

Friday 22... Abraham learned that through faith he was an inheritor of the great promises of God for himself and his family. Spend some time today thinking back over your journey as a Christian and recall the promises God has made to you.

Saturday 23... ARocha - The next phase of work at Wolf Fields, Southall will include a pond with observation platform, a wild art area, and the completion of a sensory garden.

Sunday 24... Today we have a speaker, Kailean Khongsai, from A Rocha joining us for the morning service.

Monday 25... Jean and Catherine in the office as London College of Music start a new programme of rehearsals and concerts in church.

Tuesday 26... ARocha sites exist not just to conserve individual locations, but to engage local communities and involve people in caring for the plants and animals that live on their doorstep.

Wednesday 27... London College of Music as they prepare for the lunchtime concerts held in church on Wednesdays.

Thursday 28 ... the nominations, interviews and selection by the Crown Nomination Commission for the appointment of a new Bishop of London.

Friday 29... for recently bereaved families, may they feel God's love and peace.

Saturday 30... ARocha - On the border between Suffolk and Essex lies Foxheath Nature Reserve, a wonderful area of rural land dedicated to providing a rich habitat in which rare and endangered dragonflies and damselflies can thrive.

Please supply any prayer requests for October 2017 by Tuesday 19 September 2017 to office@stmarysealing.org.uk



A Rocha UK is a charity committed to helping Christians in the UK to care for the natural world. We believe God made the earth and that it is important to him. That is why we want to make nature - enjoying, nurturing and protecting it - a part of life for all Christians

Please pray or thank God for...

Friday 1... Today marks the beginning of Creation Tide in the Church of England. "Let us bless the earth maker, the life giver, the pain bearer; let us praise and exalt God above all for ever. May God's name be praised beyond the farthest star, glorified and exalted above all for ever".

Saturday 2... A Rocha's urban community nature reserve is at Wolf Fields, Southall. Once an abandoned piece of land used by drug dealers and fly tippers, it now provides local people with an orchard,

community allotment, bee hives and a story-telling arena for children.

Sunday 3... Pray for our evening service as it resumes today after the summer break with Taizé, a quiet, contemplative service.

Monday 4... Elspeth (Interserve) has been waiting nearly a year for her visa to be renewed. Others for nearly two years. Pray for swift action from those responsible, that they may have a change of heart and renew visas for her and other Christians doing such valuable work in that country.

Tuesday 5... With a new school term starting this week, we pray for all pupils, teachers, parents, Governors, students, especially those beginning something new.

Wednesday 6... Pray for Polygonian Friends as it starts back today after the summer break. Also pray for The Ealing London Independent Photography, which is part of BEAT exhibiting in the church, who is having their opening night tonight.

Thursday 7... Pray for Fr Richard Collins who is being installed as the new vicar of Christ the Saviour.

Friday 8... Pray for the photography exhibition being held in church, and all those coming in to view it, that they may find a real welcome here.

Saturday 9... Pray for Grace, our alternative worship community, who are meeting tonight.

Sunday 10... "Lord, we thank you for the wonder and beauty of creation: for so many blessings to sustain us in body, mind and soul. Bless those whose lives are hard and who have little, so they may share in the abundance of your provision".

Monday 11... Give thanks for St Mary's House and the accommodation that it offers. Pray as the trustees meet tonight.

Tuesday 12... Babies and Toddlers returns today after the summer break. Give thanks for those who run this group and pray for the new mums and toddlers who will be attending.

Wednesday 13... Tonight is our Prayer Event, when we shall be praying for Alpha, Confirmation, Home Groups and our Autumn programme. Nothing can be achieved without prayer, so we hope that many will come and make this a priority in our church life.

Thursday 14... Pray for our new members' evening which takes place today.

Friday 15... Pray for Anne Clifford's book launch: A Time to Love: a Beginner's Guide to Saying Goodbye.

Saturday 16... Pray for all those who have already signed up for Alpha, and for the Team as they make preparations.

Sunday 17... Our sermon series on Abraham ends today with the subject of retirement. Pray for those at church who are newly retired, those who still have a long working life ahead of them, and for us all as we learn to live well to the end of our lives.

Monday 18... The PCC meets tonight. Pray that they may seek God's will and purpose in all their decision making.

Tuesday 19... We welcome the students and tutors from London College of Music back this week after their summer break. Give thanks for the relationship between St Mary's and LCM.

Wednesday 20... Alpha begins tonight. Pray for a work of the Spirit in lives this Autumn. Pray for Alex Volossevich and team who will be leading the course.

Thursday 21... Interserve: There is an urgent need for a paediatrician to work in Elspeth's hospital. Pray that someone may respond to the call and be able to join her soon.