

Services & Diary Dates

Monday	29 th	2100 Online Compline
Tuesday	30 th	1000 Baby Group 1930 Said Eucharist
Wednesday	31 st	1000 Toddletime Playgroup 1030 Said Eucharist 1100 Coffee for All 2000 Zoom Prayer Meeting
Thursday	1 st	1200 Thursday Lunches 2100 Online Compline
Friday	2 nd	1900 Choir Practice
Saturday	3 rd	
Sunday	4th	0800 Said Eucharist 0915 Parish Communion 1200 Christmas Tree Festival

St Francis Shoebox Appeal 2021

in aid of The Refugee Council (guided by the Red Cross). **They need shoeboxes filled with toiletries, long life food & drink and small winter accessories for 30 women, 20 men and some families with young children.**

Please help yourselves to the empty shoeboxes at the back of church, if you need any.

Jenny Gaydon wrote thanking everyone for their kindness and gifts. She is settled in the Welsh county of Powys. If you like her address, please ask from the Parish Office during office open hours.

News

TODAY@6pm Advent Carol Service is a reflective service of hymns, readings and music.

CTF 2021 - 4th & 5th Dec

Now, we could really do with your help with publicising this event.

Please invite your friends, families, neighbours and colleagues to our Christmas Tree Festival next week-end. Trees, stalls, food & drink — plenty to enjoy for all ages.

We still need **VOLUNTEERS** for the **ROTAS** displayed on the board.

Donations of **RAFFLE, TOMBOLA** and **BOOKS** (good condition please) can be left in the collection crates at the back of church, latest by **Wed 1st Dec.**

HOMEMADE CAKES & BAKES (any sort) We appeal to our many talented bakers in the congregation - **please bring your bakes in by Fri, 3rd Dec or latest by Sat 4th Dec morning** (Name label your tins please).

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 28th November 2021

Advent Sunday

Services Today

8am SAID EUCHARIST

9:15am PARISH COMMUNION

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!

563 (omit v.5) 748 466 398

Choir: Darke Collegium Regale
Buck - Into this world of sorrow

Organ: Nun komm', der Heiden Heiland J S Bach
Prelude & Fugue in E minor BWV 533 J S Bach

6pm Advent Carol Service

This week we pray for all who live and work in Marsden Green, Marsden Close and Springfield House.

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Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Jeremiah 33: 14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Luke 21: 25-36

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see *the Son of Man coming in a cloud* with power and great glory.

Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near.

So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near.

Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place.

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth.

Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

Next Sunday: Malachi 3: 1-4; Philippians 1: 3-11; Luke 3: 1-6