

## Services & Diary Dates

Monday	26 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Mark the Evangelist</i>
Tuesday	27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>1000 Baby Group</b> <b>1930 Said Eucharist</b> <b>2100 Online Compline</b>
Wednesday	28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>1000 Toddletime</b> <b>1030 Said Eucharist</b> <b>2000 Zoom Prayer Meeting</b>
Thursday	29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>2000 PCC Meeting</b> <b>2100 Online Compline</b>
Friday St George	30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>1900 Juniors &amp; Men Choir Practice</b>
Saturday	1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Philip and James, Apostles</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>0800 Said Eucharist</b> <b>0915 Parish Communion</b>

## 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](mailto:children@stfranciswgc.org.uk)

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, APCM after the 10am Pentecost-Family Communion**  
The Electoral Roll is now being revised until 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:richardblanch@aol.com)

## Ride & Stride 2021

**Co-ordinator: Rachel Hickey** Contact: [rachelhickey.stfranciswgc@outlook.com](mailto: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 card-reader in the porch.**

## Welcome

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021

## 4th Sunday of Easter

### Services Today

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

<b>8am</b>	<b>Said Eucharist</b>	
<b>9:15am</b>	<b>Parish Communion</b>	Coffee in the Hall - Suspended for now.
<i>Youth &amp; Children's Church</i>	<b><i>YACC sessions take place in their usual age groups within the Govt's COVID-19 guidelines.</i></b> <b>Age 2½ to Reception and Years 1&amp;2, 3 to 5 - Hall</b> (Younger children including babies who are accompanied are very welcome) <b>Years 6 upwards in the Parish Room</b>	
<i>Music</i>	<b>No hymns to be sung by the congregation for now.</b> Choir: How sweet the name of Jesus sounds / Faithful Shepherd feed me Wood in the Phrygian Mode Lawrence - Now the greenblade riseth Organ: Dolcezza Percy Whitlock (1903-46) Postlude on "Ellacombe" Robert J Powell (b.1932)	

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

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### OPENING HOURS:

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**Sunday 25 April 2021**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**Collect**

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Acts 4: 5-12**

The Jewish rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family.

When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?'

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead.

This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone." There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

**1 John 3: 16-24**

We know love by this, that the Son of God laid down his life for us - and we ought to lay down our lives for one another.

How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases God.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

**John 10: 11-18**

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away - and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.

The hired hand runs away - because a hired hand does not care for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep.

I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.

No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

**Next Readings: Sunday 2 May 2021**

**Acts 8: 26-40; 1 John 4: 7-21; John 15: 1-8**