

Services & Diary Dates

Monday	12 th	
Tuesday	13 th	1930 Said Eucharist 2100 Online Compline
Wednesday	14 th	1030 Said Eucharist 2000 Zoom Prayer Meeting
Thursday	15 th	2100 Online Compline
Friday	16 th	1900 Junior Choir Practice
Saturday	17 th	
Sunday	18 th	0800 Said Eucharist 0915 Parish Communion

News

Both Rev'd Jenny & Rev'd Rachel are on annual leave until tomorrow. We thank Rev'd Susan Marsh for providing cover for all the services.

Ride & Stride 2021 (until 11th April)

Co-ordinator: Rachel Hickey Contact: rachelhickey.stfranciswgc@outlook.com

Please pass on your sponsorship monies and forms directly to Rachel. For those who wish to make a donation, please do so in your usual way: hand it to the ministry team or the Parish Office or use the contactless cardreader in the porch.

From 19th Apr, baby, children and ToddleTime groups will re-start. Please go to our church FB page [@stfranciswgc](https://www.facebook.com/stfranciswgc) for more details on how to pre-book the sessions. Or contact: children@stfranciswgc.org.uk

Sunday 23rd May, APCM after the 10am Pentecost-Family Communion

The Electoral Roll will be revised from 18th Apr to 8th May. If you are not on the Roll (refer to lists on display) and wish to be added, please complete an Electoral Roll application form and insert it in the box provided (back of church). Queries to Richard Blanch on 322166, richardblanch@aol.com

Book of Condolences - The death of HRH, The Duke of Edinburgh

The Book and/or loose leaf pages are available for you to record a message of condolence in the church porch (open daily from 9am to 7pm).

Please use the hand gel provided to keep yourself and everyone safe at all times!

Did you visit our Memorial Pathway & Frankie's Garden areas where the YACC, extended Ministry team, and our young families, share with you the Easter message? There are: Garden displays, Easter Prayer tree, Stations of the Cross with prayers, Easter banner and Easter Egg Trail. We thank them for all their creative hard work.

The flowers in church today have been given to celebrate Jan and Colin Nafzger's Golden Wedding anniversary, who were married in St Francis Church on 10th April 1971.

Welcome

Sunday 11th April 2021

2nd Sunday of Easter

Services Today

REMINDER: Social distancing rules apply, use hand sanitiser gel upon entry & exit and keep your masks on!

8am Said Eucharist

9:15am Parish Communion

Coffee in the Hall - Suspended for now.

Youth & Children's Church No YACC sessions today (school holidays) - group sessions resume on next Sunday, 18th April.

Music No hymns to be sung by the congregation for now.

Choir: N/A

Organ: Voluntary in B flat

A Voluntary for Easter

Maurice Greene (1695-1755)

Douglas Guest (1916-1996)

This week we pray for all who live and work in Lytton Garden and The Cloisters.

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Sunday 11 April 2021
Second Sunday of Easter

Collect

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of 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.

Acts 4: 32-35

The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common.

With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold.

They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

1 John 1:1-2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life - this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.

We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all.

If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

John 20: 19-31

When it was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'

When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.

If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.'

Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Next Readings: Sunday 18 April 2021

Acts 3: 12-19; 1 John 3: 1-7; Luke 24: 36b-48