

## Services & Diary Dates

Monday	1 <sup>st</sup>	
Tuesday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>2000 Zoom Lent Study Group</b> <b>2100 Online Compline</b>
Wednesday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>2000 Zoom WH Deanery Synod Meeting</b> <b>2000 Zoom Prayer Meeting</b>
Thursday	4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>2100 Online Compline</b>
Friday	5 <sup>th</sup>	
Saturday	6 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>0800 Online Said Eucharist</b> <b>0915 Zoom YACC</b> <b>1030 Zoom Service</b> <b>1700 Zoom Lent Study Group</b>

## News

**IMPORTANT: APCM is now Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, after the 10am Pentecost - Family Communion Service** (Note:

The usual annual Revision of the Electoral Roll will take place when church resumes public worship services on site. We await further guidance from the CoE on various matters.

### **2021 Lent Study Groups on Zoom**

We are following the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent book 'Living his Story' by Hannah Steele. Join us: Sundays @5pm or Tuesdays @8pm from now until 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**

Takes place during the Easter school holidays from 27<sup>th</sup> March to 11<sup>th</sup> April where you can bike, scooter, 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: [rachelhickey.stfranciswgc@outlook.com](mailto:rachelhickey.stfranciswgc@outlook.com)

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

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IMPORTANT: In order to enable us to safeguard the attendance of all our parishioners online, please identify yourselves - FAMILY NAME only during your login, as this will help us to identify you for admittance. Thank you.

**UGENT 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.

## Welcome

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021 (ONLINE WORSHIP)

Second Sunday of 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: [admin@stfranciswgc.org.uk](mailto:admin@stfranciswgc.org.uk))

## Music

Hymns: Not applicable

Congregational setting: Not applicable

Choir: See note above

Organ: N/A

**5pm ZOOM Lent Study Group**

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

This week we pray for all who live and work in Farm Close and Lanefield Walk.

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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 28th February 2021**  
**Second Sunday of Lent**

**Collect**

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Genesis 17: 1-7,15-16**

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.' God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

**Romans 4: 13-25**

The promise that Abraham would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the

father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations') Abraham believed in the presence of the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations,' according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.'

He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb.

No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him,' were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in God who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

**Mark 8: 31-38**

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan!

For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.

For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?

Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?

Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

**Next Readings: Sunday 7th March 2021**

**Exodus 20: 1-17; 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25; John 2: 13-22**