

## Services & Diary Dates

Monday	30 <sup>th</sup>	Andrew the Apostle
Tuesday	1 <sup>st</sup>	2100 Online Compline
Wednesday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2000 Zoom Prayer For log-in details, e-mail: <a href="mailto:curate@stfranciswgc.org.uk">curate@stfranciswgc.org.uk</a>
Thursday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	
Friday	4 <sup>th</sup>	1900 Junior & Mens' Choir Practice
Saturday	5 <sup>th</sup>	
Sunday	6 <sup>th</sup>	0800 Said Eucharist 0915 Parish Communion with Baptism

**Good news! Our worship services in church start from Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec onwards and the 8am Said Eucharist is web-streamed at 12noon.**

Please access our church website: [www.stfranciswgc.org.uk](http://www.stfranciswgc.org.uk) for the latest updates as we have plenty of services, reflections and prayers online. **The Church continues to be OPEN for private prayer on Mondays to Fridays from 09:30 to 12:00.**

### 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 18<sup>th</sup> Dec) to share with the community? More details via e-mail sent out from: [stfranciscctf@outlook.com](mailto:stfranciscctf@outlook.com) please contact our Parish Office.

## News

### The Refugee Council, London - Supermarket Gift card Appeal 2020

This year, instead of shoebox gifts - please donate a supermarket gift card (minimum suggestion £25 or more if you wish). Please drop it off into one of our church's many letterboxes before 13<sup>th</sup> December.

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> Dec. **For details, please e-mail: [children@stfranciswgc.org.uk](mailto: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.

### 20<sup>th</sup> Dec Nine Lessons & Carols Services

**5pm & 7pm** Free to attend but you need to book your tickets online from: [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk)

## Welcome

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Online Advent Sunday

### 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) Please e-mail: [children@stfranciswgc.org.uk](mailto:children@stfranciswgc.org.uk) for login details**

**Church**

**(YACC)**

**Music**

N/A

Congregational setting: N/A

Choir: pre-recorded

Organ: pre-recorded

**6pm Online Advent Carol Service**

This week we pray for all who live and work in Marsden Green,

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Current Office Opening Hours: 9:30am to 12noon  
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**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2020**  
**Advent Sunday**

**Collect**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Isaiah 64: 1-9**

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you! As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you!

For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you.

Since ancient times no-one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him.

You come to the help of those who gladly do right, who remember your ways. But when we continued to sin against them, you were angry. How then can we be saved? All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away.

No-one calls on your name or strives to lay hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us and made us waste away because of our sins.

Yet, O Lord, you are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be angry beyond measure, O Lord; do not remember our sins for ever.

Oh, look upon us we pray, for we are all your people.

**1 Corinthians 1: 3-9**

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way -in all your speaking and in all your knowledge - because our testimony about Christ was confirmed in you. Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will keep you

strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful.

**Mark 13: 24-37**

Jesus said: *“In those days, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.*

At that time men will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens.

Now learn this lesson from the fig-tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door. I tell you the truth, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

No-one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with his assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch.

Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back - whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or at dawn. If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to everyone: *Watch!*”

**Next Readings: Sunday 6 December 2020**

**Isaiah 40: 1-11; 2 Peter 3: 8-15a; Mark 1: 1-8**