

## Services & Diary Dates

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| Monday        | 8 <sup>th</sup>        | <b>2100 Online Compline</b>   |
| Tuesday       | 9 <sup>th</sup>        | 1000 Baby Group<br>1930 Said Eucharist  |
| Wednesday     | 10 <sup>th</sup>       | 1000 Toddletime Playgroup<br><b>1030 Said Eucharist</b><br>1100 Coffee for All<br><b>2000 Zoom Prayer Meeting</b> |
| Thursday      | 11 <sup>th</sup>       | 1200 Thursday Lunches<br><b>2100 Online Compline</b>  |
| Friday        | 12 <sup>th</sup>       | 1900 Choir Practice   |
| Saturday      | 13 <sup>th</sup>       | 1400 Interment of Ashes -<br>P. Vaughan   |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>14<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>0800 Said Eucharist</b><br><b>0915 Parish Communion</b><br><b>1800 Choral Evensong</b>                         |

**Women's Grp** Sun 21<sup>st</sup> Nov @4:30pm  
Join us for a relaxing drop-in session of crafts & chat with light refreshments in the Hall. All women from age 11+ onwards are welcome.  
**thewomensgroup.wgc@gmail.com**

### St Francis Shoebox Appeal 2021

The Refugee Council (guided by the Red Cross) are busy supporting new refugee families, temporarily housed in London hotels. They are reopening their Dalston & Stratford centres and would love to receive Christmas shoeboxes to distribute.

**Can you help?** More details next week.

## News

**Christmas Tree Festival** is on!  
**4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

We need your generous support to kick-off our main event for 2021 - both outreach (share a message of Comfort & Joy) and fundraising.

**TREE ENTRY forms** are available in the porch. If you can encourage or invite an entry from a family, community group/school/nursery, charity or business, please feel very welcome to do so, we are still accepting late entries!

We need **VOLUNTEERS** for the **rotas** displayed on the board and also please sign up to donate towards the **RAFFLE Hampers**.

Donations of **RAFFLE, TOMBOLA** and **BOOKS** (good condition please) can be left in the collecting crates at the back of church.

### CTF Appeal Letter to Businesses

If you can give this letter (for raffle prize, tree entry or sponsorship) - please give it out.

**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 7<sup>th</sup> November 2021

**Third Sunday before Advent**

### 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!**

**338 385 453 429**

Choir: Cook in E Minor

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This week we pray for all who live and work in Brockwood Lane and Dellcott Close.

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### OPENING HOURS (0930 - 1200):

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**Sunday 7 November 2021**  
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**Collect**

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Jonah 3: 1-5, 10**

The word of the Lord came to Jonah, saying, 'Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.'

So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across.

Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!'

And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

**Hebrews 9: 24-28**

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.

Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself.

And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgement, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

**Mark 1; 14-20**

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake - for they were fishermen.

And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.'

And immediately they left their nets and followed him.

As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets.

Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

**Next Sunday: Daniel 12: 1-3; Hebrews 10: 11-14, 19-25;  
Mark 13: 1-8**