

## Services & Diary Dates

Monday	4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>2100 Online Compline</b>
Tuesday	5 <sup>th</sup>	1000 Baby Group 1930 Said Eucharist
Wednesday	6 <sup>th</sup>	1000 Toddletime Playgroup <b>1030 Said Eucharist</b> 1100 Coffee for All <b>2000 Zoom Prayer Meeting</b>
Thursday	7 <sup>th</sup>	1200 Thursday Lunches <b>2100 Online Compline</b>
Friday	8 <sup>th</sup>	1900 Choir Practice
Saturday	9 <sup>th</sup>	
Sunday	10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>0800 Said Eucharist</b> <b>0915 Parish Communion</b>

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

**URGENT: We need a couple of helpers and an Assistant Organiser**

to **join the team.** Please contact Sally Ewers who would be delighted to hear from you. Tel no: 01707 330723



**We still need a few more helpers with our Thursday Lunches team...**

**\*\*\* Women's Group** re-starting on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November, early evening. Hoping to offer as both virtual and in person meeting.

## News

**Last Sunday's Harvest Collection is monetary** (Cash/Cheques or BACS) only and split between:

- 1) Afghan refugees Appeal and
- 2) 'Water is Life' The Bishop of St Albans' Harvest Appeal 2021' - bringing clean, safe water to communities in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

**If you haven't but would like to give, please use a yellow gift aid envelope and mark it as 'HARVEST'.**

**Care 4 Calais Collection: CLOSED** No more clothing donations, please, thank you. With Anthony's help, we have arranged delivery on Monday.

THANK YOU message from The Foodbank at Zion Church for the generous donations of groceries from Rowan Tree Nursery and the congregation. They were delivered last Monday, thanks to Anthony.

### REMINDER:

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

## Welcome

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021

### Patronal Sunday

#### Services Today

**8am Said Eucharist**

**9:15am Parish Communion with the Baptism of:**

**Samuel John BERRY and Hazel-Grace Sarah ANSELL**

Followed by Parish Coffee in the Hall - all welcome.

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

*Church*

*(YACC)*

**Age 2½ to Reception and Years 1&2, 3 & 4 - Hall**

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

**Years 5 –7 Song school; Year 8 upwards in the Cellar**

*Music*

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

**250 (verses 1, 2, 3 & 7 only) 519 713 731**

Choir: Sumsion in F

Harris - The Holy Eucharist

Today we welcome our guest organist, Eric Pavyer:

Organ: Lied - Louis Vierne

Choral Song - Samuel S Wesley

This week we pray for all who live and work in Church Road.

St Francis of Assisi, CoE

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**OPENING HOURS (0930 - 1200):**

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**Sunday 3 October 2021**  
**Patronal Sunday**

**Collect**

O God, you ever delight to reveal yourself to the child-like and lowly of heart: grant that, following the example of the blessed Francis, we may count the wisdom of this world as foolishness and know only Jesus Christ and him crucified, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Micah 6: 6-8**

'With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?'

He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

**Galatians 6: 14-18**

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything!

As for those who will follow this rule peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

**Luke 12: 22-34**

He said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear.

For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing.

Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds!

And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?

If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you - you of little faith!

And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying.

For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.'

Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

**Next Readings: Amos 5: 6-7, 10-15; Hebrews 4: 12-16;  
Mark 10: 17-31**