

Services & Diary Dates

Monday	5 th	Easter Bank Holiday
Tuesday	6 th	1930 Said Eucharist 2100 Online Compline
Wednesday	7 th	1030 Said Eucharist 2000 NO Zoom Prayer Meeting this week
Thursday	8 th	2100 Online Compline
Friday	9 th	
Saturday	10 th	
Sunday	11th	0800 Said Eucharist 0915 Parish Communion

News

Both Rev'd Jenny & Rev'd Rachel are on annual leave from Easter Monday to 11th April. We thank Rev'd Susan Marsh for providing cover for all the services during this period.

Ride & Stride 2021 (until 11th April)
Sponsorship form and prize details available from our website. Contact: rachelhickey.stfranciswgc@outlook.com

From the week of **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 you are interested in. Or contact Nikki Clare: 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

Do 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.

You are very welcome to join in the **Easter Walk 2021 organised by Churches in WGC** - a trail of 10 Stations of the Cross with reflection videos (scan the QR code at each location) in WGC town centre and a further 5 resurrection stations around the wider town area which focus on the resurrection of Jesus. More details on: www.churchesinwgc.org.uk
#wgcwalkwithjesus

The flowers at the back of church have been donated by Mary Jackson and family in loving memory of Michael Jackson. The Flower Team also thanks all who have contributed towards the Easter flowers.

Welcome

Sunday 4th April 2021

EASTER SUNDAY

Services Today

10am All Age Eucharist with Easter Fire

At the end, during the Organ Voluntary, follow the clergy and choir into Frankie's Garden & lawn and carpark.

We assemble here for the choir led hymn 'Thine be the glory'.

(REMINDER: Social distancing rules apply and please keep your masks on!)

Youth & Children's Church (YACC) sessions today but we have Easter themed activity packs available - please ask.

No YACC sessions next week of 11th April (school holidays) - group sessions resume on 18th April.

Music Choir: See note above

Organ: Jubilation in C - Wayne L. Wold (Born: 1954)

This week we pray for all who live and work in Homerfield and Guessens Walk.

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Sunday 4 April 2021
Easter Day

Collect

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.

Acts 10: 34-43

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius. 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.

You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all.

That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead.

All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

John 20: 1 - 18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb.

So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.'

Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.

He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.'

Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' which means Teacher.

Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."'

Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Next Readings: Sunday 11 April 2021

Acts 4: 32-35; 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20: 19-31