

## Services & Diary Dates

Monday	15 <sup>th</sup>	
Tuesday	16 <sup>th</sup>	2100 Online Compline
<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>2000 Ash Wednesday Service via Zoom</b>
Thursday	18 <sup>th</sup>	2100 Online Compline
Friday	19 <sup>th</sup>	
Saturday	20 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>Sunday</b>	21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>0800 Online Said Eucharist 0915 Zoom YACC 1030 Zoom Service 1700 Lent Study Group via Zoom</b>

## News

### Lent 2021:

#### 17<sup>th</sup> Feb @8pm Ash Wednesday

A reflective service of readings and music on [Zoom](#).

#### 2021 Lent Study Groups on Zoom

This Lent, we will follow the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent book 'Living his Story' by Hannah Steele. Join us whenever you can, on Sundays @5pm or Tuesdays @8pm from 21<sup>st</sup> February to 30<sup>th</sup> March.

**For log-in details, please e-mail:**

[curate@stfranciswgc.org.uk](mailto:curate@stfranciswgc.org.uk)

#### Ride & Stride 2021

#### Get ready to go the extra mile for St Francis Church!

Following on from the amazing success of 2020's R&S (not forgetting the health benefits of exercising whilst raising monies for SF Church!)

Takes place during the Easter school holidays from 27<sup>th</sup> March to 11<sup>th</sup> April where you can bike, scoot, trike, run, walk, ... anytime. Prizes for the most miles/ steps covered. If you can't take part yourself, would you consider a donation or sponsor any of our active SF members. Contact: Rachel Hickey:

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## Welcome

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2021 (ONLINE WORSHIP)

Sunday next before Lent

## Services Today

**8am ONLINE Said Eucharist**

**9:15am ZOOM Youth & Children's Church**

*(For login, please contact: [children@stfranciswgc.org.uk](mailto:children@stfranciswgc.org.uk))*

**10:30am ZOOM Service**

*(For login, please contact: [curate@stfranciswgc.org.uk](mailto:curate@stfranciswgc.org.uk))*

*Music* Hymns: Not applicable

Congregational setting: Not applicable

Choir: See note above

Organ: N/A

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

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**Onsite Closed but Working remotely from Home**

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**Sunday 14th February 2021**  
**Sunday next before Lent**

**Collect**

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**2 Kings 2: 1-12**

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal.

Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel.

The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.'

Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho.

The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.'

Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on.

Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan.

Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.'

He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.'

As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven.

Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

**2 Corinthians 4: 3-6**

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake.

For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

**Mark 9: 2-9**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them.

And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.'

He did not know what to say, for they were terrified.

Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!'

Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

**Next Readings: Sunday 21st February 2021**

**Genesis 9: 8-17; 1 Peter 3: 18-22; Mark 1: 9-15**