

Services & Diary Dates

Monday	1st	
Tuesday	2nd	2100 Online Compline
Wednesday	3rd	2000 Zoom Prayer Meeting
Thursday	4th	2100 Online Compline
Friday	5th	
Saturday	6th	
Sunday	31st	0800 Online Said Eucharist 0915 Zoom YACC 1030 Zoom Service

News

Come and join us in worship:

Even with impaired eyesight problems or a lack of internet access, you can still phone in on a landline telephone no. to listen in to our **new Sunday Zoom Service at 10:30am (since 10th Jan)**. **If you are new or hesitant, don't worry, just contact us for the Zoom link, it is very encouraging to see numbers grow weekly!**

The weekly pattern of services:

Sun from 8am - Said Eucharist
available on the website

9:15am - Zoom YACC
available via Zoom

10:30am - Zoom Service
available via Zoom

Tue 9pm - Service of Compline
website & Facebook

Wed 8pm - Zoom Prayer Meeting
available on Zoom (e-mail: curate@stfranciswgc.org.uk or call 01707 892616 for login details)

Thur 9pm - Service of Compline
website & Facebook

The Said Eucharist continues to be pre-recorded for video web-streaming from 8am onwards on Sundays.

URGENT NEED FOR 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.

URGENT: Please help us, DO NOT SHARE out any Zoom links yourself, please let us know asap and we'll do it directly. Email:

admin@stfranciswgc.org.uk

curate@stfranciswgc.org.uk

children@stfranciswgc.org.uk

vicar@stfranciswgc.org.uk

This is very important to enable us to safeguard the attendance of all our parishioners online.

And please identify yourselves - FAMILY NAME only during your login, not just a generic name; 'ipad' or 'myphone' or anything else which does not help us to identify you. Thank you.

Welcome

Sunday 31st January 2021 (ONLINE WORSHIP)

Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)

Services Today

8am ONLINE Said Eucharist

9:15am ZOOM Youth & Children's Church

(For login, please contact: children@stfranciswgc.org.uk)

10:30am ZOOM Service

(For login, please contact: curate@stfranciswgc.org.uk)

Music

Hymns: Not applicable

Congregational setting: Not applicable

Choir: See note above

Organ:

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

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Onsite Closed but Working remotely from Home

YACC: Mon to Tue Parish Office: Wed to Fri
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Sunday 31st January 2021
Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)

Collect

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Malachi 3: 1-5

Thus says the Lord God:

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight - indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness.

Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

Hebrews 2: 14-18

Since the children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death.

For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people.

Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Luke 2: 22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.

(as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him.

It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.

Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him.

Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed - and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day.

At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Next Readings: Sunday 7 February 2021

Proverbs 8: 1, 22-31 ; Colossians 1: 15-22; John 1: 1-14