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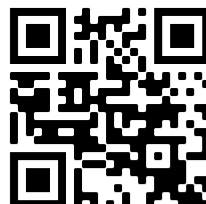
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Services for September



St John's is OPEN

St John's is open for worship so please see the Parish Mailing for details Live Streaming of services will continue so you will be able to see services live via our YouTube Channel.

Sunday 8am - Said Eucharist

Sunday 9.45am - Sung Eucharist

Wednesday 11am — Said Eucharist

Coffee hosted by Mothers' Union after the first Wednesday service of the month (except August).

Please make sure you are signed up to our mailing list to get up to date information regarding the services.

<http://eepurl.com/gNz4Tf> or scan the QR Code

Vicar's Letter

As we move into September we long for rain and an end to a summer of drought and broken records. I can confidently say that I have been out of the American South too long now, twenty-eight years, and have lost the ability to cope with the levels of heat and humidity we have experienced here this summer. To be fair, most Americans cheat, moving from air-conditioned homes, to air-conditioned cars, and air-conditioned workplaces and shops. It's small wonder that many of us have done the grocery shopping at leisure, wandering slowly round the aisles in no hurry to go home! But September promises change as summer moves into autumn and, hopefully, the Jet Stream shifts to bring us rain in gentle measure.

September also means the Season of Creation in Church over the coming Sundays. St. John's is one of the growing number of churches across the denominations to engage with the themes through the season, looking at the natural world around us and how we can reduce our impact on our earthly home that we share with all God's creatures. The climate emergency is real and we have seen signs of it closeup this year. We will be exploring how we can mitigate the worst of its impacts in the weeks to come.

Earlier this year, we were awarded a Bronze Award for Eco Church through the charity A Rocha, a Christian organisation that encourages congregations to take seriously God's mandate that we care for the beauty and diversity of Creation around us. Some of the categories were classed as "Silver", worship and teaching being one of these, because we keep the Season of Creation and make the most of the resources on offer. This year we hope to build on that.

This year the international theme is *Living Water*, taken from Ezekiel 47.1-12 that offers a vision of hope for creation and humanity through the life-giving action of God and the healing he brings. One big development is that the Church of England General Synod voted earlier this year to keep the first Sunday in September (6th) as the new Feast of Creation in Christ. This raises the profile yet again of the whole season and thinking behind it, as well as bringing us in line with other churches around the world. I look forward to

exploring the themes and making us think about the vital gift of water, after such a long dry summer. On Sunday 13th we will also be Blessing the Rucksacks with our children and young people as part of our back-to-school programme. The 13th is a week later than usual, but we hope it gives busy families a little more time to get ready for the new school year. Everyone is welcome as always!

The Sundays of Creation will finish with our Harvest Festival on the 4th October. Our theme will be the importance of access to clean drinking water for everyone around the world, highlighting the role of the charity WaterAid. We welcome donations of imperishable food products as part of our ongoing support for local people through Kingston Food Bank. I would like to invite everyone to join us as we celebrate Creation and the importance of water in shaping and sustaining the diversity of life. There is so much to share this month so do make the most of it.

With Every Good Wish,

Michael

‘What’s On’ at St John’s Hall

Most of our readers know that Plough Green Pre-school has been based at St John’s for 56years, caring for and educating young children daily during school terms. Their last two Ofsted inspections were outstanding.

On Monday evenings, Katie Crawley runs a yoga group from 6pm. Beginners are welcome. Katie can be contacted on 07747 542017

Wednesday from 4.30pm The Rock Project meets where Russell Bremner teaches contemporary music to children and young people. He can be contacted on 07805 372639

On Thursday afternoons between 2 and 4pm the small hall is open for Tea & Chat, offering a cuppa and company for all, usually with a slice of cake!

Monthly on the fourth Friday at 7.30pm, Surrey Storytellers meet, except during August and December. Most evenings start with stories from the floor followed by a featured teller in the second half. There is a lower age limit of 14 years. Contact them at info@sureeystorytellers.co.uk

The weekends are available for one off bookings for parties and meetings. Further information from the Bookings Secretary on 0208 942 8321

Tall Tales and Storied Steps - A Story Walk for All the Family

Join local and widely-travelled performance storyteller Alastair K Daniel on a story walk round St John's Church with tales of dragons, devils and disguises. Old and young will be invited to see the church and its environs with fresh eyes through stories drawn from a range of traditions and, at the same time, learn something of the true history of the building and its people.

Alastair K Daniel is an international storyteller, artist-educator and long-standing member of Surrey Storytellers (which meets in the parish). He is a member of the St John's community and helps to lead Junior Church.

Saturday 12 September: 2.30-3.30pm - meeting outside the church by the War Memorial
(the walk is very gentle, but please wear sensible shoes and bring an umbrella or rain-wear if the forecast suggests unsettled weather).

Dr. Alastair K. Daniel (he/him)

storyteller | consultant | independent scholar

Honorary Senior Fellow of the University of Roehampton

www.storytent.co.uk





London HogWatch identifies hedgehog populations in Greater London to promote conservation strategies for their protection, connection, and expansion

Did you know that Surveys by Hogwatch, which is one of the projects run by the Zoological Society of London (ZSL), has discovered that OLD MALDEN is a possible 'hedgehog hotspot'!

Kingston Council is the first council to put up road signs, warning drivers in the Old Malden area, that Hedgehogs may be crossing and to take care.

Hedgehogs have been classified as a 'near threatened' species and their decline of 30-75% in recent years has been due to fragmentation of habitat, increase in roads and traffic and the use of pesticides. This year, the recent extreme hot weather has been a further threat to their survival.

Surveys conducted by ZSL Hogwatch have confirmed the importance of garden habitats for hedgehog populations to thrive. Advice for a hedgehog friendly garden:

- make sure there is a small hole (at least 13cmx13cm) in the fence for them to pass through between gardens
- plant insect attracting plants
- do not use pesticides

- before mowing or using strimmers, look out for small creatures and give them a chance to move away
- take care when having to use netting in which small animals can get caught.

Hogwatch uses the data from surveys across Kingston Borough to work with the council to write action plans and identify areas to target for hedgehog conservation and connectivity in order to reverse the decline of this much loved iconic animal.

St John the Baptist Church has been supporting ZSL surveys by hosting camera traps in the church yard. This year we had a camera recording activity throughout July.

This year, no Hedgehogs were captured on the camera in our churchyard, but the camera did capture plenty of other wild life – and some not so wild!



VISITING THE JULIAN CHAPEL, NORWICH

Words and photos - Ben Gilby

Since I became a Christian, the strongest way I have felt a “presence” in me has been in times of silence.

Sitting in Southwark Cathedral brings a sense of something inside me that I can’t really put into words, other than a “presence”.

Another source of this has come to me during the monthly Julian Meetings in our own church. Sitting in silence in the peace of our Lady Chapel, surrounded by other members of our congregation after being led in a short reading or poem at the beginning for half an hour is immensely calming in the midst of a busy world and life as a SEN support teacher.

With the summer holidays now upon us, the next obvious step was to discover the location of Julian of Norwich’s cell.

Julian (her actual name isn’t known), was born in November 1342, and within six years of her birth in Norwich, the city was devastated by the Black Death, in which approaching half of Norwich’s population lost their lives. It is thought that Julian may have married and given birth to at least one child.

In 1373, she experienced a series of sixteen revelations when seriously ill. The revelations came in the following order.

- 1)** Julian sees blood trickling down under the crown of thorns on a crucifix held before her eyes and the Virgin Mary as she was at the time of the Annunciation.
- 2)** Julian sees the two sides of the face on the crucifix discolour.
- 3)** Julian sees God in a point and understands that he is all things.
- 4)** Julian sees Christ’s body bleeding profusely and sees the blood bleeding through hell, heaven, and earth.
- 5)** Julian understands by means of divine words that through Christ’s passion, the devil is defeated.

- 6)** God thanks Julian for her suffering and service and Julian sees God reigning in his house in heaven.
- 7)** God gives Julian a sequence of alternating experiences of joy and sorrow.
- 8)** Christ shows his body dehydrating on the cross as he nears death, and Julian resists an inward prompting that she looks up to heaven, away from the cross.
- 9)** Christ declares his satisfaction at having suffered his Passion for her. If he could suffer more, he would do so, and he shows her the three heavens.
- 10)** Christ leads Julian's understanding inside the wound in his side and shows her his heart riven in two.
- 11)** Christ shows Julian a spiritual vision of his mother Mary, now exulted.
- 12)** Christ shows himself in glory, and utters words surpassing Julian's understanding.
- 13)** Jesus affirms that sin was befitting and necessary, but all shall be well. God with much greater satisfaction than the Fall of Man was ever harmful.
- 14)** God reveals that he is the foundation of prayers, inspiring us to pray for what He wishes us to have.
- 15)** God promises Julian that she will be taken suddenly from suffering and sickness, will come to heaven and have Him as her reward.
- 16)** God shows Julian Jesus seated in her soul, and gives reassurance about the authenticity of her revelations.

Upon her recovery from serious illness, Julian became an anchoress at St. Julian's in Norwich and wrote down the revelations in a book, now known as *Revelations of Divine Love*, making Julian the first known female author in the English language.

The chapel and cell can be found after a 10 minute walk from Norwich Railway Station, in the midst of a road with an old office building on one side with a large park across the road.

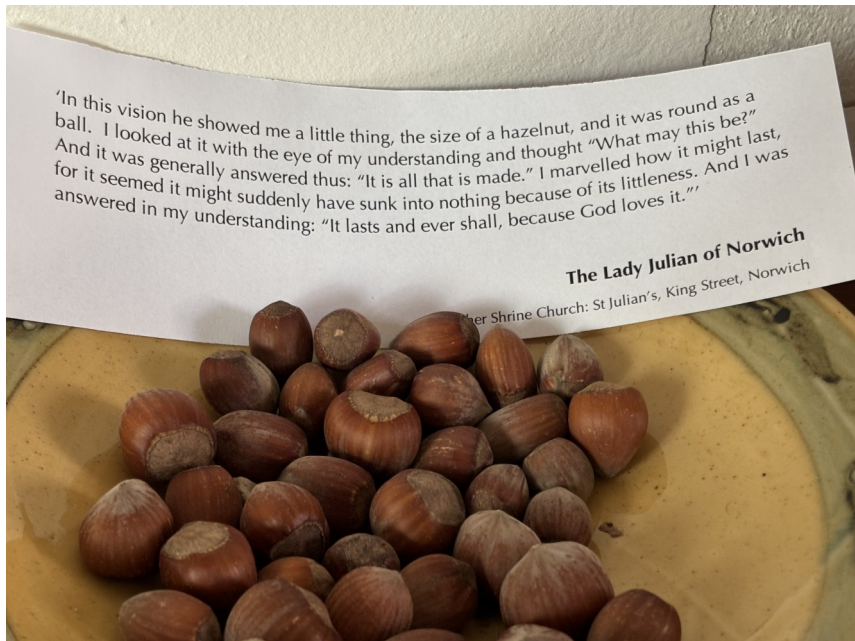
Stepping into the chapel reveals a quiet location with around 40 seats, with the addition, on my visit, of the chapel cat laying out on the cool floor.

To the left of the chapel is a door with 'Mother Julian's Cell' written on it. A wooden bench surrounds three sides of the white painted room. it is suggested in the medieval *Book of Margery Kempe*, that Julian was known as a spiritual counsellor, and people would come to the cell to seek her advice.

Behind the door frame is a bowl containing the words:

"And in this [sight], he showed a little thing the quantity of a hazelnut, lying in the palm of my hand as it seemed to me, and it was as round as any ball. I looked therein with the eye of my understanding, and thought: "What may this be?" And it was answered generally thus: "It is all that is made." I marvelled how it might last, for it seemed to me it might suddenly have fallen into nought for its littleness. And I was answered in my understanding: "It lasteth and ever shall, because God loveth it. And so hath all things being by the love of God."







11th to 14th September

St. John's will be open for Heritage Open Days on the following days.

Friday 11th - 11.00am to 4.00pm

Saturday 12th - 10.00am to 5.00pm

Sunday 13th - 2.00pm to 5.00pm

Thank you to those who have already offered to help welcome visitors. There are some

gaps in the rota for others to help out where possible.

Volunteers will be required to welcome visitors to the church. You do not need to have

any local history or architectural knowledge just be welcoming and friendly.

Visitors to our Heritage Open Days will be able to view the church architecture, old maps

and a history time line telling the centuries long story of St. John's and Maeldune village

from Early Iron Age to present time.

Refreshments will be available throughout the four days.

HODs continue to celebrate all aspects of local heritage, with hundreds of events taking place locally and

nationally - all of them free. For details of participating venues go to www.heritageopendays.org.uk

Heritage Open Days is supported by The National Trust and People's Postcode Lottery.



Surrey Churches
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SURREY CHURCHES PRESERVATION TRUST SPONSORED RIDE AND STRIDE SATURDAY 12th SEPTEMBER

This event is the Trust's main way of fund raising. St. John's has recently received a grant from the Trust for the Restore Project. The Bike Ride is a good day out visiting as many participating churches as possible and raising money for the Trust and St. John's.

If you are interested in taking part, as an individual, a family, or group, information and sponsor forms are in the Coffee Lounge or speak to
Pat Lovegrove.

Music for the Heritage Open Weekend

Over the Heritage Open Weekend, the Maeldune Consort will again be providing music to accompany visitors' exploration of St John's. Saturday (12 September) will be devoted to sacred polyphonic music of the 16th and 17th centuries, from Portugal, Spain, England and the Low Countries. The following day we'll be working on English and Italian madrigals with voices and viols, and playing some English consort music.

These are not concerts – just very informal music making among friends. We are very happy for people to walk around the church while we play and sing – it's a sort of open rehearsal. Of course if you would rather sit and listen, that's fine too!

We'll be there between 2 and 5pm on both days. Do come and let us share our music with you!

Chris Benson

Heritage Open Days

30 years ago in 1996 St John's participated in the National Heritage Open Days for the first time. I had been attending St. John's for some time before this, and although I had always been interested in local and family history, I was unaware of the history that surrounded me on this ancient hill at Old Malden.

The first time the church opened it was just two days over the weekend. A small display was set up in church and 25 visitors were welcomed. As each year went by the display grew bigger as new documents, maps, pictures were discovered. When the new extension was built in 2004 we were able to extend the display, made by the inventive Chris Beales. We now open for four days and on average around 100 people attend, plus children from Malden Parochial School. Following the grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund we can now have certain documents etc, stored in Surrey Archives, digitalised. This will enable us to add these items to St. John's website for all to view.

I really enjoy being involved with this event as every year more history is uncovered showing the many people that saved and cared for St John's over hundreds of years. The main source of information comes from the book, A History of Malden, written by a previous Vicar the Rev. Kenneth N. Ross in 1947, covering 1000s of years of local history.

I also love being present on the Open Days to meet and welcome visitors who are always pleasantly surprised and interested in our hidden gem...*even some local visitors who 'never knew it was here'*. Visitors also often have interesting stories to tell too.

If anyone who loves local history, or enjoys meeting people, then I would encourage them to come and join this event; come as a visitor or better still, join me as a 'Welcomer' to take the opportunity to show that St. John the Baptist, Malden, rich in history, character and quiet calm is also a living church full of caring welcoming people.

Pat Lovegrove

St John's Knitting & Crochet Group

If you would like to learn to crochet or knit, you are very welcome to join us. Why not take up something new in 2026?

St John's Knitting & Crochet Group meets on the last Thursday of the month in the Church Coffee Lounge from 2.00 - 4.00pm -

This month we shall be meeting on 24th September.

Open to all - do come and join us!

Crochet 'granny squares' are very much in vogue at the moment so if you would like to create some for yourself - this may be your opportunity.

You can also bring along your projects - tapestry/embroidery - a good opportunity to chat, drink tea and relax. Good for your 'mindfulness' time.

Do join us!

Marilyn



Kitchen Money Donations

Have you wondered what happens to the money you kindly donate each week when you order your coffee or tea and take a biscuit or maybe a piece of cake?

The obvious answer is buying the delicious Fairtrade organic Java coffee £60 a box x 10 from Traders. Catering Fairtrade Clipper tea (£35) from Ethical Super Store, as well as fair-trade sugar, and biscuits. Fruit squash. Hopefully those that supply milk/cakes etc. take the money from the tin.

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Items for the kitchen use such as scissors, teapot, kitchen roll, washing up bowl and rack for drying replaced when necessary with kitchen money. The kitchen donated £60 for Christmas Fair float money and £90 float money to Maldune Fair.

The latest big purchase is the new vacuum cleaner. It was chosen after reading Which best buys.

So thank you for all those donations and be reassured the money is used in a responsible way.

We are a registered Fairtrade Church, using environmentally friendly products when possible.

Anne Beales

JUMBLE

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from 10-12 am
on Saturday
19th September

The Gift of Holidays and the Return to School

As summer draws to a close, we reflect on the importance of holidays for children, families, and teachers. Time away from the classroom is a vital pause in the rhythm of learning and faith.

It is hoped that families find renewal in shared meals, laughter, and journeys together. Bonds are strengthened when parents and children step away from routines and rediscover one another. Ecclesiastes reminds us: "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens" (Ecclesiastes 3:1). Holidays are that season of togetherness, preparing families to face the hectic routines of the term time ahead.

For teachers, holidays are a time to breathe deeply, reflect, and restore. Teaching is a vocation of heart and mind, and rest is essential to continue serving with patience and wisdom. Even Jesus withdrew to quiet places to pray (Luke 5:16). In the same way, teachers return in September renewed, ready to guide children with fresh energy and vision.

I am mindful that not every holiday is carefree. For many working families, summer brings financial strain, and for hungry families, the absence of school meals can be a heavy burden.

For parents juggling multiple jobs or tight budgets, holidays can feel less like rest and more like survival. Instead of seaside trips, there may be long hours of work, with little time for children and when schools close, many children lose access to regular meals.

As a headteacher I acknowledge that holidays are a time to rest, but also to reflect on the inequalities pupils face. Returning in September, I will renew my commitment to nurture not only minds but hearts as education is about justice as much as knowledge, and that every child deserves dignity and hope. Our school vision is Reflecting the Kingdom of God by Enriching and Transforming Lives keeps me focused on just that, Enriching and Transforming Lives.

As September approaches, we carry lessons from our holidays into the new term, returning to school is not about leaving joy behind, but about weaving joy into daily life and Joy is one of our 4 school values, along with Wisdom, Love and Peace.

Lucy McMullan
Headteacher

Sailing on God's Creation

This summer I was blessed to journey along the Montenegrin coast aboard a gulet, a traditional wooden sailing vessel. As the sails filled with the Adriatic breeze and the boat glided past mountains rising straight from the sea, I was reminded of the Psalmist's words: "I lift up my eyes to the mountains, where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth" (Psalm 121:1–2).

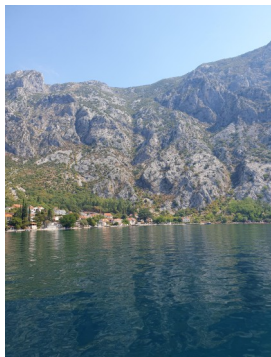
The Black Mountains of Montenegro stand as silent witnesses to God's majesty. Their peaks, carved by time and weather, remind us of the steadfastness of the Lord. Just as these mountains have endured storms and seasons, so too does God's love endure through all generations.

From the deck of the gulet, the waves whispered lessons of persistence. As Genesis tells us: "God saw all that he had made, and it was very good" (Genesis 1:31). In the rhythm of the sea, we hear echoes of God's eternal order, sometimes calm, sometimes turbulent, but always purposeful.

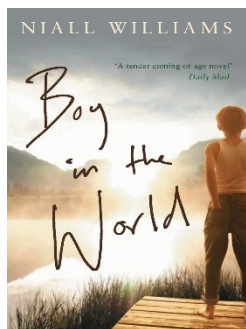
A gulet cruise is not only about scenery but about fellowship. Meals shared under the stars, remind me of Acts 2:46: "They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts." Holidays, when rooted in gratitude, become holy days, moments of communion with God and one another. In my case 4 French people 4 Brits and Finnish man named Marco.

As a head teacher, I often remind children that learning is everywhere. On the gulet, geography was taught by the coastline, history by the fortresses, and theology by the awe of creation. We are all pupils in God's classroom, and creation is His textbook.

Friends, whether we sail on the Adriatic or walk through our own familiar valleys, let us remember: "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it" (Psalm 24:1). May we take holidays not only to rest but to rejoice, to see anew the beauty of creation, and to give thanks to the One who made it all. **Lucy McMullan Headteacher**



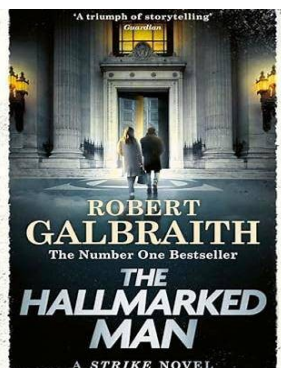
Our August choice 'Boy in the World' by Niall Williams is very different to our usual choice. On Niall Williams' website, the book is beautifully described:



'Boy in the World tells the story of a quest. The boy, an everyman for a new generation, grows up in a village in the West of Ireland in the care of his grandfather. On the morning of his Confirmation he is given a letter from his long dead mother and his world shatters. It is a journey that takes him from Ireland to London, from there across Europe and into Africa. He has extraordinary encounters and those whom he passes are often changed by their meetings. Boy in the World is a remarkable story of a boy

seeking his way in a changing world where all he holds dear seems to be in danger.' Nothing to add to that really. It is a very moving and thoughtful story with some wonderful characters, restoring faith in humanity. There are many parallels and moving references to David Copperfield. An interesting read: average score of 7/10.

For September – another very different read: The Hallmarked Man by Robert Galbraith. This tome is now in paperback – and not a short read. It returns to Cormoran Strike and Robin Ellacott as they solve another murder – this time there is a discovery of a mutilated body found in a London silver shop vault. This is the eighth novel in the series, following The Running Grave. We can expect many characters and complex plots with abuse of power and trauma throughout. Perhaps not for the faint hearted but this series always proves to be popular with the group. You may be interested to know that bookshops in Iceland, Norway and the Netherlands had the paperback and the previous one on sale. 'Den Jagende Graven' was 249NOK- and it looked an ever bigger paperback than the UK version. More value for money?



Despite all my good intentions, I did not read the Hall Marked Man on my travels: it was just too large and heavy to pack. My choice rested on Philippa Gregory's Boleyn Traitor – focussing on Jane Boleyn, the wife of George Boleyn and Anne's sister in law. It was difficult to keep track of all those who were executed/beheaded so not a cheerful read. Historically interesting – but Henry VIII certainly managed to dispense of his wives quite quickly. Incredibly dangerous to be at that Tudor Court because who could you trust? Still a third to read so quite slow going. Thomas Cromwell now in the Tower!

For October – we hope to read the sequel to The Boy in the World which is 'Boy and Man' which completes the story of Jay's quest.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 3rd September at 8.00pm in the Church Coffee Lounge.

You are very welcome to join us. Come along and tell us about the books you have been reading in all the hot weather!

Happy Reading!

Marilyn

PUZZLE No. 14 GIRLS NAMES

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SHEILA

ANNE

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IRENE

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PATRICIA

SALLY

SOPHIA

Words can go in any direction, and can share letters as they cross over each other.

How well do you know characters in the Bible?

N & O

This month, we reach the letters N & O - here are a few names which you may recognise...

NAOMI	Ruth's mother-in-law
NEBUCHADNEZZAR	2 nd King of the Babylonian Empire
NATHAN	prophet in the Hebrew Bible
NOAH	famous for building the Ark
NEHEMIAH	central figure in the Book Of Nehemiah, had task of rebuilding Jerusalem
NAHUM	minor prophet
NAAMAN	army commander
NABOTH	executed by Jezebel so that her husband could take his vineyard
NICODEMUS	a Pharisee drawn to hear Jesus' teaching
NIMSHI	mother of Jehu, mentioned in the Book Of Chronicles
NIMROD	great grandson of Noah
NAPHTALI	6 th son of Jacob
OBADIAH	prophet in Hebrew Bible
ONESIMUS	slave to Philemon, mentioned in New Testament
OBED	son of Boaz and Ruth
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The Men's Thing

A programme of talks held on the 2nd Saturday of each month in the church extension. Tea, coffee, biscuits etc. available from 10am for a 10.30am start. Men and women are all welcome.

September 19th, we have Peter Lutton talking about 'What exactly is an organ?' . **Please note this is the 3rd Saturday of the month**

October 10th, we have Georgina Fauconier talking about biodiversity in the borough of Kingston.

November 14th, we have David Hassards talking about Kingston' aviation history.

December 12th, Alastair Daniels with a seasonal talk.

January 9th - Ben Gilby giving a talk on **1979: Why it was such an important year**



Bereavement Café

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