St Mary the Virgin 21-09-2025

Hello,

Our service on **Sunday ​​2​1st September** is 10.30am Holy Communion at which we welcome back Canon Liz Walker as preacher and celebrant.

​The children's groups, Splatt and mini-Splatt, meet in Garden Room for activities during the service and join in towards the end for communion or a blessing.

At 12.00 there is a private baptism conducted by Canon Liz Walker.

On **Tuesday 23rd** at 09.30, Platt School children come to the church for their Harvest service.

The September***Village News***may be found online at<https://online.fliphtml5.com/aflvm/xdxp/>

**Regular Weekday Activities:**

**Health Walk**: Monday 10 am from the church steps (3 miles approximately 1hr 20mins.) Followed by refreshments in the Garden Room. This takes place even on Bank Holidays.

**Love to Move:**Tuesday ​23rd September in the Garden Room of Platt Church with refreshments afterwards..

**Midweek Service:**09.30 on Wednesdays – Morning Prayer.

**Cafe Platt:**Wednesday 24th September at 10.00 in the Garden Room.

**Church of the Good Shepherd:** Saturday Open House 10am -1pm. Fancy a cuppa, cake and some conversation? Pop in - everyone welcome. No charge.

**Upcoming Events**

​**Hello Organ!** **Sunday 21st September** at 4.30pm ​– a unique ​free event​. See attachment. The event lasts 1 hour with refreshments available afterwards and an opportunity to chat to Sara and find out more about the organ.

*​****Village News*Collating on Tuesday 23rd September from 14.00.** Due to various circumstances, the original date of Friday 19th could not be managed. If anyone could come and help to collate the pages of the October magazine, fold the magazines or help to bundle them into delivery rounds, Jane Sankey would be extremely grateful. Please contact her on martinandjane@potters-hill.co.uk or 07881 953785.

**Friday 26th September** 10.30 -12.30 Macmillan coffee morning in church.

The Scarecrow competition ​continues, For only £2, you can buy a map to find out where the 20 wonderfully inventive scarecrows are in the village. The maps are available from Shakti News in Borough Green, Reuthe's on the A25 just out of Ightham, or from The Blue Anchor pub in Platt. ​H​aving found the scarecrows vote for your favourite. Hunters will find a voting box in Platt Church, where you’ll find a ​little prize for your hard work! The scarecrows with the most votes will be winning prizes, kindly donated by local businesses. Further details in the article on page 22 of September's *Village News*(or page 26 in the online version).

​**Harvest Festival 28th September**at 10.30. This is an All-age Cafe-style service in the church and the winners of the Scarecrow competition will be announced during this.

In the evening, the church choir will sing a Festival Choral Evensong at 18.30. This will include a setting of the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in Bb by Stanford and an anthem by J H Maunder- 'Blessed be the name of the Lord'.

Our weekly activities sheet for all the family - **Thrive** is attached.

With every blessing from,

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