

Services & Diary Dates

		News
Monday	27 th	1830 Eucharist at The Focolare Centre (SUSPENDED)
Tuesday	28 th	0945 Morning Prayer 1930 Eucharist
Wednesday	29 th	1030 Eucharist NEW 2000 Online Prayer (Zoom)
Thursday	30 th	1830 Eucharist at The Focolare Centre (SUSPENDED)
Friday	31 st	
Saturday	1 st	0930 Intercessions 1000 Eucharist at The Focolare Centre (SUSPENDED) NEW 1830 SF CAMP Out (Zoom)
Sunday	2 nd	0800 Said Eucharist 0915 Said Parish Communion

This weekly Pew Sheet and the Order of Service is available online. Click on the button and download a copy, **together with on-going video availability of the Sunday service on the website (from 12noon).**

The Flower Team plan to have flowers in church for 27th Sep (Harvest Festival) and onwards. The weekly donations as tribute to memories of departed ones in church flowers can start thereafter for anyone wishing to do so.

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

NEW! Wef 29th July we are inviting all at St Francis to join our weekly online prayer: Each Wednesday at 8pm (45 mins) on Zoom for a time of sharing, listening and praying. Everyone is welcome whether they want to pray openly or simply listen in. To join in, e-mail Rachel Wakefield: curate@stfranciswgc.org.uk to receive the Zoom link and safeguarding information. (If anyone is unsure about using Zoom, just let us know and we will help you out.)

All Age Family Virtual events (via Zoom) in your homes or even if you are away!

Sat 1st Aug St Francis Camp Out 6:30pm in your own lounge, garden or on holiday! Join the YACC Team: worship singalong, prayer with our website's fun page of games, baking treats & activities.

Sat 22nd Aug Bingo Night @8pm

Fun games with prizes to be won! (To raise funds for our church since we are unable to host our annual fete and other events)
Each player: £3 via JustGiving online: www.justgiving.com/stfrancis-wgc or tap the contactless card reader located in our church porch.

For both events, please e-mail Nikki to obtain Zoom login, password & download to print own Bingo tickets, etc:
children@stfranciswgc.org.uk

Stride & Ride Reminder:

We would be very grateful if you could bring in your sponsorships asap. How?
Cash/cheque in envelopes to The Vicarage or Parish Office (Wed to Fri & Sundays), **online:** www.justgiving.com/stfrancis-wgc or **direct transfers** to our bank a/c. E-mail: admin@stfranciswgc.org.uk

Welcome

Sunday 26th July 2020

7th 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: Aria - Andrew Carter (b.1939)

Fanfare - Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988)

This week we pray for all who live and work in Longcroft Lane.

Keep and Re-use your own personal copy of Order of Service and weekly Pew Sheet - do not share unless within the same family group. Bring it home, keep and bring your service sheet to the next service.

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Current Opening Hours: 9:30am to 12noon
YACC Office: Monday to Tuesday
Parish Office: Wednesday to Friday

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Collect

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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.

1 Kings 3: 5-12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.'

And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this.

God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.'

Romans 8: 26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.

And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family.

And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?

He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else?

Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad.

So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.'

And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

Next Readings: Sunday 2 August 2020

Isaiah 55: 1-5; Romans 9: 1-5; Matthew 14: 13-21