

Services & Diary Dates

Monday	28 th	
Tuesday	29 th	1930 NO Eucharist today 2100 Online Compline
Wednesday	30 th	1030 Eucharist 2000 Zoom Prayers
Thursday	31 st	
Friday	1 st	New Year Day
Saturday	2 nd	
Sunday Epiphany	3rd	0800 Said Eucharist 0915 Parish Communion

Closed - Christmas to New Year:

The Church, both the Parish (Wed to Fri) and YACC Offices (Mon to Tue) will be closed between Christmas and New Year.

Whilst the church (during this period only), is closed for private prayer, **it will be open for the Wed 30th Dec Eucharist service @10:30am.**

We do not have enough volunteers to clean and sanitise the premises in order to keep it safe for everyone. Both offices and church will re-open as usual from Mon, 4th Jan 2021.

We are still 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.

The Sunday 8am Said Eucharist continues to be video recorded for web-streaming at 12noon.

News

Outdoors Christmas Display 2020

We welcome friends and families to visit our church grounds anytime - share our message of Comfort & Joy from our trees, nativity scenes and lights from 18th to 31st December. Or to any of our services, in church or virtual.

A huge **Thank You** to all Leaders, teams of volunteers and unsung volunteers who serve this Church and community so generously throughout the year. We really appreciate all your time, efforts and talents. We couldn't do it without you.

For anyone who would you like to consider joining our 'church army', in some way, do get in touch with a member of the ministry team or the Parish Office.

The Flower Team thank all who have donated towards the Christmas flowers.

The flowers in church have been donated by:

- 1) Anne Woolmington in memory of her mother, Vera Taylor.
- 2) The Paterson family in memory of Jenny Paterson.

Sadly we announce that Patrick Vaughan has passed away on Friday, 18th Dec.

Welcome

Sunday 27th December 2020

First Sunday of Christmas

Services Today

8am Said Eucharist
9:15am Parish Communion
Youth & Children's Church (YACC)
Music **No Hymns to be sung by the congregation**

Congregational setting: Not applicable

Choir: Choir on holiday until 10th Jan 2021

Organ: Partita on "Es ist ein Ros'" Max Drischner (1891-1971)
Chorale Prelude "Behold, a rose is blooming"
Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)
In dulci jubilo J S Bach (1685-1750)

This week we pray for all who live and work in Stanborough Green and all members of St Francis who live outside the parish.

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First Sunday of Christmas

Collect

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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Isaiah 61: 10 - 62: 3

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Galatians 4: 4-7

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children.

And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!'

So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Luke 2: 15-21

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.'

So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them.

But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.

The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Sunday 3 January 2021 Epiphany Sunday

Isaiah 60: 1-6; Ephesians 3: 1-12; Matthew 2: 1-12