

Services & Diary Dates

Monday	20 th	1830 Eucharist at The Focolare Centre (SUSPENDED)
Tuesday	21 st	0945 Morning Prayer 1930 Eucharist
Wednesday Mary Magdalene	22 nd	1030 Eucharist 11:15 Interment of Ashes - Jean Dillury
Thursday	23 rd	1830 Eucharist at The Focolare Centre (SUSPENDED)
Friday	24 th	
Saturday James the Apostle	25 th	0930 Intercessions 1000 Eucharist at The Focolare Centre (SUSPENDED)
Sunday	26th	0800 Said Eucharist 0915 Said Parish Communion

4-12 Jul 2020 Stride and Ride:

A big thank you to all who have taken part, all our generous supporters and donors and to Rachel for organising this fundraiser. Please e-mail her with all your sponsorship and mileage/steps details. **You can send your money** (cash/cheque): in envelopes to The Vicarage (anytime) or Parish Office (open Wed to Fri & Sundays), online via <https://www.justgiving.com/stfrancis-wgc> or by direct transfers to our bank a/c. For bank a/c details, e-mail: admin@stfranciswgc.org.uk

If you suspect you may have COVID-19, please stay at home. If you develop symptoms within 14 days of attending a service here, firstly call NHS 111 and then let the Vicar know by e-mail: vicar@stfranciswgc.org.uk or call: 01707 320960.

News

A week ago public worship resumed in St Francis Church together with on-going availability of the Sunday service on the website (from 12noon each Sunday).

We continue to adhere to all safety and hygiene precautions in line with the latest CoE & Government guidelines. Our worship in church will be adapted to the circumstances e.g.:

This is your own personal copy of order of service and pew sheet - do not share unless within the same family group. Bring it home, keep and bring your service sheet to the next service for your own use etc... Use the one-way system of entry and exit.

Use the hand sanitiser provided and do not touch things you don't need to.

The 2m social distancing rule applies inside church premises at all times.

There will be changes to parts of the service, which will be announced.

We appreciate that things may feel strange but then much of life is like that at the moment. Your safety is our paramount concern but it is wonderful to be able to gather again to worship together.

Welcome

Sunday 19th July 2020

6th Sunday after Trinity

Services Today

8am Said Eucharist

9:15am Parish Communion

Coffee in the Hall – SUSPENDED for now.

Youth & Children's Church An all age YACC session will take place in a hygienic, safe and socially distanced environment. At least 1 adult to accompany the younger children (under 5's) but any child who is already attending school may be left on their own. If you can, please bring your own picnic rug. Name-Labelled seating, craft materials and stationery will be supplied each time.

Music No Hymns

Congregational setting:

Choir: No choir in attendance

Organ: Allegretto (from Sonata No. 4) - Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Sortie - Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

This week we pray for all who live and work in Stanborough Mews and Longcroft Green.

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Collect

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Wisdom of Solomon 12: 13, 16-19

There is not any god besides you, Lord, whose care is for all people, to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly; for your strength is the source of righteousness, and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all.

For you show your strength when people doubt the completeness of your power, and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it. Although you are sovereign in strength, you judge with mildness, and with great forbearance you govern us; for you have power to act whenever you choose. Through such works you have taught your people that the righteous must be kind, and you have filled your children with good hope, because you give repentance for sins.

Romans 8: 12-25

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh - for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' It is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ - if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us.

For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free

from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away.

So when the plants came up and bore grain then the weeds appeared as well.

And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?"

He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?"

But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."

Then Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying,

'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels.

Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age.

The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.

Let anyone with ears listen!

Next Readings: Sunday 26 July 2020

1 Kings 3: 5-12; Romans 8: 26-39; Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52