

Services & Diary Dates

Monday	14 th	1000 Early Years Educators Group
Tuesday	15 th	1000 Baby Group 1930 Said Eucharist 2100 Online Compline
Wednesday	16 th	1000 ToddlerTime 1030 Said Eucharist 1100 Coffee for All 2000 Zoom Prayer Meeting
Thursday	17 th	2100 Online Compline Birth of John the Baptist
Friday	18 th	1900 Juniors Choir Practice
Saturday	19 th	
Sunday	20th	0800 Said Eucharist 0915 Parish Communion

£ Raised from online shopping:

We have just received an e-mail from **easyfundraising** informing that they have given £61.56 to St Francis Church - easy, free, and effortless donations since you are already shopping online anyway. Thank you.

From **Smile.amazon.co.uk**, a more modest £27.02 has been given (@ Feb 2021).

Please continue to use these web-sites when shopping online and if you are new to this and like more info, just ask the Parish Office.

News

Each Wednesday @11am Coffee for All welcomes everyone. Do drop in for a cuppa and a friendly chat.



Please remember to bring your Order of Service for Ordinary Time booklet which will be in use until All Saintstide (1st November).

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 (at which Rachel will preside for the 1st time).

This will hopefully be followed with celebratory drinks outside (more details to follow). Please come to support Rachel and her family on this important day.

REMINDER

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

Welcome

Sunday 13th June 2021

Second Sunday after Trinity

Services Today

This week we are delighted that The Bishop of Hertford, the Rt Revd Dr Michael Beasley will lead our services & preach.

8am Said Eucharist

9:15am Parish Communion Coffee in the Hall - Suspended for now.

Youth & Children's YACC sessions take place in their usual age groups within the Govt's COVID-19 guidelines.

Church Age 2½ to Reception and Years 1&2, 3 & 4 - Hall
(Younger children including babies who are accompanied are very welcome)

Music Years 6 upwards will stay in church today to listen to the Bishop
No hymns to be sung by the congregation for now.

Choir: In Christ alone / We have a gospel to proclaim
Caesar - Missa Brevis Cappella Regalis
Vaughan Williams - The Call

Organ: Wine of Peace Charles Camilleri
Lobe den Herren (Praise to the Lord) J G Walther

This week we pray for all who live and work in Handside Lane.

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Collect

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Ezekiel 17: 22-24

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain.

On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind.

All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it.

2 Corinthians 5: 6-10, 14-17

Brothers and sisters, we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord - for we walk by faith, not by sight.

Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.

For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

The love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way.

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Mark 4: 26-34

Such a large crowd gathered around Jesus that he got into a boat and began to teach them using many parables.

Jesus said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

Jesus also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it?

It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Next Readings: Sunday 20 June 2021

Job 38: 1-11; 2 Corinthians 6: 1-13; Mark 4: 35-41