

## Services & Diary Dates

Monday	14 <sup>th</sup>	0930 Morning Prayer
Tuesday	15 <sup>th</sup>	0930 Morning Prayer <b>1930 Eucharist</b>
Wednesday	16 <sup>th</sup>	0945 Morning Prayer <b>1030 Eucharist</b> <b>2000 Online Prayer (Zoom)</b>
Thursday	17 <sup>th</sup>	0930 Morning Prayer
Friday	18 <sup>th</sup>	1900 Junior and Mens' Choir Practice
Saturday	19 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>0800 Said Eucharist</b> <b>0915 Parish Communion</b>

20<sup>th</sup> Sep @6pm Choral Evensong service is cancelled. We hope to hold a Choral evening service on Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Oct @ 6pm.

The choir are hoping to borrow a mobile clothes rail if anyone has one. This is to go with the one we already have, and is in the hall, so we can hang all our robes as we cannot currently use the Song School. Please speak to Richard Harrison if you have one and are happy to lend it to us.

### Reminders:

**Use hand sanitiser upon arrival**

**Re-use and bring own copy of the Order of Service**

**Maintain Social Distancing 2m inside the church and 1m plus outside**

**Wear face coverings**

**Do not touch anything you do not need to.**

## News

### **The Bishop's Harvest Appeal 2020 -**

**'Create a Buzz in Nepal'** raises funds to promote/facilitate cottage beekeeping in small communities and on a wider scale maintain the biodiversity, environment and enhance crop production in Nepal. Please donate generously - starting today, take away a yellow 'Harvest' labelled gift aid envelope and bring in your cash donation in time for presentation to the altar on Harvest Festival (27<sup>th</sup> Sep).

### **Celebration of Rachel's Ordination and Harvest Festival:**

Rachel Wakefield will be ordained as Deacon at 10am in St Albans Abbey on Sat, 26<sup>th</sup> Sep 2020. This service will be live-streamed from the Abbey's website. Do login to watch.

### **Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> Sep Harvest Festival @10am**

**Family Communion service** (only one service for all ages). The planned celebratory picnic, is now cancelled as we adhere to the latest Govt. guidance.

The Eucharist on Wed, 30<sup>th</sup> Sep @10:30am will be dedicated to David Buck. Please join us.

Sadly we say goodbye to Joan and Vince Gilbert as they prepare to move to Leeds. Their last service in St Francis is Sun, 20<sup>th</sup> Sep. There is a Leaving Collection if you would like to contribute- please pass your donation directly to the Parish Office or to the Vicarage.

## Welcome

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2020

14th Sunday after Trinity

## Services Today

**8am Said Eucharist**  
**9:15am Parish Communion**

Coffee in the Hall - SUSPENDED for now.

*Youth & Children's Church (YACC)* **YACC sessions take place in their usual age groups within the Govt's COVID-19 guidelines.**

**Age 2½ to Reception and Years 1&2, 3 to 5 - Hall**

(Younger children including babies who are accompanied are very welcome)

**Years 6&7 - Song School                      Years 8+ - Parish Room (not Cellar)**

**Music No Hymns to be sung by the congregation**

Congregational setting: Said Gloria

(The Choir will sing the Sanctus and Benedictus)

Choir: I heard the voice                      Thou whose almighty word  
Oldroyd - Missa ave Jesu                      Bruckner - Locus iste

Organ: Prrrelude and Catnap (from Cat Suite) *(see note below)*

Dialogue (from Suite du premier ton) both by Denis Bédard

*Prrrelude is Bedard's deliberate spelling, the other 2 movements are Cats at Play and Toc-cat-a, the score is headed, In memory of my beloved cat Francis (1984-2005).*

This week we pray for all who live and work in Wigmores North & Wigmores South

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**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2020**  
**14th Sunday after Trinity**

**Collect**

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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.

**Genesis 50: 15-21**

Realising that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?'

So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him.

Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.'

But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God?

Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today.

So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

**Romans 14: 1-12**

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables.

Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them.

Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds.

Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves.

If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God.

For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.'

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

**Matthew 18: 21-35**

Peter came and said to Jesus, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?'

Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves.

When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made.

So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything."

And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt.

But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe."

Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you."

But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place.

Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me.

Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?"

And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt.

So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

**Next Readings: Sunday 20 September 2020**

**Jonah 3: 10 - 4: 11; Philippians 1: 21-30; Matthew 20: 1-16**