile sponsored family bike ride around the city, calling in at as many of these amazing buildings en-route as we can, then please get in touch for further information.

Alternatively, you could help staff our own welcoming table at the Priory for an hour or two, or help guide either of our groups around? Similarly, please do get in touch.

Forms: Boxgrove Priory or The Village Shop
Email: mark@petersposse.co.uk
Mobile: 07729 773277
www: rideandstrideuk.org

Funds raised help support our Priory. Many thanks.

Boxgrove Priory – Registered Charity 1131214
Walk the Sussex Hospice Trail:  
Join the Fun and Fundraising Launch Event

For a fun day out with friends and family, and a chance to raise money for your local hospice, why not join the Friends of Sussex Hospices Walking Trail on Saturday 23rd September?

This is the official launch of the Trail, which is the UK’s only permanent long distance footpath dedicated to hospices. The 200-mile Trail has been two years in the making and is made up of 26 linear walks which vary between 4 and 11 miles.

The Friends of Sussex Hospices charity has for 21 years been raising funds for hospices across both counties and to date has distributed £1.5 million through their many and varied fundraising activities. St Wilfrid’s Hospice in Chichester is delighted to have received their support and is fielding teams of walkers and Event Marshals.

The launch event is a simultaneous relay, and to take part walkers need to download the iFootpath App and the walk of their choice. Then visit www.hospicestrail.co.uk/register-your-team/ to select the walk, nominate a hospice and register. The fee of £80* (for 2-8 people) will go to the hospice of their choice.

Team Leaders will receive an information pack; then simply register with the Event Marshals at the start point on the day. Participants will be given hats, medals and a special Walker’s Passport to stamp.

Jerry Doyle, Head of Fundraising and Communications at St Wilfrid’s comments, “We are delighted to be involved with this exciting new venture and greatly appreciate all the support given by the Friends of Sussex Hospices and all those who help raise money on the day.”

St. Wilfrid’s Hospice  
Chichester  
www.stwh.co.uk
Julian Group

The Boxgrove and Tangmere Julian Group meets on the second Monday of each month at 3.15pm at the St Blaise Centre, Boxgrove. Notices with details of venue are placed on the Church noticeboard.

The theme for each monthly meeting is as follows:

11.09.17 **The World sustained by God**
(The Wisdom of Julian of Norwich - Short Text Ch 4)
‘Let Go, let God’
St Blaise Centre, Boxgrove

09.10.17 **Made Strong in Faith**
(Enfolded in Love - Julian of Norwich)
St Blaise Centre, Boxgrove

11.12.17 **Choosing God**
(The Wisdom of Julian of Norwich - Short Text Ch 20)
St Blaise Centre, Boxgrove

11.12.17 **‘Peace on Earth, Goodwill to all Men’**
Luke 2 v 10-11
St Blaise Centre, Boxgrove

08.01.18 **Full Joy in Him**
(Enfolded in Love - Julian of Norwich)
St Blaise Centre, Boxgrove

12.02.18 **‘Lead Kindly Light’ - Hymn 392**
New English Hymnal
St Blaise Centre, Boxgrove

12.03.18 **Sin Cannot Hinder Love**
(Enfolded in Love - Julian of Norwich)
St Blaise Centre, Boxgrove

09.04.18 **God so Loved ...**
(Enfolded in Love - Julian of Norwich)
St Blaise Centre, Boxgrove

14.05.18 **Quiet Afternoon**
(to be advised)

11.06.18 **All Shall be Well**
(The Wisdom of Julian of Norwich - Long Text Ch 27)
St Blaise Centre, Boxgrove
The Boxgrove and Halnaker Traffic Calming Initiative

A285 Planned Changes

The A285 from Chichester to Petworth runs through some of the most picturesque countryside in the South Downs. For some the road provides a wonderful opportunity to view the Downs as the road winds it way through the hills and valleys of the chalk escarpment. For others the road is an opportunity to test their vehicle and driving skills through the wide turns and steep climbs. Then again for others the road is just another busy dangerous highway to be crossed as they walk or ride along the public rights of way.

Unfortunately, this 12-mile stretch of road is the most dangerous section of A road in the UK. The number of people killed or seriously injured (KSI) - the official measure of major road casualties - rose from 18 in the period 2007-9 to 21 in the period 2010-12 - an increase of 16.6 per cent. In total between 2011 and 2015 there were 47 fatalities or seriously injured. Despite safety work on the road in the last few years the KSI rate remains high and a further grant of approx. 2.5 million pounds will be spent in two tranches starting this year to make the road safer and more forgiving.

The accidents on the A285 tend to be mainly single vehicle incidents where drivers have run off the road, although there have also been head-on collisions from overtaking manoeuvres. The A285 contains a large number of bends interspersed by sections of straight road, which can be exciting for some, but statistics show a large number of drivers are travelling in a fashion that is dangerous for themselves and others.

The approach Highways will take to make the road safer will involve widening the road by 0.5m each side along critical sections, cutting back vegetation and trees, installation of rumble strips along the side of the road, redesign of junctions and the installation of safety fences near critical corners. This work will be supported by improved signage and changes of road surface to warn drivers. Some bends will also have their trajectory modified.

Whilst these changes will no doubt reduce casualties (it will become harder to hit a tree if you run off the road) it will obviously do nothing to reduce speed on the A285, which it could be argued is the root cause of the majority of these accidents. The funding does not help villages like Duncton and Halnaker who are blighted by speeding drivers. The economic case for the A285 improvements in casualty and injury reduction is impossible to argue with, but villages along the A285 must continue to lobby hard for funds for speed reduction engineering in their villages.
In our local area the Boxgrove and Halnaker traffic calming group have met with West Sussex Highways and will be presenting a local traffic plan to the Parish Council on the 4th September. Assuming the PC are supportive of the proposals, the ideas of the group will be communicated to all in an open village consultation for your feedback and we hope support in the fourth quarter of 2017.

You may also see members of the traffic calming group out with a speed gun in the village over the next weeks. This is the start of Speed Watch in the village and is a scheme initiated and supported by West Sussex Police. Drivers exceeding 34mph in the village will be reported to the Police and a letter will be sent to the driver. This scheme is operated in many villages in West Sussex and across the country and is seen as a significant deterrent to speeding drivers in villages and towns. If you would like to join the Speed Watch team, please email boxgrovetraffic@gmail.com and we will get back to you.

Boxgrove and Halnaker Traffic Calming Group
SEPTEMBER
• Archdeaconry of Chichester Lecture on *Biblical Criticism in a Secular Culture* on 5 September at 3.00pm at St Nicholas’, Arundel.

OCTOBER
29 October BIBLE SUNDAY

NOVEMBER
26 November CONCLUSION OF THE YEAR OF THE BIBLE
• Cathedral Study Day on 4 November led by Professor James Dunn and Professor Steve Moyise entitled *Troublesome Texts: Exploring Difficult Parts of the Bible from The Song of Songs to the Book of Revelation.*

The Parable of the Wheat and the ...???

In Matthew’s Gospel is the parable telling the story of the man who sowed good seed in his field but when the wheat came up so did something else. The original Greek word is *zizanion*, which has been translated in various ways. In the Latin Vulgate it is “zizania”, The King James and Knox give “tares”, the Jerusalem and the New English “darnel”, J.B.Phillips “weeds”. It was obviously a problem to the translators as well as the farmer.

Best opinion seems to be that it was darnel, a member of the rye grass family, Latin name *Lolium temulentum*, which used to be a common weed of wheat fields. Its seeds are almost indistinguishable from wheat and, until it is full grown, so are its stems. It is said to be poisonous, but that is caused by a fungus: *Ergot Claviceps purpurea* growing on the stems. Gerard, in his Herbal of 1597, writes: “The new bread wherein darnel is, eaten hot causeth drunkenness.” In some herbals, darnel and radish are used in a face cream against freckles! In ancient China laws forbade its use in fermented liquors. In modern Kenya, darnel is proscribed under the Suppression of Noxious Weeds Act.

To add to the confusion, the name “tares” is used for several varieties of vetch, especially *Vicia sativa*, grown today commercially as green manure and also used for fishing bait! It is only in Bible translations that it is used for the weeds in the wheat field.

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SEPTEMBER 2017 (Year A)

3 THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
   8.00am  Communion †
   10.00am Community Mass

10 HOLY CROSS SUNDAY
   8.00am  Holy Communion †
   9.30am  Solemn Mass
   11.15am Parish Mass

17 TRINITY 14
   8.00am  Holy Communion †
   9.30am  Solemn Mass
   11.15am Parish Mass

24 TRINITY 15
   8.00am  Holy Communion †
   9.30am  Solemn Mass
   11.15am Parish Mass

† Traditional Rite

OCTOBER 2017 (Year A)

1 TRINITY 16
   8.00am  Communion †
   10.00am Community Mass

8 HARVEST THANKSGIVING (Trinity 17)
   8.00am  Holy Communion †
   11.00am Harvest Mass followed by Harvest Lunch

15 TRINITY 18
   8.00am  Holy Communion †
   9.30am  Solemn Mass
   11.15am Parish Mass

22 DEDICATION FESTIVAL
   8.00am  Holy Communion †
   9.30am  Solemn Mass
   11.15am Parish Mass

29 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
   8.00am  Holy Communion †
   9.30am  Solemn Mass
   11.15am Parish Mass

Forthcoming events in the Priory

See also Page 13 for service intentions throughout September

8th October:  Harvest Lunch after Mass
22nd November: Shopwyke Singers Concert, 7.30pm