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MARRIAGE BLESSED BY ECO

Last weekend, Janet Varty conducted ECO's first blessing of a marriage - of Lisa and Michael - to complement the Civil Wedding Ceremony at the Mairie.

Janet writes:

"A long track led the bride and groom to a wooded glade that provided some cool shade. The guests sat on hay bales and I led from some ancient stones that provided a suitable sense of occasion. The service was bespoke, a mixture of traditional and modern hymns and readings all chosen by the couple themselves. Prayers and blessings were an eclectic mix and felt appropriate said in the beautifully natural surrounding of God's creation.

I hope this will be the first of many opportunities for our church to provide English speaking Christian celebrations of Life Events tailored to your own circumstances."



Preachers all agreed that they were hardly aware that their Sermons (which we call Reflections) were being video-ed on ECO



NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP AT

ECO

We have set out below our programme of worship for next week. For all details of our latest worship, always go to the Home Page of our website:

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Sunday August 29th - Trinity 13 - Proper 17

10:30 am Online Communion Service

This Sunday's service will be a service of Communion led by Neil Batcock and Linda Billenness. Our online Zoom Coffee Bar will open after the service at about 11:30

Tuesday August 31st

19:00 - An Iona Service of Evening Prayer

This is a short service of prayer and readings from the Bible which is available as a video and also as a Podcast to download and listen to at the close of the day. We also provide the order of service in .PDF for you to download and keep so that you can follow it on your smartphone, tablet or computer if you wish.

Thursday September 2nd

19:00 - A Service of Prayer for Healing

Each week, we come together to pray by name for God's healing touch for those who are in special need at this time. We are happy to include anyone known to you in our prayers (we only refer to people by their first names)

Please send any names of people whom you would like to be included to

healing@ourchurch.fr

by **Wednesday evening 1st September** please.

A NIGHT PRAYER

**Father, bless me and my body keep,
Father, bless me in my soul;
Father, bless me through this night of
sleep,
In my body and my soul.**

**Father, bless me as I live my days,
Father, bless me in my creed;
Father, bless me in my binding ways,
To my life and to my creed.**

**Father, sanctify to me my speech,
Father, sanctify my heart;
Father, sanctify my portion each,
In my speech and in my heart.**

from Poems of the Western Highlanders



Worship for the Young and the Young At Heart

If you are joining us for worship with younger members of your family, each Sunday we are now also broadcasting a short video reflection on the readings for the day from our colleague and friend Margaret Pritchard Houston, who is a member of the Children's Ministry Team in the Diocese of St Albans. This Sunday's video is entitled "The Rules And The Body"