

## Services & Diary Dates

Monday	19 <sup>th</sup>	
Tuesday	20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>1930 Said Eucharist</b> <b>2100 Online Compline</b>
Wednesday	21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>1030 Said Eucharist</b> 1100 Coffee for All <b>2000 Zoom Prayer Meeting</b>
Thursday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>2100 Online Compline</b>
Friday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	1900 Juniors Choir Practice
Saturday	24 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>0800 Said Eucharist</b> <b>0915 Parish Communion</b>

Please refer to the flyer enclosed on post 19<sup>th</sup> July COVID-19 safe practices in church.

### REMINDER

**TODAY social distancing rules still apply! Use hand sanitiser gel upon entry & exit and keep your masks on whilst on the premises!**

**Today from 6pm to 7pm:**

**All are welcome to attend our Choir's Open Rehearsal (informal mini concert) in church.**

## News

### Choir Week in St Albans Cathedral (26<sup>th</sup> July to 1<sup>st</sup> August)

We warmly encourage anyone who is free to attend the following services in St Albans Cathedral in support of our Choir, who will be singing during Evensong:

Monday to Friday @5pm

**(Excluding Thursday - choir day off)**

Sat, 31<sup>st</sup> Jul @4pm

Sun, 1<sup>st</sup> Aug @ 11.15am (Eucharist) and 6pm

### Thursday Lunches:

We are aiming to start Thursday Lunches asap **BUT**

**WE URGENTLY NEED**

**HELPERS to join our soup making or serving teams** (ideally a once in 6 weeks rota). Please contact Craig Lowes who would be delighted to hear from you:

[craiglowesstfrancis@gmail.com](mailto:craiglowesstfrancis@gmail.com)

**Each Wednesday @11am**

**Coffee for All welcomes everyone.**

Do drop in for a cuppa and a friendly chat in the Prayer Garden.



## Welcome

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2021

### Seventh Sunday after Trinity

#### Services Today

**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 & 4 - Hall**

(Younger children including babies who are accompanied are very welcome)

**Years 5 upwards in the Parish Room**

#### Music

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

Choir: Praise to the holiest / Thy kingdom come O God  
Oldroyd - Mass of the Quiet Hour  
Ford - Almighty God who hast me brought

Organ: Prelude in F Charles V Stanford (1852-1924)  
Voluntary in D James Hook (1746-1827)

**6pm Choir Open Rehearsal** (informal mini concert)

This week we pray for all who live and work in Stanborough Mews and Longcroft Green.

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#### OPENING HOURS:

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**Sunday 18 July 2021**  
**Seventh Sunday after Trinity**

**Collect**

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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

**Jeremiah 23: 1-6**

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord.

Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord.

Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply.

I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

**Ephesians 2: 11-22**

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called 'the uncircumcision' by those who are called 'the circumcision' - a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands - remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it.

So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father.

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.

In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

**Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56**

The apostles returned from their mission.

They gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught.

He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves.

Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them.

As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat.

When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was.

And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed

**Next Readings: Sunday 25 July 2021**

**2 Kings 4: 42-44; Ephesians 3: 14-21; John 6: 1-21**