

Services & Diary Dates

Monday	13 th	2100 Online Compline
Tuesday Holy Cross Day	14 th	1930 Said Eucharist (Cancelled due to clergy conference attendance)
Wednesday	15 th	1030 Said Eucharist 1100 Coffee for All 2000 Zoom Prayer Meeting
Thursday	16 th	1200 Thursday Lunches 2100 Online Compline
Friday	17 th	1900 Choir Practice
Saturday	18 th	
Sunday	19th	0800 Said Eucharist 0915 Parish Communion

News

Thursday Lunches:
Welcomes anyone who drops by for some homemade soup and a friendly cuppa.
We like to thank a couple of new joiners to the team but WE APPEAL FOR JUST 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



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

REMINDER:

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

Care 4 Calais is collecting usable warm clothing and toiletries (**especially for boys and men**) for Afghan refugees. Please refer to the flyer for details, note they are appealing for very specific items, given their refugee camp situation in Calais.

Please place them in the collection crate in the porch over the next few weeks and we aim to deliver the entire collection by 26th Sep.
 Thank you.

Welcome

Sunday 12th September 2021

15th Sunday after Trinity

Services Today

8am **Said Eucharist**
9:15am **Parish Communion** **PARISH COFFEE has started**
YACC sessions take place in their usual age groups within the Govt's COVID-19 guidelines.
Youth & Children's Church **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!**

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Choir: Oldroyd Missa Ave Jesu
 Tallis - If ye love me

Organ: Canticle Gordon Lawson (b.1931)
 Postlude in D Healey Willan (1880-1968)

This week we pray for all who live and work in Wigmores North and Wigmores South.

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Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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.

Isaiah 50: 4-9a

The servant of the Lord said:

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens - wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards.

I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

James 3: 1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle.

If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs.

So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be

tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue - a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God.

From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so.

Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water?

Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Mark 8: 27-38

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.'

Jesus asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?

Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?

Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

Next Readings: Jeremiah 11: 18 - 20; James 3: 13 - 4: 3, 7-8a; Mark 9: 30-37