

Services & Diary Dates

Monday	19 th	
Tuesday	20 th	1000 Baby Group 1930 Said Eucharist 2100 Online Compline
Wednesday	21 st	1000 Toddlertime 1030 Said Eucharist 2000 Zoom Prayer Meeting
Thursday	22 nd	2100 Online Compline
Friday St George	23 rd	1900 Juniors & Men Choir Practice
Saturday	24 th	
Sunday	25th	0800 Said Eucharist 0915 Parish Communion

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 until 7pm tonight).

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

News

Baby Group, Early Years Educators Grp and ToddleTime sessions have re-started. Please go to our church FB page [@stfranciswgc](#) for more details on how to pre-book the sessions in advance. Or contact Nikki Clare via: children@stfranciswgc.org.uk

Sunday 23rd May, APCM after the 10am Pentecost-Family Communion
The Electoral Roll is now being revised until 8th May. **All worshippers are encouraged to be on the Roll.** If you are not on the Roll (refer to lists on display at back of church) 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

Ride & Stride 2021

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.**

Welcome

Sunday 18th April 2021

3rd 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 **YACC sessions take place in their usual age groups within the Govt's COVID-19 guidelines.**

Age 2½ to Reception and Years 1&2, 3 to 5 - Hall
(Younger children including babies who are accompanied are very welcome)

Years 6 upwards in the Song School

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

Choir: Christ is the King! / Ye Choirs of new Jerusalem
Leighton in D
Rutter - God be in my head

Organ: Integritas Andrew Fletcher (b1950)
Chorale Prelude: Gelobt sei Gott Healey Willan

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

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Sunday 18 April 2021
Third Sunday of Easter

Collect

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Acts 3: 12-19

Peter addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?

The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses.

And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers.

In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.'

1 John 3: 1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.

You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin.

No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him.

Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Luke 24: 36b-48

While the eleven and their companions were talking about what they had heard, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'

They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost.

He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?

Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.

While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?'

They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you - that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.'

Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

You are witnesses of these things.'

Next Readings: Sunday 25 April 2021

Acts 4: 5-12; 1 John 3: 16-24; John 10: 11-18