

Services & Diary Dates

Monday	3 rd	<i>Bank Holiday</i>
Tuesday	4 th	1000 Baby Group 1930 Said Eucharist 2100 Online Compline
Wednesday	5 th	1000 Toddletime 1030 Said Eucharist 2000 Zoom Prayer Meeting
Thursday POLLING DAY	6 th	HALL used as Polling Station 2100 Online Compline
Friday	7 th	1900 Juniors & Men Choir Practice
Saturday	8 th	
Sunday	9th	0800 Said Eucharist 0915 Parish Communion

Reminder: 6th May - The Hall will be used as a Polling Station all day.

There are a **few vacancies on the PCC**. If you would like to consider standing please do speak to a member of the ministry team about it. Nomination forms are available at the back of church. These nomination papers need to be received before the APCM on 23rd May 2021.

Sun 27th Jun: Celebration of Rachel's Ordination to the priesthood .

The usual 9:15am Parish Communion service on that Sunday will be moved to 4pm. This will hopefully be followed with celebratory drinks in the Hall and outside (more details to follow). Please put this date in your diary and come to support Rachel and her family on this important day.

News

It is with great sadness that we inform you: Rob Hill passed away peacefully last Thursday, 27th Apr 2021. Our thoughts and prayers are with Carole and their families.

Thur, 13th May @8pm Ascension Day Eucharist (with choir).

Baby Group, Early Years Educators Grp and ToddleTime: Please go to our church FB page [@stfranciswgc](https://www.facebook.com/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 revision period for the Electoral Roll ends on Sat 8th May, so if you are not already listed (refer to lists on display at back of church), this is your last chance to complete an application form. **All worshippers are encouraged to be on the Roll.** Queries to Richard Blanch on 322166 or richardblanch@aol.com

Ride & Stride 2021

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

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 2nd May 2021

5th 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 Parish Room

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

Choir: How sweet the name of Jesus sounds / Faithful Shepherd feed me
Oldroyd - Mass of the Quiet Hour
Bach - Up! Up my heart with gladness
Organ: Rhosymedre Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)
Festival Voluntary Flor Peeters (1903-86)

This week we pray for all who live and work in The Quadrangle and Handside Green.

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Sunday 2 May 2021
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Collect

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Acts 8: 26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah.

Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?'

He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth.'

In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.'

The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?'

Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus.

As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?'

He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.

When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.

But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

1 John 4: 7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him.

In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God.

So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world.

There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love.

We love because he first loved us.

Those who say, 'I love God,' and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

John 15: 1-8

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower.'

He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me.

I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.

If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.'

Next Readings: Sunday 9 May 2021

Acts 10: 44-48; 1 John 5: 1-6; John 15: 9-17