

## Services & Diary Dates

Monday	26 <sup>th</sup>	
Tuesday	27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>1930 Said Eucharist</b> <b>2100 Online Compline</b>
Wednesday	28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>1030 Said Eucharist</b> 1100 Coffee for All <b>2000 Zoom Prayer Meeting</b>
Thursday	29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>2100 Online Compline</b>
Friday	30 <sup>th</sup>	
Saturday	31 <sup>st</sup>	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>0800 Said Eucharist</b> <b>0915 Parish Communion</b> <b>1030 Interment of Ashes -</b> <b>A Uttridge</b>

The flowers in church today have been lovingly donated by Pam Osborn, remembering family anniversaries at this time.

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

### REMINDER

**Social distancing rules still in place!**  
**Use hand sanitiser gel upon entry & exit and keep your masks on whilst on the premises!**

## 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:

Thursday Lunches is set to re-open on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sep **BUT WE APPEAL**

**FOR A FEW MORE**

**HELPERS to join our soup making or serving teams** (so we can maintain 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 25<sup>th</sup> July 2021

### Eighth 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

**Hymns to be sung by the congregation with masks on!**

**469 188 308 423**

Choir: O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace / Just as I am  
Sumsion in F  
Parry - My soul, there is a country

Organ: Variations on 'Kingsfold' Stephen Burtonwood (b.1951)  
March in D David N Johnson (1922-1987)

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

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#### OPENING HOURS:

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**Sunday 25 July 2021**  
**Eighth Sunday after Trinity**

**Collect**

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**2 Kings 4: 42-44**

A man came bringing food from the first fruits to Elisha, the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, 'Give it to the people and let them eat.' But his servant said, 'How can I set this before a hundred people?' So he repeated, 'Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, *They shall eat and have some left.*' He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

**Ephesians 3: 14-21**

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name.

I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love.

I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

**John 6: 1-21**

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias.

A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples.

Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near.

When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?'

He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do.

Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.'

One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Jesus, 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all.

Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted.

When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.'

So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets.

When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.'

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them.

The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

**Next Readings: Sunday 1 August 2021**

**Exodus 16: 2-4,9-15; Ephesians 4: 1-16; John 6: 24-35**