

Services & Diary Dates

Monday	23 rd	
Tuesday	24 th	2100 Online Compline
Wednesday	25 th	2000 Zoom Prayer For log-in details, e-mail: curate@stfranciswgc.org.uk
Thursday	26 th	
Friday	27 th	
Saturday	28 th	
Sunday	29 th	0915 Zoom YACC 1000 Online Parish Communion 1800 Online Advent Carol Service

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 2nd 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.

Outdoors Christmas Tree Display 2020

Calling all our **SF Church Groups** - Can you display a 5ft tree outdoors with the theme of Comfort & Joy as our Christmas message (ready by 18th Dec) to share with the community? More details via e-mail sent out from: stfranciscf@outlook.com or please contact our Parish Office.

News

The Refugee Council, London -

Supermarket Gift card Appeal 2020

This year, instead of shoeboxes filled with toiletries & treats - please donate a supermarket gift card/voucher (minimum suggestion £25 or more if you wish). Please drop it off into one of our church's many letterboxes before 13th December.

There is no need to sign up on any list. Full details on the poster in our porch.

NEW! Would you like to join us?

1) Travelling Nativity:

Take a photo of your own nativity set at home and share it on our church's social media platforms? Select a day from 1st to 24th Dec for your 'Travelling Nativity' photo and send it in.

2) Outdoors Nativity Scene:

We need lots of figures and animals made of paper & cardboard in order to create our outdoor Nativity scene on the old St Clare Chapel entrance steps from 18th Dec.

For details, please e-mail:

children@stfranciswgc.org.uk

3) Minecraft Nativity:

Help us create the Christmas story in Minecraft. Screen shots will then be shared on our church's social media platforms. More details: contact ministry team.

Welcome

Sunday 22nd November 2020

Online Christ the King

Services Today

9:15am Zoom Youth & Children's Church

10am Online Parish Communion

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

Youth & Children's Church (YACC) **YACC session is on Zoom**

Please e-mail: children@stfranciswgc.org.uk for login details

Music N/A

Congregational setting: N/A

Choir: pre-recorded

Organ: pre-recorded

This week we pray for all who live and work in Handside Close and Meadow Green.

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Sunday 22nd November 2020
Christ the King

Collect

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out.

As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness.

I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land.

I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel.

I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God.

I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep.

Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd.

And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

Ephesians 1: 15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers.

I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which

he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.

God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.

And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Matthew 25: 31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left.

Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.'

Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink?

And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?'

And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.'

Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?'

Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

Next Readings: Sunday 29 November 2020

Isaiah 64: 1-9; 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9; Mark 13: 24-37