

Services & Diary Dates

Monday	12 th	0930 Morning Prayer
Tuesday	13 th	0930 Morning Prayer 1930 Eucharist
Wednesday	14 th	0945 Morning Prayer 1030 Eucharist 2000 Online Prayer (Zoom)
Thursday	15 th	0930 Morning Prayer
Friday	16 th	1900 Junior and Mens' Choir Practice
Saturday	17 th	
Sunday	18th	0800 Said Eucharist 0915 Said Parish Communion 1030 Interment of Ashes - Peggy Packer

News

IMPORTANT: Use the QR Code - NHS Test & Trace at the entrance at all times when you enter the church. This is the latest guidance that we should do so since this is now a legal requirement when a church is used for an activity other than worship.

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.

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).**

Sadly, **Judth Chope** passed away peacefully in her daughter Helen's home in Bristol on Tuesday, 6th Oct.

We shall have more information on our upcoming virtual (Zoom) Light Party on Saturday, 31st Oct soon. Meanwhile keep this date free.

Thank you to all members of St Francis who have agreed to serve as PCC members and to the previous team too led by Revd Jenny and Churchwarden Tony for a sterling year in quite difficult conditions.

We still have a vacancy for one more member to the Deanery Synod - can you serve?

Welcome

Sunday 11th October 2020

18th Sunday after Trinity

Services Today

8am Said Eucharist

9:15am Parish Communion Coffee in the Hall - SUSPENDED for now.

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

Church (YACC) 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: Lead us heavenly father Love divine
Jackson in G Purcell - Thou knowest Lord

Organ: Intrada John Ireland (1879-1962)
Fughetta in C Johann Ernst Rembt (1749-1810)

This week we pray for all who live and work in Birdcrot Road and Parkway Health Clinic.

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Sunday 11th October 2020
Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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.

Isaiah 25: 1-9

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Philippians 4: 1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Matthew 22: 1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to the chief priests and Pharisees in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son.

He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come.

Again he sent other slaves, saying, *Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.*

But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them.

The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city.

Then he said to his slaves, *The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.* Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, *Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?* And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, *Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.*

For many are called, but few are chosen.'

Next Readings: Sunday 18th October 2020

Isaiah 45: 1-7; 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10; Matthew 22: 15-22