

## Services & Diary Dates

Monday	5 <sup>th</sup>	0930 Morning Prayer
Tuesday	6 <sup>th</sup>	0930 Morning Prayer <b>1930 Eucharist</b>
Wednesday	7 <sup>th</sup>	0945 Morning Prayer <b>1030 Eucharist</b> <b>2000 Online Prayer (Zoom)</b>
Thursday	8 <sup>th</sup>	0930 Morning Prayer
Friday	9 <sup>th</sup>	1900 Junior and Mens' Choir Practice
Saturday	10 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>0800 Said Eucharist</b> <b>0915 Said Parish Communion</b>

### 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, **Derek Glendinning** from our choir has passed away in hospital on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct.

## 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.

### TODAY @10am APCM

At the back of church, there are copies of the 2019 Annual Audited Accounts and Group Reports for your personal use.

They are all available from our church website for you to download, but if you are unable to do so, please ring Pui San in the Parish Office and she'll print you a copy.

### 27<sup>th</sup> Sep Collection for The Bishop of St Albans' Harvest Appeal:

There is still time, if you can help, please use the labelled yellow 'Harvest' envelopes. If claiming Gift Aid, please complete with full details. Thank you.

'Create a Buzz in Nepal' raises funds to promote/facilitate cottage beekeeping in small communities.

Fantastic update on our Ride & Stride fundraising - a huge sum (incl. giftaid) was raised c£4.5k! A huge THANK YOU to all who have sponsored so generously and to Rachel for organising it.

## Welcome

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Patronal Festival

### 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: Father hear the prayer we offer  
Guide me O thou great redeemer      Leighton in D  
Gibbons - Drop, drop slow tears

Organ: Praeludium      Fanfare      both by Francis Jackson b.1917  
*He was a boy chorister at York Minster, the Organist there 1946-1982, gave his last organ recital in 2012 and was 103 last Friday.*

### 10am Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

This week we pray for all who live and work in Church Road.

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**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2020**  
**Patronal Festival**

**Collect**

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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 5: 1-7**

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard:  
My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.  
He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines;  
he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it;  
he expected it to yield grapes but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah,  
judge between me and my vineyard.  
What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it?  
When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard.  
I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured;  
I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.  
I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed,  
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;  
I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel,  
and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting;  
he expected justice, but saw bloodshed;  
righteousness, but heard a cry!

**Galatians 6: 14-18**

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.  
For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new  
creation is everything!

As for those who will follow this rule peace be upon them, and mercy,  
and upon the Israel of God.

From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of  
Jesus branded on my body.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and  
sisters. Amen.

**Luke 12: 22-34**

He said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life,  
what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear.

For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing.

Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither  
storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value  
are you than the birds!

And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?

If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry  
about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor  
spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one  
of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today  
and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you  
- you of little faith!

And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to  
drink, and do not keep worrying.

For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your  
Father knows that you need them.'

Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as  
well.

'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give  
you the kingdom.

Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that  
do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes  
near and no moth destroys.

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

**Next Readings: Sunday 11 October 2020**

**Isaiah 25: 1-9; Philippians 4: 1-9; Matthew 22.1-14**