

Services & Diary Dates

Monday	6 th	
Tuesday	7 th	1930 Said Eucharist 2100 Online Compline
Wednesday	8 th	1030 Said Eucharist 1100 Coffee for All 2000 Zoom Prayer Meeting
Thursday	9 th	1200 Thursday Lunches 2100 Online Compline
Friday	10 th	1900 Choir Practice
Saturday	11 th	
Sunday	12 th	0800 Said Eucharist 0915 Parish Communion

REMINDER

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

Sun, 5th Sep: WGC Rotary Club Charity Open Gardens from six very different gardens! Entry: £2.50 per garden or £6 to all six gardens!
Accompanied children: free. Cash only. Parking available on AL8 7JP. Refreshments, raffle and stalls offered at 6 Sherrardspark Road. Funds raised in aid of Herts Young Homelessness & Rotary charities.

News

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. Place them in the collection crates over the next few weeks and we aim to deliver the entire collection by 26th Sep. Thank you.

Thursday Lunches:

Welcomes anyone who drops by for some homemade soup and a friendly cuppa. **WE APPEAL FOR A FEW MORE HELPERS to join our soup making or serving teams** (so we can maintain a 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.

Welcome

Sunday 5th September 2021

14th Sunday after Trinity

Services Today

8am Said Eucharist
9:15am Parish Communion **PARISH COFFEE - Restarts today!**

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!

555 504 411 469

Choir: Darke Collegium Regale
Walford Davies - God be in my head

Organ: Trois Voluntaries II Denis Bédard (b.1950)
Sonata in D (1st movement) C P E Bach (1714-88)

Congratulations to Emily Boulton and Maya Edwards, who are our new Head Choristers. Senior Head Chorister: Sarah Cox.

Team Leaders: Andrew Fennell, Libby Porter, Penelope Dunn and Lucy Noakes. Deputy Team Leader: Elizabeth Brimley.

This week we pray for all who live and work in High Grove and The Valley Green.

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Collect

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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 35: 4-7a

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

James 2: 1-10, 14-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please,' while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there,' or, 'Sit at my feet,' have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?

Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him?

But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you?

If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,' and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Mark 7: 24-37

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet.

Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go - the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him.

He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue.

Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it.

They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

Next Readings: Isaiah 50: 4-9a; James 3: 1-12; Mark 8: 27-38