

Services & Diary Dates

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| Monday | 10 th | |
| Tuesday | 11 th | 1000 Baby Group 1930 Said Eucharist 2100 Online Compline |
| Wednesday | 12 th | 1000 ToddleTime 1030 Said Eucharist 2000 Zoom Prayer Meeting |
| Thursday Ascension Day | 13 th | 2000 Ascension Day – Sung Eucharist 2100 Online Compline |
| Friday Matthias | 14 th | 1900 Juniors & Men Choir Practice |
| Saturday | 15 th | |
| Sunday | 16th | 0800 Said Eucharist 0915 Parish Communion |

The flowers today in church today have been given to celebrate Julie and John Owen's joyous Golden Wedding Anniversary, who were married in St. Bartholomew the Great, London on 8th May 1971. We thank Julie and John for sharing celebratory cupcakes with us.

Thy Kingdom Come: 12th to 23rd May

A global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. Resources will be online this year, due to restrictions relating to COVID. For a range of printed and digital resources to help with prayer, visit

ThyKingdomCome.global

News

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

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

The Electoral Roll is now closed and will re-open after the APCM. **The Annual Financial Statements and APCM**

Essential Group Reports are available on the church website. There will be some printed copies for those unable to go online (personal copies, no sharing please).

Sick List: We have just conducted a review of our Sunday Intercessions sick list, which we do periodically. Some names have been moved to the ministry team daily prayer list. If you would like an update on anyone or have a query please talk to Rev'd Jenny.

Baby Group & ToddleTime: Please go to our church FB page **@stfranciswgc** for more details on how to pre-book the sessions in advance. Or contact Nikki via: children@stfranciswgc.org.uk

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 9th May 2021

6th 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: There is a redeemer / Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost
Sumsion in F
Hutchings - Walking in a garden

Organ: Three Preludes on Hymn Tunes: Martyrdom / Capetown / Picardy
Hornpipe (Water Music) G F Handel (1685-1759)

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

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Sunday 9 May 2021
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Collect

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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 10: 44-48

While Peter was speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word.

The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?'

So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

1 John 5: 1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child.

By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments.

For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith.

Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

John 15: 9-17

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love.

If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.

I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.

You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name.

I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.'

Next Readings: Sunday 16 May 2021

Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26; 1 John 5: 9-13; John 17: 6-19



Sun 27th June: 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 come to support Rachel and her family on this important day.