

Services & Diary Dates

Monday	16 th	
Tuesday	17 th	2100 Online Compline
Wednesday	18 th	2000 Zoom Prayer For log-in details, e-mail: curate@stfranciswgc.org.uk
Thursday	19 th	
Friday	20 th	
Saturday	21 st	
Sunday	22 nd	0915 Zoom YACC 1000 Online Parish Communion

We are in urgent need of a PCC secretary.

If you feel you may be able to help (you do not need to be a PCC member already), please do talk to Rev'd Jenny.

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 main Sunday service (from 10am) and other services too on the website.**

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.

News

The Church is OPEN for private prayer on Mondays to Fridays from 09:30 to 12:00.

In line with Govt guidance issued on 31st Oct re lockdown, most face-to-face activities are suspended including regular worship services in church - there are exceptions: funeral services are limited to 30 persons in attendance and private prayer.

Please access our church website: www.stfranciswgc.org.uk for the latest updates as we have plenty of services, reflections and prayers online.

During this 2nd lockdown, the extended ministry team and helpers are in telephone contact with as many people as possible. If you know of anyone who is particularly vulnerable and isolated, please let us know, if they would appreciate a friendly call and we will do our best to reach out.

We have alternate exciting (socially distanced) plans lined up from Advent till Christmas; The London Refugee Centre Shopping Voucher/Card Appeal (not shoeboxes please), Journey To Bethlehem photo sharing, Minecraft 'Nativity', Christmas trees and Nativity displays in the grounds and even more online including a daily prayer @7pm.

The different teams are about to finalise these details and updates will be shared soon. Keep accessing our website and FB pages for our latest news.

Welcome

Sunday 15th November 2020

Online 2nd Sunday before Advent

Services Today

9:15am Zoom Youth & Children's Church

10am Online Parish Communion

Public worship services in church is suspended until 2nd Dec 2020. Please check our website's 'Virtual Church' for online services, reflections and much more.

Youth & YACC session is on Zoom

Children's Church (YACC) For log-in details, e-mail: children@stfranciswgc.org.uk

Church (YACC)

Music N/A

Congregational setting: N/A

Choir: pre-recorded

Organ: pre-recorded

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

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Sunday 15th November 2020
Second Sunday before Advent

Collect

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-18

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests.

At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, 'The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm.'

Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you.

For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security,' then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape!

But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness.

So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk, get drunk at night.

But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.

For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Matthew 25: 14-30

Jesus said to his disciples, 'The kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents.

In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them.

Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents."

His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master."

And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents."

His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master."

Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours."

But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest.

So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.

As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Next Readings: Sunday 22 November 2020

Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24; Ephesians 1: 15-23; Matthew 25: 31-46